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Nine Honored At 14th Annual Lakewood Historic Preservation Awards

by Colin McEwen

As part of National Preservation Month, the Lakewood Heritage Advisory Board recognized nine recipients at the annual Lakewood Historic Preservation Awards.

The Heritage Advisory Board hosted a special presentation and awards ceremony at a recent Lakewood City Council meeting.

Being honored for exemplary projects that have contributed to improving the quality of life in Lakewood through the preservation of our community's historic



and architectural resources, the nine recipients and their respective awards are:

Marjorie Building, 15100-16 Detroit Avenue.

Commercial Revitalization
First Federal Lakewood, 14806 Detroit Avenue, Rehabilitation
Scott Richardson, 13980

Lake Avenue, Sustained Maintenance

Walter and Erin Senney, 13909 Lake Avenue, Sympathetic Addition

April Stoltz, 1224 Edwards Avenue, New Garage Construction

DetroitShoreway Development/LakewoodAlive, 1446 Mars Avenue, Rehabilitation

Mark and Adele Bartlett, 17822 Lake Avenue, Historic Rehabilitation

Keith Galestock and Fred Kemp/Thomas and Megan McGann, 13985 Lake Avenue, Historic Rehabilitation

James Dolce, Founders Award

The Lakewood Heritage Advisory Board (LHAB) was established to serve in an advisory capacity for the purpose of educating, informing, and making recommendations to City Officials, Departments, Boards and Commissions, and the community on matters relating to historic preservation.

To view presentation go to: http://www.onelakewood.com/pdf/2015_LHAB_Awards.pdf

LHS Senior's Music Piece Earns National Honor

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High senior Gregory Watson has earned national recognition for the musical composition, "Concerto for Clarinet and Piano," that he entered in the PTA Reflections

contest. Watson was given an Award of Merit by the contest's national judges. Watson's piece is only one of 10 selected for national recognition in his category of Musical Composition.

The Reflections program

offers students from schools with active PTAs the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to submit works in six arts areas: literature, dance choreography, film/video production, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts. All entries must follow a chosen theme, which this year was "The World Would Be a Better Place If..."

Watson's entry was one of 24 the Lakewood Council of PTAs chose to move on to statewide judging. The Ohio PTA honored Watson with an Award of Excellence - the highest award available - for his piece. Watson plans to continue to develop his musical composition skills as he moves on to study the subject at the Baldwin Wallace University Conservatory of Music next fall.



Lakewood High senior Gregory Watson.

Hayes DARE Basketball Team 2015 Champions



Front Row: Billy Breninghouse, Zack Simmons, Aaron Hoegner, James Toole, Chase Holyko, Dylan Ferry, Mason Miller, Zyereion Doxley, Jacob Goings, Back Row: Coach Anwar Zahriyeh, Will Hyatt, Sophia Stringer, Alesia Stringer, Alesha Kotyla, Danny Garcia, Mollie Henrikson, Jannah Zahriyeh, Angelique Christou, Dylan Popovich, Lennah Papadorotheou, Noah Eisel, Coach Ben Toole, Not Pictured: Dermot Healy, Molly Minadeo, Kasey Perron

by Stephanie Toole

The 2015 DARE Basketball Tournament was held Sat. April 18 at Garfield Middle School. This annual one day tournament is put on by the DARE Officers Rasch and Acklin and The Lakewood Police Department. This year's champions was the team from Hayes, coached by mother and son combo Stephanie and Ben Toole with

the help of LHS junior Anwar Zahriyeh. After first defeating the teams from Harrison and Lincoln, the Hayes 5th graders took on the team from Emerson for a close and exciting championship game.

In the end, the team from Hayes came out victorious, bringing the 2015 DARE Basketball Championship banner to hang in the Hayes gym.

Lakewood's Iconic Legend Kenneth Warren Dies



Ken's retirement photo. In a library of books, Ken had chosen each one in this photo, some brought from home. Each meant something to him personally.

by Jim O'Bryan

Kenneth Warren, age 63, father, poet, musician, author, and Lakewood Public Library's award-winning director for over 25 years died, Thursday, May 21.

Mr. Warren, who had just been back to the Lakewood Public Library to celebrate the work of Herbert Gold, was not just one of the founders of the Lakewood Observer Media project, but for 25 years helped set the tone of what was happening in Lakewood. Dedicated to the Lakewood Public Library, and the concept of the Greeks that libraries are there for education and civic dis-

course, his impact was massive.

Our next paper will be a Kenneth Warren Memorial Issue celebrating Ken's life, so if you have any memories, photos, comments or prayers, please send them to the Lakewood Observer Office, 14900 Detroit Ave, Suite 205, Lakewood, Ohio 44107, or send them to "production@lakewoodobserver.com, or post them to our memorial post on Lakewood Observer's Observation Deck, <http://lakewoodobserver.com/forum>. OR on the "Lakewood Observer" facebook page or Ken's "Captain Poetry's Sucker Punch" facebook page.

Lakewood’s Observation Deck

Photography On The Deck

Many people know Lakewood Observer’s Observation Deck as the best place to get the scoop on important Lakewood news, and also as the best place to talk about it. Or as a great place to discuss issues in Lakewood, and what you think might make things better. Over the years, it has also become home to some of the best photographers in the City of Lakewood. Names like Warren, Morgan, Ivor, Lovejoy, Tepley, Deneen, Moore etc, have taken great images and shared them in our photo galleries and in ongoing threads on the deck.

One of our newest is Alex Belisle, from New York, New York, who just arrived here in the city back in January. Alex taught in NYC for 36 years and then became a professional photographer, cutting his teeth on everything from New York Street Basketball, to the New York Post, to Fashion Week.

Alex has put together stunning collections of his work in the LO photoblogs and recently started two running blogs on the Deck, “Catching the light in Lakewood,” and “Faces of Lakewood,” his ode to “Human’s of New York.” Here is a sample of Alex’s work online. Isn’t it time you jumped in and shared some images, stories, opinions or questions? It’s free, It’s easy, <http://lakewoodobserver.com>.



Cleveland Marathon winner comes through Lakewood. (200 photos from Observers.)

STOP THE PRESSES!

On May 12th at 3:42 am Troy Bratz and Margaret Brinich welcomed their daughter, Clementine Grace into the world. She weighed in at 8 lbs 11 oz and was 22 inches long. As an avid Lakewood-ite from birth, she has already patronized a number of local businesses in her first 2 weeks of life, including the Lakewood Garden Center and Blackbird Bakery. She plans to attend her first LEAF volunteer meeting as well as a Birdtown CrossFit workout later this week.



Councilwoman-At-Large Cindy Marx from “Faces of Lakewood.”



Tree by Alex Belisle



Marathon, by Anna Brown

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Volunteers Tackled Birdtown And Detroit Avenue For May 16 Beautification Day

by Ian Andrews

On May 16, LakewoodAlive partnered with St. Edward High School and Fuzion Martial Arts Center (13616 Detroit Avenue) to complete six volunteer projects.

Fuzion Martial Arts picked up litter and trash along more than 20 blocks of Detroit Avenue along with in and around Kauffman Park. More than a dozen volunteers worked several hours beautifying the corridor in support of LakewoodAlive's efforts along Detroit Avenue. Through a partnership with the Kauffman Park Friends and the City of Lakewood, LakewoodAlive is working with volunteer groups and funders to support beautification and investment in the downtown park, behind Lakewood Plaza



Fuzion Martial Arts volunteers pose at City Center Park during a Detroit Avenue litter cleanup.

St. Edward High School worked on five projects in Birdtown around Robin and Plover streets. Nearly 125 volunteers along with LakewoodAlive staff and housing committee volunteers worked from 9am to noon to spruce up properties in one section of this proud neighborhood.

The high school Director of Service and Outreach Richard Kubrak organized the enthusiastic students, parents and alumni to assist in the project. Volunteers participated in creating new flowerbeds with low maintenance plantings, removing overgrown brush, trimming hedges, removing clutter and debris and cleaning one resident's basement. The mulch, topsoil and plantings were provided by a grant from First Federal of Lakewood.

The volunteer housing projects are an important component of LakewoodAlive's Community Engagement Program that launched on March 9. The program seeks to strengthen the Birdtown and Scenic Park neighborhoods by ensuring everyone lives in a healthy and safe home, improving neighborhood beautification, and building community through neighbor-to-neighbor interaction. The community-based program assists



St. Edward High School volunteers cleaned a yard and built a new flower bed for a resident of Plover Street.

low-to-moderate income households with financial assistance programs, labor services, exterior housing maintenance, education on maintenance issues and housing compliance rules.

LakewoodAlive's Community Engagement Program is an interdependent part of the Housing Outreach Program with the goal of supporting affordable housing and establishing pride and ownership in neighborhood

relationships. The supporters of the Housing Outreach Program include: Citizens Bank, City of Lakewood, Cleveland Lumber, Dollar Bank, First Federal Lakewood, Huntington Bank, Third Federal Savings & Loan and The Cleveland Foundation.

For volunteer or assistance information, visit: <http://www.lakewoodalive.com>.



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City News

Work Wrapping Up On Madison Park ‘Green Street’ Project

by Colin McEwen

The project to enhance the entrance to Madison Park is coming to a close. Crews are expected to finish the work by June 1.

"Madison Park Green Street" includes the addition of decorative concrete pavement, plantings and benches that will also be installed near the pool entrance of Madison Park.

The comprehensive effort includes planting 18 trees, 69 shrubs, 649 perennials and ornamental grasses, 1,475 ground-cover plants, and 700 bulbs.

One of the ideas behind the "Madison Park Green Street" project is to improve the city's stormwater management and reduce combined sewer overflows into Rocky River and Lake Erie.

During storms, the volume of rainwater entering the combined sewer

system can exceed both the capacity of the combined sewers and the treatment plant. Bio-retention catch basins — like those installed at Madison Park's entrance — will help infiltrate stormwater into the ground rather than into a pipe.

"This project achieves a few very important objectives," said the city's public works director Joe Beno. "We're continuing our effort to be excellent stewards of the environment, while beautifying our park spaces and adding to the vibrancy of this important commercial corridor."

Once the project to resurface Madison Avenue is completed, designated bike lanes will be installed for each direction of traffic. To ensure the safety of bicyclists, the 28 angled spaces were removed and replaced with 14 parallel parking spaces.

City Of Lakewood Joins Middle Schools To Celebrate National Bike To School Day, May 27

by Colin McEwen

Harding and Garfield Middle Schools in Lakewood will join schools from around the country to celebrate National Bike to School Day on Wednesday, May 27.

An estimated 500 school students are expected to ride their bikes to school — along with parents, teachers and community leaders. This annual Bike to School Day is being presented by Bike Lakewood with the great assistance and support of the middle school principals and staff, along with the City of Lakewood, the PTA, Beat Cycles,

and Spin Bike Shop.

"Bike to School Day encourages a bike-focused celebration for Lakewood students," said City Planner and local bike advocate Bryce Sylvester. "It helps to raise awareness for many things, like increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, reducing traffic congestion and concern for the environment. The event builds connections between families, schools and the broader community."

The event begins with students, parents, and community leaders riding to school. Bicyclists will arrive at the school, lock up their bikes, and receive participation packets of appreciation provided by University Hospitals and other local organizations and businesses along with a raffle ticket. Students will fill out a bike-ability checklist survey that helps evaluate the event, road conditions, and intersection safety. Participants will also have a chance to win a cycling prize pack.

For more information about Lakewood's Bike to School Day, visit the event's Facebook page.



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Westshore Council Of Governments

by LWV observer Janice Patterson
(Westlake/North Olmsted chapter)

This report is not an official statement of the League of Women Voters. Mayor Sutherland's office prepares official minutes, which are posted on Bay Village's website.

Present: Mayors Sutherland (Bay Village), Bobst (Rocky River), Clough (Westlake), Kennedy (North Olmsted), Patton (Fairview Park) and Summers (Lakewood)

Also present: Fiscal Officer Renee Mahoney; Cuyahoga County Director of Regional Collaboration Ed Kraus; Karlton Laster, staff assistant, Department of Regional Collaboration.

Duration: 9:32 a.m.-11:05 a.m.

Westshore Enforcement Bureau (WEB): March and April financials were received.

RTA: Public Square traffic issues under study; project on target. Completion of new Brookpark station projected for 2016, in time for Republic National Convention.

NOACA: Deer issues a "hot topic" in some communities. Grant awards to be made in June for Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) program. Rocky River and Fairview Park jointly applied for a planning grant in this program.

Land Bank: Bay Village has one residential property in the process of demolition and Rocky River has received a demolition grant for acreage on Center Ridge Road.

County Planning Commission: A phased housing project in Olmsted Township is under review.

Cuyahoga County Mayors & City Managers Association: Mayors Clough and Bobst reported on sessions they had attended at the recent National League of Cities Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C.

ShareOhio: Cities have received a request to update equipment inventory lists for inclusion in a statewide database. Ramifications of providing such lists were discussed, with several mayors concerned about listing items that can't be shared because of their nearly constant use. It was noted that the state's emergency management office also has specialized equipment available and should be considered for situations such as the type of cleanup needed in northern Ohio after Hurricane Sandy. Again, as in the April WCOG meeting, the mayors stated the need for a memorandum of understanding before entering the ShareOhio program.

Cuyahoga County Department of Regional Collaboration: Department director Ed Kraus outlined his intentions to support and strengthen the 59 cities' efforts to share. He said that the county now has about 380 contracts with cities for shared services and is ready to broker additional ones. He said that strategic thought is needed about vacant housing issues, that public infrastructure is a highly critical area for attention, and that workforce issues continue to be of concern. The mayors made suggestions for future collaborative efforts, including creation of county-wide special teams such as bomb squads and hazardous materials handling and the provision of training for local planning commissions. The mayors were critical of the recent Business Retention Protocol agreement distributed by the department and urged a rewrite that eliminated the negative "anti-poaching" language.

The next WCOG meeting will be Wednesday, June 10, at 9:30 a.m. in Bay Village City Hall. All meetings are open to the public.

Marklings Award Winners Again!



At the May 6, 2015 Lakewood Council of PTAs Installation and Recognition Evening, Katie Markling was recognized as the "Overall Winner of the PTAs Volunteer Service Award" for the entire school district. Former School Board President Matthew Markling was awarded the "2015 Good Guy Award" for his service to the Grant Elementary School and community. The Grant Elementary School PTA was also awarded "The Scarlet Carnation Award" for outstanding membership and "The Ripple Award" for the most volunteer hours of any Lakewood PTA. For more information about the Grant Elementary School PTA, please visit and like www.facebook.com/GrantElementarySchoolPTA.

City News

Lakewood Considering Public Broadband Network

On the night of May 18, 2015, the City Hall Auditorium was a sea of red and packed to capacity. Those dressed in red were supporters of the Save Lakewood Hospital movement, however they were not the only ones in the crowd. That night was also the night of the annual Historic Preservation Awards presentation. The energy in the room was high. The volume of the crowd and a malfunctioning microphone made it impossible to hear Council President Madigan call the Council meeting to order at 7:41 P.M., however the room was quickly brought to order with the tapping of a working microphone.

The first order of business was the Historic Preservation Awards presentation. Council turned the floor to the Chair of the Lakewood Heritage Advisory Board, Rick Sicha, to present the awards. The owners of eight structures were recognized in several categories. For Commercial Revitalization, the Marjorie building at 15100-16 Detroit was recognized for the transformation of its store fronts. This is the building with The Root Cafe and Lion and Blue in it. For Commercial Rehabilitation, First Federal of Lakewood at 14806 Detroit was recognized for the complete renovation and restoration of its lobby. For residential properties, the awards were as follows: 13980 Lake for Sustained Maintenance; 13909 Lake for Sympathetic Addition; 1224 Edwards for New Garage Construction; 1446 Mars for Rehabilitation; and 17822 Lake and 13985 Lake for Historic Rehabilitation.

The last award presented was the Founders Award, and it was given to Jim Dolson. In 1992, after the demolition of a historic office building in Lakewood, City Council members Bob Seelie and Joe Gibbons began discussions which resulted in a city-wide historic preservation study. Members of the study's panel were appointed by Council and Mr. Dolson was a 1994 appointee. The results of the study moved Council to create the Lakewood Heritage Advisory Board, to which Mr. Dolson was quickly appointed. He was appointed four more times, serving a total of 20 years, and all that time as Vice-Chairman.

Next Mayor Summers asked Council to consider a proposal which would move Lakewood towards internet independence. The Mayor said that the lack of marketplace competition for fiber networks in Lakewood puts the City at an economic disadvantage which could negatively impact the City in the future. In particular the City fears that increasing rates could make coverage unaffordable or that its need altogether will not be met. To protect the City from this possibility the administration reached out to OneCommunity. OneCommunity is a nonprofit company in Ohio that helps public and private entities solve long term and growing demands for bandwidth. They will be able to help Lakewood build and control its own fiber network.

The new fiber optic network would give the city internet speeds 20 times the speed currently available and would be available for businesses and residential customers in addition to the City, which could attract both to the city.

During the reading of the proposed resolution allowing the Mayor to enter into a contract with OneCommunity, there was audible grumbling from the audience when the line "without the necessity of bidding" was read. Possibly sensing the discontent from the audience, Mayor Summers clarified that though there is no bidding to contract with OneCommunity, they are not the ones that will be doing the work of building the fiber network. As a non-profit they help communities with these projects in a number of ways including helping with the bidding process. He said there will be a proper bidding process done for the building of the network, however the City will not be doing it directly.

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

Coming to the end of the regular agenda items, Council opened the floor up for public comment. At the last meeting there were some issues with shouting from the audience and members of the public who were speaking to Council not following directions from the Council President. Due to this, Council President Madigan read a paragraph outlining the rules and guidelines to speaking to Council. The rules stated that all speakers give their name and address upon approaching the podium and address their remarks only to the chair. Speakers must be courteous, use no inappropriate language. When addressed by the chair the speaker must yield the floor and comply with all rulings of the chair, said rulings not being up for debate. Unless expressly told otherwise, speakers are limited to 5 minutes. No speaker, having been recognized, will be allowed to speak again until all others wishing to speak have done so.

The first member of the public to speak was Thomas Monahan, who lives in the house that was originally mortgaged to build Lakewood Hospital. He spoke on behalf of the Committee to Save Lakewood Hospital and presented Council with petitions with over 2,400 signatures comprised mostly of Lakewood residents, but also those of people in the surrounding coverage area of Lakewood Hospital. The petition was asking Council to reject the Cleveland Clinic's Letter of intent, which would close Lakewood Hospital in favor of an out-patient medical center.

Several more members of the public spoke to Council*, prominently on the Lakewood Hospital issue however there was one person there to complain about fire hydrant testing causing rust colored water in her home and another complaining about parking issues in the neighborhood around Angelo's Pizza. When it was all said and done, the speakers from the public stuck to the rule relatively well with little complaint. One member of the public even commented before his statement that he had his son time him at about 3 minutes before coming to make sure he could fit his statement in. Besides public comment there were a few small outbursts earlier in the meeting from people complaining they could not hear due to malfunctioning microphones. All in all decorum was sustained.

Coming to the end of the public comments Council President Madigan adjourned the meeting at 9:05 P.M.

*All statements given by the public that were provided to the Council Clerk were to be posted on the City's website.

Taste Of Lakewood Returns To Madison Park On June 7



In 2014, Taste of Lakewood became the "party of the year" as it completely blew out previous attendance figures.

by Valerie Mechenbier

The 12th Annual Taste of Lakewood, co-presented by the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and Cleveland Magazine, will be held on Sunday, June 7th at Madison Park. Although the Taste of Lakewood is all about promoting Lakewood's outstanding restaurants, a couple of new tasty ingredients have been added to this year's outdoor day-long food festival.

The GOOD FOOD Kids' Garden Tent

Join the Lakewood Earth & Food (LEAF) Community in the Good Food Kids Garden Tent from 1-4pm. Paint a pot for your tomato seedling and take home a healthy recipe to try (limited to first 200 visitors). The LEAF Cooks cookbook, a collection of recipes submitted by vendors, farmers, gardeners, market shoppers, community supported agriculture shareholders, and chefs, will be available for purchase. All recipes include local ingredients available seasonally around Ohio. Need some gardening tips? Tour the beautiful Madison Park Community Garden and be inspired by your neighbors' green thumbs. Looking for a quiet spot to peruse your LEAF cookbook? Visit the Madison Branch Reading Garden at Madison Park. The Good

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Lakewood Public Library

LPL Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

Saturday, May 30
Lakewood Public Cinema: “The Misfits” (1961)
Directed by John Huston

Clark Gable and Marilyn Monroe make their final screen appearances in this melancholy masterpiece, graced with humor and humanity. Monroe plays a disillusioned young woman who has come to Reno for a divorce. After making fast friends with Thelma Ritter, an older divorcée who never left the state after her own divorce, and heartbroken mechanic Eli Wallach, she’s introduced to a larger-than-life cowboy named Gay, played by Clark Gable. As the last of the real men, Gay is a little too good at masking his pain behind romantic speeches about cowboy freedom and the beauty of nature. After hitting it off at first, her innocent idealism clashes violently with his hard-edged, hard-hearted practicality.

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

Sunday, May 31
Sunday with the Friends: Chardon Polka Band

Despite their extensive catalog of traditional favorites, this fresh young group out of Chardon is not your average polka band. They still love bringing new life and energy to the traditional music of their forebears, but they are not afraid to write new songs for Cleveland today. And everybody has fun when they add polka-pop reinterpretations of artists like Justin Bieber and Lady Gaga to the mix—whatever it takes to keep everybody dancing! Catch them while you can. The Chardon Polka Band is in demand—here and across the country.

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

Board Of Education Accepting Applications For Appointment To The Library Board Of Trustees

by Morgan Maseth

Lifelong resident of Lakewood, Mary Louise Nixon served the community through participation in many civic and educational groups, leaving a permanent mark on the community she called her home. As such, her passing is deeply felt not just here at the Library, but throughout all of Lakewood. Her service as a Library Trustee started in 1976, and during the 39 years that she served, she was instrumental in shaping the Library into what it is today.

As Mrs. Nixon knew, the position and responsibility of Library Trustee is a great one. In her position as Trustee she advocated for not just the Library and its staff, but for the community as a whole. Our former Director, Mr. Kenneth Warren, put it best by saying, “Make no mistake about it, the greatness of Lakewood Public Library in the 21st century cannot be properly understood without attention to the discernment of cultural, generational, neighborhood, political and psychological values that Mrs. Nixon insistently brought to her trusteeship responsibilities over the decades of her service.”

The Lakewood City Schools Board of Education is accepting applications



Mary Louise Nixon in 1981

for appointment to the Lakewood Public Library Board of Trustees for an unexpired seven year term ending September 12, 2019. Additional information concerning the duties and responsibilities of Library Trustees is available at www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/trustee. Interested candidates should direct a letter of interest and qualifications to the Superintendent of Schools by June 15, 2015 at:

Superintendent
Lakewood City Schools Board of Education
1470 Warren Road
Lakewood, OH 44107



The Lakewood Public Library Board, seconds before opening the door on the new Lakewood Public Library. Mary Louise Nixon is second from the left. Library Director Kenneth Warren is holding the key.

Thursday, June 4
Meet the Author: A Case for Historical Fiction: “The Last Heiress” by Mary Ellis

Amanda Dunn first set sail from England for North Carolina, hoping to restore the shipments of cotton to her family’s textile mills that had been disrupted by the American Civil War. But when she meets Nathaniel Cooper, everything changes. Amanda’s family deems the hardworking merchant an unsuitable match. As the Union navy tightens its noose around Southern ports, Nate’s long lost brother, a Confederate officer, arrives in Wilmington with his regiment. Mary Ellis, the bestselling Ohio author of “The Quaker and the Rebel” and “A Little Bit of Charm,” will discuss “The Last Heiress,” changing genres in the publishing world, and advice for aspiring writers. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Saturday, June 6
Lakewood Public Cinema: “Road to Morocco” (1942)
Directed by David Butler

In 1940, rumors were buzzing about a B picture that was in deep trouble. The actors were reportedly going off script and adding their own jokes— even during the songs! But when the low budget loser became a box office hit, it made a star out of radio comic Bob Hope. We’re jumping straight into the heart of the Road series with the third picture, which was nominated for best original screenplay. Bob and Bing loved to top one another and were constantly adding jokes during rehearsal. (Please note that not all of the humor is kosher by today’s standards.) Filmed on Hollywood backlots, the exotica in these escapist entertainments to faraway locales is decidedly faux, but who cares? Hope and Crosby sang it best, “Like Webster’s Dictionary, we’re Morocco bound.”

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

Sunday, June 7
Sunday with the Friends: The Green Diamond Zephyrs

Tellingly, they named their group after one of the great passenger trains of the 1930’s. Just as trains move people from place to place, so does the music of the Great American Songbook with hits by Cole Porter, Rodgers and Hammerstein, and a distinguished line of composers. Many of the songs are vocal in nature and include beautiful blues and jazz standards. While not commonly heard today, the majority of the songs should be recognizable to most people in the audience. Songs such as Yes Sir, That’s My Baby, Ain’t Misbehavin’, Sunny Side of the Street, and Bye Bye Blackbird are among audience favorites.

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

Tuesday, June 9
Great Lakes Light Opera
A Schubert Primer: German Art Song at Its Finest

Franz Peter Schubert is considered the champion of German art songs, called *Lieder*. Although he died at the age of thirty-one, he composed over six hundred *Lieder*. Art songs usually consist of a solo singer and pianist. So what makes these pieces so compelling? We’ll dive into the prolific work of one of opera’s greatest treasures by experiencing his music live and learn to appreciate the beauty and power of German *Lieder*.

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

LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Monday, May 18 through Saturday, August 3
Superhero Summer Reading Club
For children birth through entering twelfth grade

Read your way to superhero status at the Library this summer. Stamps, prize ticket drawings, and rewards await those who complete their summer reading. Register at either the Main or Madison branches.

Monday, May 18 at 9:00 a.m., through Saturday, August 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Family Weekend Wonders

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

Main Library Activity Room and Madison Branch Auditorium

Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. and Sundays at 3:30 p.m.
Weekends With Wee Ones
For families with children under 2 years old

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

Madison Branch Children’s and Youth Services
Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. and Sundays at 3:30 p.m.

Lakewood Public Library



It's a Super Hero Summer at the Lakewood Public Library!

Lakewood Public Library Summer Reading Club 2015

by Julie Strunk

Monday, May 18 through Monday, August 3 It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a . . . Super Hero Summer Reading Club! Calling all future super heroes! Read your way to super hero status! Be your birth-through-kindergarten child's hero reader and sign them up for the Lakewood Public Library's annual summer reading club, "Every Hero Has A Story." School age children up through fifth grade can sign up to be a part of "Every Hero Has A Story" too! Sixth through twelfth graders have their own reading club, "UNMASKED." Participants will gather stamps and prizes as they go, and a special reward awaits those who complete thirty hours of reading (or thirty books for younger readers) by August 3.

The fun doesn't end there, either. Arts and crafts abound! Any child with a parent/caregiver may stop by Mon-

day through Thursday, June 8 through July 30, anytime between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and pick up a "Super Craft" to do together. Our super hero-inspired craft changes each week!

While finishing your reading record is quite an accomplishment, even that doesn't end the adventure. Children and their families will celebrate the end of summer reading at the "Summer Reading Super Hero Convention" at Madison Park Wednesday, August 5, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with fun, games, and prizes for all our courageous hero readers! Teens will have their own Super Heroes UNMASKED party Friday, August 14 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Library. Help us make 2015 our best summer yet. Adventure awaits!

To register, stop by our Main or Madison Branch Summer Reading Club Desk, starting May 18.

Sample Schubert's Lieder At Lakewood Public Library



by Elaine Rosenberger

One of the masters of classical music, Franz Schubert is renowned for his solo piano music, symphonies, string compositions (the bubbly "Trout," the hauntingly beautiful "Death and the Maiden"), and sacred works. However, his true accomplishment may be as the greatest songwriter ever. Despite his death at the age of thirty-one, Schubert composed 615 Lieder. Enjoy a rare opportunity to hear some of these beautiful Lieder performed live by Great Lakes Light Opera on Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.

A "Lied" is a song which sets poetry to music. Typically performed by a vocalist accompanied by a piano, Lie-

der capture the entire range of human emotions. Schubert's "Winterreise" song cycle encapsulates loneliness and lost love; his Erlkönig tells the terrifying tale of a boy and his father being pursued by death; Gretchen am Spinnrade contains Gretchen's lament from Goethe's "Faust," and the song cycle, "die schöne Müllerin," ranges in emotion from optimism to utter despair.

Great Lakes Light Opera will introduce several of Schubert's Lieder, discussing their content and meaning, and then perform selections on Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. Admission is free and open to all. For more information, visit www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/ more.

Bestselling Writer To Visit Lakewood Library

by Amy Kloss

Many teachers and office workers dream of the time they can quit their mundane jobs, let their creativity flow and work full time writing the novels they know are bursting to get out. Mary Ellis made that dream a reality.

How did Ellis go from middle school teacher to sales rep for Hershey's Chocolates to successful full-time writer? Find out Thursday, June 4 at 7 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium when Ellis presents her latest novel, discusses how she started her writing career and offers advice for aspiring writers.

Medina resident Mary Ellis is the author of 12 bestselling novels set in the Amish community and two romantic suspense novels set in Louisiana. "The Last Heiress," published this year by Harvest House Publishers, is the latest of her three American Civil War romances. It will be available at the library event for sale and signing. She is currently working on a mystery series called Secrets of the South.

"The Last Heiress," a romance about identical twins with conflicting desires and ideals, begins in Manchester, England in 1864. Amanda Dunn sets sail for Wilmington, North Carolina, to reconnect with her twin and represent her ailing father in an effort to procure cotton for his textile mills. Class distinctions, slavery, civil war and prejudice toward a woman in business, as well as Amanda's attraction to a local shopkeeper, combine to form a compelling historical romance.

Mary Ellis began writing in her twenties but set it aside for years while she worked as a middle school teacher. When she and her husband relocated, she got tired of substitute teaching while waiting for a full-time job. After taking a marketing and sales job, she began writing part-time. Many years and several published books later, Ellis quit the marketing job to write full-time. "It wasn't much of a risk," she says, "since I had a great husband to help with the bills. But it was hard to give up a regular paycheck."

Ellis began her career as a pub-



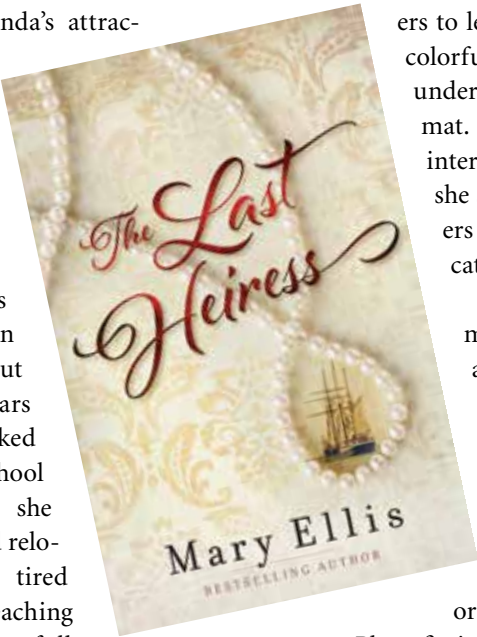
Mary Ellis

lished novelist in 2009 with "A Widow's Hope," an Amish romance. Over the past 10 years, this genre has exploded in popularity, mostly among Christian women. With 12 bestsellers in the genre, Ellis admits that her Amish romances are more popular than her historical fiction. "People (women in particular) never seem to tire of those simple, God-fearing people," she says.

Her presentation at the Lakewood Library will include a defense of historical fiction. "Fiction writers often hear criticism from historians and lovers of biographies and non-fictional accounts," says Ellis, who feels that historical fiction allows readers to learn about America's colorful past in an easy to understand, accessible format. "My books may not interest true historians," she says, "but most readers don't fall into that category."

Ellis strives to maintain historical accuracy in her novels, but says that stories are what keep people reading. "You cannot slow the pace with too many details or factual trivia," she says. Plus, fiction writers must frequently release new material. "You can't research every last thimble and wallpaper print or you'll never finish the book."

Join Mary Ellis at the Lakewood Public Library on June 4 at 7 p.m. to hear one author's approach to the art of fiction writing. All programs are free and open to the public.



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Lakewood Schools

Grant Groundbreaking

by Emma Petrie-Barcelona

**Remarks given on
April 21, 2015**

What a wonderful day! First of all, is there anyone here who attended Grant's previous groundbreaking ceremony in the late 1960s? It is great you are all here today for this one celebrating the new Grant Elementary School or, as I have recently learned, the groundbreaking for the third Grant School!

There has been a Grant School in Lakewood for well over 100 years, including the site that is now the Board of Education building. Grant Middle School, named because it was in the middle of Lakewood, opened in the late 1800's and was renamed Central School in 1879. That parcel of land was part of a 100-year lease that originated in 1857- and has been used for educational services purposes ever since.

In 1904, Central School, the short-lived first separate High School in Lakewood, became Grant Elementary school. Property along Victoria Avenue was purchased and a nine room addition was built there in 1906. In 1912 an addition of two rooms was added.

By the 1940s, as enrollment declined, Grant Elementary School was co-located with the board offices. There was a dedication in October 1950 of the new Grant School Auditorium and Board administration offices.

That most recent Grant School-- opened here between 1969 and 2014-- was unique to Lakewood and represents a building and neighborhood with a long history.

Today I would like to share some information about the beginning of that most recent Grant (or the 2nd Grant building) gathered from summaries from Board meetings and Lakewood historical narratives. Not surprisingly, the notes from that time period included information on an



From left to right: School Board President Emma Petrie Barcelona, Jeff Patterson, Kevin Butler (Law Director), Tom Einhouse, Linda Beebe, Philis Muth (Grant Principal), Corinne Hovis (Grant student), David Awkar (Grant student), Halla Kutkut (Grant student), Betsy Shaughnessy, Ed Favre, Rachel Vuyancih (PTA President)

active and dynamic district, constantly innovating, and celebrating successes. In addition to the construction planning, other topics discussed during that time include technology upgrades and changes, health services, music, arts, and athletic activities, vocational programs, the recreation department and general curriculum, which make those agendas almost identical to those we have now, 50-years later.

In April 1966, the board heard the need for additional classrooms at Hayes, Harding, Madison, Lincoln and Grant Schools. The possibility of using classrooms in the Lakewood Methodist Church educational building was suggested. It was noted the next year that while average class sizes throughout the district remained at fewer than 30 students, some "marginal classrooms" were being used. As the nation's baby boom and Cleveland's economic growth brought more people into Lakewood, the lower student enrollments of the 1940s and 1950s were giving way to that

boom. While Lakewood's school enrollment peaked in 1929 at 11,189 students, the baby boom created another peak enrollment of 10,728 students in 1970. In both 1930 and 1970, Lakewood's population was 70,000 people, with lower populations between and after those years. Now the district serves about 5,800 students from Lakewood's just over 50,000 people.

Lakewood voters passed a 3.8 mill \$10,970,000 school building bond issue with 69% in-favor in November 1966. That bond issue would allow for Lakewood High School (the building of the west academic building), McKinley, and Grant projects to commence. A new Grant School was approved to be constructed just across Victoria Avenue from the older Grant building.

In November 1966 the district employed the architectural firm of Little, Dalton and Associates of Cleveland to render architectural services for the new Grant Elementary School. The firm submitted schematic designs the following November. Little, Dalton and Associates included renowned architects, including its namesakes Mr. Little and Mr. Dalton, who each had long and distinguished architectural design careers, and was known for major works around the city in the late 1960s and 1970s including the Federal Building, Reserve Square, MetroHealth, and the Ameritech building, among others. Of course, the popular styles of the time including

Bauhaus, Modern, Brutalist and International Styles may not be as cherished now, but in its time, Grant's design was characteristic of the period.

In fact, the design goals were based on a Grant Elementary School Planning Committee of teachers, supervisors and administrators that was appointed and which met in late-1966 and early 1967. A comprehensive report on the planning for the new Grant Elementary School was presented to the Board in May 1967. The planning committee had visited other modern school buildings and done other research in planning the building.

In February 1967, the board established a policy on land acquisition, anticipating the purchase of property for school building expansion on Robinwood Avenue (for Lakewood High School) and Victoria and Elmwood Avenues (for Grant). In May 1967, the board authorized the purchase of nine properties for the construction of the new Grant Elementary School on Elmwood and Victoria Avenues. In June, July and August 1967 the board resolved intent to purchase an additional 5 properties on Victoria and Elmwood Avenues. Later, the school board would receive complaints for the on-site burn of the properties, in contrast to the deconstruction and demolition techniques used now clearing sites.

In December 1967 the board approved the schematic design for the new Grant school. Interestingly enough, that design did not include a gym and after recognition that one was needed, Grant gym was added to the design and scope in October 1968.

April 1968 saw the approval of the construction schedule and the schools entered into construction contracts in June 1968. The new Grant was dedicated October 19, 1969, much to the joy of the community. The 3-year process from bond issuance to opening is not dissimilar to our plans in this current phase.

And now, we are here together to turn over the soil again on this site and start the construction of the third Grant Elementary School. Think of all of the students and educators for generations to come who will learn, create, and grow in this new building. Thank you for being here today to celebrate the memories of the old Grant and for dreaming big for the new Grant. Thank you!

LHS Brick Sale

by Missy Toms

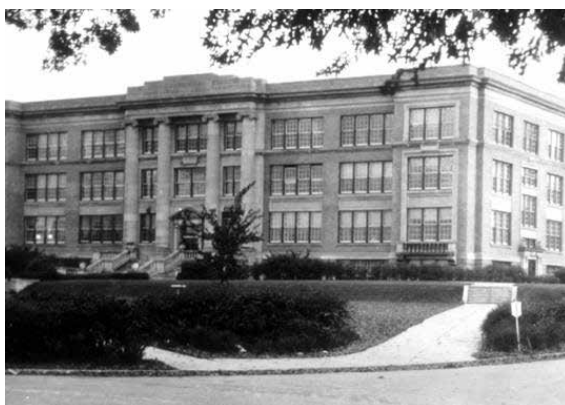
TWO DAYS ONLY!

Sunday June 14, 11 am-2pm, Monday, June 15 from 9 am-noon, bricks from Lakewood High School will be for sale on the school grounds (exact Location TBD at the high school.) Bricks are \$10 each. All proceeds benefit programs in the Lakewood City Schools. No special orders or holds.

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more than \$3 million in funding for classroom grants, student scholarships, and school initiatives. The Foundation is guided by its mission to provide resources to enrich the educational experiences of the Lakewood City Schools' 5,400+ students. To learn more about the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation, visit www.lakewoodrangers.org or email foundation@lakewoodcityschools.org.

Lakewood City Schools Approve New Lengthened Calendar

by Betsy Voinovich

The following article from Lakewood City Schools is particularly timely as families are making plans for summer vacations and camps, etc, right now.

The Board of Education on Thursday approved an amended calendar for the 2015-2016 school year. The new first day of school will be Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015. The last day for students remains the same, Thursday, May 26, 2016. Conference dates have been updated as well as Graduation Day. In addition, two professional development days were added in lieu of early release days. One of those professional development days will be Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015, which is Election Day.

Also of note: Beginning next year, the middle school day will be from 8:15 a.m.-2:52 p.m. The first bell will ring at 8:05 a.m. This change is to accommodate a 9th period, which will be devoted to math instruction.

Lakewood Schools



Chomps getting the students pumped up!

Two Schools, One Big Book Club

by Christine Gordillo

The excitement and enthusiasm in the Garfield gym on May 15 was enough to make one think that the 800 students and staff from Hayes and Lincoln Elementaries gathered there were taking part in a huge pep rally for some giant sporting event. It had all the elements: the Rangerman, Garfield cheerleaders and band, even Browns mascot, Chompsers. But the event was actually a rally for reading as the two schools celebrated the kick-off of their "Two Schools, One Book" program.

The rally, which also included a skit from the Garfield Drama Club and a video appearance by Superintendent Patterson, was the set-up for the big reveal of the book chosen. Two students unwrapped the book and declared that everyone in both buildings will be reading Betty G. Birney's "The World According to Humphrey." And Humphrey even made an appearance!

Two Schools One Book derived from the One School One Book nationwide movement to get kids excited and interested in reading. The program aims to make reading a community and family affair. Hayes and Lincoln students will read the book with their families and staff will read it as well. Books have been given to Central Office administrators and Board of Education members.

The idea is to create a shared experience where students can chat about the book at school and at home. To keep the energy and excitement up as everyone progresses in the book, the schools will be offering incentive prizes for students through raffle tickets. The tickets will be part of a scavenger hunt involving local businesses. Students will look for the hidden Humphrey the Hamster in participating businesses and receive a ticket when they find him.

The two-week program is truly a community affair as lead organizers Stacy Rocco, Regina Bazjer and Molly Dyke asked Lakewood businesses and organizations to contribute with either items or cash to help support the cost of the program. Large donors include Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation, Lakewood Kiwanis and First Federal of Lakewood. Rocco also worked with Bay Village Schools to obtain 160 books from classes in Bay who had already read "The World According to Humphrey." She plans to pass on our students' books to another district in similar fashion once the program is over.

At the end of the project, organizers hope to keep the momentum going by offering each student a brand new book to take home for the summer. What a great way to wrap up the school year!



Chomps and Rangerman helped get the students pumped up about reading.

Ask Roxann Ramsey

by Roxann Ramsey,
Assistant Superintendent
Lakewood City Schools

Can Our Teenagers Get More Sleep?

LO: Given all of the recent research regarding adolescent sleep cycles pointing to the fact that teenagers biologically need more sleep and shouldn't start school any earlier than 9am, and that this change would likely produce an increase in test scores as it has been shown that teenagers perform better with a later starting time and more sleep, is the District considering changes to the start time of the school day?

Why or why not?

Is this decision made by the Administration, Board of Ed, or does it have to do with teachers' contracts?

RR: Will A Later Start Time For Adolescents Increase Student Achievement Scores?

The jury is presently out on this question. There are those who believe that adolescent body clocks don't allow students to be ready to sleep until 11pm, and as such, they should be permitted to begin school later. There are others who still believe that the early bird gets the worm and that early to bed and early to rise makes a person healthy, wealthy and wise. This group talks about students properly balancing their schedules to allow for sufficient rest.

In Lakewood, we have not had an outpouring of support for a later start, possibly because of the after school activities and jobs that such a move would disrupt. In order to make such a move work, other school districts would have to agree to begin after school activities at a later time. Entire athletic conferences would have to agree to come alongside to make it all work, and to date, no district in the area has led the charge to "play late ball." People have discussed how later contests would lead to later returns home, later dinners, and incomplete homework.

As a school district, we see ourselves as open to reform and positive changes that might positively affect



student achievement. Each month, we have teams of teachers and administrators meeting in what is called Communications Forum, where we discuss important issues for the good of students and the District. The Board of Education is kept apprised every step of the way and involved in any final decisions that might affect scheduling, program or curriculum. Together, and collectively we make decisions for the welfare of students, parents, staff and community. An example of such collective decision-making would be the agreement to offer more instruction time to our middle school students. The discussion on this change took place over a two year period, with the point being that we do our research on such issues and we don't take them lightly.

In Lakewood, we are constantly reviewing the research and attempting to stay up to date on current trends in education. Late start for teenagers appears to be one of those trends that is being examined, and although we are open to it, we know the varying opinions that exist surrounding this theme. Instead, we prefer to look at practices that are possibly more substantive and far-reaching. Is late start a cure-all or panacea to help tired teens? Or, is high school the beginning for students to make choices and prioritize what is important to them to balance their active lifestyles? Effective time management begins in high school and carries on through life.

Meanwhile, Lakewood City Schools belong to the students and parents of this community. As always, we are open to listening and considering possible changes in the future for the good of our student body.

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LHS Teacher Wins Grant For Cross Cultural Project

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High School Social Studies teacher Megan Eadah has won a 2015 Margot Stern Strom Innovation Grant by the organization Facing History and Ourselves and will receive \$2,500 to fund a project that will support the high school's refugee population.

Eadah, who was also a Winner of the Strom Award in 2010, will use the grant money to purchase books, journals, artifacts, historical photos and other supplies to teach history through first-hand accounts to supplement her curriculum.

She will also put some of the money toward a project that brings her students together with the school's refugee students. Eadah, who had been working with the Cleveland Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Center on reaching out to the refugees, created a group called "Facing History Girls Group" that combined some students who had been participating in Facing History leadership activities with some of the refugee students that might have felt most isolated, such as those who are the only ones from their country of origin. The girls share their stories and cultures, family traditions, etc. Eadah hopes to expand on this group next year with field trips and other activities such as collecting items to help set up apartments for newly arrived refugee families.

Finally, the girls will be posting all of their experiences throughout the year on a



Megan Eadah

"Gallery Walk" to share with LHS and the community. Colorful banners will cover the walls of the school sharing stories through comments, pictures and other artwork. The school and community will be able to learn about all of the different cultures and stories in Lakewood.

"The goals are for students to understand the benefits of contributing to community and valuing all of the people in your neighborhood," Eadah said. "The students' stories inspire me and they learn so much from each other. Throughout the school day I have students from Nepal, Burma, Thailand, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Jordan, Somalia, and the Congo. It's amazing the real history and culture students learn about when they simply talk to their peers in our community!"

Join the New Summer Fun And Fitness Youth Program

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood Community Recreation & Education Department is proud to introduce its new Summer Fun & Fitness program, designed for the city's youth in fourth through eighth grade. The department has partnered with Perfect Fit Health Club to bring our youth a sustainable, comfortable, inclusive program to get them and keep them active while having a ton of fun!

Participants will learn to:

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- Build team skills that will promote multitasking and work ethic through self-discipline

Encourage healthy and active behavior outside the school by learning functional movements and proper technique to develop an overall active lifestyle

The program is eight weeks and runs from June 1-July 24 from 6-7 pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Horace Mann Elementary. Cost of the program is \$65 per child. To learn more about the program, call the Community Recreation & Education Department at 216-529-4081 or email Perfect Fit Health Club at perfectfithealthclub@gmail.com.

About Unicycle Club

by Jamayraliz Rodriguez

Unicycle club is a fun activity to do. Even though unicycles are very hard to ride, I still tried.

In unicycle club, teachers help kids out by holding that person's hand or the teacher holds the unicycle to give people balance. If kids learn, they will get a sticker that says "Up and Rider." A stepmount sticker is awarded when kids can get on without having their hands on the wall.

There is a unicycle called the sky cycle, this unicycle is very high. Kids can only start riding the sky cycle if they know how to ride a regular unicycle.

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Horace Mann Elementary School Field Day

by Benjamin Taddesse

Kids enjoying the Field Day at Horace Mann Elementary School.



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Lakewood Sports



3rd Place 4x400m Relay Team- Front Row- Ryann Greenfield & Aubrielle Reed. Back Row- Halle Krebs & Seta Nagby.

LHS Girls Track Team Finishes 4th In West Shore Conference Meet

by Stephanie Toole

The Rangers finished out their dual meet record 5-2 this season. A young team with just 1 senior competing post season, Captain Monica Harris, the Lakewood High School Girls Track Team finished 4th over all at the West Shore Conference Meet. The two-day meet was held Wednesday May 13th and Friday May 15th at Avon Middle School.

Earning All Conference Honors were: 1st Team - Junior Mallory Shaw. Shaw finished first in both the 1600 and 3200. 2nd Team- Junior Clare Toole - Pole Vault. Toole, who finished 2nd, broke the Conference Pole Vault record with a jump of 10'6". The record is shared with Bay High School jumper Kaylie Harden, who also cleared 10'6". Harden was awarded 1st place with one less missed attempt. Honorable Mention All Conference - 3rd place 4x400m relay team- Sophomores Ryann Greenfield, Halle Krebs, Aubrielle Reed and Freshman Seta Nagby.

Finishing in the top 8 and scoring for the Rangers: 4x100m Relay- 4th Place- Freshman Jordan Robinson, Junior Clare Toole, Sophomore Ryann Greenfield, Senior Monica Harris. 4x800m Relay- 4th Place- Junior Mallory Shaw, Sophomores Halle Krebs and Olivia Rodriguez, and Freshman Jing Feng. Shot Put- 4th Place- Sophomore Trinity Nall 4x200m Relay- 5th Place- Sophomores Halle Krebs, Aubrielle Reed, Junior Clare Toole, and Senior Monica Harris. 400m 5th Place- Sophomore Ryann Greenfield 400m 7th Place- Sophomore Halle Krebs



Mallory Shaw- Conference Champion 1600m

800m 7th Place- Freshman Jing Feng 300m Hurdles- Freshman Seta Nagby 100m Hurdles- 7th Place- Sophomore Lauren Klann Discus- 8th Place- Junior Anwar Zahriyeh 3200m- 8th Place- Sophomore Olivia Rodriguez.

The Lady Ranger Track and Field Team will continue its post season competition this Wednesday, May 20 and Fri. May 22 at the OHSAA Div. 1 Track and Field District Meet held at Brunswick High School. The Top 4 finishers in each event will continue on at the OHSAA Regional Meet the following Wed. and Fri. May 27 & 29th at Amherst Steele High School.



Trinity Nall- shot put, Clare Toole- pole vault, and Anwar Zahriyeh- shot put and discus.

Registration Open For The 4th Annual Commissioners Youth Scholarship Softball Tournament

by Janet Gowan

Registration is now open for the 4th Annual Commissioners Youth Scholarship Softball Tournament. All games will be played in a flight format at Foxx and Usher fields. Teams are guaranteed three games; top four teams make the playoffs. Registration fees are \$250 per team with early bird registration of \$200 through June

15. Fees include umpires, scorers & game balls. Men's tournament will be Saturday, August 8, with the Co-Ed tournament on Sunday, August 9. Rain dates will be August 15 & 16. For further information, or to register, contact Rick Wallenhorst at the Lakewood Rec Department at 216-529-4082 or at the Lakewood Recreation website: lakewoodrecreation.com.

Tri-C Student-Athlete From Lakewood Named All-Conference In Baseball

by John Horton

Eric Roder of Lakewood was one of four Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) baseball players named to the All-Conference team by the Ohio Community College Athletic Conference after a stellar 2015 season.

The third baseman batted .335 with two home runs and 47 RBI for Tri-C. Roder, a second-year player, also scored 37 runs.

He joined teammates Connor Ryan, Ben Szymczak and Gabriel Vargas as All-OCCAC.

The Challengers ended the season with a record of 36-20 — an improvement of 24 wins from the previous season. The team finished second in the conference and made several appearances in national polls.



Eric Roder, named to the All-Conference Team.

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Lakewood Rallies For City Worker Michael Wilburn, Fighting Brain Cancer

by Terrence Martau

Saturday June 20th, friends, family and City of Lakewood co-workers will gather at Lakewood’s East End Bistro & Pub in a fundraising effort for longtime Lakewood employee Michael Wilburn, recently diagnosed with brain cancer. The benefit will run from 5PM – 9PM and is intended to support Michael Wilburn and his young family with co-pays, deductibles and related expenses. Tickets are available in advance (\$15 at East End and via multiple sellers throughout Lakewood) and will also be available at the door (\$20 day of event). The event will feature buffet-style food (6PM – 8PM firm), live music courtesy of Cats on Holiday, 50/50 raffles, donated Chinese auction items, and other fun



Michael with Owen and Liam

fundraising activities. All proceeds beyond basic event costs will go to the family. Come see Michael Wilburn on June 20th and support him during this fight! If you can’t come, donations may also be made via www.gofundme.com/wilburnfamily.

Guests Cut A Rug At LakewoodAlive's Roaring 20's Party

by Ian Andrews

On Saturday, May 16, LakewoodAlive Staff, Board of Directors, volunteers and community members put on their suspenders and flapper dresses to celebrate all that is alive in Lakewood! Loving Lakewood: The Roaring 20’s saw VOSH filled with 175 supporters for a night of great food, custom cocktails, a silent auction, raffles and a few speak-easy surprises. All of the attending Big Cheeses and Bootleggers there to support LakewoodAlive’s mission reveled in days gone by with a swanky theme and tunes from the Syncopated Sin Swing Band.

The night took a turn for the worse as two rogue “coppers” tried to shut the celebration short. It was rumored that several of Lakewood’s Most Wanted were there. Honored at the event were:

Jim & Lilli “The Victorians” Valli: Overseeing a historic renovation of 1436 Grace Avenue, a former boarding house. Once completed, they will move from Berea to this house.

Judy “Mayor of Birdtown” Gryzbowski: She is an institution on

Madison Avenue and makes Madison Library a welcoming resource center.

Emmie “Baby Face” Hutchison: Creatively engages citizens while partnering H2O with LakewoodAlive on multiple projects annually.

Kate & Darren “The Renovators” Mancuso: Completed the renovation of 1446 Mars Avenue boarding house, transforming a nuisance property and seeing value in our community.

Bill “Bugsy” Craighead: Believes and Champions ideas of LakewoodAlive and is always willing to lend a hand.

Rolly “The Rock” Standish: Treasurer for 5 years and a contributor to the growth of the organization.

May thanks to the committee that helped make the event a success: Pam Smith, Lisa Anderson, Julie Warren, Brittany O’Connor, Stergios Lazos, Eric Lowrey, Maria Shinn, Lauren Brocone, Stephanie Reed and the entire LakewoodAlive staff.

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Lakewood YMCA Adventure Guides Car Wash

by Cindy Bischof-Steinbrick

On Saturday, June 6th, Lakewood Adventure Guides – Lake Trail Nation will hold its annual car wash behind the Lakewood YMCA. Cruise on by from 10am-2pm to get all the spring dirt washed off by hand and help support a great cause.

Adventure Guides’ programs launch parents and their children ages 5-12 on a journey of discovery, with the

child as the explorer and the parent as the guide. Adventure Guides encourages parents to get to know your kids while they are still a kid with group activities such as Pinewood Derby, games, sledding, camping, hiking and swimming. The one-on-one time in a fun, special environment builds important bonds through shared experiences.

Whether you are a mother, father, grandparent, or guardian with sons, daughters or both, ALL are welcome to the Lakewood YMCA Adventure Guides - Lake Trail Nation to create great memories together. Our philosophy is that the most important thing you can spend on your child is your time. Thank you for your support!

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Community Forum Explores Equality And Inclusion

by Ian Andrews

On Wednesday, May 13 at Lakewood Public Library, LakewoodAlive’s community forum committee hosted a conversation “Exploring the Legend: Is Equality Alive in Lakewood?” The focus was on the LGBT community and determining if Lakewood is in fact an inclusive and welcoming community.

More than 60 community members participated with a panel of experts in the field. It was reported by the panel that while Lakewood has taken significant legislative and cultural strides, the state of Ohio has a long way to go and we are losing a competitive edge to attract talented individuals and families.

Attendees learned that in a state-wide poll, 7 out of 10 small businesses in Ohio support LGBT rights. But the audience was shocked when it was revealed that it is currently legal to fire or harass employees in the state of Ohio because they are LGBT. They weren’t alone. In the same poll, conducted by Small Business Majority, only 5 percent of business owners were aware of this sad reality.

“We are losing out on talented people,” said Michaela Burriss of Small

Business Majority. She noted that some from the LGBT community won’t leave LGBT friendly areas to come to Ohio regardless of employment opportunities. The panel and audience said that Lakewood has been welcoming yet we are hindered by a lack of statewide inclusion.

The forum was moderated by Michelle Tomallo, Board President, Plexus which serves as the Chamber of Commerce for the LGBT Communities and Allies.

Panelists included Michaela Hahn Burriss, Midwest Outreach Manager, Small Business Majority; Michael Daso, Financial Consultant, AXA Advisors; Alana Jochum, Northeast Ohio Director, Equality Ohio; and Maureen Greeves, Lakewood resident and parent.

One common thread revealed that language matters and there is much more each of us can do in Lakewood and elsewhere. It was noted that while Lakewood’s inclusion of the LGBT community isn’t perfect, our welcoming and inclusionary culture is ahead of policy-makers at the state level and in most Ohio communities.

This forum continues LakewoodAlive’s tradition of hosting conversation dating back more than ten years.

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Food Kids Garden Tent is sponsored by Lakewood Hospital with support from Lakewood Public Library Madison Branch, Lakewood Garden Center, and the LEAF Community.

The GOOD STUFF Merchant Market

The Taste of Lakewood has added a “Good Stuff” Lakewood Merchant market that will feature Lakewood’s unique retailers, talented artists and craftspeople, and event sponsors. The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and Cleveland Magazine, co-presenters of this year’s event, have added this new merchant market area in order to give Lakewood-based businesses exposure to a large regional audience. Contact the Chamber office at 216-226-2900 for more information.

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All of this, plus thirty food vendors and three bands on the First Federal Lakewood GOOD TUNES stage, promise to make this year’s Taste of Lakewood the biggest and best yet.

How to get there

The Taste of Lakewood will be at the south end of Madison Park in a larger event footprint, including a portion of Athens Avenue that will be closed between the park’s south parking lot and Clarence Avenue.

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Lakewood Is Art

VMCAD Art Exhibition Creates Job Opportunities

by Kayla Miracle

The Virginia Marti College of Art and Design (VMCAD) Student Art Exhibition is much more than an art show. It has the potential power to

begin a student’s design career and to forge networking opportunities with major design firms in the area. The Department Chairs of the College invite design professionals from pre-

eminent firms to adjudicate the show. More importantly, these judges get a first look at up-and-coming designers who they may be interested in hiring future employees. This is clearly evident from the circumstances that surrounded last year’s VMCAD Student Art Exhibition.

One of our outstanding design students, who had been already been placed by Career Services before graduation in a well-respected Cleveland design firm, entered art work in the show. A judge from another renowned agency, who saw her work, told the Graphic Design Department Chair, “This student, right here, I want her to work for me.” After that two other agencies came in to see the VMCAD Student Art Exhibition and said, “Who is that, we want her for our agency.” These three design agencies made the Graphic Design Department Chair promise that if someone of this caliber presents work in next year’s art show they would be the first ones to see the work and provide possible employment.

Again, this illustrates that the

VMCAD Student Art Exhibition is much more than an art show. It is an opportunity for students to show their work to major players in the design industries.

This year’s Exhibition is expected to yield the same results and will be held at the VMCAD campus in Lakewood.

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Gear Up For Beck Center’s Annual Bike For Beck And BeckFest

by Pat Miller

Beck Center for the Arts is hosting its fourth annual Bike for Beck, a fundraising cycling event, on Sunday, May 31. Cyclists will take to the Cleveland Metroparks between 7 to 10 a.m., beginning and ending at Beck Center, located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood. Riders can choose from 12-, 25-, or 60-mile rides. The community is invited to BeckFest, a free, family-friendly arts and music festival at Beck Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds from Bike for Beck will benefit quality arts education programs at Beck Center. Registration is available online at beckcenter.org.

The cost for Bike for Beck is \$40 per cyclist and includes a t-shirt and rider packet for the first 175 registrants.



Graphic Design by Pat Miller

Riders ages 12 and under are free with a paid adult rider and group discounts are available. “Kidical Mass”, a 1-mile ride for children of all ages, will begin with the bike decorating station at 9:30 a.m. and the ride beginning at 10 a.m. Registration is not required for “Kidical Mass” and all riders must wear helmets to participate.

BeckFest consists of interactive arts and music activities including bike safety, drum circles, “artsy” hopscotch, and a concert by two-time Grammy Award-winning artists Cathy & Marcy, known as the “trailblazers of children’s music.” Highlights also include improv by Something Dada, “Popcorn Games” hosted by Campbell’s Sweets Factory, an art station by Faber-Castell, creative face painting, and much more. Popular band Red Light Roxy will close the afternoon with swing music and dance.

Refreshments will be on sale from award-winning Chef Chris Hodgson’s Hodge Podge Food Truck, the Root Café, and gelato from The Sweet Spot.

Bike for Beck is sponsored the Lakewood Rocky River Rotary, First Federal Lakewood, Lakewood Hospital, Krylon, Turner Construction, Callahan Foundation, Faber-Castell, Adam J. Brinza, Dimit Architects, DS Benefits Group, and Minute Men. SAG support provided by Great Lakes React.



Summer Band Concerts Start June 28

by Colin McEwen

The summer lineup for the 2015 Summer Concert Series is all set. A venerable summertime custom in Lakewood, these free, open-to-the-public concerts are slated to take place at the Lakewood Park Bandstand in Lakewood Park (14532 Lake Ave.) at 7 p.m. on Sundays. The only exception is the July 4 concert, which is a Saturday.

“We’re proud of the wonderful tradition these concerts have become,” says Melissa Garrett, Community Relations Specialist for the city of Lakewood. “Lakewood has long been known as a family-friendly community. This annual event — the longest running in the city — is a great way to connect with our residents and families in Lakewood.”

And, following tradition, groups that have performed on the Bandstand in the past are invited to return.

- June 28: FireSide Band
- Sat., July 4: The Lakewood Project
- July 12: Cats On Holiday
- July 19: Ernie Krivda & The Fat Tuesday Big Band
- July 26: Tower City Barbershop Chorus
- Aug. 2: Ki Allen, Lady Jazz
- Aug. 9: Cleveland TOPS Swingband
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Nature’s Bin Presents “A Natural Approach To Body Care & Beauty” On June 10

by Mary Johnson

Join Nature’s Bin when they host “A Natural Approach to Body Care & Beauty” with Judy Bulcroft on Wednesday, June 10 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. at University of Akron/Lakewood. Ms. Bulcroft is a certified family herbalist, and owner of Meadowlake Farms Botanicals. She will be talking about the benefits of using natural skin care, techniques for using these products and how to use your natural apothecary simply and safely.

“Judy brings an incredible depth of knowledge to this subject,” commented Nicki Schneider, Vitamin/Supplement, Tea, and Health and Beauty Manager at

Nature’s Bin. “She is passionate about natural skin care and our attendees will have a great opportunity to learn from her.”

Ms. Bulcroft holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and is a Certified Family Herbalist. Prior to the pursuit of Herbal Medicine she enjoyed a 30 year career in Health Care Administration and as a Medical Rehabilitation Specialist. She also served as a wound care consultant on a trauma-rehab team. Medowlake Farms Botanicals is a member of Society of Cosmetic Chemists, American Botanical Council, United Plant Savers, Green Products Alliance, Certified Naturally Grown and Cruelty Free Companies.

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the RTA Red Line and exit at W. 117th Street (W. 117th & Madison) and walk 1/2 mile west on Madison Avenue to Madison Park.

New in 2015: the West Side Shuffle bus will be providing continuous service in Lakewood from 12:45pm to 8pm to get you to and from the event for \$2 per ride. Visit tasteoflakewood.com for details.

Ride your bike or walk to Madison Park

Driving to the Taste of Lakewood: Parking will be limited. Street parking or the parking lot at Harrison Elementary School (between Quail and Dowd Avenues, two blocks east of Madison Park) are options for those who wish to drive to the event. (Note: The north lot at Madison Park will be reserved for food vendor, merchant market vendor, entertainment and event equipment vehicles.)

Volunteer at the Taste of Lakewood

Last year’s Taste of Lakewood attracted over 10,000 people from the region who know of Lakewood’s reputation as a great food destination. To



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A New Day For Lakewood Hospital

by Brian Essi

If you’ve been following the Lakewood Hospital saga, you know that at a press conference on January 15th, citizens were told that 1.) Lakewood hospital would be closing next year, that 2.) it was losing money and that 3.) no other healthcare system was interested in running it.

So we should gratefully accept Cleveland Clinic’s offer to have Lakewood pay for demolishing its own hospital, so the Clinic could buy the land at a discount and put a “Family Health Center” (a specialty referral center similar to the Stephanie Tubbs Center in East Cleveland) on part of the land. In addition, Lakewood would also have to sign an agreement indicating that we would never contract with any other health provider at that site without the Clinic’s approval. The money left in hospital coffers and money that the Lakewood Hospital Foundation had raised and additional money paid yearly by the Clinic was supposed to be given to a new non-profit group, formed from the old Lakewood Hospital Association, whose responsibility would be “health and wellness activities”—the Clinic would have some control over that too. So, a referral center, and a lot of money given to an “unnamed” group to be spent on “wellness” instead of a hospital.

Here is the great news.

- 1.) It has NOT been decided that the hospital is closing next year. That was a recommendation that has yet to be voted on by our City Council, who represent citizens, many of whom DO NOT WANT THE HOSPITAL CLOSED.
- 2.) The hospital is not losing money, and could in fact become more robust and more viable under the right management.
- 3.) Another healthcare system,

MetroHealth, is quite interested in running the hospital and has been for a long time.

THE HOSPITAL IS NOT CLOSING NEXT YEAR

1. On January 15, 2015, nurses and other citizens wept after they were told at a press conference that the hospital had to close in 2016 because of changes in healthcare. That was not true.

2. Also on January 15, 2015, the hospital president, Shannon Richie (a Cleveland Clinic employee) mailed thousands of letters to hospital patients leaving them with the false impression that the hospital was closing in 2016--the letters failed to mention that City Council approval was needed to close the hospital.

3. At the many forums held, the public was told that the only options available were to accept the LOI or the hospital would go bankrupt—no other healthcare system wanted Lakewood hospital. That was not true—Just this past week, Metro expressed its continued commitment to work with Mayor Summers and Lakewood.

THE HOSPITAL WAS NOT LOSING MONEY UNTIL THE CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENT, WHICH CAUSED NOMINAL PAPER LOSSES THAT ARE EASILY REVERSIBLE

1.) The 2014 Audited Financial Statements for LHA show revenues exceeded expenses by \$2.5 million in 2014 and \$5.3 million in 2013. Also, the cost of charity care decreased from \$7.4 million in 2013 to \$3.8 million in 2014. The auditors stated: “The decrease in charity care is primarily attributable to the increase in Medicaid patients due to the expansion of Medicaid eligibility in the State of Ohio.” This \$3.6 million improvement in Lakewood’s payer mix is very important news for the viability of Lakewood Hospital and contradicts the false narrative.

2.) Hospital investment assets actually increased by over \$1 million in the first quarter of 2015 despite paper losses that only began as a result of the premature closing announcement. If depreciation expense is added back, the hospital netted over \$1 million in the first quarter of this year.

METROHEALTH IS VERY INTERESTED IN MANAGING LAKEWOOD HOSPITAL

Three documents from Metro-Health dated May 2, 2014, October 3, 2014 and May 20, 2015 are now public. Together these documents establish the following:

1. Metro’s initial proposal in May 2014 was very serious and revolutionary. Here are just a few of its provisions that undo the false narrative of the past four months:

a. That Metro is a profitable, well-managed healthcare organization with patient revenues on the rise in service areas with more challenges than Lakewood.

b. “MetroHealth believes that The Cleveland Clinic Foundation has a requirement and responsibility to fulfill their commitment to [Lakewood Hospital].” Metro estimated the Clinic’s responsibility to be \$40-\$50 million.

c. “MetroHealth would support the introduction of a “Wellness/Community Recreation Center”—there was no funding specified for the recreation center—a disappointment for Mayor Summers, who wants to use new foundation money and hospital land for a recreation center.

d. “MetroHealth is committed to developing a mutually agreeable collaborative arrangement with the City and LHA (including possibly a long term lease) WHEREBY METRO WILL COMMIT TO PROVIDING FOR THE OPERATION OF LAKEWOOD HOSPITAL.”

e. Metro wants to “reinvigorate” the Community Advisory Board by recruiting new members “to provide a platform for the Hospital to listen and learn about concerns and ideas.” This is in sharp contrast to the Clinic’s current approach of letting an unelected few decide what’s right for all of Lakewood.

2. In September, 2014, Metro made an in-person presentation that improved upon their May 2014 written proposal. It is no surprise that LHA leadership and Mayor Summers want to keep the details of that presentation secret from the public.

3. On May 20, 2015, Metro responded to Mayor Summers’ recent misguided letter to them, reiterating Metro’s commitment to Lakewood, and stating that they could not respond with the Letter of Intent (LOI) still pending-- The LOI, which will expire May 31st, remains an obstacle to any third party bidders for the hospital--bidders don’t want to be sued by the Cleveland Clinic for tortious interference-- and that 10 days given by Mayor Summers was not enough time to responsibly make a new proposal.

There are many more details and of course, much to explain regarding how this all happened in the first place, but the good news is in. Lakewood can have a hospital, restoring services that the LHA let the Clinic take away, if Lakewood citizens want one. Contact Mayor Summers and your council representatives today (via their contacts on onelakewood.com), and urge them to reject the Letter of Intent, and to pursue the path that builds Lakewood Hospital into a model for the 21st century.



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Save Lakewood Hospital Rally At City Hall

by Mike Zannoni

Citizens gathered in front of Lakewood City Hall on Monday, May 18th before a regular City Council meeting to oppose the Letter of Intent (LOI) signed by Cleveland Clinic and the Lakewood Hospital Association, which outlines a proposal to close and demolish Lakewood Hospital and build an outpatient-only “Family Wellness Center” similar to one in East Cleveland in its place. Many protesters also voiced support for keeping the century-old establishment open with a new health system partner, such as MetroHealth. The LOI needs to be approved by City Council by May 31st, when it expires, in order for the Clinic’s plan to go into effect.

Protesters wore red and chanted slogans such as, “When our hospital’s under attack, what do we do? Stand up, fight back!” Many carried signs with messages, such as “Save Lakewood Hospital,” “Some Cuts Don’t Heal” and “Cleveland Clinic’s Interest is not Lakewood’s Interest.”

Speakers included State Senator



As the facts of City Hall’s dealings are uncovered, the “Save Lakewood Hospital” group has gotten larger and larger each week.

Mike Skindell (D-District 23), who has been vocal against the plans for closure and the secretive process behind it since the unveiling of the Cleveland Clinic’s Letter of Intent on January 15th of this year. He told the crowd of almost 100 that Mayor Summers, who has been an active proponent of the LOI, is “acting more like the Mayor of Avon than the Mayor of Lakewood.”

An integral part of Cleveland

Clinic’s plan is to divert the hospitalization needs of Lakewood residents to a still-to-be-built hospital in Avon, effectively moving all of Lakewood’s “beds” 14 miles away. This diversion would be guaranteed by part of the LOI that prohibits Lakewood from building another hospital for its own needs now or in the future.

Other speakers came forward at the rally, including Michelle Mahon of National Nurses United, and the Save Lakewood Hospital Chair, Marguerite Harkness, as well as several Lakewood residents with personal stories about Lakewood Hospital’s impact on their lives, more than one pointing out that had the hospital not been just a few minutes away they would not be here to share their stories.

Afterwards, protesters presented

petitions to City Council with over 2,000 signatures and voiced their opinions, requesting that City Council reject Cleveland Clinic’s and Lakewood Hospital Association’s plan to close and demolish the hospital as outlined in the LOI.

The rally was held by Save Lakewood Hospital, a group put together by local residents, professionals and community leaders. For those wanting to get involved, Save Lakewood Hospital urges citizens to contact their Council person (<http://onelakewood.com/CityCouncil/Members.aspx>).

To help with their efforts to share information and keep the hospital open, visit Save Lakewood Hospital’s website and blog for more info (<http://savelakewoodhospital.org/>).



State Senator Mike Skindell speaks to a large crowd gathered to protest the City’s actions in regards to trying to close the hospital.

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Lakewood Business



Taster Twins Are Diggin' Deagan's

by Ingrid Dickson

When we walked in to the rustic confines of Deagan's Kitchen and Bar, located on Detroit Road near the Warren Road intersection, we were greeted by a friendly, welcoming hostess, as well as every shade and texture of brown in the color palette. The tables were inviting, with their eclectic mix of different chairs. This mismatched style was comfortable and charming. We were presented with an extensive list of adult beverages and the intriguingly creative menu and our attentive server, Sarah, enticed us with the day's specials: including gourmet burger and vegetarian options.

We started off with meaty and perfectly spiced wings delicately coated in soy chili jam and the special treat of vinegar-laced deviled eggs made with English mustard and goat cheese. Simple comfort foods elevated to

extraordinary is the order of the day at Deagan's. The fried egg BLT with bibb lettuce, garlic mayo, applewood bacon and fresh tomatoes, topped with an over-easy egg made for a scrumptious lunch when paired with a generous portion of tasty fries. A grilled cheese sandwich and tomato soup: didn't you have that for lunch in your elementary school's cafeteria back in the day? We can assure you--this delicious combination was brought to a whole new level with the sumptuous white cheddar and provolone cheeses exquisitely melted on their house-made bread, with the hidden treasure of thick-cut applewood bacon, enveloped in the creamy cheese duo. To complete this traditional lunch, a thick tomato bisque, reminiscent of a pasta sauce kissed by Italian spices, was the ideal complement to the velvety cheese sandwich. These hearty, classic entrees were so satisfying and pleasing in unexpected ways.

Deagan's menu is rife with creative twists on culinary standards, especially on their dessert menu. For example, they serve a Breakfast Bread Pudding, made with cranberry scones, Belgian waffle, and kumquat marmalade with candied bacon ice cream. Also found on the dessert menu is a Vegan Molten Chocolate cake with avocado ice cream. Surprising! These aren't your grandma's desserts, but they are destined to become classics anyway. Deagan's Kitchen and Bar embodies something familiar, yet unique, in a homey atmosphere with good food, top-notch service, and a variety of spirits. Be sure to stop by and give Deagan's a try!

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Lakewood Chamber Announces 2015 Scholarship Recipients

by Valerie Mechenbier

The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce 2015 Scholarship winners have been announced and will be honored at the Taste of Lakewood on June 7th at Madison Park. The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce scholarship program, established in 2000, awards scholarships each year to four high school seniors who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to their studies, extra-curricular activities, and, just as importantly, a commitment to working at a part-time or full-time job during their high school years. Over sixty young men and women have received Lakewood Chamber of Commerce scholarships over the past 16 years.

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

Congratulations to the 2015 Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Scholarship winners:

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Lakewood History

The Curtis Block

by Dr. Charles Greanoff

Tradition. Rituals. Community. In an increasingly utilitarian society that seems to worship all things new, these quaint concepts are often disregarded with a casual indifference. Why preserve something that simply can be replaced? Isn't the more modern building or newer technology inherently

superior? Why hold onto the past? Just be practical. Yet, honoring our history and traditions is not merely a sentimental expression--it is often, paradoxically, one of the most practical things that we can do. This is especially true in Lakewood. In our competitive, dynamic world, we have some com-

parative advantages over our friends to the west, the most prominent include our housing stock, location and architecture. Every time we maintain, renovate or reconstitute an old building—see Geiger's, Donato's, Malley's, Players, Sweet Designs, or just drive down Clarence—we keep Lakewood special and further differentiate ourselves from the land of strip malls and subdivisions. Each step in the other direction promotes homogenization, and our identity becomes eroded. Our sense of place, and the history embodied within it, reinforces an understanding and appreciation of those who built our town. The preservation of such “places” is not only the preservation of history, but also the stories behind it. As a history teacher at Lakewood High School, I see students every day who are enriched by an understanding of where they came from; many have a genuine pride in our home town. We often talk about how Lakewood developed before the widespread use of automobiles, and how that fact has shaped our city. I was therefore thrilled to see that the Planning Commission approved the first part of the process toward declaring the Curtis Block, on the southwest

corner of Marlowe and Detroit, as historic. Descendants of two of our earliest settlers-- Joseph and Sarah Curtis Hall--built this beautiful building. It shares a block with four other original commercial buildings from the streetcar-era. It's as Lakewood as the big tree on Summit, and Mahall's. Just about everyone has fireworks, but the Fourth of July Parade and Lakewood Project concert are as uniquely Lakewood as anything I can think of. I couldn't imagine a Fourth of July without them. Likewise, I want to continue living in a Lakewood that celebrates its traditions and history, not simply in the Old Stone House or on a website, but as a living reminder of economic factors, visionary people and ideas that built our magical community. Long Live Lakewood.



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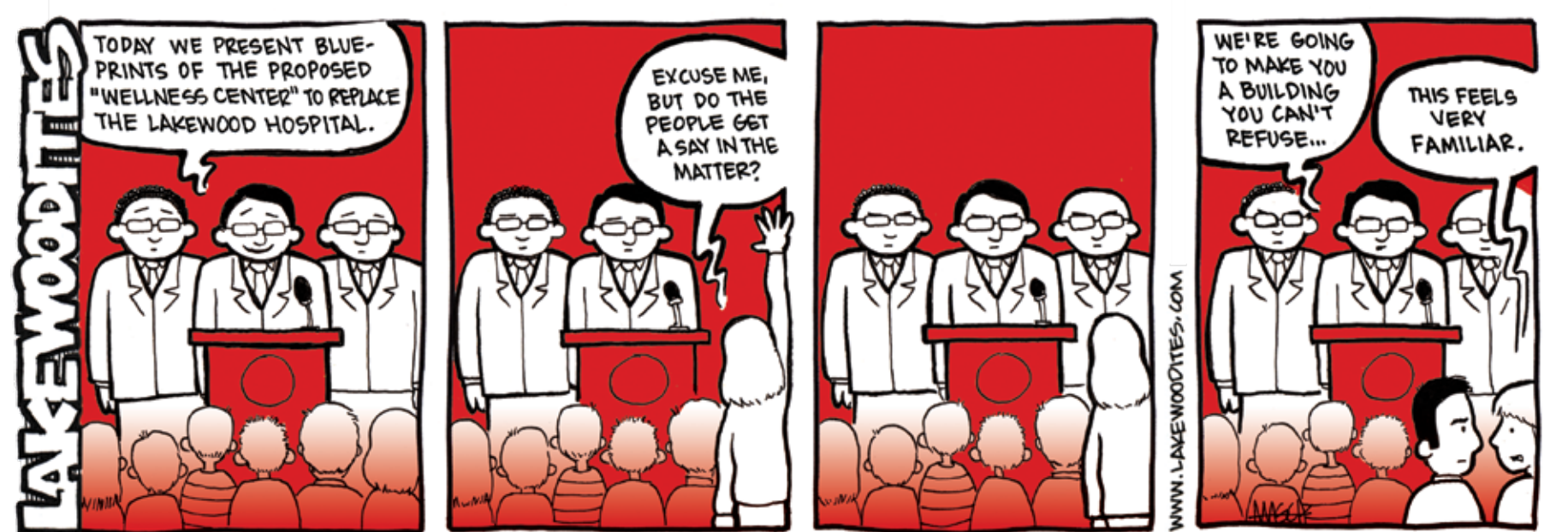
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