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photo Randy Varcho

Lakewood High School Students throw their mortarboard caps into the air in an age old tradition of finally graduating into the real world. Congratulations! Full list of 2014 LHS graduates on page 9.

## Why Is This Man So Happy?



photo by Jim O'Bryan

Every Lakewoodite's favorite butcher and sandwich shop owner Kevin Mac owner of TJ's Butcher Block as he prepares for Taste of Lakewood. "I hope we get a good turnout!" Did they? A look at some of the first events in the Summer Party Season. See page 2

## "Save The Schreckengosts" Midsummer Night Celebration

by Missy Toms

Help the Lakewood Schools kick start the campaign to restore and preserve two Schreckengost treasures, the Civic Auditorium's "Early Settler" and the L Room's Great Lakes mural. Join us in the Reinberger Galleries of the Cleveland Institute of Art on Wednesday, July 9, from 6-9 p.m., for a midsummer night celebration. Both masterpieces, iconic Lakewood public art, were installed at Lakewood High School in the 1950s.

Enjoy delicious food, libations, and live entertainment by members of the LHS jazz ensemble in a gorgeous setting. Tickets start at \$75. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.lakewoodalumnifoundation.org](http://www.lakewoodalumnifoundation.org) or call 216.529.4033. The Reinberger Galleries are located at 11141 East Blvd., Cleveland.

This event is generously sponsored by Deming Art LLC and Nottingham-Spirk Design Associates.

Viktor Schreckengost, father of industrial design in America, was truly a national treasure. He started the nation's first industrial design program at the Cleveland School of Art, now Cleveland Institute of Art.

Since 1984, the Lakewood Alumni Foundation has aimed to support the Lakewood City Schools' tradition of providing

an opportunity-rich environment for its students through advocacy and financial support. Through the generosity of its donors, the Foundation has

provided more than \$3 million in funding for classroom grants, student scholarships, and school programs.



Viktor Schreckengost installs the Early Settler on the Civic Auditorium.

## Avoid The Registration Rush For School

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood City Schools is accepting registrations for the 2014-2015 school year all summer. If you are new to Lakewood, call 216-529-4279 to make an appointment with the Registrar. Student registration takes place daily.

Registration packets are available at the Lakewood Board of Education, 1470 Warren Road, or at [www.lakewoodcityschools.org](http://www.lakewoodcityschools.org). Call for your appointment today! No appointments are necessary during the month of August.

photo by Jim O'Bryan



Why are these two laughing so hard while standing in front of a massive popcorn cake. See page 2.

## Meet The Trucks

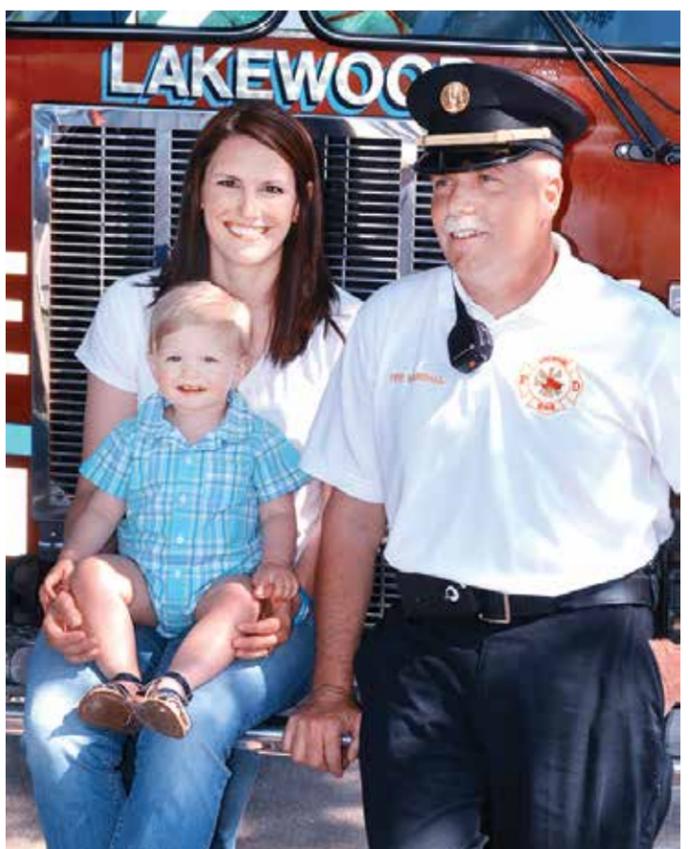


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Longtime Lakewoodite Kelsey Whitacre with son Everett poses for pictures with Lakewood Fire Marshall Tim Dunphy at Meet The Trucks 2014. More pictures on page 11.

# Lakewood Observer

## Lakewood Summer Party Season Begins With A Bang!

by Jim O'Bryan

*publisher, Lakewood Observer, Inc.*

Lakewood had two stellar events at the end of May to ease into Summer Party season in Lakewood, Bike for Beck, and Taste of Lakewood. Two great fun events held on the same day that benefited Lakewood non-profits and helped to build and define the "brand" Lakewood, aka known as the city we live in and love. While many hate the term "branding" it is a very legitimate thing to do and think about as we have said for decades. After all, a city's brand is what initially brings people to a town, and then hopefully good times and clean safe streets help win them over and eventually become residents, business owners and volunteers. It is a never ending story of successes and failures that are read and reported by outsiders that create the "stir."

Lakewood has been known as a city that appreciates the arts and music for decades, and one of the very real reasons is the Beck Center. Who can



photo by Jim O'Bryan

*Cutting the cake, celebrating 80 fabulous years!*

on Lakewood. So Bike the Beck started at 9am, and by the time I got down there at 9:05 cyclists were leaving on their various bike routes all hoping to arrive back in time for the cake cutting.

The cake was a massive 250lb popcorn cake from Campbell's Sweets, and it was pretty impressive. Though most of us were wondering how the hell do you cut a 250lb popcorn cake? If you every had a popcorn ball, or popcorn cake you know how dense they can be, and a 250lb one cannot be that easy to cut. No matter, that was for later in the day. Right now it was off to try a crepe, and check out the bikes. Amanda Harland from Bike Lakewood had a table, Bike Cleveland had a table, Ray's Mountain Bike had a table-- well a whole mini Ray's Mountain bike area



photo by Jim O'Bryan

*Lakewood's newest cyclery, Beat Cycles on Detroit Ave., was there with advice and tuning up bikes for free.*



photo by Jim O'Bryan

*The 250 lbs popcorn cake from Campbell's Sweets in its entirety with left to right; President and CEO of the Beck Center, Cindy Einhouse, the organizer for this event, Jillian Driscoll, and Jason Weiner, Director of Development at the Beck.*

forget just 7 years ago the Beck Center was getting ready to move to Crocker Park in Westlake. The uproar, and rightly so, was so loud from residents and patrons of the arts, that not only did they stay, but they appointed a Lakewoodite to the position of CEO and president, Cindy Einhouse. What a good move. The Beck has continued to grow, increasing arts and music classes, and their presence and impact

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## City News

# Basketball Courts Closure Discussion Dominates June 2 Council Meeting

by Christopher Bindel

The June 2, 2014 Council meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Council President, and Ward I Councilwoman Mary Louise Madigan.

Director of Public Works, Joe Beno, introduced an amended ordinance that would bring Lakewood into compliance with the City's current National Pollutant Discharge Eliminations System permits for discharging storm water. The current threshold of 8,000 square feet for a structure will remain. The changes in the ordinance include adding control of Water Quality Runoff, updates to the temporary stabilization and skimmer requirement to reflect the Ohio EPA permits, clarifications of submittal procedures based on site size, and the addition of annual, post construction inspection fees based on site size.

Councilman Tom Bullock (At-Large) asked if the changes in the ordinance only pertained to commercial properties or if it was a size threshold only. Director Beno said that it was a size threshold of 8,000 square feet, regardless of property use. Councilman Bullock then followed up asking Director Beno to clarify that it would only apply to new construction and renovation. Director Beno confirmed that this statement was correct.

Council referred the ordinance to the Public Works Committee to be considered.

Coming to the end of the items on the agenda, Council President Madigan announced that a number of people had signed up to give public comment. They all had come to speak to Council about the closure of the basketball court in Kauffman Park. The first to speak was Mike Deneen who is involved with the Lakewood Outdoor Basketball Committee (LOBC). He told the City he thought that the courts played an important role and asked them to re-open them. He also said he had heard there were thoughts of putting up hoops in one of the tennis courts at Wagar Park and thought that that was a great idea.

Next, Art Gold, one of the founding members of LOBC, spoke to Council. He said on the positive side,



photo by Jim O'Bryan

Ward 2 Councilman listens to concerned residents as Councilwoman-At-Large Cindy Marx looks over some notes prior to speaking.

he could not thank Mayor Summers for the quick decision to open up courts at Wagar Park. He also thanked Director Beno, whose "overflowing plate" he was sure setting up the court was added to. He said, however, the main reason he was there was to make sure "the hoops at Kauffman Park don't disappear." He expressed concerns over the current situation given the number of courts that used to be in the city that were closed, and have never been re-opened. He did not want to see that pattern happen again with the Kauffman courts. He said he understands that the Mayor had to close the courts for safety concerns, but he continued, saying that LOBC will work with the City to do whatever they have to do to get them back open in a timely manner.

The last person to speak on the topic was Lakewood High School teacher and resident Sean Wheeler. He said he loves to walk by the park and see the kids playing basketball. "They learn as much on that court as they do in my class," he continued. He said he chooses to live where he does because it is by the park, and that when he happened to walk by and see that the court was closed, he was disheartened. He agrees with the hours of the parks, and says he believes they should be locked up every night at 8 o'clock. However, he came to the meeting to ask that the courts be reopened and that serious

consideration be given to the importance of athletics in our community.

After the final comment, President Madigan thanked the people for their comments, but said she wanted to clarify one point. Two members of the public who spoke mentioned that Kauffman Park was closed. She wanted to make sure that they knew that the park itself was not closed, only the basketball courts.

When President Madigan asked if there were any announcements from the administration, Mayor Summers took the opportunity to inform Coun-

cil of the situation surrounding the closure of the Kauffman courts. He said that on Wednesday, May 21st he was able to confirm a concern that had been building, and he thought it was his duty, as the Director of Public Safety, to take action to protect citizens. He said he did not take that action lightly, especially since it affected a cause that he has supported, but he thought it was necessary. Since then he has given it much thought, and although it is still hard to accept, he feels he did the right thing. All of the reasons that were of concern on May 21st still remain, which is why the courts remain closed. Although the Mayor would not go into detail, it seemed in part for legal reasons, he did allude to issues that can arise between public use of land and how it affects nearby residents.

Councilmen Bullock (At-Large) and O'Leary (Ward II) both spoke in support of the parks and the importance of their use for all citizens, including the use of basketball courts. Although they both said that safety is the primary goal, and that they will all have to work together, i.e., Council, the Administration and citizens, to find the right answer to make it work.

With no more announcements or discussion, Council President Madigan adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

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### Special Friday Performance:

## Zap's Wild And Wacky Balloon Show

by Nicole Born-Crow

Get your summer started off right and join us at Lakewood Public Library for an event that blends magic, comedy, and balloon art into one fun-filled show. If you have never seen Zap the Magician perform, now is your chance!

Bob Durante, aka Zap, has been performing magic for the last 35 years. As a young magician, he worked at the Yellow Barrel of Magic Store, which is the oldest magic shop in this part of the country and still in business in Elyria. There his talents were fostered by the owners who helped many a fledgling performer by holding competitive magic conventions during the 70's and

80's. Later, Durante had the good fortune to work with Tony Slydini, whom he considers one of the greatest magicians of the last 100 years.

Perhaps you've seen Zap at the library before in one of his many incarnations as "Zap the Wonder Chap" or "Zap the Merry Wizard". He is a familiar face in children's entertainment here in Northeast Ohio. He loves to entertain and that shines through all of his performances. When asked what he likes best about performing for children, Durante says, "It's the moment you see the wonderment shine in their eyes. They know that what they are seeing is something that could not possibly happen and yet

it does. That is magic."

So join us Friday, June 13th at 3pm for the first Special Friday Perfor-

mance of the summer as we present, Bob Durante as Zap the Magician. This event, generously funded by the Friends of Lakewood Public Library, will be held in the Multipurpose Room, which is located in the Children's Department.

## Children's Book Drive

by Erin Hallahan

Donate new and gently used children's and young adult books to Lakewood Public Library June 10-20 for United Way of Greater Cleveland's Stuff the Bus with Books event. On Saturday, June 21 from 5-8pm in Rally Alley at Progressive Field, the library systems of Cuyahoga County are collaborating to "Stuff the Bus with Books" before the Indians game.

Give the gift of literacy by providing books to kids across the county. Children with access to books are more likely to become successful students and lifelong learners. Come to the library, donate books, and help make a difference!

Drop off new or gently used books starting Tuesday, June 10 at the Main and Madison branches.

## Summer Story Time/Drop-In Programs

by Bev Gollwitzer

Jump into summer by registering your child for the Lakewood Public Library's Summer Story Time season. The story time season begins Monday June 16th and continues for six weeks. Several options are available for different age groups: Just Baby 'N Me is for babies 9-24 months; Toddler Treats is for your 2 to 3½ year old; Storylore is for your 3½ to 6 year old; Shake, Rattle and Roll (a more movement based story time) for your 2 to 6 year old and/or our Camp Story Time program.

Story times will take place in both the Main Branch and the Madi-

son Branch. Registration is simple and easy. You can stop in at the Children and Youth Services desk at any time to sign up. You can also call us at 216-226-8275 ext. 140 (Main Branch) or 216-228-7428 (Madison Branch), or go online at <http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth/>.

Not sure of your summer schedule we have a Summer Drop-In Story Time for you and your child, June 16th through July 24th. Drop in to the Main Branch Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays at 1 p.m., or at the Madison branch on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.



Come see Zap the Magician perform his Wild and Wacky Balloon Show!



James Park  
Chairman  
of the Board

Richard A. West  
Director

## Buckeye Community Bank Welcomes New Director

**B**oard Chairman, James Park, welcomes Richard A. West, President of West Development Group in LaGrange, as a new member of the Board of Directors of Buckeye Community Bank, the business bank of choice on Cleveland's west side.

Mr. West has served on the Board of Directors for the National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA) and is currently on the Board of Directors for the National Sprayed Polyurethane Foam Association (SPFA).

"Buckeye Community Bank financed our company when we won the 'EITS' (Exterior

Insulation of Temporary Structures) contract to insulate over 10 million sq. ft. of tents for the U.S. military in Iraq during the War in 2008 and 2009," Mr. West stated. West Roofing Systems has also been on the "INC 500" and the "Weatherhead 100" lists of fast growing companies.

Richard believes strongly in "community" and initiated "Christmas on the Square" in LaGrange 20 years ago and has been playing Santa every year since.

He resides in Lakewood where he is a Board member for the Beck Center for the Arts and a Patron of the Arts with the Playhouse Square Foundation.



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# Lakewood Public Library

compiled by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

**Saturday, June 14**  
**Friends Summer Book Sale**  
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**Saturday, June 14**

**Lakewood Public Cinema: "Day of the Outlaw" (1959)**

**Directed by André De Toth**

**Part of The Golden Age of Westerns Discussion Series**

**Presented by Terry Meehan**

This is one of those little-known gems that western movie buffs love to discover, mainly because of its surprises and twists. First of all, it looks nothing like a western. No hot dusty deserts or rock-carved valleys, this film was shot on top of a snowy mountain in the middle of winter. Cranky cattleman Robert Ryan wants to settle some scores with the town's leader Alan Marshal who is cutting up the land with barbed wire, and who also happens to be married to Ryan's former sweetheart Tina Louise. Just as their big gunfight scene is about to play out, a gang of outlaws rides in to town, led by renegade Union officer Burl Ives. They turn the town into a living hell—and then hell freezes over and the bitter cold may kill them all. Professor Terry Meehan continues his series of classic westerns, introducing each film with rare clips and original documentaries, followed by audience reaction and a lively discussion.

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

**Sunday, June 15**

**Hands-On Help with eReaders**

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**Tuesday, June 17**

**Introduction to Ancestry: Library Edition**

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

**Knit and Lit Bookclub: "Manhunt" by James L Swanson**

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

**Thursday, June 19**

**Have a Laugh For the Health of It**

We all want to live longer, healthier, better lives and we all know that laughter is the best medicine. So why don't we joke around more often? While the average child will laugh five hundred times a day, the average adult will make do with a measly eighteen chuckles. Somewhere along the way, most people allow their experiences, responsibilities and inhibitions to tamp down their ability to find delight in the little things. Janice Lovelace from the Hospice of the Western Reserve, who knows firsthand how a good laugh can benefit the seriously ill, believes that we can all rediscover our childish sense of humor no matter what our age or daily challenges may be. She'll share research that supports both the physiological and psychological benefits of cutting up and tips for laughing out loud.

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

**Booked for Murder: Laugh Out Loud Mysteries:**

**"One for the Money" by Janet Evanovich**

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

**Saturday, June 21**

**Lakewood Public Cinema: "Clean Slate" (1994)**

**Directed by Mick Jackson**

Did the makers of Memento think we'd forgotten about this movie? That far-more critically acclaimed film so clearly ripped off huge chunks of innovation from this overlooked comedy, that it's a shame there wasn't more of an outcry at the time. This film failed at the box office because Dana Carvey wasn't mugging for the camera, but instead chose to push the envelope of his career with a subtle, sweet and thoughtful caper that took the elements of film noir and exposed them to the bright sunshine of Venice Beach. Carvey plays a private investigator who has developed a rare case of amnesia that causes him to forget all the details of his life. He can't tell anyone because he is also the key witness in a murder trial and would lose all credibility. Every day he wakes up and pulls together a slightly different persona based on the circumstances that confront him and does his best to avoid being killed by various parties. You will cheer a clever, capable man who overcomes adversity using his wits in amusing ways. We liked it, anyway.

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

**Sunday, June 22**

**Sunday with the Friends: Smokin' Fez Monkeys**

The Smokin' Fez Monkeys have traveled back in time to retrieve the rickety tickety sound of the great old jug bands and some of the hand clappin' foot stompin' fun that went along with it. Of course, they've added some of their own songs to the old formula, along with some instruments of their own devising. Specializing in the most surprising songs of the past century, this cartoon, circus-hobo, gypsy-jazz group likes to do their own thing once in a while, too. Join Gnarly, Petunia, Bullfrog and Clem as they celebrate the first full day of summer with some good old fashioned music and hijinks. You'll be part of the show, and we know you'll have a real good time.

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

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## LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

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**Zap's Wild & Wacky Balloon Show**

**For the whole family**

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## Lakewood Schools

# ELL Students From LHS Explore Cleveland

by *Sujan Tamang*

On the warm sunny day of Friday, May 2nd, the ELL students from Lakewood High School went with chaperones for a field trip to the West Side Market and The Cleveland Museum of Art.

The ELL students are newcomers in United States of America. They went on the field trip to learn about Cleveland and what the city they are living in has to offer. On the field trip they learned new things about the market and ancient things all over the world. The students got a chance to know about other cultures and make new friends who are from other countries. The students were excited to be out of the classroom. They were glad to see all of the things in the museum.

The field trip was an awesome time for the ELL students. The most awesome time for me in that field trip was enjoying my friends on the bus and in the lunch room. The students are looking for other opportunities to learn more about Cleveland.



Some ELL students from LHS enjoying their recent visit to the West Side Market.

by *Hadeel Hamad*

When Lakewood High School ELL Students took a trip to the West Side Market and Cleveland Museum Of Art on Friday, May 2 they got a

chance to explore part of Cleveland.

All students and chaperones loved the West Side Market. There was really good food that some hadn't seen before. The falafel shop

was a big hit! Most of the ELL students and chaperones loved their sandwiches. One ELL student said, "This is the best falafel sandwich I have tasted!" Some students saved their sandwiches for the Art Museum, that's where they were going to eat.

Students thought that the art museum was awesome because there were cool things they hadn't seen before. The best part about the museum that it is free for anyone who would like to come out and see cool art from artists that could still be alive. It just might inspire you!

*This learning experience was made possible through a Meinke Creative Teaching Grant. High School ELL teachers Lisa Shaffer-Gill and Becky Havel applied for the grant so that cost would not be a barrier and all ELL students could participate. When students returned from the field trip they wrote news articles and created multimedia presentations to tell about the day.*

## Garfield 8th Graders Hear First-Hand Of Heroin Dangers

by *Christine Gordillo*

Garfield Middle School eighth-graders recently received a dose of reality about the danger of drug addiction, particularly heroin, from people who deal with the addiction and its fallout daily: a judge, a police officer, a recovering addict and a sponsor.

Judge David Matia from the Cuyahoga County Drug Court spoke to students on how the legal system helps addicts to recover and turn their lives around. Judge Matia talked about "Smart Justice" that focuses on providing help towards the addict instead of harsher punishment.

He gave the students two homework assignments. One was to encourage their parents to drop off any unneeded prescription drugs in the police department drop box.

Many users of heroin start through prescription drug abuse. The other assignment was to go out with their family and try something that is new and exciting. Families that are involved in healthy activities have fewer instances of addictive behaviors.

Office George Rasch from the Lakewood Police Department provided information on the dangers of addiction and the ugly consequences that infiltrate an addict's life. He talked to students about how quickly friends and families are lost to an addicted person and how an addict's physical appearance deteriorates.

Finally, students heard from Wally, a sponsor, and Mary, a recovering addict, who gave an emotional and informative presentation on how quickly someone can become addicted to heroin and other drugs. Twenty-year-old Mary, a cheerleader and an honor student in high school, described the horrific life experiences she endured as a result of her addiction. The students were riveted by her all-too-common story of how she promised herself she would never do drugs and how the power of addiction made her break each and every promise she made. The pain of addiction was too much for Mary and, fortunately, she decided to seek help before she become another statistic.

According to the Drug Court, the heroin epidemic has killed more Ohioans this year than traffic accidents and the victims cross all ages and walks of life. Judge Matia's and the others' presentation provided real-life lessons that will help guide our students when tough life deci-



Judge David Matia of the Cuyahoga County Drug Court talks to Garfield 8th graders about the dangers of heroin.

sions need to be made.

"The reason why educating our students at this age is so important is that they will have the knowledge of the danger and an understanding of the power that addiction has over

a person. Armed with this knowledge they are better prepared to make wise decision when faced with these temptations," said Principal Mark Walter.

## Lakewood High School Class Of 1964 Reunion

by *Ron Mills*

Lakewood High School Class of 1964 will be celebrating their 50th anniversary August 1st and 2nd, 2014.

Friday, August 1, 2014 kicks off the party at the Powerhouse in the Flats, followed by a formal dinner at Avon Oaks on Saturday. We are still looking for classmates.

Please contact the author (Ron Mills) via email at rhmillsjd@aol.com or for additional details or call 444-333-5700.



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# LHS Academic Challenge Team Shines At Nationals

by Bob Sedlak

The Lakewood High School Academic Challenge Team competed in the National Academic Challenge Tournament in Washington DC May 30-June 1. Last year at this venue, Lakewood finished 36th of 64 teams. This year we moved up to the 20th position, making it to the final rounds.

On the way to the finals, Lakewood beat teams from New York, Pennsylvania, Iowa, and Oklahoma. When the top 22 teams squared up for the final rounds, Lakewood went against the state champs from Nebraska, barely losing in the final round of questions. The match was exciting, both having leads at different points in the match. Lakewood's traveling team consisted of senior captain Hugh Campbell, juniors Laert Fejzullari, Ben McKinsey and Maggie Pizzo, sophomores Robbie Fehrenbach, Jon Pizzo and Alex Grunder and freshman Ian Bell. Because of scheduling conflicts some members of the team were not able to travel this year: sophomore Fox Milenski and freshmen Lucy Kress and Steve Popovich.

Lakewood High is very proud of these students who fielded difficult questions from a very diverse variety of topics. Here are a few of the categories, where Lakewood excelled: mathematics, music and music theory, chemistry, astronomy, literature, mythology, geography, current events, art, and history.

As you'll note above, though we are losing our graduating captain, Hugh, and Maggie, a junior, will be studying in Germany next school year, we still have a strong group coming back for next year. To qualify for the National Tournament, Lakewood had to successfully

defend its conference regular season dual matches. Hopefully, they will be up to the challenge again next school year.

The students, and advisors, Bob Sedlak and Peter Petto, are very appreciative of the generous donations supplied by many of the staff of Lakewood High

School and the community. Particular mention should go to the Lakewood Alumni Foundation, which again contributed \$1,500.00 to help defray the cost of the trip. The richness of the experience will always generate special memories for these young students.

## Lakewood High School Student Raises \$8,000 For European Trip

by Litha Macon

Pryce Macon will be traveling this summer with "People to People" as a U.S. student ambassador. People to People is one of the most prestigious educational programs in the world. She was recommended by several of her teachers as a candidate to represent the high school, community, the state and the nation. She will be traveling to London, France, Belgium and sharing her culture with a German family whose home she will stay in and while making new friends and of course eating traditional foods. The trip will continue on to Austria, The Netherlands and end in Switzerland.

Pryce raised \$8,000 dollars in four months to pay for this trip.

Fundraising diligently by doing speaking engagements as well as an online campaign which was a huge success with donations from all over the world. The local support was outstanding from friends and neighbors attending spaghetti dinners in her family home. Lakewood High teachers supported a raffle which was hosted by Pryce and her dad; this was also a huge success. Local businesses like Madison Auto Services were nice enough to support her dream along with the clients of Roman Ricci, Inc. This has been her dream since the 6th grade and she is excited. Her message is, "Dream big and never give up on your dream no matter what!"



## Cut Energy Costs While Helping Kids

by Missy Toms

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# Lakewood Summer Party Season Begins With A Bang!

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for the kids and fun and music everywhere, when suddenly I started to hear wild ass jungle rhythms. I walked over to the Children's Southeast drum circle to see where the jungle drumming was coming from and low and behold Cool Cleveland's Thomas Mulready was laying down some crazy Gene Krupa Jungle Boy drumming.

So I watched the kids give Ray's Mountain Bikes course a good work out, and took a short break to get ready for "Taste of Lakewood" this time at Madison Park. In the past the Taste of Lakewood was held at The Clifton Club, and it always seemed kind of a stodgy affair, to be honest. Perhaps it was the grandeur of the Clifton Club, with the old carpets and drapes. Like some Southern Plantation home before the Civil War type feel to it, you know, it makes it fun to walk through but kind of strange spending any time there. You would pay a flat fee and be given as many tastes as you wanted. The entire event benefits the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and has been one of their major fundraisers in the past, drawing sometimes as many as 300 people. No one had any idea what this one would be like, 400 people? 500? A blank slate on this event.

I got there about 1pm to work the Lakewood Observer booth, where we were handing out papers, postcards, and conversation, for that is what we do. It was open, and everyone was talking and checking out the other food, and smiling, and joking around. It had nearly the same feel as the Lakewood Community Festival in Madison Park



photo by Craig Loveloy, Low Level Aerial Photography

The beautiful day, hard working volunteers, vendors, sponsors and food tasters came together perfectly outdoors at Madison Park for the biggest, the best, the most successful Taste of Lakewood ever!

table, and was already appreciating the shade of the tent, found the owner of the Observer at the table, with a nice set-up featuring, papers, postcards, other give-aways and mints. But of course, Deb O'Bryan is always prepared, and she thought, why not offer something that booth cleanses the palate between tastes of Lakewood, and offers couples something for their breath for when they are sitting next to each other in the shade, falling back in love, thinking just how wonderful Madison Park is, and thinking this place would be great if it was open even later than it is now. From the stars in the sky at night on a summer's evening to making snow angels on a winter's eve would be magical. Ohhh, I digress.

We were ready for the possible 800 people expected to show up and casually walk around while tasting Lakewood.

I grabbed the camera and made a quick lap of the park, checking out my favorite spots, India Garden, KB Confections, The Root, Barrio, Cerinos, Melt, Jammy Buggars,

Pepper's, TJ Butcher Block and the rest. It was great, only a couple people in line. Grab some food, talk with owners, ask what they expected. Kevin at TJ Butcher Block said, "It looks nice, we are hoping for the estimated 800 people, we are ready for more but that would be great. Did I tell you about my trip to..." Light-hearted conver-

sations with friends. Everyone ready, and the two sure winners to me out of the box were The Root with iced tea, and The Sweet Spot with cool deli-



Lakewood's restaurant mogul, Mickey Krivosh of Around the Corner, Georgetown and Vosh is ready.

cious gelato, temperatures hitting 82, yeah that is the business to have here. We shall see, hmm 1:30 kind of slow, maybe everyone still at the Beck. I go back to the table to see if Deb wants anything.

the way to Woodstock. Seriously it was as if someone had found a Frito shaped like a cross with the image of Jesus burned into it. Very quickly the lines went from 3, to 5, to 10, to impossible to count. One of the longest lines all day was Barrio, at one point I counted 30 people waiting for a Barrio taco with that ohhh so perfect Mango Habenero sauce. You actually could have gotten a Barrio taco faster, driving to Barrio, sitting down and ordering. Not that they were slow, but this was nuts. Think of the movie "The Birds," and Tippi Hedron trying to get the kids past the crows safely, and the crows just kept coming, and coming, and coming and each one looking for something to peck at, something to devour, again and again and again. It was just like that, but casually dressed people, paying for delicious Lakewood food while walking around one of Lakewood's best parks-- that does close too early-- having a great time. Just like "The Birds."

I have to be honest, I gave up trying to get meaningful photos as the place was packed with people in lines with the elbows flying of those with food eating it while getting in line. Now Lakewood has been a popular place for some time, scoring high for decades in fun, educa-

tion, but this food thing is growing, I am sure we have surpassed the 238 places in 5 square miles to get prepared food of last year. But his was amazing. Thousands and thousands of people eating, laughing, dancing,

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photo by Jim O'Bryan

Pepper's before the start.

at the end of summer. A nice quiet day at Madison Park to enjoy some ethnic food, take a break, sit and try some more. The Community Festival is just a wonderful event. I found it slightly amusing that the first booth I came to was Bob Evans, not just the newest restaurant in Lakewood, but also the featured restaurant in an upcoming story, "The Devil Comes To Lakewood." Their tent, like their establishments, was clean and manned by friendly courteous workers, two qualities which have been the hallmark of the franchise from restaurant 1 in Gallipolis Ohio, to its 571st in Lakewood, Ohio. Well that's interesting.



Jim Sprenger of Jammy Buggar's is all smiles at the incredible turnout.



The VIP Lounge filled quickly. Here my good buddy Mawali from Tease Hair Salon enjoys the affair with wife, friends, and co-workers.

As I head back I have a chance to talk with Eddie Cerino (Cerino's Italian), Matt Fish (Melt), Julie Hutchison (The Root Cafe), Jim Sprenger (Jammy Buggar's), Sonee (India Garden) some of the stars of Lakewood's food renaissance, all were happy and ready for people to come. The generally feeling, 800 would be great, maybe a thousand is possible. The Lakewood High Jazz Band came to the stage, and I was ready for a second lap.

I walked onto one of the midways, and lines of 3-5 had formed, and people were walking across the fields like hippies on



KB Confections getting everything ready for a nice casual event with fun for all.

**continued from previous page** having a great time. Blocks from the park as I walked along I could hear people saying to paraphrase, "That was great, Lakewood has it happening, what a great time, why do they close that park early?"

And in the end it was a lot like Woodstock, Kevin Mac, the owner of TJ Butcher Block, went back to the store 4 times, and at 5 was saying, "This is crazy I have emptied the shelves in the store." Sonee at India Garden had made 6 trips back and forth to bring more food. Mickey and Ryan at Around the Corner, were constantly jumping back and forth from ATC to there, just trying to keep up with the demands. By 5 pm, two hours before the scheduled end of the event, some restaurants were packing up, completely overwhelmed and bought out. Seriously I think some of these places judging by the response could have been selling ketchup packs,



Barrio was popular, here is a typical line after 3pm of 30 people.

City of Lakewood has another MAJOR POSITIVE EVENT, and they found another way to have fun, and enjoy a very under-utilized great park in the city of Lakewood.

To Val Mechenbier, and Patty Ryan from the Chamber of Commerce, just amazing. Far bigger then ever envisioned, but you, your volunteers, Lakewood police, fire and city services, and the wonderful vendors made it all work out just like it was planned. Congratulations to all, especially the City of Lakewood which can use some good PR after last week



I have always thought that for local food, instead of truckers, you follow firemen to find the good food. Sure enough, Fire Inspector Tim Dunphy heads not just to Cerino's Casual Italian Dining, but straight to Eddie Cerino himself!

it wouldn't have mattered. People would have walked away sucking on ketchup packs bragging, "Yeah I got this at India Garden" while their friends emptied salt on their hands and licked it off as if doing tequila shots, saying, "Yeah well this salt pack is from Jammy Buggars so there." People showing others Coke cans saying, "Yeah this can of Coke came from India Garden." It was that crazy, I am not kidding.

By the close at 7pm the vendors, the volunteers, the police, and the organizers looked like Championship winning fighters, beat, tired, sweaty, with big-ass grins on their faces. For they had been there, they witnessed it, they worked it, they succeeded and beat it, Taste of Lakewood will never be the same, but unlike Woodstock it will be back next year, and they will be prepared as the



By 6 pm Kevin Mac had emptied the shelves at TJ's Butcher Block and had sold out of everything!



Val Mechenbier, Chamber Director of Marketing & Public Relations and Patty Ryan, CEO & President take a short break on a very busy day! Good work, thank you.

# Meet The Trucks



The Criswells of Avon Lake stopped in to get some pics of the little one beeping horns, climbing on trucks, and here being shown the secrets of a good SWAT Team Member by one of the best, officer Ted Morley. The photo from the special moment above is below. Meet the Trucks, nearly as popular with the kids as it is with the parents and grand parents.



# Changes At Georgetown



New Georgetown Restaurant Manager, Laurie Saunders, invites everyone to stop by and try the new menu. If Laurie looks familiar you might remember her from another one of Lakewood's top restaurants, Pier W. She worked there for years before bringing her experience and expertise to the Krivosh restaurant empire, and Georgetown in particular. Stop by and check out the new menu for dinner, or stop by for Happy Hour on the nicest patio in town! 18515 Detroit Rd | Lakewood, Ohio. Call 216-221-3500 for reservations.

# Image-In Lakewood



photo by Craig Lovejoy, Low Level Aerial Photography

A week ago, Katie Markling came up with a great idea. Since the schools were being torn down, why not give them one more hug, from the children. So the hugging of the schools began at Grant, then moved to Lincoln where LO contributor Craig Lovejoy got some great photos from his old grade school. Craig has seen 4 generations of family go through Lincoln.



photo by Jim O'Bryan

A photo from Shakespeare in Lakewood Park, 2013. If you have not caught one of the performances then by all means stop down and enjoy the summer evening.



photo by Jim O'Bryan

The Emerald Canyon Eaglet is nearly as big as dad, here Mom lands. This will make the 6th Bald Eagle in the vicinity of Lakewood and the Emerald Canyon. One adult and one juvi (all dark) are seen regularly in the skies over Lakewood. Follow them on the Deck, "Bald Eagles 2014 - Updated!"

## Free Outdoor Shakespeare June 20-21 7pm - Lakewood Park

by Brian Pedaci

The Cleveland Shakespeare Festival is pleased to return to Lakewood Park on Friday and Saturday, June 20-21 at 7pm to present A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM.

Love and magic intermingle when two couples get lost in an enchanted fairy forest on the eve of a royal wedding. At the same time, a group of rustic amateur actors rehearse a play to be performed at the wedding. Fairy mischief abounds as dreams and reality become tangled.

Audience members are encouraged to bring blankets or chairs, or use the benches at the bandshell.

The Cleveland Shakespeare Festival is supported in part by the residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts and Culture. We would also like to express our gratitude towards the City of Lakewood Office of Community Relations for their enthusiastic assistance.

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**Registration Fees are \$250.00 per team, and include umpires, scorers, & game balls; \$150.00 will benefit the Scholarship program.**

Bring the family out on Friday, Aug 8<sup>th</sup> for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Fun Night at Madison Park.

City of Lakewood Personnel vs Lakewood School Personnel in a Kick Ball game at 6pm,  
Lakewood Fire vs Lakewood Police in a Softball game at 8pm.

The Kiwanis will be selling food in the Pavillion area.  
Donations will be taken up to benefit the Scholarship fund.

To register, contact the Lakewood Rec Department: 216.529.4081, or [lakewoodrecreation.com](http://lakewoodrecreation.com). For sponsorship opportunities, contact Troy Bratz at [troybratz@gmail.com](mailto:troybratz@gmail.com).

# Lakewood Cares

## 5th Annual Fitness Fits Everyone!

by Corey Rossen

On Saturday, September 27th the 5th Annual Fitness Fits Everyone! presented by Jordan's Family Foundation will turn Lakewood Park into a large playground and feature hundreds of energizing activities for kids and families to have fun and play while also learning a bit about healthy living. Fit-

ness Fits Everyone! is a heart-healthy, activity-based event and just one way Jordan's Family Foundation is fighting childhood obesity, which in turn can lead to heart disease. The event takes place from 1 - 5 p.m. and will be attended by 4000+ people.

We are seeking your organization's participation! If your organization

would like to have a booth display, product demonstration or sponsor the event, we would like to have you join in the fun. Booth rates start as low as \$25 with sponsorship levels ranging from \$100 - \$500.

This year marks the 2nd Annual Cleveland Flyathlon. The Flyathlon is a children's biathlon that takes place in addition to Fitness Fits Everyone!

This bicycle and running race greatly increases attendance, market exposure and fun! The race is held just before the start of Fitness Fits Everyone!

Last year's Fitness Fits Everyone! was attended by 3500+ guests with over 75 national and local organizations including the Cleveland CAVS, the American Heart Association, Flying Horse Farms, Lakewood YMCA and many others. The event gives children and their families an opportunity to have fun, learn about healthy living, and see local and national organizations that are a great resource for a heart-healthy lifestyle.

All those in attendance are given a large menu of options for their day at the "playground" ranging from physical challenges and sports to educational information and nutrition. Lakewood Park is divided into activity stations (your organization's booth) where each station provides an opportunity to engage children and their families in healthy activities while promoting your organization.

I look forward to working with you at Fitness Fits Everyone! presented by Jordan's Family Foundation. Please contact me if you have any questions.

**Corey Rossen, Jordan's Family Foundation, President**

Phone: 216-704-8049

[www.JordansFamilyFoundation.org](http://www.JordansFamilyFoundation.org)

## Area Youth Proclaim "We Are The Majority" At Downtown Rally

by Noreen Kyle

Westshore Young Leaders from Westlake, Rocky River and Lakewood high schools joined more than 100 other high school youth leaders, school officials, resource officers, parents and professionals from Cuyahoga County at the "We are the Majority Rally" on Wednesday, April 30, 2014. The purpose of the rally was to raise awareness about the fact that the majority of youth make healthy choices and do not partake in the use of drugs and alcohol. The rally looks to be an annual event for all schools in Cuyahoga County to actively participate.

Students from across the county gathered at the Cleveland Public Library to participate in team-building activities facilitated by Poplar Ridge Adventures. Following the team-building activities, with a large banner and posters in hand, the students marched to City Hall to listen to speakers including Jaclyn and Nolan Brandt of "Robby's Voice" who inspired them to continue the decision to make good choices.

The Westshore Young Leaders will continue their monthly meetings and programming with the Annual Leadership Conference this fall. For youth or parent membership information, call 440-250-9916.

*Top right: Over 100 high school students from across Cuyahoga County gathered to raise awareness about their choice not to use drugs and alcohol.*

*Bottom right: Lakewood High School's students standing proud!!!*





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# Lakewood Cares

## Community Days At Grace Lutheran Church

by George Hansell

The big white tent goes up on the front lawn of Grace Lutheran Church on Monday, June 16th, serving as a prelude to a week of activities to which the entire Greater Lakewood Community is invited. The church, located at the corner of Grace and Madison Avenues across from Madison Park, has hosted evangelistic and community activities under a tent in mid-June for the past eight years.

On Tuesday, June 17th at 7 p.m., the Second Annual Pet Blessing Service will be led by the congregation's Pastor, the Rev. George R. Hansell, Jr. Well-mannered pets of all species and their owners are most welcome to

attend.

On Wednesday, June 18th at 7 p.m., the internationally acclaimed Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus will present a short concert. The chorus has been utilizing Grace Lutheran's main sanctuary for rehearsals and recording. The entire community is invited to attend and hear this wonderful chorus that has performed at the White House and in countries around the world.

On Thursday, June 19th, a Kids & Family Servant Event will be held from 7-9 p.m. The whole family will have the opportunity to make blankets for donating to the needy and a craft project to take home.

On Friday, June 20th, the community is invited to an Ice Cream Social & Bunco Party under the big white tent.

The week's activities will close with an Outdoor Celebration Worship Service & Picnic beginning at 10:30 a.m. The theme of the service is IOW: In Other Words. Pastor Hansell will take some of the internet and

text abbreviations that have become a modern-day new language and put a different spin on them. A picnic will follow. The community is invited to both the service and the picnic.

For more information, contact the Grace Lutheran Church Office at 216-221-4959, or visit them on their website at [www.gracelutheranlakewood.org](http://www.gracelutheranlakewood.org).

## Celebrity Bartending Night To Benefit Students

by Missy Toms

Celebrate TGIF and Lakewood's kids at the Lakewood Alumni Foundation Celebrity Bartending Event, Friday, June 27, 5-10 pm, at Around the Corner, 18616 Detroit Ave. Join celebrity bartenders Kyle Baker '02, Margaret Brinich '04, Monica Bruaw '90, Ash Khatib '01, Ryan Rustad '96, and Alysia Wright '90 in the Warehouse. All tips to the bartenders benefit the Lakewood City Schools.

As a special treat, the schools' very own Staff Infection and friends will reunite to rock the house: Bob Sedlak, Brian Griebel, Alice Hub-

bard, Katlyn Ackerman, Thomas and Max Mulready, Gina Babinec, Ed Holmok, Bill Wagner, and Susan Wagner. Want to lend your talent to this event? Contact the Foundation at [info@lakewoodrangers.com](mailto:info@lakewoodrangers.com).

Since 1984, the Lakewood Alumni Foundation has aimed to support the Lakewood City Schools' tradition of providing an opportunity-rich environment for its students through advocacy and financial support. Through the generosity of its donors, the Foundation has provided more than \$3 million in funding for classroom grants, student scholarships, and school programs.

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## Welsh Home Hosts National Convention

by Michael Bracken

This year marks the 97th Anniversary of the Annual Women's Welsh Clubs of America National Convention. The Welsh Home will be host to all Welsh Clubs in the U.S. on June 18. The facility staff will showcase the pride and joy of goodness and the caring culture of the organization. We invite the residents of Rocky River, Lakewood, Bay Village, Fairview Park, Westlake, North Olmsted, and surrounding communities to experience the culture of the Welsh traditions on June 18 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Appetizers and refreshments will be served on the front porch overlooking the pond.

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## Rotary Sponsoring Singing Angels Concert On June 19

by Lynn Donaldson

Singing Angels is celebrating its 50th anniversary, and 40 young people from Northeast Ohio are heading abroad to an international choral celebration in Geneva, Switzerland, July 3-9.

The singers traveling "To Geneva, With Love" will be in concert June 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rocky River High School auditorium, 20951 Detroit Road.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River, the concert will kick off the Angels' 2014 tour. Proceeds from the event will benefit the club's community grants program.

Advance tickets are available through the club's website, [www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org](http://www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org), for \$10.00. Tickets at the door the night of the concert will be \$12.

Charles Eversole, Singing Angels artistic director, is a member of the Lakewood-Rocky River club.

Earlier this year, Friendship Ambassadors Foundation invited the Angels to perform at its international choral celebration, "The Rhythms of One World 2014."

The Singing Angels is one of seven choirs from six continents invited to sing at the festival. Signal Hill Alumni Choir (Trinidad & Tobago), Echology of the University of Newcastle (Australia), County Town Singers (Canada), Voices International (Luxembourg), Coro Universitario de Mendoza (Argentina), and Kearsney College Choir (South Africa) will also be attending the festival.

Since its debut in 1964, the Singing Angels have performed in 34 countries, been featured on national and international television, per-



The Singing Angels

formed four times at the White House, three times at the Vatican, and has appeared in concert with a

host of start including Celine Dion, Bob Hope, Kenny Rogers, Roberta Flack, the Cleveland Orchestra, and

others.

Geneva is the home of the United Nations in Europe. The festival celebrates the June 26, 1946, signing of the original UN Charter, "We the Peoples." Two mass choral concert performances will be staged – July 6 at Victoria Hall and July 8 at Palais des Nations, uniting the participants through a musical sharing – a true hallmark of FAF's 'peace through the arts' program.

Other featured concerts will take place in prestigious venues throughout Geneva. In addition, workshops open to the public will be led by internationally-recognized choir directors.

## Still Time To Sign Up For Summer Fun At Beck Center

by Pat Miller

It's not too late to register for summer camps and classes at Beck Center for the Arts! Participating in the summer semester provides students with the opportunity to learn new skills and build self-esteem while creating unique works of art, developing new friendships, discovering hidden talents, and having fun.

The first camps and classes begin the week of June 9 with even more kicking-off on June 16. The summer semester continues throughout July and August providing plenty of chances to create, discover and explore your inner-artist. While there are numerous opportuni-

ties available, space is limited and popular camps and classes fill up quickly. Sign up today at [beckcenter.org](http://beckcenter.org) or call Customer Service at 216.521.2540 x10.

Beck Center offers half-day and full-day camps for ages 5 to 19 in dance, music, theater, and visual arts. Have double the fun by registering for two or more camps and save 10% off tuition for each camp (restrictions apply, call for details). All campers receive a Beck Center summer camp T-shirt and are invited to march with Beck Center families and friends in the Lakewood 4th of July parade.

In addition to camps, Beck Center is offering a variety of more than 140 classes, lessons and award-winning programs this summer. Designed for all ages and abilities, these classes range from early childhood to advanced and everywhere in between. Creative Arts Therapies and outreach education are also a part of the summer fun!

Beck Center is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, just ten minutes west of downtown

Cleveland. Free onsite parking is available. The complete summer class catalog and registration will be available online at [beckcenter.org](http://beckcenter.org).

*Celebrating its 80th anniversary, Beck Center for the Arts is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization that offers professional theater on two stages, arts education programming in dance, music, theater, visual arts, early childhood, and Creative Arts Therapies, free gallery exhibits, and outreach education programming. For more information about Beck Center, visit [beckcenter.org](http://beckcenter.org).*

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# Wellness Watch

## The Walking Workout: One Small Step For You, One Giant Leap For Your Health!

by Selina Almodovar

Ladies, there are three reasons why workout plans are unsuccessful in your life: 1) Working out can be intimidating, 2) You are clueless as to what workout you should be doing, and 3) You simply don't like to do it.

Starting a new workout plan can be daunting whenever we come across any roadblocks. Sure, the willpower to move towards a healthier direction may be there, but without the proper knowledge of where to begin, one can be left feeling quite "stuck." Most often, women are excited to begin something new, with the round-up of friends and family who may also share similar desires of getting fit, only to find ourselves deserted, alone, and faced with having to begin a journey all on our own.

I have good news: You are not alone! One of the best things you can do for yourself in this situation is to take your new healthy goal "one step at a time." There are many activities one can do to stay healthy, and if you are unsure of which activity to begin with, I recommend you

start with walking.

Walking is an excellent exercise for anyone of any age. Walking can be a fun way to work out with your friends while chatting, your dog, or your baby in their stroller. Walking is a lighter impact on your joints than jogging or marathon running, and can be cheaper than biking or attending any workout class, which makes it a prime choice for those just starting a new workout routine. One of the best perks about this form of exercise is that it rarely seems like a workout at all, since you may be already walking all day long! Consider this: have you ever visited a museum, the public zoo, or theme park that required lots of walking throughout the day? You may feel pooped afterwards because those steps gave you a fantastic workout!

Engaging in a walking workout consistently can also help you increase your stamina and energy to walk further, or to "step" into new physical activities. It is proven to decrease the risks of developing chronic diseases, improve mood and quality of sleep, and increase energy in your day. Overall, this activity can leave you feeling renewed, restored, and at ease knowing that you enjoyed a lovely walk, while getting your workout in for the day.

With the winter season coming to an end, the time is coming to enjoy the outdoors and increase our daily physical activity. As a way to promote this healthy activity, I have created a FREE Walking Club that will be open to all women who may be interested in starting a new walking habit. The new walking club will meet every Wednesday and Friday mornings, from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m., and will take place in Lakewood Park. If you're interested in making new "workout" buddies, desire to increase your workouts each week, or simply want a chance to (finally) get out of the house and enjoy Lakewood in the spring, then I invite you along this journey. It will be worth every step!



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# Business News

## These Doctors Pay House Calls

by Allison Urbanek

Do you pride yourself on the age of your home? Is it always something that you enjoy telling people that you meet? Maybe it is just me, but I try to work into most conversations that my home was built in 1907. My name is Allison and I am a house nerd. I often find that it is a way to connect with others; it is like being a part of the cool kids club, "Oh you have a century home too? When was yours built?" Our community is built of beautiful aging homes that have a certain "je ne sais quois" about them. We are so proud of our housing stock and we need to work to continue to maintain and sustain them.

LakewoodAlive and the Lakewood Historical Society understand that feeling of pride in our historic homes and have worked together to present the Building Doctor series here in Lakewood. The Building Doctor series will be held on Thursday and Friday, June 26 and 27. The Thursday evening session will be held at the University of Akron, Lakewood, 14725 Detroit Avenue from 7-9 p.m. The lecture will focus on caring for older buildings, including ways to recognize and solve such common old-building problems like peeling paint, failing plaster, wet basements, deteriorating masonry,

damaged wood, window repair and many other topics. The Building Doctors are experts on old-building maintenance and repairs, and bringing older buildings/houses back to life without sacrificing features that make it appealing. This learning opportunity will be followed by the Building Doctors making house calls.

On Friday, June 27th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., the Building Doctors will be making their rounds to homes and businesses throughout Lakewood.

The Building Doctors visit all kinds of buildings built before 1955. They will examine problems and prescribe cures so sign up to have the Building Doctors visit your home or business. The consultations are free but the number is limited so register early. The Building Doctor is a program of the Ohio Historic Preservation Office, a division of Ohio History Connection (formerly Ohio Historical Society).

Call 1-800-499-2470 or visit

www.building-doctor.org to register for the workshop on the 26th and/or schedule a Building Doctor visit on Friday, 27th. Also, feel free to give me a call at LakewoodAlive 216-521-0655 or email aurbanek@lakewoodalive.com with any questions. I look forward to seeing you at these great events and don't be surprised when I ask you, "What year was your house built?"

## CityWide Street Sale - Register Today

by Ken Brand

This is the 5th year for Lakewood's popular CityWide Street Sale, to be held on Thursday, Friday & Saturday, June 26th through June 28th. Bringing Lakewood residents and merchants together for 3 days of sales, this event draws happy shoppers from within and beyond our city, seeking bargains and discovering all the other things Lakewood has to offer.

Sponsored by the Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance, participation in CityWide Street Sale is open to all Lakewood residents and merchants. We'll be compiling a list of those who register their sales and, beginning Mon-

day June 23, will post on this website all the locations as they come in. Shoppers will be able to print the list to take with them; resident names will not be published. Last year we had 200+ resident and sidewalk sales.

New This Year: A \$10 registration fee is required for listing on the website. For your \$10 you will also receive the benefit of event marketing and a garage sale kit. These kits have CityWide Street Sale Yard Signs, a poster, 9 red, white and blue balloons, a how-to-guide for a successful garage sale, tags and stickers to price items and more.

We will be purchasing general CityWide Street Sale ads for local newspapers

that will increase your ability to have more foot traffic during the weekend of the sale. Just as a side note, one 12-line ad in the Sun News or Cleveland Plain Dealer starts at \$25. This is a great deal for you. You can sign up at www.CityWideStreetSale.com, or sign up in person at Lion and Blue (15106 Detroit Ave.) or Paisley Monkey (14417 Detroit Ave.).

Once you have signed up and paid your \$10, pick up your kit at Paisley Monkey or Lion and Blue.

Please contact Tamara Racin at info@paisleymonkey.com or call 216.221.1091 to obtain the artwork and information to use on your websites or newsletters.

## Lakewood Collaborative Job Club Meeting

by Kathy Augustine

The Lakewood Collaborative Job Seekers Committee is hosting a monthly Job Club at the Lakewood Public Library at 15425 Detroit Ave. The next monthly Job Club meetings will be held on Tuesday June 24th, July 29th and August 26th, from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Lakewood Library.

The topic for the June 24th meeting is LinkedIn. We will provide information and resources to assist people with finding a job in today's market. The Job Club is free and open to the public.

For information contact Becky Carlton at R.Carlton@csuohio.edu.

# Opinion

## Battle Over Outdoor Hoops Continues

by Mike Deneen

Back in the 1980s, Hollywood introduced a new line into the American sports consciousness. "If you build it, they will come," became the signature line for "Field of Dreams," Kevin Costner's cinematic tribute to baseball. During the past decade, Lakewood basketball fans have learned a harsh new slogan. "If you want it built, you must DEMAND it." Despite the sport's booming popularity, basketball hoops were purged from the city during the 2000s. A few have been built in the past few years....but City Hall has recently closed some of those.

Basketball has a long, deep history in Lakewood. Many of us played the game as kids, when outdoor hoops were located throughout the city at public parks and schools. I have many memories of playing at Madison Park as a child, and I continued to play into my adult years. When I bought my Olive Avenue home in 1997, I liked the fact that Hayes Elementary had some hoops just a few doors away.

By 2007, outdoor basketball disappeared in Lakewood. City Hall removed hoops from parks such as Madison Park. During that decade, the school district launched the first phase of citywide school reconstruction. Local schools throughout town were razed and rebuilt, their basketball courts were removed during the process. My neighborhood, for example, lost its hoops at Hayes.

Public pressure has helped to return some hoops to Lakewood in recent years. These efforts were possible because of the Lakewood Outdoor Basketball Committee (LOBC). Two half courts were installed at Kauffman Park, followed by two more at Lakewood Park. After going numerous summers without any hoops, Lakewood had four half-courts to serve its 50,000 residents. However, on May 21 of this year, Mayor Summers closed the two courts at Kauffman Park, citing a public safety concern. A small set of noisy neighbors that has lobbied

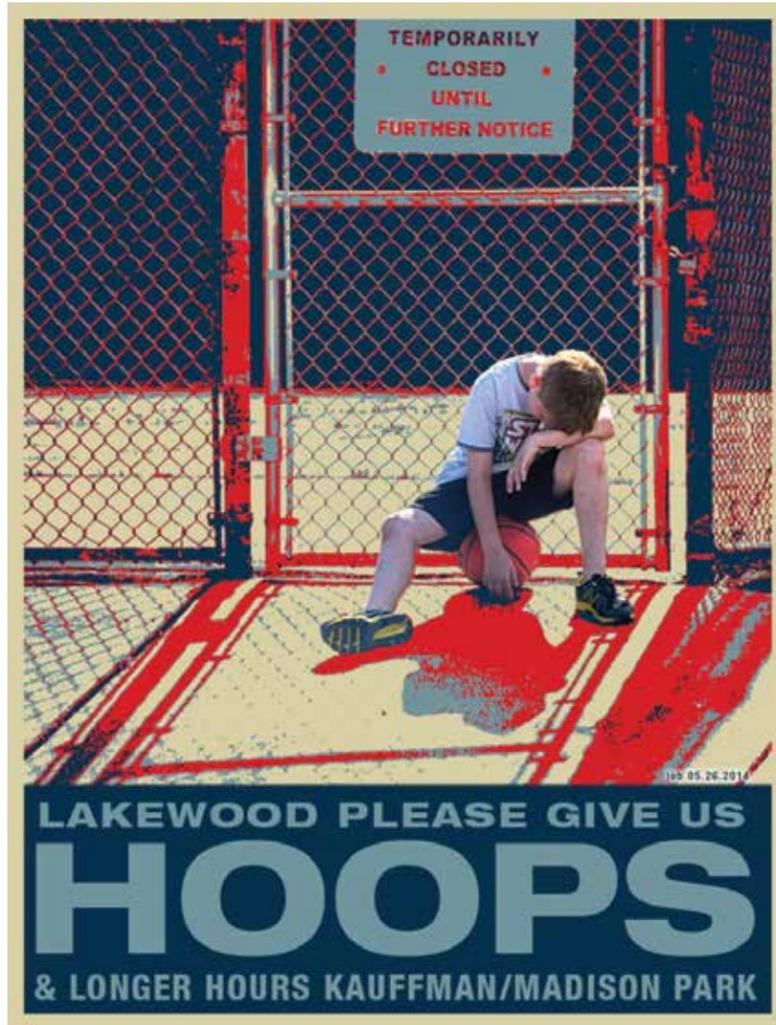


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to have the courts closed has effectively gotten its wish. Lakewood is now down to two half courts for 50,000 people.

City Hall is building a new court at Wagar Park, but that is should not be a substitute for the two courts at Kauffman. The Kauffman courts are centrally located and offer a great place for younger kids. The administration needs to re-open the Kauffman courts as soon as possible.

The battle over outdoor basketball is ongoing, and efforts to maintain and increase the number of courts depend upon the involvement of citizens. If you want basketball, you must get involved. Anti-basketball residents – and there are quite a few – are not shy about voicing their contempt for outdoor courts. If supporters remain silent, we could return to the days of no outdoor hoops at all.

If you support outdoor hoops, here

are some actions you can take:

\*Contact the Mayor's office and City Council. Their email addresses are at the city website [www.onelakewood.com](http://www.onelakewood.com).

\*Get involved with LOBC. You can learn about the group at its website [www.lobc.org](http://www.lobc.org).

\*Join LOBC at this year's Fourth of July Parade. It will be marching in support of outdoor hoops...go to the LOBC website for more info.

There is plenty of good news for outdoor basketball supporters. Despite the current issues with Kauffman, Mayor Summers and council have been supportive of basketball in the past. In addition, Sam O'Leary and Cindy Marx, two new council members, have written a letter endorsing efforts to improve outdoor basketball opportunities. Also, the Phase III reconstruction of Lakewood High School will open up the North Lot, which has been used to house classroom trailers for the past decade. The school district intends to dedicate at least part of the North Lot to recreational use. This location would be ideal for more hoops.

Public support for outdoor basketball is strong, but it needs to be put into action. Unlike the movies, there is no magic voice in the cornfield telling city officials to build new courts. The only voice that they hear is that of residents...people like you. If you want it, you must demand it.

# Opinion

## The Hippies Had It Right

by Christine Shearhart

In 1970, I moved from Parma to Cleveland Heights and experienced this amazing culture shock. I was 19, and immediately felt as if I had landed on another planet. Everyone I met was so peaceful, and helpful with anything you needed. I remember a young man, named #12, who was finding people places to stay for the night. Everyone of every color and race were in deep conversations of all kinds of about important issues over bowls of brown rice in a local restaurant. And what was more amazing was that we all felt related, brothers and sisters of the same Mother, Mother Earth.

I remember a large periodical, Whole Earth Catalog, that had pages of instructions on how to live respecting the land and water. There were ways to recycle, grow organic food, make composts, natural health remedies, build your own home and holistic living, in 1970. And our parents thought we were crazy, or "on" something. Maybe it was the marijuana that put us in touch with nature on a more sympathetic level, or made us see the life in flowers and in the eyes of an animal. There was an overwhelming beauty around you, a Zen awareness of what was important, keeping our planet clean and safe.

Most people raised in the 50's have a certain respect and values for doing the right thing. But why do our children and grandchildren have no idea of what they are doing when they litter? Why is it acceptable to throw that cigarette butt on the ground? I would never think of throwing a candy wrapper on the ground, or an empty can of soda. When I walk the streets of Lakewood, I always find a myriad of trash on the sidewalks. I pick it up, walk to the next trash receptacle and throw it away. We have failed as a generation to pass on the values were were taught, and are responsible for allowing the "Hippie" mentality to be destroyed through indifference.

When did we lose the respect for the Earth, our home, and treat it like our trash can? Hippies knew that if we did not respect the Earth, it would

eventually have no respect for us. Hippies wanted to love each other and the Earth. That time in my life was as close to God as I have ever been. It's the simplest rule of life, the Golden Rule.

Our indifference to respect the Earth is showing up all around us. The Planet is mad, really pissed off, with the way we have treated Mother Earth.

Small changes can make a difference. Respect your neighborhood, and your neighbors. Make an effort to keep

it clean, beautiful, and a better place to live. Treat everyone as your friend, not your enemy. And above all, have enough respect for your children and their future to teach them to respect the Earth, and themselves.

As I grew older, I don't know what happened to this magic lifestyle, this awareness of peace and concern for everything outside yourself. Revive this "movement" in your life and become a new Hippie of the 21st Century.

## CMA Egypt Exhibit

by Kitty Crino

Recently, I had taken a trip to the Cleveland Museum of Art to meet up with some of my fellow students, my teacher, and Mr. Bohac, an egyptologist.

While Mr. Bohac was presenting the artifacts, I had found a few very interesting details. One of the facts that I had gotten from him, was that the eyes that were painted on one of the sides of a coffin represented doors, so that people's spirits could visit and exit the king inside.

Another fact that I had gotten, was that the frog that is there when you first walk into the Egyptian museum is actually hollow if you were to flip it over. Also she was the goddess of wealth and vegetables (farming). Also the frog goddess' symbol is the infinity sign∞.



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Lastly, Mr. Bohac told me that the lotus flower would open and close due to the rising and setting of the sun ¼. Also, when Egyptians die, they are reborn, and the lotus flower is the sign for being reborn and rebirth. I believe that my trip to the Cleveland Museum of Art was very entertaining, highly educational, and I know that it was a great learning opportunity.

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As Lakewood High seniors prepared to don their maroon ties and red roses for graduation, Allied forces were also preparing to invade Northern Europe on June 6th, 1944. Lakewood High School students had been very active in the war effort, selling enough war stamps and bonds to purchase two ambulance planes and hospital equipment. Students also donated knitted and crocheted Afghans, and countless old newspapers to the cause of victory. The "V for Victory" hand sign popularized by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill was seen everywhere. There was, particularly after the D-Day invasion, a feeling that the end of World War II was in sight. At the same time, Lakewood's Cinema high school yearbook soberly printed the names of 29 young men from Lakewood High who had already given their lives to the war effort since America's war involvement officially began in 1941.

Strict wartime rationing was still in play and nearby factories were churning out classified war materials in staggering amounts. Products such as gasoline, rubber tires, sugar, and objects made of metal would be in short supply for Lakewoodites for as long as the war lasted. Attics and basements had already been cleared of any clutter that could be otherwise donated to the war effort. Physical Education classes were actively operating in high gear, preparing male students for the likelihood of military service upon their graduation. In short? It was wartime, and the Lakewood High School Class of 1944 was well aware that many of the usual hopes and dreams of graduation would need to be put on hold until peace arrived.

Still, few at that time had any doubt that peace was indeed on the horizon. Enemy forces were on the defensive in virtually every theater of war by 1944, and while there would be many difficult and costly days to come, there was little concern about the war's outcome bringing anything other than total victory for the Allies.

Lakewood High School's golden tan Cinema yearbook for 1944 detailed many facts about Lakewood as it was back then, 70 years ago this month. In many ways, our city was remarkable similar to today. You could have purchased your ice cream cone at Malley's, (although at that time, the store was located at Lewis and Madison) and even then, "Charley" Geiger was more than happy to fit you out in a well-tailored suit. You could also have visited the Lakewood "Y" anytime you wanted to. Many, if not most of the churches around now were around back then, and the Masonic Temple was a regular meeting place for after-school fun times. Lakewood's reputation as a walkable city was never more important than in those days, and wire two-wheeled shopping carts and basket-equipped bicycles were an absolute necessity at that time of gasoline rationing. Indeed back then, small grocery stores and many other specialty

by Gary Rice



*Toy aircraft, afghan, Army hat and LHS yearbook represent 1944 Lakewood. (Photo by Gary Rice)*

shops were commonplace, east and west, in Lakewood. There were theaters all around Lakewood too, as movies and newsreels were a prime source of information and entertainment at a time when newspapers and radios were the principal ways to stay informed concerning the events of the day. Publication of the high school newspaper, and the Cinema, were continued even with the shortages of wartime, due to the importance, and indeed, the essential necessity of having the free press in a democracy.

One huge difference between those public school days and now, was a 2 page Cinema spread given to the well-organized Christian-values Hi-Y group, with a photo displaying their unashamed and explicitly Christian celebrations and rituals transpiring in front of a picture of Jesus Christ. Years later, America's Supreme Court would seriously limit many such organized religious practices in the public schools.

As a student back then, you also noticed a change in your high school cafeteria menu, due to the war. Gone for the duration were the rich breaded dishes like veal steaks and city chicken. Instead, according to the Cinema, your menu offered more egg and soya products. Evening dinners too, had once been served in the schools, and those too, were discontinued because of the war. If you were a student, you likely did not have the time to sit down for an evening meal anyway. Instead, you went off to a job someplace. A shortage of workers due to the war effort insured that high school students had plenty of gainful employment opportunities around here. Many worked as home helpers- cutting grass, raking leaves, painting and making minor repairs to homes while the menfolk were away fighting the war. Babysitting was also big business for students, due to the fact that many Moms were also quite busy helping out with the war effort.

Perhaps surprisingly, it would not

reading all this, you have to understand those times. It was one thing to have to send young men off to war, but in here in Lakewood, we wanted them to leave us prepared, and to come back to us alive- and victorious.

For everyone, in any case, the winds of change in Lakewood and in the world were starting to blow with the force of a hurricane.

After WWII, President Eisenhower's ever-expanding American freeway system cut straight through Lakewood in much the same way as that Japanese destroyer cut through future President Kennedy's PT-109 boat during WWII. With new super-highways, and with relatively cheap gasoline and credit, it became easier for people to live farther away from their jobs. In the 1960's, 1970's, and 1980's there was a huge rush to get farther and farther away from the core cities to the outer 'burbs and beyond, as people valued space more than social interaction. In those outer 'burbs, front porches and sidewalks became afterthoughts, as many Americans sought out instead to live in insulated cocoons in their spread-out bedroom communities. As a pastor friend once told me, many of Lakewood's movers and shakers got shook up and moved.

In the last few years however, we've been seeing a reverse of that trend, as the economy, gasoline prices, and yes, even nostalgia for days past, has brought many people back to homes in Lakewood. Indeed, much remains here that is timeless, and precious- not so very different from those tumultuous days of 1944.

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# Lakewood Living

## WOW! Lakewood Heads East To "Wade Oval Wednesdays"

by Ken Brand

Collaborative partners LakewoodAlive and University Circle Inc. will highlight two of the area's hottest communities this summer. University Circle's signature summer event, "WOW! Wade Oval Wednesday," presented by PNC, features "Lakewood Night" on June 18 from 6-9pm at Wade Oval (10820 East

Blvd, Cleveland). This free event, part of their summer-long series, features live music, food and activities. LakewoodAlive is coordinating the intermission entertainment on the 18th.

Each Wednesday evening, thousands of visitors will flock to Wade Oval to listen to some of Cleveland's best local bands.

The music is only one part of what makes WOW! such a special event. Guests will have the opportunity to purchase a delicious meal from some truly unique local food vendors, relax in the Wade Oval beer and wine garden, and entertain the kids with activities, bounce houses and rides on the Euclid Beach Rocket Ship. Each week there will be a differ-

ent theme. Visit [universitycircle.org](http://universitycircle.org) for the summer lineup.

"UCI is excited to partner with Lakewood Alive to promote our arts and culture activities on both sides of town," said Chris Ronayne, President, UCI. "WOW! Wade Oval Wednesday' concerts have always drawn visitors from all regions and we are hoping to draw more from the west side while also letting our University Circle residents know about Lakewood's Front Porch Concerts this summer."

On August 8, LakewoodAlive will host University Circle Night at the Front Porch Concert Series at the Lakewood Public Library (15425 Detroit Avenue), featuring the Hollywood Slim Band. The Front Porch Concert Series runs from each Friday from July 11 – September 5, 7-9 p.m., at the Main Library.

"University Circle is thriving and experiencing an investment boon on the east side of town, making it a shining light in Greater Cleveland," said Ian Andrews, LakewoodAlive executive director. "Lakewood too is seeing significant investment from residents, merchants, and developers on the west side further strengthening the region's continued momentum. This partnership is a prime example of breaking down artificial barriers and we couldn't be happier."

## Razzle Dazzle's Fourteenth Production, "The Four Gees" Delights Audiences

by Betsy Voinovich

This year's Razzle Dazzle show at the Beck Center, "The Four Gees"- "Glorious Groups of Guys and Gals"--was bigger and better than ever. After an introduction from the Beck Center's Director of Education Ed Gallagher, the cast of 19 took a packed house on a tour of greatest hits from the past 50 years—alternating between the girl songs and guy songs, beginning with the Mills Brothers' "Standing on the corner, watching all the girls go by," and the Andrews Sisters "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," right up until "Say My Name" by Destiny's Child and "One Thing" a song my kids said was by some band called One Direction.

Every number received full Broadway treatment with the cast of guys versus girls dramatizing each song-- long-time Razzle Dazzle choreographer Anne Huebner creating moves that made each song into its own story, along with informative and



Cast member Roy Williams takes center stage, surrounded by fellow players Tim, Jim, Heather, Leslie and Phil to name just a few of the 19 member cast.

funny introductions that placed each song in history. With entrances from the back of the room and exits from the stage right through the crowd, the audience was fully involved, clapping, dancing and singing along with the

cast, even joining in an impromptu conga line.

One of the biggest advocates of the show is cast member Roy Williams who had been promoting this year's show for weeks around Lakewood. This is Razzle Dazzle's fourteenth year and Roy has been with the group for most of those years. He made sure that people know they should check out one of the most high energy, entertaining and fun shows of the year.

Brandon Gregg, a friend of Roy's from The Root Café who attended "The Four Gees" with his girlfriend called the show "amazing and moving" and said that it was rare to see a cast so fully engaged and happy, obviously having the time of their lives, which they shared with the audience from start to finish.

If you have never been to a Razzle Dazzle show, stay tuned for next year's show. You don't want to miss it.



The Four Gees bring the crowd to their feet, dancing and clapping along.



Above: Michelle, Sue and Barbara, their own girl group for the night.

Below: The ladies rule.



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# Lakewood Living

## An Evening Under The Trees In Lakewood Park And The Friday Night Flick: "The Nut Job"

by Marianne Quasebarth Usiak

On Friday, June 13, 2014, come learn about what is happening with the City of Lakewood's trees from some resident experts and the City of Lakewood's Tree Task Force. We will begin with a short family friendly tour and hands-on learn-

ing of some interesting trees right in Lakewood Park. Bring a picnic, snacks, popcorn, or some nuts and then get settled in your lawn chair or blanket and learn about why we want and need trees in our city from our local experts: John Palmer, Certified Arborist, and Bob Rensel, Horti-

culturist at Cleveland Botanical Garden. Bring your tree questions! For the Friday Night Flick, the tree theme continues with the popular comedy movie, "The Nut Job" that both children and adults can enjoy. Bring the whole family and enjoy this evening under some of our grand trees in Lakewood Park!

Some benches near the bandstand are available for this outdoor event or bring your own chairs, blankets, and popcorn for the evening.

\*In event of rain, the tour is cancelled and tree talk will be held at 8 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium and will be followed by the movie at approximately 8:30 p.m.

## June 18 Forum: What Are Northeast Ohio's Top 10 Lowest Carbon-Footprint Zip Codes? (Hint: NOT Lakewood...)

by Tom Bullock

Lakewood prides itself on being a green community. By many measures, we're one of the most sustainable cities in the region.

But earlier this year, it was a disappointment for many in Lakewood to see that our community did not make the top-ten list of lowest carbon footprint ZIP codes in Northeast Ohio, according to a University of California at Berkeley study. "Carbon footprint" is a term referring to the total amount of greenhouse gas emissions caused by a community (or person, organization, event, etc.).

Why not? Where does "the 44107" stand, and what factors went into our ranking? Are there steps Lakewood can implement to further reduce our carbon footprint?

These questions (and the answers to them) will be the topic of a public forum I am hosting on Wednesday, June 18 from 6 - 7 p.m. at Lakewood City Hall in the Council hearing room on the second floor.

Please join me for a presentation of the study that produced the carbon footprint rankings followed by a discussion of these issues. Our expert presenter will be David

Beach, director of the GreenCity-BlueLake Institute, the sustainability center of The Cleveland Museum of Natural History, and long-time thought-leader for sustainability in our region.

My hope is that the discussion can help us learn some areas for improvement and action-steps to implement.

To RSVP (encouraged, but not required), contact me at tom.bullock@lakewoodoh.net.

8pm: Tree Tour-Meet at the Bandstand.

8:30pm: "Tree Talk"-At bandstand area by members of the City of Lakewood Tree Task Force: "The Value of a Tree Canopy in Lakewood: From our parks to our yards"\*

Friday Night Flick: "The Nut Job," begins one dark (8:30 p.m. is sunset).

Come enjoy this "tree-ific" evening under some of our magnificent trees in Lakewood Park!

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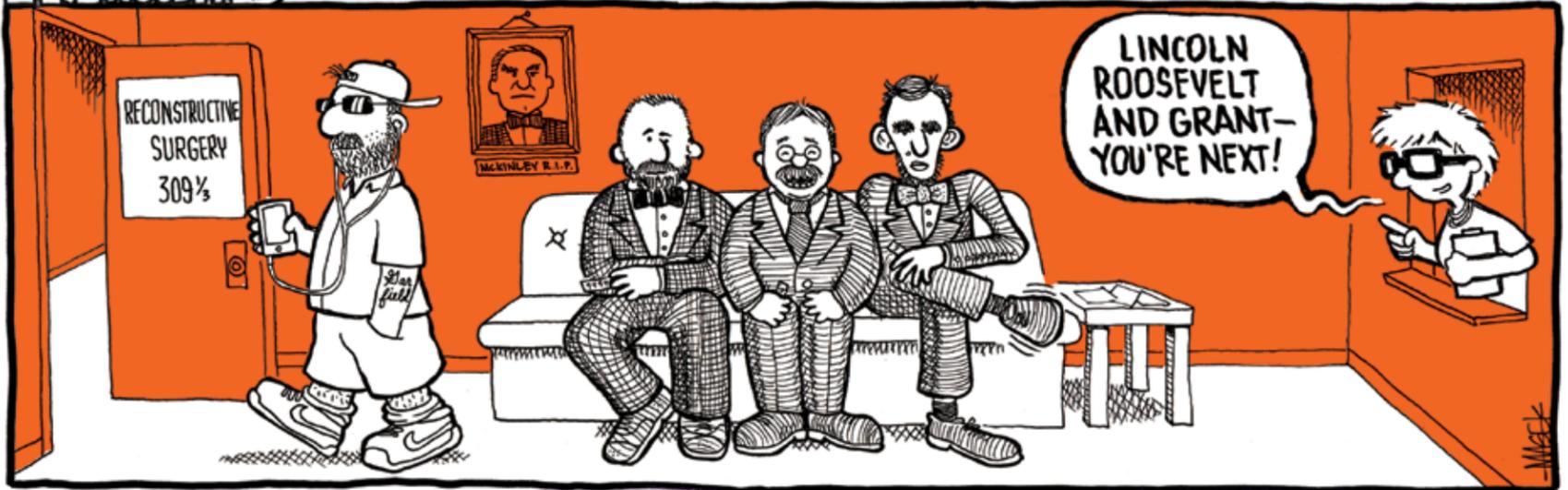
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