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Photography On The Deck

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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 L.O. photologs 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 Beatt 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.

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Volunteers Tackled Birdbtown 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 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.

St. Edward High School worked on five projects in Birdbtown 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 Birdbtown 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 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 independent 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.
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; and 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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ShareOhio: Cities have received a request to update equipment inventory lists for inclusion in a statewide database. Rambifications 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 WCOC 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 WCOC 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.
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, Rich Sicha, to present the awards. The owners of eight structures were recognized in several categories. For Commercial Revitalization, the Marjorie building at 15000-16 Detroit was recognized for the transformation of its storefronts. This is the building with The Root Cafe and Lion and Blue in it. For Commercial Revitalization, 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 proposal 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 nonprofit 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 of 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 outpatient 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 Angela’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 maintained.

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.

Join the Lakewood Earth & Food Community for all about promoting Lakewood’s outdoor activities and learn tips 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 paint? Stop by 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 Angela’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 maintained.

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Grant School 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 1800s 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 1971—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 active and dynamic district, constantly innovating, and celebrating successes.

In addition to the construction planning, other topics discussed during that time included 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, 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 $970,000,000 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 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. The 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 to purchase an additional 5 properties on Victoria and Elmwood Avenues. Later, the school board would receive complaints for the on-site burn of these properties, in pursuit of the construction 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.

In 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 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!

Final Remarks
by Emma Petrie-Barcelona

Thank you! I hope you come to this new building. Thank you for coming! We hope to see you here! We are looking forward to welcoming you all to the new Grant School. Thank you for coming today! We are so grateful to have you here with us today. Thank you for being here today to celebrate the memories of the old Grant and for dreaming big for the new Grant. Thank you!
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, Chompers. 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 un wrapped the book and declared that everyone in both build ings 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 affair as lead organizers Stacy Rocco, Regina Baizer 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 and a video appearance by Superin tendent Bay who had already read “The World According to Humphrey.”

The excitement and enthusiasm 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! 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 Baizer 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 and a video appearance by Superintendent 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!

The World According to Humphrey

RR: 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?

LO: What 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 perfectly 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 programming, schedule 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 discussions 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.
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 Stern 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 2011, 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 participation in Facing History with some of the refugee students.

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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- 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 $85 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 so they can learn. If kids learn, they will get a sticker with a heart saying “Up and Rider.” A 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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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 Kayley 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, Aubrielle Reed and Freshman Seta Nagby.

Finishing in the top 8 and scoring for the Rangers: 4x100m Relay- 4th Place- Freshman Jordan Robinson, Junior Mallory Shaw, Sophomore Trinity Nall and Senior Monica Harris. 4x200m Relay- 4th Place- Junior Mallory Shaw, Sophomores Halle Krebs and Olivia Rodriguez, and Freshman Jing Feng. Shot Put- 4th Place- Sophomore Trinity Nall 4x400m Relay- 4th Place- Sophomores Halle Krebs, Aubrielle Reed, Junior Clare Toole, and Senior Monica Harris. 400m 8th Place- Sophomore Ryann Greenfield 400m 7th Place- Sophomore Halle Krebs.

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 Wallenhuis 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

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Lakewood Cares

Lakewood Rallies For City Worker Michael Wilburn, Fighting Brain Cancer

by Terrence Martau

Saturday June 6th, 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 (4PM – 8PM open), live music courtesy of Cats on Holiday, 50/50 raffles, donated Chinese auction items, and other fun 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 VOSI filled with 175 supporters for a night of great food, custom cocktails, a silent auction, raffles and a few speakeasy surprises. All of the attending Big Cheeses and Bootleggers there to support LakewoodAlive’s mission revealed in days gone by with a swanky theme and tunes from the Swingin’ Sin Swing Band.

The night took a turn for the worse as two rogue “coppers” tried to shut the door. Honored at the event were: 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 in Championing 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. Mary thanks to the committee that helped make the event a success: Pam Smith, Lisa Anderson, Julie Warren, Brittany O’Connor, Stergios Lazo, Eric Lowrey, Maria Shinn, Lauren Bro- cone, Stephanie Reed and the entire LakewoodAlive staff.

This event was not possible without all of the support of our very generous sponsors. Presenting Sponsor: First Federal Bank of Erie. Silver Sponsor: The Rock and Blue, Buckhead Construction Services, Inc., Bryan, Coleen, and Peter de Boer, Ride + Workout, Cleveland Home Title, Clark Financial Services, Erie design, Cleveland Property Management, Sentry Protection Products, Rockport Wealth Advisors, NEO Realty Group, Rozi’s Wine House, North American Spirits & Wine Brokerage of Ohio. Neighboring Sponsors: Curt Brosky and Betty Tereck, Tom & Pam Smith. Venue Sponsor: Vosh Lakewood. If you love what LakewoodAlive is doing, please visit www.lakewoodalive.com to make a donation or find upcoming Knowing You Home Workshops & community events.

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


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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 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 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.

Everyone is welcome to attend this free event!

VMCAD is a nationally accredited, two-year career college for students ready to advance. Our specialized, project-based curriculum and hands-on training prepare students to compete in the creative fields with the most dynamic growth potential. We offer accredited degrees in Graphic Design, Interior Design, Fashion Design, and Fashion Merchandising.

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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
Aug. 16: Lakewood Hometown Band

In the event of rain, the Lakewood Hometown Band concert on Aug. 16 will take place in the Lakewood City Hall Auditorium, 12650 Detroit Avenue.
Lakewood Health And Wellness

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. Meadowlake 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.

The program is free but registration is required. Please visit naturesbin.com to register.

Nature’s Bin, Lakewood’s own independent natural health store, is operated by the nonprofit, Cornucopia, Inc. This natural foods market serves as a training site for a unique and successful program that provides vocational training leading to employment for people with disabilities. Programs hosted at Nature’s Bin serve people with a wide range of disabilities including developmental disabilities, autism, mental illness, visual, speech and hearing impairments, and injuries resulting from accident or illness. Nature’s Bin has been serving the greater Cleveland community since 1975.

Taste Of Lakewood Returns To Madison Park On June 7
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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 put our best foot forward, we need a small army of volunteers to help set-up, sell tickets, pour beer, keep the event clean, keep our vendors happy, and clean up after the event! Be part of the Taste of Lakewood team – sign up at tasteoflakewood.com!

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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 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 a document 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. The hospital is not losing money, and could in fact become more robust and more viable under the right management.
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 is not losing money under the right management— 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 were lost and making services available to more people.

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The Hospital is not Closing Next Year

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Three documents from MetroHealth dated May 2, 2014, October 3, 2014 and May 20, 2015 are now public.

Together these documents establish the following:

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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 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/).
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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 comparative advantages over our friends to the west, the most prominent include our housing stock, location and architecture.

Every time we maintain, renovate or reconstruct 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 fire-works, 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.

THE FUTURE?

Now, Matthew Hall House, 16906 Detroit Avenue

Gone
Matthew Hall House
16906 Detroit Avenue

Built between 1865 and 1870 by Matthew Hall, son of Joseph and Sarah Curtis Hall. Hall worked as supervisor of Plank Road and built the house during the Civil War. The original structure contained three rooms downstairs, a modified summer kitchen, and woodshed, and two low bedrooms upstairs. It was one of the oldest single family houses in Lakewood and was demolished December 2007. The last use was for retail, Hixon’s Victorian Cottage.
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