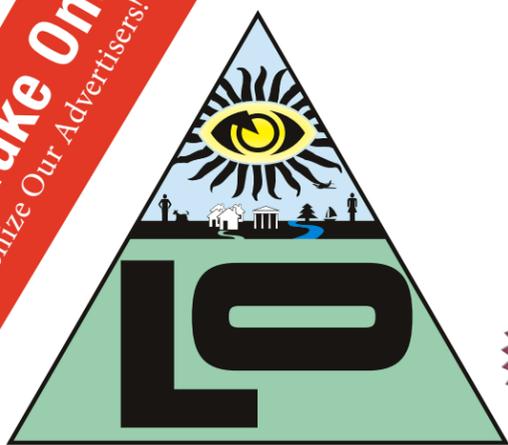


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## Light Up Lakewood On Saturday, December 6

by Ken Brand

LakewoodAlive and the Light Up Lakewood Committee have added several more fantastic additions to make your experience with family and friends all the better. The day will start at Quaker Steak & Lube (15312 Detroit Avenue) with Breakfast with Santa. There will be two seatings, 8:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Tickets for Breakfast with Santa are presale only and can be purchased online at [www.LightUpLakewood.com](http://www.LightUpLakewood.com) or at Paisley Monkey (14471 Detroit Avenue).

Lunch with Santa will take place at Dewey's Pizza (18516 Detroit Avenue) from 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Don't forget your camera as Dewey's will be hosting pictures with Santa after you finish your lunch. Thank you to Dewey's Pizza for donating 20% of all receipts to LakewoodAlive during Lunch with Santa.

This year, there is so much music to be heard during Light Up Lakewood we had to start a lot of the musical acts prior to the Light Up Lakewood Festival. Please make sure you check out the website and the schedule of events in this issue for the updated schedule of events.

Make sure to visit the historic Lakewood Masonic Temple which will be transformed to our Vendor Village for the event from 4-8 p.m.

## Sounds Of Season Concert Features District's Top Ensembles

by Christine Gordillo

If you are a fan of the Lakewood City Schools' Music Department, or just a music fan in general, you don't want to miss the newest LHS holiday tradition that is the Sounds of the Season concert December 17 & 18 at 7:30 pm in the Civic Auditorium. This concert will highlight all the elite performance groups at LHS from the band, orchestra and choir departments. This



The Village will have 20 fantastic vendors from all over Lakewood and the surrounding communities. This is a

great chance for you to start your holiday shopping. All of our kids' games this year will

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## Christmas Sale On The Grounds

by Paula Reed

Kick off your holiday shopping with the event that offers the best bargains of all—Lakewood Historical Society's 9th annual Christmas Sale on the Grounds. The first weekend in December sees the Nicholson House, 13335 Detroit, filled to bursting with everything you need for holiday celebrations.

Lakewood Historical Society's Christmas Sale on the Grounds has become a tradition, featuring antiques & collectibles perfect for one-of-a-kind gifts; gleaming silver, sparkling crystal and china for setting a festive table; barware; serving pieces; cookie tins

and plates—everything you need for holiday entertaining. There are beautiful vintage and contemporary ornaments, nativity sets; wreaths, garlands, indoor and outdoor decorations, and pre-lit trees. You'll also find new gift wrap and ribbon, greeting cards and candles.

There are four beautiful vintage fur coats available, priced at a fraction of their retail value. The weatherman is predicting another harsh winter, but you could be cozy and warm in one of these lovely coats.

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## SEASON OF GIVING

### Community Fundraiser Just Around The Corner!

by Patty Krivosh

The annual Community Fundraiser for St. James and St. Luke Parish will take place on Tuesday, December 9 at Around The Corner (18616 Detroit Ave.) in Lakewood from 5-9 pm. Isaiah Crowell from the Cleveland Browns will be there to support this great event. Isaiah will answer questions and sign autographs. There will also be live entertainment, a visit from Santa, 50/50 and reverse raffles, gift baskets and the opportunity

to enjoy great food and fellowship. Owners Mickey and Ryan Krivosh will be donating 20% of the evening's food bill to the community meal. Proceeds from this night will support two community meals: one at St. Luke Parish and one at St. James Parish. Our fundraising goal is \$5,000, which will sustain both community meals and feed our guests for the next twelve months at both locations. We look forward to seeing you there and supporting this great community!

## Tailgate For A Cause

by Paula Maeder Connor

Throughout this last year we at Trinity Church have been made aware of serious needs in the community. Many folks come to our door asking for emergency help. There are medical bills, transportation needs, money needed for gas and auto repairs, vegetarian bills, unexpected furnace, roofing or plumbing emergencies.

Financial planners suggest people put away money "for a rainy day" in some kind of emergency fund. We know, however, that many families are one month or one check away from disaster if emergencies arise. And, unfortunately

there is no emergency fund to assist them through Trinity or Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach.

Trinity is offering the Lakewood community an opportunity to assist one family "on the edge." A huge need in keeping this family safe and warm this winter has arisen. Can you say 'replacement steam boiler'? Visualize \$8000 while living on minimum wage.

One of the exciting things about living in community is how we respond in such an emergency.

December 7, 11:30-2pm a "Tailgate for a Cause" will be

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## North Coast Health Joins In National #GivingTuesday

by Elizabeth O'Brien

North Coast Health, a faith-based charitable clinic, has joined #GivingTuesday, an effort to harness the collective power of a unique blend of partners—charities, families, businesses and individuals—to transform how people think about, talk about and participate in the giving season. Coinciding with the Thanksgiving Holiday and the kickoff of the holiday shopping season, #GivingTuesday, December 2, 2014, hopes to inspire people to take collaborative action to improve their local communities, give

back in better, smarter ways to the charities and causes they support and help create a better world.

Show your support of North Coast Health's mission to provide healthcare to the medically underserved in our area by donating on #GivingTuesday at <http://northcoasthealth.org/event/giving-tuesday/>.

**About North Coast Health**  
North Coast Health is a faith-based charitable clinic that provides and optimizes access to health care for the

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# LO Calendar

## Thursday, December 4 Only in Clev Apparel Grand Opening 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM

We are a new Custom T-Shirt apparel store specializing in local designs displaying things only a Clevelander would understand. We design t-shirts for some of the cool things going on in the Cleveland, Lakewood and surrounding areas. We also sell customized full size removable wall decals, posters and personalized signage.

15226 Madison Avenue

## Saturday, December 6 Breakfast With Santa 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Friends of St. James, Inc. is sponsoring a Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 6, from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Ticket prices are \$8.50 for children and \$15.00 for adults. This includes a picture with Santa, Christmas crafts for the kids, stories with Mrs. Claus and Brennan's delicious breakfast buffet. Tickets may be purchased after Masses in November at St. James or by calling Darlene at 216-521-4061. No tickets will be sold at the door. All proceeds will benefit the Restoration Fund of St. James in Lakewood.

Brennan's Party Center,  
13000 Triskett Rd  
Cleveland, Ohio

## Final Tour of 1917 LHS Building 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

The 1917 Lakewood High School Building will be open for one last tour and open house. Tours begin at 10 am outside the L Room. The open house will conclude at 3 p.m. The Ranger Shop will be open.

Pieces of the East Gym floor and Tryout Theatre seats will be for sale in the East Gym that day only. Multiple sizes of the floor range from \$10 to \$30. We also will be taking bids on the two "Lakewood" sections and the Rangerman at center court. Theatre seats are \$25

each. All proceeds from the sale will benefit enrichment programs for students in the Lakewood City Schools.

Lakewood High School, 14100  
Franklin Blvd., Lakewood

## Groove Is In the Heart: A 90s Dance Party 8:00 PM

Cattitude Vintage is hosting "Groove Is In the Heart: A 90s Dance Party" at Mahall's 20 Lanes (13200 Madison Ave., Lakewood) on Saturday, December 6.

Party starts at 10:00 p.m., but Cattitude Vintage will be set up to sell at 8:00 p.m., so you people can come early to buy their outfits. Also selling will be Junkyard Royalty and Rushbelt Fairy (both can be found on Facebook).

Music will be provided by DJ White Rims (Darryl Dickerson), MC Uster (Marcia Custer), and WRUW's Rachel H (Ravage Hunt).

Mahall's will be making special 90s-themed cocktails for the evening.

Mahall's 20 Lanes, 13200 Madison  
Ave., Lakewood

## Sunday, December 7 Scent Explorers: A Sniff and Smell Workshop for Children 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Indigo Perfumery is proud to present our first Sniff and Smell Workshop for children!

In response to your many requests, Indigo will introduce children, ages 5-10 years old, to the fascinating world of fragrance as they discover why scents are so much fun. We will sniff many fragrant items, from sweet to stinky, on our trip to understand our least known sense. Upon arriving at our fragrance destination, healthy refreshments will be served. Limited to 5-10 years of age, please.

Children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the workshop.

\$5 per child  
12011 Detroit Avenue

## Christmas Musical Reflections 5:00 PM

A concert of popular Christmas music will be performed by critically acclaimed American Composer, H. Leslie Adams. Light refreshments will be served at a reception to meet and chat with Dr. Adams. CDs will be available to purchase.

\$10 adults - \$6 (12 & under). Call 216-228-6060 for more information.

Grace Presbyterian Church  
1659 Rosewood, Lakewood

## PTA Holiday Lighting Contest Deadline

Lakewood Council of PTA's Annual Lakewood Holiday Lighting Contest! Dust off your wreaths and start checking those light bulbs because we want to literally light up our city with all your festive light displays!

The deadline to enter the Holiday Lighting Contest is Wednesday, December 10, 2014.

Registration Form emailed to lakewoodcouncil@gmail.com.

## Light Up Lakewood On Saturday, December 6

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be in the basement of the Masonic Temple, so stop on down, play some games and stay warm.

All of our food this year has been condensed into the Coral Company Food Court which will be located in the Lakewood Farmer's Market Parking lot. We will have 10 of the best food trucks and vendors in the Cleveland area. Make sure you visit the food court to pick up and snack while you Explore Downtown Lakewood.

We could not be more excited to announce the Grand Marshal of the Light Up Lakewood Parade that starts at Parkhaven Row at 5 p.m. and will head westbound on Detroit Avenue all the way down to Arthur. Mr. Bill Hixson "Mr. Christmas," who opened his first shop in Lakewood in 1953 and

has been in his current location 14125 Detroit Avenue since 1959, is the 2014 Light Up Lakewood Parade Grand Marshal. Make sure you stop by Hixson's Flower Barn to say hello and wave to him when you see him in the parade.

At 6:30 p.m. please make your way to our Main Stage at the intersection of Belle and Detroit where will have a selection of amazing music from some of Lakewood's own talented musicians. With help from Mayor Summers, the winner of the Chamber of Commerce "Why I love Lakewood" poem contest, Buddy, Santa and the entire Community of Lakewood, we will light up Lakewood. Fireworks and music from Revolution Pie to follow.

For more information on these events or anything Light Up Lakewood visit [www.LightUpLakewood.com](http://www.LightUpLakewood.com).

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## City News

# Council Talks About The Coast

by Christopher Bindel

Council President and Ward IV Councilwoman Mary Louise Madigan called the November 17, 2014 meeting to order at 7:40 P.M.

Councilwoman Madigan started off new business by introducing an ordinance in response to the Civil Service Commission's report the Council received in July. The report called for an increase in Council and Mayoral salaries and was covered in detail in the August 21 issue of this column. In her report Madigan explains that the City Charter requires the commission to create a report with recommendations and therefore she is introducing an ordinance that follows their recommendation of raising Council salaries to \$13,000 a year, which would not take effect until after the next election for each council seat. Council's current salary is \$7,000 dollars a year. A rate at which has remained unchanged for almost 30 years.

Council referred the ordinance to the Committee of the Whole for discussion.

Next Law Director Kevin Butler asked Council to pass a resolution approving the City entering into an agreement with the County to continue providing public health services in Lakewood for 2015. The total cost to Lakewood for the services is \$204,053.

Council referred the ordinance to the Health and Human Services Committee for consideration.

Director Butler then asked Council to consider another resolution, this on granting a submerged land lease

to a property owner. By state law, any lakefront landowner wishing to make changes around their property that encroach on the water need to seek a submerged land lease from the owning municipality, in this case, Lakewood. A property owner on Edgewater Drive wishes to build a revetment and pier in Lake Erie, north of their property, to protect it from erosion. The Division of Engineering has already reviewed the plans and have no objections.

Council referred the resolution to the Public Works Committee.

Director Butler then asked Council to consider yet another matter. He presented a resolution which would move some minor traffic violations into the 'civil disposition of parking violations' part of the code. This would result in the City prosecuting fewer misdemeanors for minor parking violations, which is the precise reason the civil parking violations part of the code was created in 2010.

Council referred the resolution to the Rules and Ordinances Committee.

Finance Director Jennifer Pae then asked Council to review the several ordinances that make up the 2015 budget and to pass them by December 31.

Council referred all 17 items to the Finance Committee.

Director of Public Works, Joe Beno, then asked Council to pass a resolution that would allow the City to apply for the Ohio Department of Nat-

ural Resources Coastal Management Assistance Grant. The grant would help the City assess rates of erosion in various areas of the Lakewood coastline along Lake Erie to determine optimal methods and design of protection.

Councilwoman Madigan asked Director Beno if the City would be required to expend any funds if awarded the grant. Director Beno said that he believed it was a 50/50 grant, where the City would be responsible for half of the cost. However, he clarified, the grant is only for a survey of the condition of the land and remediation ideas; it does not include any construction or remediation itself.

Councilwoman Madigan followed up her question, asking if the study included the whole coastline. Director Beno said that it includes the entire Lake Erie coastline, but none along the river.

Councilman Ryan Nowlin (At-Large) asked if Director Beno knew what the estimated cost for the City would be. Beno said he believed that the estimated cost for the total project was about \$100,000 which would make the City's portion about \$50,000.

Councilwoman Madigan then asked if this is something the City evaluates regularly. Director Beno said it is not. He said this is the third grant they have applied for, for this purpose and they have been unsuccessful thus far.

Councilman David Anderson

(Ward I) asked if there was anything that prompted the City to pursue grants for this evaluation. Director Beno said that they had done so in part because grants had come up to help pay for it and because it has been some time since any evaluation has been done. In addition, Mayor Summers said that 90% of the coast is privately owned and they regularly have conversations with property owners over their concerns about erosion. It is in the City's interest to keep tabs on the state of its coastline.

Due to the emergency nature of the resolution, since the application was due in four days, Director Beno asked Council to pass the resolution on its first reading. Council proceeded to pass the resolution.

Coming to the end of the agenda items, and with no one from the public to speak, Council President Madigan opened the floor to announcements from members of Council and the Administration. Mayor Summers wanted to clarify a few points about the budget that Council just received. He said that due to the nature of the calendar and the accounting of the bi-weekly pay, this year the City will have to pay out about an extra million dollars in payroll. It appears that every 11 years in a bi-weekly pay cycle there are 27 rather than 26 pays, and 2015 is that 11th year for the City. Thankfully the City knew of this anomaly ahead of time and was able to save up the additional funds needed.

With no other news, Council President Madigan adjourned the meeting at 8:22 P.M.

## Christmas Sale On The Grounds



A sampling of the holiday wares you can find at Christmas Sale on the Grounds.

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You have three opportunities at shop at Christmas Sale on the Grounds, so you can also fit in all the other activities of Light Up Lakewood. Back by popular demand is the Friday Preview Sale, December 5th, 4-7:00 p.m. Admission to the Preview Sale is \$10, pay at the door. The no-cost public sale is open 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 6th. Sunday, December 7th, noon - 3:00 p.m. is your final chance, and offers the best bargains, as mer-

chandise is half-price, excluding items in the Antiques Room. But don't wait till Sunday to buy that item you really want—it could be gone!

Park at St. Ed's across the street—if your purchases are more than you can carry to the car, volunteers will help.

All proceeds from Christmas Sale on the Grounds benefit the programs and properties of the Lakewood Historical Society.

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## City News

# Lakewood's New Hen Pilot Project

by April Stoltz

On November 3, Lakewood City Council passed a resolution supporting a pilot project which will test-drive responsible backyard hen ownership in Lakewood. The pilot project will last 18 months and grant up to 12 permits with a maximum of 6 hens per family. Mayor Summers signed the resolution the following day on November 4. The pilot project will begin 45 days from that date.

The organization Hens in Lakewood has been working on changing the law to allow backyard hen ownership for over three years. We have held two public forums at the Lakewood Library and have conducted a number of field trips into Cleveland so neighbors and policy makers alike can experience what urban/suburban hen-raising actually looks like. Micro flocks (4 to 6 hens) in small predator-free runs with coops are very different from what some of us have experienced in rural farm situations. The desire to raise hens is about having our own fresh, nutritionally superior eggs and the added benefit of useable manure for the garden. Hens can also be fed our table scraps, which keeps scraps out of the garbage and landfill. An added benefit (as we have learned from other communities in Cuyahoga County where backyard hen raising is allowed) is how it creates community as previously unknown neighbors connect with hen-owners to bring their children and grand children to see the birds.

On Sunday, November 16th, a meeting of hopeful pilot families was convened to discuss the particulars of the passed resolution and decide our next steps. It was agreed that diversity of lot sizes, setups and geographic areas was important for the pilot to test out different situations. As we checked in it became clear that 16 families want to be part of the pilot. The families are pretty much evenly divided amongst

the 4 wards. As the city works to create the proper application for submission by pilot families, we decided that our next step would be to start shopping for coops or design what we want built. We discussed getting our actual lots from the county website and starting our yard blueprints to submit when the application is available. We also agreed that it would make sense for all 16 families to apply for permits as the city will have certain criteria they will use for granting them. If all

16 families are found to be eligible, we decided that we would collaboratively determine which 4 families would step back. Those families and others who have expressed an interest in their own micro flocks in the future will team up with the pilot families and learn together. Also discussed was setting a date in January for the OSU Extension class on urban/suburban backyard hen raising. This is a requirement for all families before they receive a permit to participate in

the pilot.

We are excited about the opportunity provided by the pilot to try out responsible hen ownership in our community. We will continue to connect with our Lakewood neighbors and the larger community as the pilot unfolds. We plan to offer a tour of these pilot project family coops in the summer for those who want to experience first hand what suburban micro flock-ownership looks like. More to come.

## City Of Lakewood Hosting Gold Coast Landlord Training Seminar

by Colin McEwen

Residents of the Gold Coast know that the neighborhood is a special place. As the most densely populated in Lakewood and a direct link to downtown Cleveland, this neighborhood is an important asset in Lakewood.

Because of the neighborhood's unique qualities, the city is featuring the Gold Coast as the first group in the new multi-tenant Landlord Training seminar.

The Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM), specializing in real estate management, will present this seminar. IREM's team of experts will share best practices in managing multi-unit buildings — with topics covering marketing, leasing, budgeting and building operations. In short, the seminar will provide insight into forward thinking and investment in the Gold Coast neighborhood, specifically related to asset and property management.

This free training seminar will take place in the Lakewood City Hall Auditorium (12650 Detroit Avenue) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday,

December 3. Experienced real estate professionals will provide their insight on managing and owning multi-tenant housing units, providing takeaways that can help these buildings — and the entire neighborhood — flourish.

"We strongly encourage all property managers and owners to attend," said Lakewood Mayor Michael Summers. "There is significant investment in multi-tenant buildings occurring in our region, especially in Downtown Cleveland. The Gold Coast should be viewed, not just as an excellent alternative, but perhaps as a

better option."

The city's landlord information seminars help to educate landlords owning rental property in Lakewood. Attending an approved seminar once every two years fulfills one of the requirements Lakewood landlords now must meet in order to obtain an annual housing license. Space is limited and registration is required.

For more information or to register, please contact Mike Bowen, in the mayor's office, at (216) 529-6093 or by email. For more resources available to Lakewood landlords, please click here.

## LBOE Community Recreation & Education Commission - Open Seat

by Mitchell Robida

The Lakewood Board of Education is looking to fill the open seat on the Community Recreation and Education Commission due to the passing of President, Mr. Don Sharp.

Mr. Sharp's impact at the commission level and across the community with respect to his leadership and service was second to none. His professional practice and collaborative spirit defined his tenure with the Community Recreation and Education Commission.

The Community Recreation and Education Commission is an advisory commission that is appointed by the Lakewood Board of Education.

With the help of two standing sub commissions, the Youth Athletic Commission, and the Adult Athletic Commission, it is responsible for providing input and oversight to the Lakewood Community Recreation and Education Department.

The ideal candidate will have expertise, or experience in the areas of recreation, education, program development/participation and community outreach. Monthly meetings, subcommittee work, as well as participation in community events, are among the time requirements.

Individuals who are interested in promoting the mission of the Community Recreation and Education Commission with passion and pride should submit a letter of interest and a statement of qualifications to Mr. Robert Curtin, Coordinator of Community Recreation & Education/Operations by December 10.

The Community Recreation and Education Commission will evaluate all applicants and make a formal recommendation to the Board of Education by January 5.



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# WCOG Meeting, November 12, 2014

by LWV Observers Nikki Salupo (Fairview Park) and Kathy Kosiorek (Lakewood)

This report is not an official LWV statement. Mayor Patton's office prepares official minutes, which are posted on Fairview Park's website.

**Present:** Mayors Bobst (Rocky River), Clough (Westlake), Kennedy (North Olmsted), Patton (Fairview Park), Summers (Lakewood—arrived 10:30 a.m.), Sutherland (Bay Village)

**Also in attendance:** Fiscal Officer Renee Mahoney, District 1 County Councilman Dave Greenspan

**Duration:** 9:35 - 11:25 a.m.

**RTA:** County Council may discuss a tax increase for RTA. Much discussion of the new Clifton Boulevard shelters. Amenities encourage ridership. Lakeshore Express buses will come every ten minutes for two hours in the AM and PM. During those hours, there

will be dedicated bus lanes. Mayor Patton stated that Fairview Park is home to an RTA transfer station on Center Ridge but has received no benefits from RTA. Many residents depend on bus services and would appreciate similar shelters along Lorain Avenue. A better working relationship between Fairview Park and RTA is needed.

**NOACA:** Mayor Sutherland stated the Committee on House Affairs will meet November 14. Geauga County may either pull out or divide its representation into urban and rural. According to Mr. Greenspan, a Columbia Road development project has been added for next funding cycle.

**Land Bank:** Mayor Kennedy asked for lists of commercial, industrial, and residential properties that may qualify. Mr. Greenspan stated that the county also has grant and low-interest loan money.

**Cuyahoga County Mayors & City Managers Association:** Mayor Sutherland stated that a conference call about HB5 was held while the legislature was in session. The Association has withdrawn opposition to this bill.

**Suburban Water Council:** Mayors Bobst's and Patton's terms will expire December 31. They agreed to continue to represent WCOG members. The mayors agreed that the City of Cleveland should not be setting the agenda. Suburban communities should have more input.

**Financial Reports:** Reports were approved. There is a cash balance of about \$500,000 and a budget of about \$250,000. A lawsuit involves over \$1 million; if favorable to the communities, the recovered money will go into the law enforcement trust.

**Clean Fuels:** Mayor Summers

stated RTA is considering a high-speed fueling station at the Triskett Road facility. The investment will be about \$4 million. Fuel savings are estimated at 30% if city vehicles are converted to natural gas.

**EMT Protocols:** Mayor Summers voiced concern that SWAT teams' medical protocols differ among cities. Fire chiefs will be invited to the December 10 WCOG meeting to discuss this.

**Deer Culling:** Mayor Kennedy stated that, after public meetings, North Olmsted will hire a helicopter service to count deer. Pending Division of Wildlife approval, sharp shooters will cull deer.

**Comments by Mr. Greenspan:** Road resurfacing money is available. CDSG, a supplemental grant program for community needs, will be introduced at a January County Council meeting. An advanced Geographic Information System will be in place soon. It will share enhanced photos from fly-over planes, which will help with property tax appraisals and public safety evaluations.

The WCOG was founded in 1971 "to foster cooperation between municipalities in all areas of municipal service." All meetings are open to the public. Next meeting: December 10, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Fairview Park Gemini Center's Birch Room.

## Rep. Nickie J. Antonio Elected House Democratic Assistant Whip

by Jordan Plottner

State Rep. Ronald V. Gerberry (D-Austintown), the Dean of the Ohio House Democratic Caucus, Tuesday announced the caucus has selected their new leadership team for the 131st General Assembly. State Rep. Nickie J. Antonio (D-Lakewood) was elected as House Democratic Assistant Whip in a vote Tuesday evening.

The other members of the Democratic leadership team will be Rep. Fred Strahorn (D-Dayton) serving as House Democratic Leader; Rep. Nicholas J. Celebrezze (D-Parma), Assistant Democratic Leader; and Rep. Kevin Boyce (D-Columbus), Democratic Whip.

"I am eager to work in a collective way to move our state in the right direction," said Rep. Antonio. "We have a lot ahead of us, but I am confident that our state's diversity makes us stronger, and that we can turn our challenges into opportunities to add jobs and give our children a fair shot at a world-class education."

Assistant Whip-Elect Antonio



State Representative Nickie J. Antonio was recently elected as House Democratic Assistant Whip

was recently re-elected to a third term in the Ohio House of Representatives, serving House District 13, which includes Lakewood and the west side of Cleveland. Antonio began her public policy service when she was elected to Lakewood City Council in 2005

and was re-elected in 2009. During her tenure on Lakewood City Council she chaired the Economic Development, Housing, and Human Services committees and served on the Public Works and Finance Committees and was the council representative for the Lakewood Hospital Board and Community Relations Boards.

A former Special Education teacher and non-profit Executive Director for a women's outpatient drug/alcohol treatment program, she also served for nearly two decades as a consultant to non-profits and governmental agencies throughout Northeast Ohio and served as administrator for a multi-County HIV/AIDS regional planning group.

Antonio is the first openly gay lawmaker to serve in Ohio's state legislature, also making her the first openly gay member to hold a legislative leadership position in state history.

The leadership team and incoming legislators are expected to be sworn in during the first week of January at the Ohio Statehouse.

## Tailgate For A Cause

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held. Chili, bread and pop will be offered at one stop...Trinity's kitchen (16400 Detroit). A pint of chili will be \$3. A quart is \$5. A combo meal of chili, bread (your choice, donated by Breadsmith) and pop (your choice) will be \$8.

Six different kinds of chili will be available: Texas chili made by David Connor (infamous pastor & Texan), chocolate chili made by Mary Matthiesen (who could resist this?), vegan chili made by Toni Kulma (a Lutheran evangelist!) and one heaven of a chili made by Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach's cook, John Henry Salt-

ers (best of community meal cooks!) & TLCO's chief dishwashing & recycling volunteer, Richard Barney (with skills!); white chicken chili by Cathy Aldrich, and football feast chili by Kirsten Reading.

"Pop Up Shops" will be offering handmade jewelry & knitted items & autographed baseballs. There will be an auction for a handmade lap quilt. (Tix are \$1 for 1, \$5 for 6, \$10 for 12).

Thrivent Financial is part of this, too. With a \$250 grant, the Thrivent Action Team at Trinity is able to underwrite all the needed items for the "Tailgate for a Cause" chilis. Come on in or call ahead at 216-226-8087.

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# Lakewood Public Library

compiled by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

**Saturday, November 29**

**Lakewood Public Cinema: "A River Runs Through It" (1992)**

**Directed by Robert Redford**

Here's a movie for fathers and sons and the women who love them. In this true story, based on the memoir by Norman Maclean, two brothers grow up in the majesty of the Montana wilderness under the stern watchful eye of their minister father, played by Tom Skerritt. While Norman, played by Craig Sheffer, learns to channel his natural rebellion into writing and a career as a newspaperman, Brad Pitt's Paul is an irresistible daredevil that no one can say no to—whose appetites tend to lead him down a slippery path of self-destruction. The one thing that all three men have in common is a committed love of fly-fishing. No matter what conflicts may arise between them, once they wade into the river, they find peace and calm and that all-important sense of belonging. Director Robert Redford paints an inspiring portrait of the strength of the American family—even as he reminds us that its strengths are not limitless. Bring your dad.

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

## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten At The LPL

by Julie Strunk

To begin your 1000 book journey, register online at <http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth/> or visit the Children's and Youth Services desk at either the Main library or the Madison branch.



Pictured at right: Veronica Allie, 4 1/2 years old, is one of the first ten finishers of the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program at the Lakewood Public Library.

**Sunday, November 30**

**Hands-On Help with eReaders**

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**

**Sunday Nights at the Main Library—Call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127**

**Thursday, December 4**

**Friends Holiday Bags of Books Sale—Members Only Preview**

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Saturday, December 6**

**Friends Holiday Bags of Books Sale**

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 7**

**Sunday with the Friends: Mike and Mary: Songs of the Season**

With Mary rediscovering lovely songs from long forgotten Broadway shows and Mike writing fresh, new arrangements, this likable pair is able to do what they love best and entertain an audience at the same time with their cabaret show. Performing the music of the season with tunes by George and Ira Gershwin, Jule Styne, Rodgers and Hart and more, their show is peppered with stories of the composers, the origins of the music and the artists who originated this art form.

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

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**Tuesday, December 9**

**One-On-One Job Search**

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

**Appointments are available Tuesdays between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.**

**December 9, January 6 and February 3**

**Thursdays between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

**December 11, January 8 and February 5**

## LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

**Sunday, December 7**

**Sensory Story Time**

**For you and your 3-7 year old child**

This story time program can be enjoyed by all children, but it is specifically designed for young children with special needs, autism or those with sensory processing challenges. Registration required.

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Main Library Toddler Story Time Room.

**Lakewood Lego® League**

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

Use LPL's collection of Lego®Bricks and your own imagination to create fabulous new structures and designs each month. No registration, but numbered tickets will be given out first-come, first-served.

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

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

**Family Weekend Wonders**

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

**Main Library Activity Room and Madison Branch Auditorium**

**Weekends With Wee Ones**

**For families with children under 2 years old**

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

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# Lakewood Public Library

## Who Let the Dogs Out In?

by Fran Storch

Lakewood Public Library has! Why, you ask? Because these pups love, love, love when children read to them. We invite beginner readers to join us the second Saturday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for Tail Waggin' Tutors where school-age kids can enjoy reading books to these fabulous four-legged friends. Students can bone up on their reading skills and share a book or two with therapy dogs and their owners that have been certified through Therapy Dogs International.

Tail Waggin' Tutors is specifically designed for children age 7 to 12, but younger readers are welcome when accompanied by an adult. This program is ideal for students who may be self-conscious about reading aloud. Kids practice their reading skills in a relaxed, "dog-friendly" atmosphere. By sitting down next to a dog and reading to the dog, judgments are put aside. The child relaxes, pats the ever attentive dog, and focuses on the reading. Language arts skills improve because the student

is practicing reading, building self-esteem, and associating reading with an enjoyable experience.

No registration is required for this "pup-ular" program. Simply stop by the Main Library Multipurpose Room in Children's and Youth Services on a designated Saturday and select from a collection of dog-themed books chosen by our library staff, or students may

bring their own book to share with one of the cuddly canines. Winter TWT dates include December 13, January 10 and February 14.

Not only is this a great opportunity for children to practice their reading out loud, but it's a chance for the patient pups to practice their listening skills. There are always a few dogs waiting to hear a good story, so drop in for Tail

Waggin' Tutors. On a cold winter day there's nothing better than snuggling up with a favorite, furry friend and enjoying a good book together.

For details about this and other youth literacy programs at Lakewood Public Library, please call 216-226-8275, ext.140. For more information on Therapy Dogs International, visit [www.tdi-dog.org/](http://www.tdi-dog.org/).

## The Friends Holiday Bag Of Books Sale

by Lisa Calfee

Just like that jolly old elf, the Friends of Lakewood Public Library Holiday Bag of Books Sale is on its way, celebrating with Light up Lakewood on Saturday, December 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

What is a Friends Holiday Bag of Books Sale you ask? It is a magical adventure that begins when a Friends volunteer hands you a large paper grocery bag that you fill to the very brim with books, magazines and CDs

for just 3 dollars! And yes, Virginia, The Friends Bag of Books Sale is real!

If you want first dibs on all the goodies a few days earlier, you can join the Friends (memberships can be purchased at the door) and receive entrance to the special, Members-Only Preview Sale on Thursday, December 4 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This sale won't have the bags, but all items are half price.

While some of the books on sale have been retired from the Library's

collection, most items are donated by your friends and neighbors which creates an ever-changing selection of classics, children's books, How To's, romances, self-help books and magazines. This time around there is a bonanza of gorgeous cookbooks and bestselling authors, just in time for the season of gift giving.

Should you fill a lot of paper bags, the Friends have graciously offered to help carry them to your sleigh...or car, whatever the case may be.

Be sure to join the Friends on Saturday, December 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or on Thursday, December 4th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the Members-Only Preview Sale located in the lower level of the Lakewood Public Library Main Branch at 15425 Detroit Road.

## The Gift Of eReading: Download FREE eBooks From The Library

by Andrea Fisher

Tired of giving gifts that will just collect dust? Looking for a holiday gift for the bibliophile in your life? Give the gift that keeps on giving by purchasing a shiny, new eReader! When you give the gift of (insert brand name here), you give your loved ones access to

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Is your bibliophile also a technophobe? Don't worry! Our friendly and knowledgeable staff will demystify the online catalog, apps, downloading and everything you need to know to start eReading on your device. We offer Hands-on Help with eReaders every Thursday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Madison Branch, and Sundays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Main. Call 216-226-8275, ext. 127 to register for a half hour session.



After learning about artist Diego Rivera, participants used markers to create a mural of a city scene with apartment buildings.

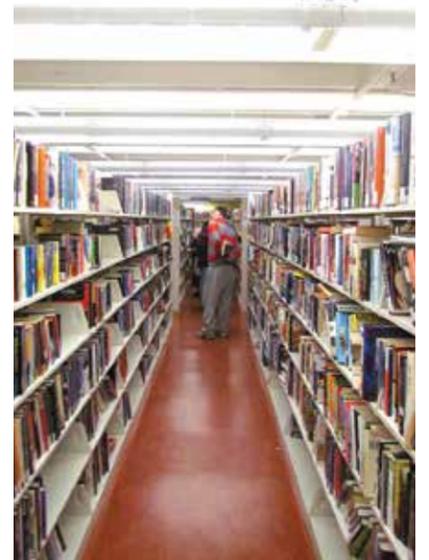
## Art Show Ends Strokes Of Genius

by Marge Foley

The fall session of Strokes of Genius at the Lakewood Public Library came to a close in November 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 motivated by the style of that artist. Artwork created by Pierre Auguste Renoir, Leonardo da Vinci, Frederic Remington, Diego Rivera, Maya Lin, and Jackson Pollock provided the inspiration for the students' creative efforts. Water colors, cut paper, oil

pastels, markers, clay, and tempera paint were some of the mediums used. The Jackson Pollock project involved creating an "action painting" with marbles. The young artists placed a marble in paint and then put it on paper that was contained in a box lid. The box was held and tilted at various angles so the marble could roll and spread its paint. This resulted in beautiful works of art! Each participant took home their creative work, a certificate, and a purple ribbon.

Look for information about our spring session of Strokes of Genius in the Lakewood Public Library's Spring/Summer mailer!



The Friends Holiday Bag of Books Sale will take place on Saturday, December 6th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## Lakewood Schools

# PATTERSON'S PERSPECTIVE

by Jeff Patterson  
Superintendent  
Lakewood City Schools

During this holiday season I wanted to take time and pause to give thanks for all that we have here in the Lakewood City Schools. I am thankful for all of the stakeholders of our excellent schools beginning with our fine staff. From our cleaning staff to our clerical workers, from our food service workers to our teaching staff, from our central office team to our maintenance workers and from our administrators to our Board of Education, I am thankful for the roles they fulfill on a daily basis and all they contribute to the education of our most precious resource, our community's children.

That said, it's all about our students. I am proud, and yes thankful, to live in a community that not only accepts but embraces diversity. Today, our students come from 31 different countries, with 200 identified as refugees and 450 whose families speak something other than English in their homes. In Lakewood, we believe that our public school system represents the very fabric of our democratic society. Our classrooms are the training grounds for our future leaders, where students learn to collaborate, cooperate and get along with others from all walks of life.

I likewise give thanks for the parents of our students. Our community has been identified as one of the most supportive school districts within the State of Ohio. Parents here want something better for their children, as do we all. I give thanks for all of the support our parents give, whether it be assisting with homework or projects, transporting students to functions, providing financial support for construction of our schools and their operations or providing a comfortable home environment to help maximize student learning and achievement.



Lakewood City Schools is a complex operation that could not succeed without our wonderful community. Were you aware that our Board of Education sponsors our own community conversion (charter) school? The Lakewood City Academy is annually one of the higher performing community conversion schools in the State of Ohio. Recently, this program was recognized for exceeding state standards in graduation rate and closing the achievement gap. Over 100 students have now received a diploma from LCA and have moved onto furthering their education, joining the military or entering the workforce.

I am also thankful for the many volunteers that selflessly give of their time and energy to help Lakewood City School students. Project MORE is just one example of our community spirit. In our elementary schools, we currently have 65 citizens volunteering with the Project MORE program who are providing one-on-one reading tutoring with our students.

As we prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday I am proud and thankful for what we have accomplished in the Lakewood City Schools, largely because of our community of stakeholders here. And I believe the best is yet to come.

## Alex Meixner Band In Concert December 3

by Christine Gordillo

On Wednesday, December 3 at 7 p.m., Alex Meixner and his band will take the stage at the Civic Auditorium for a concert featuring his unique style of world fusion music. Meixner is a Grammy-nominated trumpeter, pianist, accordion player, and music producer who blends classical, jazz, pop, and polka styles and has performed with the London Symphony Orchestra.

He has taught workshops to

students throughout North America. During his December 1-3 residency in Lakewood, he will work with Garfield and Harding Middle School music students, mentor their jazz bands, and conduct clinics at Lakewood High School. Lakewood students will have the opportunity to join him on stage as performers during the December 3 concert. Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience music you won't hear anywhere else! Tickets are \$2 adults, \$1 students and seniors.

## Board OKs Bond Refinancing, Project Revisions

by Christine Gordillo

The Board of Education, at its November 17 meeting, approved three measures that will prove financially beneficial to the district. The Board granted permission for the Treasurer's Office to pursue re-financing up to \$39 million of the district's debt, which could result in a savings of \$1.4 million. It also approved two amendments to the construction project agreement with the Ohio School Facilities Commission that will result in an additional \$3 million being available for the third and final phase of the district's Master Facilities Plan.

Regarding the refinancing, with markets currently favorable to refund bond debt, Treasurer Kent Zeman saw an opportunity to restructure the district's current debt, lowering interest payments over time.

"This is a way to generate savings and ultimately cost taxpayers less over the lifetime of the debt," Zeman said.

The construction project

amendments include OSFC granting a LEED waiver for the high school project and removing the demolition of Franklin, McKinley and Taft elementary schools as part of the plan. The total re-allocation resulting from the two amendments is \$3,019,968.

The LEED waiver on the high school is needed because in order to qualify for the Silver level of the green designation, the entire building has to meet the standards. In order to meet those standards, the western half of the high school's existing HVAC system would have to be replaced at a cost that is prohibitive to the district. The new construction will still be built with the most up-to-date energy efficient materials and systems that meet LEED standards.

The removal of the demolition cost of the three elementary schools comes as a result of McKinley being sold to the City of Lakewood and because the future of Franklin and Taft is still to be determined.

## Lakewood Composer Returns To Rocky River Chamber Music Society

by Carol Jacobs

Rocky River Chamber Music Society presents its second biennial children's concert on Sunday afternoon, December 7, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. at West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 20401 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, Ohio. The concert features an original work, A West Side Story, written by west side Cleveland students and featuring music by Lakewood and Los Angeles composer, Max Mueller. The performance will feature Max on the piano along with local musicians Jessica Ryou, violin; Amy Tang, violin; Abby McGreehan, viola; Vicki Hamm, cello; and Kyle Kubovcik, bass.

A West Side Story tells the tale of Geoffrey the teddy bear who must find his way back to Lakewood after being left behind at Great Northern. Follow Geoffrey on his adventures as he travels by air, water, and train to return to his owner's arms. This concert is suitable for all ages 3 and up, and there is no admission charge. Share a delightful afternoon with young family and friends--or come by yourself! For more information visit [www.rrcms.org](http://www.rrcms.org), or call 440-333-4296.

Max Mueller is a Los Angeles based composer, pianist, cellist, and educator who grew up in Lakewood, Ohio where he was a member of the world's first high school rock orchestra, known as The Lakewood Project. Still performing today, this orchestra plays classic rock songs as well as rock versions of classical music pieces.



Lakewood native Max Mueller working on another composition

After moving to Los Angeles in 2007, Max started assisting Academy Award-nominated composer David Newman in the effort to reconstruct older movie scores--such as Out of Africa, How the West Was Won, and Batman--for live performance purposes. In 2011, Max founded Music on the Verge, an organization that designs music opportunities for students to explore the creative side of music through composition and arranging.

Max Mueller first appeared in Rocky River Chamber Music Society's concert series in October 2012 when he conducted "Picture Books in Concert" bringing to life classic children's stories with music composed by himself and performed by local musicians.

## Lakewood Schools

# District Earns Spot On AP Honor Roll

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood City Schools is one of 547 school districts in the U.S. and Canada and one of only 30 in Ohio being honored by the College Board with placement on its 5th Annual AP District Honor Roll for increasing access to AP course work while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP Exams.

Reaching these goals indicates that the district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for the opportunity of AP classes. Since 2012, Lakewood High School has increased the number of students participating in AP while improving the number of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher.

"We are proud of our AP program at Lakewood High School. Our slate of AP classes allows us to offer to those

students who want the challenge the rigor needed to help them realize their full potential," said LHS Principal Keith Ahearn.

Data from 2014 show that among African American, Hispanic, and Native American students with a high degree of readiness for AP, only about half of students are participating. Lakewood City Schools and Lakewood High is committed to expanding the availability of AP courses among prepared and motivated students of all backgrounds.

"The devoted teachers and administrators in this district are delivering an undeniable benefit to their students: opportunity. When coupled with a student's hard work, such opportunities can have myriad outcomes, whether building confidence, learning to craft effective arguments, earning credit for college, or persisting to graduate from college on time," said Trevor Packer, the College Board's senior vice president of

AP and Instruction. "We applaud your conviction that a more diverse population of students is ready for the sort of rigor that will prepare them for success in college."

Helping more students learn at a higher level and earn higher AP scores is an objective of all members of the AP community, from AP teachers to district and school administrators to college professors. Many districts are experimenting with a variety of initiatives and strategies to determine how to simultaneously expand access and improve student performance.

In 2014, more than 3,800 colleges and universities around the world received AP scores for college credit, advanced placement, and/or consideration in the admission process, with many colleges and universities in the United States offering credit in one or more subjects for qualifying AP scores.

Inclusion on the 5th Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on the examination of three years of AP data, from 2012 to 2014, looking across 34 AP Exams. The following criteria were used.

Districts must:

- Increase participation/access to AP by at least 4 percent in large districts, at least 6 percent in medium districts, and at least 11 percent in small districts;

- Increase or maintain the percentage of exams taken by African American, Hispanic/Latino, and American Indian/Alaska Native students; and

- Improve performance levels when comparing the percentage of students in 2014 scoring a 3 or higher to those in 2012, unless the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70 percent of its AP students are scoring a 3 or higher.



## LHS Musicians Participate In Honors Festival

by Christine Gordillo

Five LHS band members and six choir members participated in the Ohio Music Educators Association's Honors Festival for districts 4 and 7, which cover Northeast Ohio. The festival featured two honors band and an honors choir and was held November 15 at Cleveland State.

Members of the honors ensembles are chosen by their directors based on their music ability and merit. Representing LHS were choir members Faith Costello, Anthony DeJesus, Emily Marek, William Solarz, Justice Thomas and Melissa Trnkus. Participating band members were Nathan Bour, Veronica Gordon, Tess Marjanovic, Stephen Moncol and Taylor Wohlfeil.

The students in the festival met for the first time in their ensembles on Friday, November 14 to rehearse for about six hours and then returned on Saturday, November 15 for a performance in Waetjen auditorium on Cleveland State's campus.

Guest conductors are also brought

in for the students to work with during the two days. Congratulations to all the students involved and to Choir Director Peter Hampton and Band Director Clinton Steinbrunner.



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## Sports

# Girls Team Looking For Three-peat

by Mike Deneen

The Ranger Girls team has won the West Shore Conference title in each of the past two seasons under head coach Mike Harper. The team compiled a 19-5 record last year, and has gone 39-9 over the past two seasons. This will be the final year in the West Shore Conference, as Lakewood moves to the Southwest Conference in the 2015-2016 season.

Despite the loss of six seniors from last year's squad, Harper is confident that this year's team can repeat as league champs. "I think this team has a high ceiling and a chance to be really good," says Harper, "our goal every season is to win a conference championship – this year is no different." Among the team's major rivals for the league crown will be Avon, Rocky River, and Elyria Catholic.

This year's team will be an interesting mix of veterans and new faces. Top returners include Madison Clause and Ryann Greenfield. Harper is very high on Clause, who was a first-team all conference selection last year. "I believe that Madison Clause is the best post player in our conference," says Harper. Greenfield, although just a sophomore, is a very talented player that is getting looks from Division I colleges. Another major contributor

is senior Taylor Shaw, who will shift from her "6th Man" role last season to a regular spot in the starting lineup. Other contributing returners include juniors Christin Donahoe and Mallory Shaw, as well as sophomores Christina Kamkutis, Trinity Nall, and Emma Ribar.

New faces include Savanajh Black, a transfer from Olmsted Falls who is a fourth year varsity player. Harper expects her to bring poise and leadership to the team. Another "new" player is one already well known in the program. Senior Mikayla Harper, daughter of Coach Harper, is returning to the team after missing last season with an ACL injury. Harper, a point guard, was a first-team all conference

selection her sophomore year, and brings valuable on-floor leadership to the squad.

In addition to winning the conference, the team hopes to go deeper into the OHSAA tournament this year. Last year they were defeated in the district finals by Wadsworth. "We committed to a tough, road-heavy schedule this year with thoughts of building toward a more successful post-season than last year's district finals." The season opens November 30 at the Stark County HoopFest, where the Rangers will take on local power Stow-Monroe Falls. Their second game is another road test at Berea-Midpark, another top area program. Other non-conference matchups include

Magnificat, Westlake, and a trip to the "Hoopin' in the Heights" tournament at Cleveland Heights.

Due to construction at Lakewood High School, the Rangers will play all of this season's home games at Harding Middle School. The team got good fan support last year, and Harper hopes for even more this year. The smaller gym offers an opportunity for an even better home court advantage. "I'm hoping the smaller venue will make the stands look more packed," says Harper. The Rangers first home game will be December 10 against Avon, quickly followed by a December 12 visit from Rocky River. Both are conference games, and each will be key to determining the league title.

## Midnight Madness Event Kicked Off LHS Basketball Seasons

by Mike Deneen

Lakewood High School held a "Midnight Madness" event on November 14 to launch its boys and girls basketball seasons. The event, held at Harding Middle School, gave Ranger fans their first look at this year's teams. It also provided a "soft launch" for the Rangers new home court, giving both players and fans an opportunity to get familiar with the programs' temporary home. Both teams will play at Harding this season due to construction at Lakewood High School.

There was a three point shooting contest, which was won by Justin McDonald (boys) and Madison Clause (girls). Both teams received their 2014 West Shore Conference Championship trophies, which were presented to their respective head coaches. When asked about the home court advantage at the Harding venue, boys coach Phil Argento said, "I have no idea because I've never seen it when it's filled." He asked the fans in attendance to continue supporting the team. "To make it to where it's a true home court," he said, "we need you to be here and be loud."



A couple photos of "The Runts On Bunts II" getting ready for another great season of Basketball.

The boys team earned the nickname "Runts on Bunts" last season due to its scrappy play and modest height. When asked about this year's team, Argento said they will be, "The Runts on Bunts II." Their first home game at Harding will be on Saturday, December 6 against Glenville. Conference play will begin early this year, with Rocky River coming to Lakewood on December 12, followed by a visit from Avon on December 16. Argento expects the conference race to be tight. "A lot of close games went our way last year," he said. This year is expected to be just as competitive.



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by Paula Reed

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## A Pastor's Thoughts On

by Reverend Sean Templeton

Lakewood is a wonderful place to live year-round, but there is something special about the Fall and Christmas time. Whether walking in the Metroparks or down the multi-colored canopy of one of our charming streets, this is a special time in our city. I moved to Lakewood in 2010 but it has taken me some time to find all that Lakewood has to offer, despite my periodic reading of The Lakewood Observer. For the last several years friends and I went on the Chocolate Walk put on by Lakewood Alive and last year a group of us went Christmas Caroling through the Downtown Detroit Avenue business district.



Lakewood Anglican Christmas caroling at Me

This year, as the Vicar (pastor) of the newly established Lakewood Anglican Church, I have learned a great deal about groups such as the Lakewood Community Service Center. We got involved in their community garden - albeit as latecomers - and we have been blessed by the conversations around the garden in Madison Park and the new relationships we've formed and continue to form as we seek to serve the community in this city.

You can imagine how excited I was to hear that Downtown Lakewood puts on one of the best events of the season with the Light Up Lakewood festival on December 6th, and that Lakewood Anglican could participate as a sponsor. The event got me to thinking theologically (as I am wont to do) about how lights piercing the darkness of the winter solstice and lighting up the streets of Lakewood are a perfect metaphor for

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# Light Up Lakewood

## Light Up Lakewood



Bar and Grilled in 2013

cially difficult at this time of year.

But in the midst of this darkness the lights that we will turn on during Light up Lakewood, and perhaps on our own homes, remind us of what the author of John's Gospel writes, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." The author goes on to identify that light as a person - Jesus the Christ - who came and lived, taught, healed and died. He was rejected by some but, "to all who did receive him [He] gave the right to be children of God." This Jesus is still the light and the hope of the world. He still lives, teaches, heals and brings the light of hope into the darkness of this world and can bring that hope into your hearts and mine.

What more wonderful way is there for Lakewood Anglican to remind people of Jesus as the light than to sing Christmas carols, talk to people and give out hot chocolate at Light Up Lakewood? And what better reminder to us all that we need not wander around in darkness alone? I hope to see you December 6th!

Jesus coming into our world.

Back between 6 - 4 BC Jesus entered a world which was very different from our own. There were no Christmas lights or Black Friday sales. But there certainly was darkness. The darkness of instability, hunger, poverty, confusion, divided families, pain, addiction, hopelessness and despair. Some of those same types of darkness still consume many in Lakewood, and it can be espe-

### Friday, Dec. 5

**Candy Cane Lane**  
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 6:00PM-8:00PM  
[UptownLakewood.com](http://UptownLakewood.com)

### Sunday, Dec. 7

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## Saturday, December 6

### Breakfast with Santa

**QUAKER STEAK & LUBE**  
 8:45AM & 10:15AM  
**Presale Only**, Sign up at [LightUpLakewood.com](http://LightUpLakewood.com)

### Vendor Village

**MASONIC TEMPLE**  
 4:00PM — 8:00PM  
**Indoor Holiday Shopping**  
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### Holiday Parade

**ALONG DETROIT AVENUE**  
 Parade on Detroit Avenue begins at 5:00PM, from Parkhaven Row to Arthur.

### Lunch with Santa

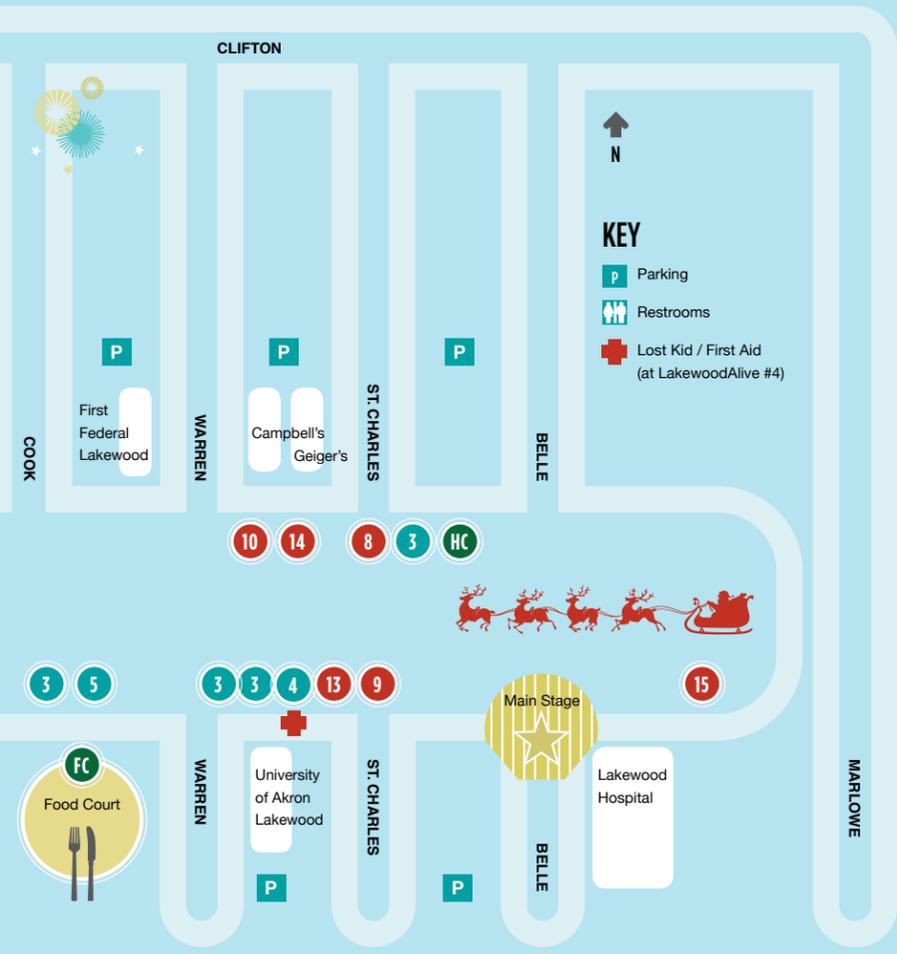
**DEWEY'S PIZZA**  
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### Street Attractions

**ARTHUR TO MARLOWE**  
 4:00PM — 8:00PM  
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 See map on pages 4-5 for details.

### Lighting & Fireworks

**MAIN STAGE**  
 Lighting ceremony at Main Stage at 6:30PM. Fireworks show to follow.



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Parade on Detroit Avenue begins at 5:00PM, from Parkhaven Row to Arthur.

Lighting ceremony at Main Stage at 6:30PM. Fireworks show to follow.

Motorized traffic on Detroit is closed between Arthur and Marlowe, starting at 3:00PM.

- AM LAKEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY**
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- PM**
- 4:00 Vocalist Peach Martine, until 5:00PM (Front Porch)
  - 5:30 Beck Center for the Arts Music Makers, also at 6:35PM, 7:15PM (Children's Section-Central)
  - 5:30 Santa Visits with Photos, until 8:30PM (Bring Your Camera)
  - 6:00 Stringin' Along Middle School Strings, until 6:30PM (Children's Section-South)
  - 6:00 Four Seasons, until 6:30PM (Upper Level Quiet Room/Upper Room)
  - 6:00 The Magic Man, Keith Heidenreich, until 6:30PM (Multipurpose Room)
  - 6:00 Blazing River Freedom Band, until 7:30PM (Front Porch)
  - 6:00 Holiday Classic Movies, until 8:00PM (Lower Auditorium)
  - 6:00 Holiday Crafts & Activities, until 8:30PM (Multipurpose Room)
  - 6:30 Elsa and Anna, until 7:00PM (Multipurpose Room)
  - 6:30 Yuletide Ukes, until 7:00PM (Upper Level Quiet Room/Upper Room)
  - 6:30 H2O's "Twigbee-Style" Shop, until 8:00PM (Homework Room)
  - 6:30 Story Time - every 30 min, until 8:30PM (Toddler Room)
  - 7:00 LHS Chamber Choir, until 7:30PM (Atrium)

- AM LAKEWOOD HOSPITAL 3RD FLOOR ATRIUM**
- 11:30 Lincoln Elementary Singers, until 11:50AM
- PM**
- 12:00 Harding Treble Too, until 12:20PM
  - 12:25 Horace Mann Elementary Singers, until 12:45PM
  - 12:50 Dance Lakewood, until 1:10PM
  - 1:15 Harding Singers, until 1:35PM
  - 1:40 Roosevelt Elementary Singers, until 2:00PM
  - 2:05 Garfield Music Crew, until 2:25PM
  - 2:30 LHS Chamber Choir/Chamber Orchestra, until 2:50PM
- PM MAIN STAGE**
- 4:00 Lakewood City School District Middle School Jazz Band, until 4:25PM
  - 4:30 Yuletide Ukes, until 5:00PM
  - 5:00 Parade, until 6:00PM
  - 6:00 Revolution Pie, until 6:30PM
  - 6:30 Lighting Ceremony, until 6:50PM
  - 6:50 Fireworks, until 7:00PM
  - 7:00 Revolution Pie, until 8:00PM

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## Lakewood Is Art

# Believe In The Magic Of Mary Poppins This Holiday Season At Beck Center

by Pat Miller

Beck Center for the Arts presents Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's "Mary Poppins," December 5, 2014 through January 4, 2015 on the Mackey Main Stage. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Please note early curtain times. A special performance will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 18. Two performances (2:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.) will be held on Saturdays, December 13, 27 and January 3. A matinee-only will be held on Saturday, December 20. Tickets are on sale now.

Based on the books by P.L. Travers and the classic Walt Disney film, "Mary Poppins" delighted Broadway audiences for over 2,500 performances and received nominations for nine

Olivier Awards and seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Filled with timeless songs such as "Feed the Birds", "Jolly Holiday", "Step in Time" and the Academy Award-winning "Chim-Chim Cher-ee", Mary Poppins has captivated audiences for generations with its enchanting story, unforgettable songs and dazzling dance numbers.

Audiences are introduced to the troubled Banks family, where young Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Mary Poppins takes the children on magical and memorable adventures, but Jane and Michael aren't the only ones she has a profound effect upon. "This timeless classic makes us all nostalgic for childhood, but goes deeper than

you might expect," said Director Scott Plate. Using a combination of magic and common sense, even grown-ups can learn a lesson or two from the nanny who advises that "anything can happen if you let it."

Under the musical direction of Larry Goodpaster and choreographed by Martín Céspedes, the cast of 26 features Rebecca Pitcher as Mary Poppins with Curt Arnold and Katherine DeBoer as Mr. and Mrs. Banks. Rebecca Pitcher, a Northeast Ohio native, is best known for her role as Christine Daaé in Broadway's "The Phantom of the Opera" and recently appeared in Beck Center's critically-acclaimed production of "She Loves Me." Pitcher and DeBoer appear courtesy of the Actors' Equity Association.

Tickets for Mary Poppins are \$29 for adults, \$26 for seniors (65 and older), \$12 for students (with valid I.D.), and \$10 for children (12 and under). An additional \$3 service fee per ticket is applied at the time of purchase. Preview Night on Thursday, December 4 is \$10 with general admission seating. Group discounts (4 or more) are available. Purchase tickets online at [beckcenter.org](http://beckcenter.org) or call Customer Service at 216.521.2540 x10. Beck



Featuring Rebecca Pitcher as Mary Poppins. Pitcher previously starred as Christine Daaé on Broadway in "The Phantom of the Opera."

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Patty Giermann

Dr. H. Leslie Adams, nationally renowned and honored composer, educator and performer, will present a special "sounds of the "Christmas Musical Reflections" concert at 5 p.m. on December 7th at Grace Presbyterian Church in Lakewood.

Known to musicians throughout the world, Dr. Adams has performed with the Cleveland Orchestra, the Detroit Symphony and the Prague Radio Symphony among many other ensembles, and served as accompanist at the studios of Ballet Russe, Robert Jooffrey, and June Taylor, in New York City. Dr. Adams is also one of America's most gifted composers, in symphony, cantata, ballet, chamber music, art song and opera. His works have been performed by the Cleveland Orchestra, the Ohio Chamber Orchestra, the Indianapolis Symphony and the National Symphony of Iceland, to name just a few of the noted ensembles that have performed his works.

Dr. Adams' latest work, Piano Etudes, premiered November 1st, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Critically acclaimed, the Etudes have been released on two CDs, available at Amazon.com. The CDs will also be available for sale at the December 7th concert.

A native Clevelander, Dr. Adams attended Cleveland Public Schools, and went on to earn music degrees at Oberlin Conservatory of Music and Cal State/Long Beach, and a PhD in music composition from Ohio State University.

In his long career in music, Dr Adams has taught at Florida A&M University and The University of Kansas, and served as composer-in-residence at Karamu House and The Cleveland Music School Settlement. He is currently in his 18th year as music and choir director at Grace Presbyterian in Lakewood.

The concert on December 7th

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## Tips To Prevent The Spreading Of Cold And Flu From The Nurses At O'Neil Healthcare Lakewood

by Sarah Pechaitis

With the holidays upon us there will be plenty of dinners and celebrations. These come with many greetings of handshakes, hugs and embraces. The exchange of love and friendship combined with the stress of the holiday rush can quickly spread cold and flu germs.

It is an exciting time of year but we need to be sure to take some extra precautions from spreading disease

to our loved ones, especially for those who are 65 and older, pregnant or have chronic health conditions. Use these preventative tips to have a happy and healthy holiday season:

**Get a flu shot:** It is quick and easy to get the flu shot. Call your primary care physician or go to a local drug store about getting the vaccines. They now have nasal mists for those who might be nervous about a shot, and no the flu shot will not give you the flu!

**Wash your hands often:** Suds up with warm water and soap, scrub for at least 20 seconds to effectively kill bacteria and germs – approximately the time it takes to sing Happy Birthday or change it up with a holiday classic like Jingle Bells!

**Use hand sanitizers with 60% alcohol:** Washing your hands with soap and water is most effective but when out shopping and places where it is more convenient an alcohol-based sanitizer can reduce the number of germs on your hands. Small hand sanitizers make a great holiday gift as well!

**Boost your vitamin C intake:** Studies show that vitamin C has been found to help strengthen the immune system. At family gatherings, dinners and parties be sure to load your plate up with vitamin C rich foods, these



Unit Managers Sarah Walters and Tracey Renner with Director of Nursing Amanda Keaton, RN

flu fighters can be found in oranges, red peppers, strawberries, broccoli, brussel sprouts and tomatoes among others. You can also take vitamin C supplements. As always before taking any supplement you should ask your doctor to be sure it will not interfere with current medications.

**Get some sleep:** Additional ZZZ's can help in preventing flu and colds. It is easy to get caught up in the holiday hoopla and forget to

rest. Allow for dreams of sugar plum fairies.

**Cover your cough and sneeze:** when you do have to cough or sneeze, please cover your mouth with a tissue, if you do not have a tissue cough or sneeze into the upper sleeve of your arm. Avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands.

If you are not feeling well it is ok to take a step back and get rest. Your presence is always a gift, but please stay home and keep your germs to yourself!

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# Lakewood Cares

## FLDP Welcomes Santa Paws

by Karen Karp

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Paws and he is coming to town. He will pose for portraits with all his animal friends and their humans on Sunday, December 14, 2014. He and his crew will be at Pet's General Store, 16821 Madison Ave., Lakewood, OH from 1 to 4 p.m. for the annual holiday meet and greet. The fundraising event is organized by Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park, Inc. and hosted by our friends at Pet's General Store.

During a videotaped interview with Rudy R., North Pole's Director of Logistics, he cautioned that there have been several changes for 2014. It is no longer necessary to make an appointment to see Santa Paws. Rudy - who, it must be noted, has a very shiny nose - explained that pets and humans can drop in anytime between 1:00 and 4:00 pm to pose with the jolly old guy. I had hoped to include a link to the vid-

eotape, but it has inexplicably become unavailable.

Also new this year, photography will be provided by Portraits by Martha. Martha is an experienced pet photographer and Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park, Inc. is excited to be working with her. For a \$10 donation, participants will receive a souvenir photo of their visit with Santa Paws. Additional photos and photo packages will be available from Pictures by Martha.

A portion of all sales will be donated to Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park (FLDP). "Photos with Santa Paws" is a fundraiser for FLDP.

FLDP is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt organization that partners with the City of Lakewood to care for the park. The group holds fundraisers throughout the year to pay for park amenities and to fund dog park improvements.



photo by Portraits By Martha

Two very good pups on their best behavior for Santa Paws!

## Westshore Young Leaders Hosts 5th Annual Leadership Training

by Noreen Kyle

A record number of middle and high school students and staff from Bay Village, Fairview Park, Lakewood, North Olmsted and Rocky River braved the cold and snow to participate in the Annual Westshore Young Leaders Training held at the Don Umerley Civic Center in Rocky River on Friday, November 21, 2014. Over the past five years, the training has been able to reach out to close to 400 students in the Westshore District.

The Westshore Young Leaders Network partnered with McKeon Education Group to facilitate the invigorating day of interactive training. "If your actions inspire others to dream more and do more, you are a leader." (John Quincy Adams) Stand by your quote was an excellent activity for students to examine the leadership styles of others and take a moment to reflect on its meaning and purpose in their leadership roles.

Are you a problem solver, are you a visionary or are you better at

crisis management? Students rated themselves on the different roles a leader can acquire within a group. Helping students learn their strengths and weaknesses will align their comfort level and abilities as part of the team.

Teambuilding activities broke the middle and high school students into groups for the afternoon session. Middle school students used teamwork to build towers out of marshmallows and spaghetti. While the high school students participated in activities to foster their role as mentors in the leadership growth process.

The Westshore Young Leaders Network is open to all middle and high school students in the six Western Communities (Bay Village, Fairview Park, Lakewood, North Olmsted, Rocky River and Westlake). Join us for an "Ugly Sweater Contest" and holiday party on Thursday, December 18, 2014 from 6 - 8 pm at the Bay Village Police Department. For more information contact: Noreen Kyle, School Prevention Specialist at (440)250-9916.

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# Business News

At Chamber Luncheon Sponsored By First Federal Lakewood

## Mayor Summers Accepts “Best Hometown” Award

by Valerie Mechenbier

“Being unique is interesting. Being unique and BEST is a knockout punch.”  
 – Lakewood Mayor Mike Summers, upon accepting Ohio Magazine’s Best Hometown designation at the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce November luncheon meeting at Vosh, sponsored by First Federal Lakewood.

Members of Lakewood’s business, government, and nonprofit communities gathered at Vosh on Friday, November 21st to witness Ohio Magazine’s Jim Vickers present the “Best Hometown” Award to Mayor Mike Summers. Mr. Vickers outlined the criteria used in selecting the five Ohio cities that won the award in 2014. Lakewood, a more ‘urban’ designee, stood out to Ohio Magazine editors because of the city’s sense of history, beautiful homes, focus on the importance of education, warm & welcoming nature, and sense of community pride.

Following Mayor Summers’ acceptance of the award, Chamber Economic Development Task Force Vice Chair Bill Craighead of Cleveland Home Title moderated a panel discussion centered on Lakewood’s award-winning ways and how to keep the momentum going for the next twenty-five years. Panelists Jim Vickers



(Editor, Ohio Magazine), Ian Andrews (Executive Director, LakewoodAlive), Jeff Patterson (Superintendent, Lakewood City Schools), Cindy Einhouse (President, Beck Center for the Arts) and Mayor Summers addressed questions on topics such as the role of city government in winning recent awards, the role of housing as it pertains to economic development, and the economic and quality-of-life impact of new school facilities and a strong local arts institution. Lakewood continues to gain recognition regionally and statewide as an attractive community in which to live, work, learn, play, and do business, and has become “an example of what can happen when everything’s working right,” according to Mr. Vickers.

Ohio Magazine also recognized Lakewood as a city that has become very attractive to younger people. Walkability and bikeability are highly desirable characteristics in the eyes of these residents, but so too are

opportunities to get involved and make change at the community level. The passion and spirit of dedicated residents working together make it apparent to all who are watching that Lakewood is truly special, or as Ian Andrews remarked, “You don’t have to be an urban planner to know that great things are happening here.”

Mayor Summers concluded the discussion by stating that if Lakewood continues to focus and improve in the six areas outlined in the city’s recent Lakewood Community Vision update (commercial development & redevelopment, housing, safety, mobility & connectivity, education & culture, and community wellness), the city will be well-positioned to continue its award-winning ways well into the future.

### Chamber Spotlight: LHS Student Intern Aron Doi

by Aron Doi

Hi, my name is Aron Doi. I am a senior at Lakewood High School and I am an intern at the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce. Sports are a big part of my life—I love all of the Cleveland sports teams and I play baseball at the High School. I am also a member of the Ski Club.

I am involved in the West Shore Career-Tech Business Management program and I plan on attending an in-state college to study in the field of Business after graduation. I am thrilled to be a part of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and very



interested in learning more about what this organization is all about.

### Upcoming Chamber Events

**Through December 8th**  
**Holiday Bid & Buy Online Auction**

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**Thursday, December 11th**  
**Lakewood Chamber Holiday Party**  
**Around The Corner (Warehouse Room), 6-8p.m.**

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### NCH Joins In #NationalGiving Tuesday

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# Business News

## Beau Monde Vintage Brings Nostalgia To Lakewood



A look inside the storefront of Beau Monde Vintage on Detroit.

by Heather Petrey

Nestled in an aged building in the heart of the Detroit Avenue neighborhood of Lakewood, sits Beau Monde Vintage - a vintage shop that is rich in nostalgia. Michelle Miller, a vintage conisseur from a young age, recently opened it August 1st of this year and is

absolutely thrilled in her new venture of bringing her vision of style and top quality recycled clothing to the city of Lakewood and the surrounding communities. Miller recalls having that knack for vintage since she was little, having bought several pretty vintage dresses from her local church thrift shop.

## Everyone Needs A Little RHYTHM & GRACE

by Cree Criado

Uptown Lakewood is now home to Lakewood's first ever Ballroom and Latin Dance Studio!

Rhythm & Grace Ballroom Dance Studio, opened by my husband Angel and myself, is located at 15027 Madison Avenue in Uptown Lakewood Ohio and has already been grabbing the attention of the people that walk past the beautiful glass front windows! One can look inside and see beautiful dresses, trophies, and of course, people gliding across the floor learning to dance!

Angel and I have over 30 years of combined dance experience and are certified dance teachers. Angel himself is certified in 6 different syllabi from American to International, Rhythm, Latin, Smooth, and Standard. Angel has produced many champion students and has many titles himself, including Rising Star Champion in 1993. I hold FADS Ohio placements from 2009 and while Angel and I have partnered in

the past years, we often placed in many different styles. I have since retired from the professional dance world to raise our daughter, Nilsa Malena (born May 2014) and I continue to partner with Angel as an amateur.

Angel has always wanted to own his own dance studio and is excited to be able to do so here, in Uptown Lakewood! With such a passion for dance, he is sure to share it with you from the minute you walk thru the doors until you dance out! "Regardless if a student is a beginner or an advanced level student, they still deserve quality instruction and, always, respect," says Angel. And that is exactly what you get at Rhythm and Grace Ballroom Dance Studio. If you have ever wanted to learn how to cha cha cha, waltz, salsa, tango, foxtrot, swing or simply think you can't dance then let Angel put a little Rhythm and Grace into your life!

Stop in and ask about the current specials and get dancing today!

Her collection has since grown and now she has the sweetest shop, full of curated and affordable one-of-a-kind clothing and accessories from the 1970s and before. The shop is divided into two large rooms, with a hall joining them. The rooms are neatly categorized (ie. swimwear, plus size, sweaters, etc) and each rack is easy to breeze through. The hall houses the dressing rooms, tastefully done with pink, girly accents and merchandise. Looking for a wedding dress? Or maybe something for the curvy gal? Or how about the gal who just LOVES color and prints? Beau Monde Vintage has it!

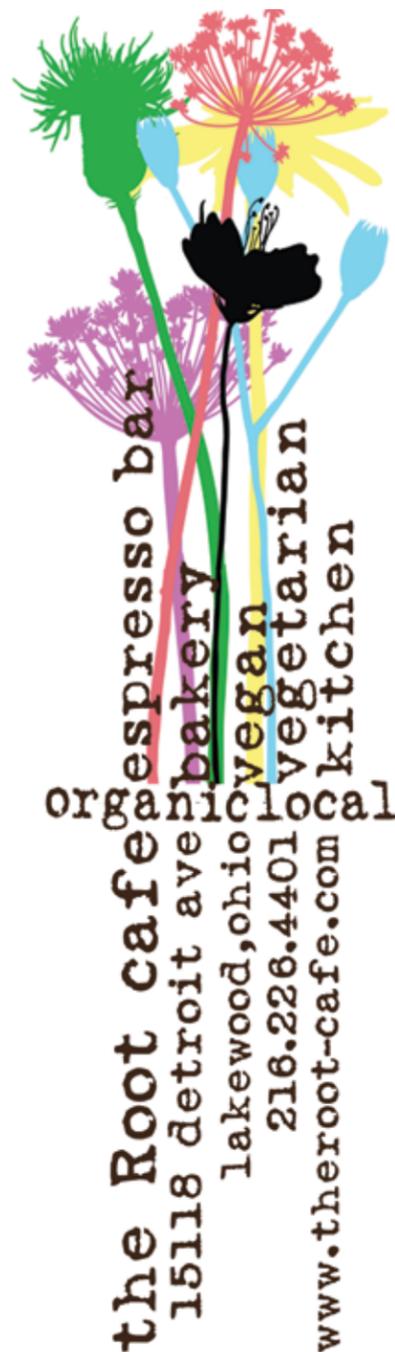
It's easy to just take an hour or all day, just browsing the racks and putting outfits together. Don't forget an over-the-top hat, beaded handbag and crazy heels to complete the outfit. Jewelry? Take your pick. The cases are chock full of vintage rhinestones and enamel brooches. I especially enjoyed checking out the quirky retro knick-knacks. Anything from vintage Pyrex to a flower clock or a mid-century marbled ash tray to tastefully decorate the coffee table, can be found at the shop.

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## Wellness

# Keeping Lakewood Alive: Busting The Myth Of Addiction In Seniors

by Georganne Vartorella, M.D.

We're regularly fed a steady diet of senior citizen stereotypes. Myths about addiction are especially tough to swallow. When Uncle Harry faceplants in the bowl of Thanksgiving stuffing, his drinking is dismissed as one of the few pleasures he has left. Granny's perceived as adorable in her terry track suit gulping down sherry on her front porch

rocker. The retired CEO is defended as earning the right to slam back multiple martinis before noon. The reality is addictions destroy a senior's quality of life, strain a healthcare system already at the breaking point and wreak havoc on families burdened with their care. Substance abuse in older Americans can aggravate and even cause chronic diseases including diabetes, hyperten-

sion, dementia, osteoporosis and mood disorders such as anxiety and depression. The risk and consequences of falling increases. In 2012 the National Institute of Health reported hospital admissions for seniors were mostly linked to overdoses from pain medication and withdrawal from other addictive substances.

In 2013 fifty-five million opioid prescriptions were written for seniors. According to the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information 17% of Americans over sixty are addicted to prescription drugs, particularly opioids (vicodin, oxycontin) and benzodiazepines (valium, xanax, restoril). The Betty Ford Center reported in 2011 that three million seniors were addicted to alcohol or prescription drugs. They predicted that number to triple by 2020. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration has estimated 4.3 million older adults used illicit drugs in the last year. Many seniors are even "Breaking Bad" and setting up their own crystal methamphetamine labs.

Gambling, one of the most sanctioned of senior addictions, is often organized by senior centers and assisted living communities. From betting on bingo to unloading a busload of silver sneakers at casinos, gambling is encouraged to fill daily monotony

and provide one of the few stimulating social outlets with all the bells, whistles and colored lights. Retirement portfolios are wiped out. Homes, cars and social security checks are handed over. Families are left to pick up the pieces for their parent or grandparent who has run out of time to work and save it all up again.

The good news is seniors respond well to treatment, especially in programs that offer social support, nutrition plans and aftercare for those who live alone. Seniors should be encouraged to come forward without fear of shame or blame. Families and healthcare providers need to address the problem and recognize the signs of addiction. Doctors must be held accountable for over-prescribing and inappropriately prescribing drugs such as opioids and benzodiazepines. Our lawmakers should require every pharmacy to implement drug monitoring programs. It's time to bust the myth and begin the dialogue.

*Georganne Vartorella, M.D., the founder and CEO of POSITIVELY SENIOR (www.positivelysenior.org), is an advocate for seniors, freelance writer and board certified physician. Dr. Vartorella had a successful private practice of Internal Medicine in Lakewood.*

## Kaki's Learning Solutions Offers Uniquely Tailored Tutoring Sessions For Lakewood Youth

by Kaki Mitchell

I am a relatively new resident in Lakewood, and am in the midst of expanding my educational tutoring and consulting business, "Kaki's Learning Solutions," throughout Lakewood and the North coast area. I moved to Lakewood one year ago as I was attracted to the city's cultural diversity, and dynamic business and arts climate. After 33 years of teaching in public education, I have had an extensive background in special and general education. I have been involved in the creation of numerous innovative educational programs throughout my career.

Kaki's Learning Solutions offers K-12 students individualized tutoring sessions. The focus of these sessions is on the students' educational, social, behavioral, sensory and/or self-advocacy needs in order to help them maximize their learning potentials. All tutoring sessions are tailored to the uniqueness of each student and instruction is designed to complement strengths while building bridges where gaps once were. Old patterns need to be broken, new patterns need to be learned, and students need to be empowered to have their unique 'learning voices' heard.



*Kaki Mitchell with therapy dogs Misty and Allie. They provide pet-supported educational, emotional, social, communication and behavioral therapies at Kaki's Learning Solutions.*

Historically, Kaki's Learning Solutions was an outgrowth of my "Pets Are Teachers, Too" Program. This innovative program utilized my therapeutically-trained Labrador dogs with special education students within the instructional setting in the Berea City School District. The involvement of my highly sensitive Labradors resulted in enhanced student learning (e.g., increased communicative and social skills, more calmness while learning, better school attendance and grades). Consequently, I offer parents and their children the presence of my therapy Labs (Misty and Allie) during individual tutoring sessions. My Labs can be an intrinsic part in calming, nurturing and reinforcing students as they learn to understand how their brains work, their strengths, weaknesses, and why they process information the way they do.

Many students do not respond to a "canned-type" of instructional program. Once students understand how their brains process information, complementary strategies and interventions can be introduced and reinforced. My trained dogs inspire students, improve self-esteem and encourage them to be successful.

In addition to tutoring, I specialize in being an innovative educational resource person who consults with school districts, counseling agencies and educational/mental health organizations. I can be contacted by phone at 440-503-6739 or via email at kakilearning@gmail.com.

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## Opinion

# Snow Way To Pay For Parking Space

by Colin Dussault

I am all about the improvements made to the city. Who am I to complain about progress? I mean, as a lifelong resident I should rejoice at the single lanes of traffic backed up for blocks as you attempt to travel east and west down Detroit Avenue. I should applaud the broken up and missing bricks along the curbs instead of concrete. I should be happy that two lanes on Clifton Avenue have been taken away so that buses have a quicker and private route. And I suppose I should give in and embrace the sensory and scenic overload created by all of the new signs along our roadways that direct us and alert us to all of the progress occurring in our fair city.

But I think I have to draw the line at the new numbered parking spaces and pay kiosks located behind Geigers and other other Detroit Avenue shops. Today, my 7-year-old daughter and I parked our car in one of these spots during a snow storm. I sat in the car for a moment and asked myself out loud, "How do we pay for our spots when we cannot see the space numbers? The numbers are on the ground and the ground is covered by the snow." My 7-year-old daughter heard me ask this and then she thought about it for a moment before very astutely observing: "That makes no sense, Dad! How can you read the number if it is covered up? That's just dumb!" I agreed with her 7-year-old logic. That is indeed just dumb.

I did not want to incur a ticket from the City of Lakewood's Colorado-based ticket center so I actually made an attempt to scrape the snow off of the ground. I stood in the cold with the blowing snow, and froze as my child and I both scraped snow off the back of our parking spot with our feet behind our car. She and I made an ardent attempt to uncover our magic



Apparently they expect you to "remember space number" from the summer!

number that alerts us to what space to pay for. Neither my child nor I succeeded in our endeavors and after a few minutes abandoned our treasure hunt. My daughter said to me, "This is stupid Dad and I am hungry." I said, "You are absolutely correct, it is stupid and it's not our job to clear off pavement to locate numbers in the snow." With that we abandoned our search and went into The Place To Be Restaurant to enjoy our breakfast. I even mentioned all of this to our waitress who echoed my sentiments by saying, "It's their problem, not ours." With that we ordered breakfast.

After breakfast we ventured back out into the snow and I looked at the windshield of our parked car. Through the snow I was pleased to see no ticket on my car. As we pulled out and crossed into the adjacent parking lot I spotted a meter maid getting out of her car. I pulled up behind her, stopped, rolled my window down and said, "Excuse me, I have a question for you. How are we supposed to pay for parking spots when we cannot see the numbers of

the spaces due to the snow?" She rolled her eyes, took a deep breath and then responded, "They were supposed to put up posts with the space numbers on them, but they have not done it yet. You should get out of your car and scrape the snow off of the ground. The numbers are on the back of the spaces." I said, "You have to be kidding me. I just stood out in the snow, freezing for five minutes looking for my number with no success. You guys are out of your minds if you think it is incumbent upon me or any other driver to stand out in the snow and remove snow from the pavement in an effort to locate a magic number so we can pay for the privilege to park!"

Is this what the elderly are expected to do? Is this really what we are all supposed to do as a result of poor planning and no follow-through on the city's behalf? As if those little "Parking Patrol" vehicles are not annoying enough!

I don't know who is responsible for all of these improvements but I am inclined to think that they should

spend some more time scraping all of the "snow" off of their ideas so as to determine what the long term and perhaps unforeseeable consequences and results of their improvements might be.

Perhaps if they did this they would see that Detroit Avenue is an undrivable gridlock parking lot with unused lanes. They would notice bricks popping up all around the city that are unsightly and dangerous. They'd see copious signs that are too numerous to read and are not aesthetically pleasing. They would notice bike lanes and bus lanes that have reduced the lanes that are usable by cars. And if they take the time to get out of their cars to scrape the snow off of the blacktop they will see that drivers cannot pay to park because they cannot see the space numbers that their cars occupy during snowy days.

Progress huh?!



Could not find number on ground despite swiping snow away with boots.

## O'Neill facilities rebrand as O'Neill Healthcare



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## O'Neill Healthcare

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## Lakewood Living

# LakewoodAlive Housing Program Wins CrowdRise Challenge

by Ian Andrews

On Wednesday, October 12, Enterprise Community Partners announced that LakewoodAlive was the recipient of their "Nurture an Idea" CrowdRise Challenge, earning the organization \$10,000 in addition to a successful crowd sourcing campaign that raised nearly \$5,200. Nurture an Idea is a program that seeks to support non-profit organizations in their pursuit of improving their community.

LakewoodAlive and four other community development corporations in Cleveland were challenged to raise funds to support their big idea. The organization that raised the most would win an extra \$10,000. Through the support of 91 individuals, LakewoodAlive successfully completed the challenge in support of our Housing Outreach Program's 2015 Community Engagement Program's neighborhood initiatives.

The Community Engagement Program is aimed at assisting those residents and neighborhoods who are most in need of assistance. We will have a Community Engager working in the Birdtown and Scenic Park

neighborhoods engaging residents, coordinating community events like financial literacy and home repair workshops, volunteer projects, community "pot-luck" style meals and resource fairs so that community members are able to re-engage with one another as well as bringing necessary programming into these neighborhoods to reinvigorate community pride.

The LakewoodAlive Housing Outreach Program has been working with residents across the community to help them with their home maintenance needs. This has been done through our contractor evaluations, housing educational series, one-on-one consultations, PaintLakewood program, volunteer outreach, etc. We've worked with homeowners to deal with their home repair needs which have generated significant economic improvements across the community.

Would you like to support LakewoodAlive's efforts in the community? We welcome donations of \$10, \$100 or \$1,000. Donate online at lakewoodalive.com, mail a donation to 14701 Detroit Avenue,

#LL10, Lakewood, OH 44107 or call 216-541-0655 to learn more. All donations are tax deductible.

We thank Enterprise Community Partners and their sponsor, Ohio Savings Bank, for inviting use to participate in this program and for their financial support.

Thank you to all who supported

LakewoodAlive through the Challenge. We had a fun time with our inner-office competition and Housing Outreach Director Allison Urbanek is looking forward to a clean and tidy office courtesy of Executive Director Ian Andrews. The two staffers competed to see who could raise more funds.

## Coffee With The Subconscious...

# 'Chance' Encounter...

by Betty Rozakis

Ella, my Golden Doodle, and I love our outings to Blackbird Baking Company. I'm not much for routines, but this picnic ritual has sprung some soulful moments.

It was a cool summer morning when I met Esther. There was something about her graceful movement as she glided into the bike stand. She wore a Chanel type hat with jeans...

I couldn't help but exclaim: 'Love your hat!' After a few greetings, Esther joined us at our table.

Esther was a female drummer who knew Manaus in the Amazon. A place I had never heard of until she mentioned that she lived for a while in Brazil. My son recently returned from the World Cup. She was curious to find out where he saw the soccer games. His text confirmed Manaus.

She learned that I was a graphologist/writer. Esther commented that she had boxes of handwritten letters and cards stationed at her mother's home. We exchanged contact information. I knew I would see her again...

After about a week I received Esther's text. She was still in town and wanted to purchase a copy of my book. I brought along my sketchbook to our coffee rendezvous. Esther welcomed the opportunity to write and do a tree drawing.

A person's handwriting is a conscious rendition of their subconscious need.

What happened to Esther's spontaneous grace?! Over the years I've seen sooooo many sensitive souls unaware

of their innate Beauty. They mistakenly believe that they have to do something or act a certain way in order to be accepted and loved by those they care about.

I sensed her need to progress at her own pace. A smile of comfort filled her face as she placed my book, "Coffee with the Subconscious," in her bag. We hugged in anticipation of our next encounter.

The leaves began to change color when I next heard from Esther. Esther offered a Blackbird treat to Ella when we arrived. We discussed elements of my book. She shared that she had learned how to examine her internal thoughts and feelings because of the way it was written.

Her bag contained a couple of handwritten letters she wanted me to analyze. They were from her mother.

Esther was focused on wanting to help her mother. Unlike Esther's handwriting, her mother was at ease in how she conducted her life. There was no discrepancy between how she felt and acted. Esther mentioned that her mother wanted to spend time with her, something she had difficulty understanding until now. A lightness of heart filled Esther's being... Sunshine. Esther noticed a couple of tears that I couldn't contain. I commented that my mother passed away before last Christmas. Ours had been a complicated relationship that I struggled to resolve. A text followed later that evening...

'Thanks for your support and wisdom... spending a nice evening with my mom... pretty sweet. Esther'

Life's about relationships... helping resolve the unresolved.

Take care, B.

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Don't miss this chance to ring in the holiday season, and to hear, meet and greet a truly great musician!

## Lakewood Living

# Lakewood Real Estate On Pace For Another Solid Year

by Chris Bergin

October stats from the local Multiple Listing Service (MLS) serving our 15-County area were just released. The real estate recovery for Single Family Homes continues at a modest pace. October sales were up over last year by 3.4%, but remain down year to date by about 1.2%. The October Average Sales Price was down nearly 3% over last October, but remains up 2% year to date over last year. Market time remains unchanged for the area, remaining steady at 91 days.

Lakewood continues to outpace

much of the area. Currently, the sale of Single Family Homes is on pace to increase by 5% over last year, with projected sales of 458 units, or more. Last year sales totaled 436 units, and in 2012 it was 395. Not a bad recovery from the low in 2010, with only 323 sales.

Most impressively, however, is that the Median Sales Price is holding steady at \$129,500 through November 18th. The MSP last year was \$122,500 and in 2012 it was \$108,000.

Perhaps the most interesting fact, however, is that this recovery is taking

root while inventory is at historically low levels. New listings through November 18th totaled 507 homes. In 2009, there were a total of 667 listings (unique addresses) on the market! Last year there were 539 new listings on the market. Inventory peaked in April 2010 when there were 333 single family homes actively for sale. As of November 18th, there are only 123! If we adjust for the number of "contingent" properties the adjusted number actually drops to 102 active homes for sale!

So what's behind the recovery? Part is due to simple supply and demand. Inventory remains low, and buyers are in the market. Homes, in great condition and priced appropriately, are selling quickly and for near or over list price. Low interest rates are another factor. Rising rental rates are causing potential buyers to pause and compare the cost

of purchasing versus renting. While it is not always the best option for everyone, many potential renters are going the purchasing route as a better economic option. Of course another factor is the "it" factor. Let's face it, Lakewood is proving year after year that it is THE preferred place to call "home," especially for the first time buyer.

There is still some time left in the 2014 selling season. My prediction is that Lakewood will continue to remain hot as we watch the temperatures drop and the snow fall. You can continue to follow local activity at [www.HomeValuesInLakewood.com](http://www.HomeValuesInLakewood.com). Info as well as [www.ClevelandsRealEstateSource.com](http://www.ClevelandsRealEstateSource.com).

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## Twins Taste A Pickle

by Ingrid Dickson and Irene Joyce

Upon entering the cozy confines of the Cleveland Pickle Gourmet Sub Shop on Detroit Road, we were greeted by simple, charming decor. The sandwich selection is definitely thought-provoking and it inspired our culinary curiosity.

A sign behind the counter admonishes, "We know you like it your way, but our way is better. No substitutions, please." Now, this sign precipitated a feeling of trepidation in your timid taste-budded Taster Twins, particularly when the ingredients of the Kardiac Kid sandwich include peanut butter, honey, bananas, Nutella, caramelized bacon, and pickles! Naturally, we asked the counter attendant about the posted message. She replied that they carefully assemble ingredients for a unique taste with specific combinations to create the flavor profile that they have designed. In other words, they don't like to mess with success since many of their creations have won awards.

Nonetheless, the kind woman taking our order took pity on us and agreed to serve the bacon and pickles on the side. We must say, the first four listed ingredients made for a scrumptious combination of sweetness and richness. When we gingerly added the pickles and bacon, it was very interesting and surprisingly not unpleasant. We also tried the Clevelander and a delicious Asian meatball sandwich called the Payne Avenue Panini, which was absolutely delicious with a fantastic carrot slaw on flavorful meatballs. The crunchy slaw

perfectly complemented the warm, savory meatballs on the toasted roll. Also, the sandwiches are generous with their ingredients and their sizes, commensurate with the prices.

When was the last time you had a gourmet deviled egg? At Cleveland Pickle, you can try one made with their own pickle relish. They offer a delectable chicken paprikash soup and out-of-the-ordinary chips, and bottled soft drinks to accompany their subs.

We heard that Cleveland Pickle often has a line out the door of people eager to fulfill their cravings for the unique and different sandwich concoctions. With the Lakewood shop following a Downtown location, we have easy access to distinctive sandwiches with unusual combinations of quality ingredients. The chef's creations are original and served proudly with terrific pickles.

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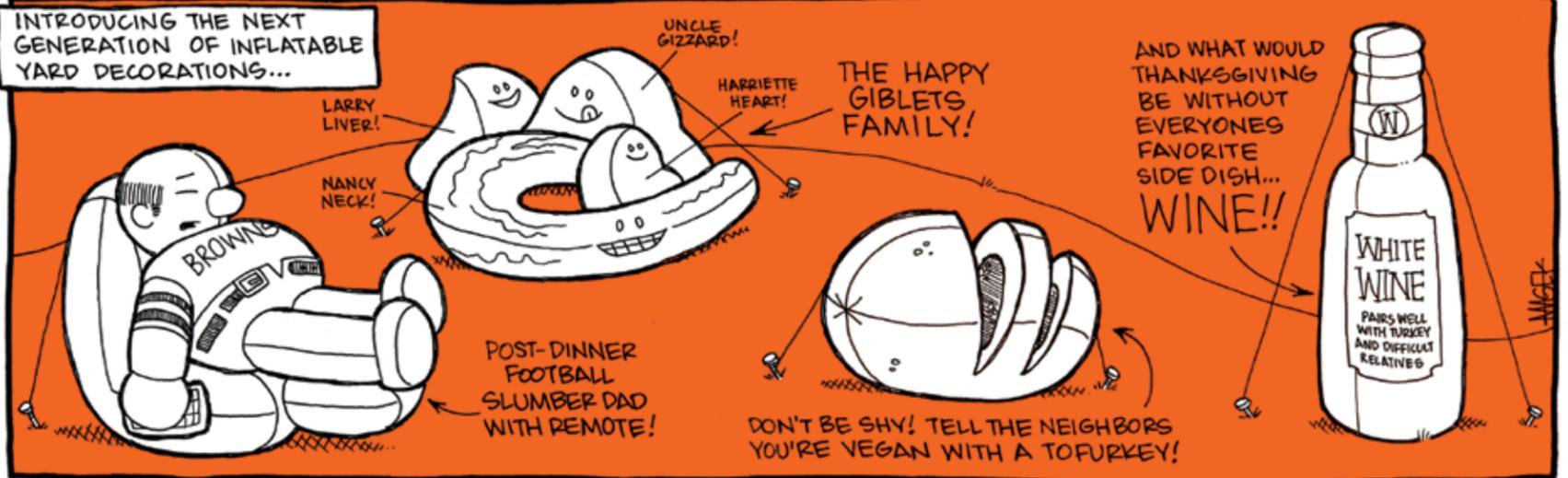
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