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## Pledging To End Backroom Deals, Save Lakewood Hospital

# State Senator Michael J. Skindell To Run For Mayor Of Lakewood

by Mike Deneen

Pledging to put an end to backroom deals like the one which engineered the proposed closing of Lakewood Hospital, State Senator Michael J. Skindell filed petitions to run for Mayor of Lakewood. Skindell's entry marks the Lakewood contest as one of the top local races for 2015. Skindell has proven to be a powerful vote-getter in the city which sent

him to Columbus with big margins in the past twelve years. Previous to that he was a Lakewood Councilman at Large for five years.

"Public office is a public trust. The present Mayor has repeatedly violated that trust by attempting to close Lakewood Hospital, which is viable and which I pledge to keep open. The Mayor has the obligation to protect the peo-

ple's interests. He or she must insist that those who choose to do business with the city will not be allowed to dodge their obligations and waste public assets for corporate gains," Senator Skindell said.

"One of the most sacred responsibilities of a public official is to be honest and above board. Anyone who looks at the deal to close Lakewood Hospital knows that the Mayor has

been anything but that. While honest people can have honest disagreements over public policy, the debate must be in the open. The attempt to close Lakewood Hospital was done behind closed doors and the mayor continues to shield relevant discussions and documents from public view. It is an outrage that the people of Lakewood have to sue the city to get information about their community hospital," Skindell said.

"I am pleased to join



State Senator Michael J. Skindell, now a candidate for Mayor of Lakewood

with our citizens who are fighting for Lakewood by fighting against the closure of Lakewood Hospital. As Mayor,

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## LHA Allows Letter Of Intent To Expire

by Brian Essi

On May 28th, Attorney DeVito filed a taxpayer lawsuit including claims of fraud and conspiracy. The Letter of Intent (LOI) to demolish Lakewood Hospital expired on May 31st. At the first pretrial held on June 4, 2015, Judge John P. O'Donnell signaled that the complaint is being taken very seriously.

Unless the \$400 million liability claimed against Lakewood Hospital Association (LHA) and the Clinic is resolved, the hospital must remain open and its assets cannot be sold, transferred or demolished.

On the evening of June 4th after the pretrial, LHA trustees were asked by the Clinic to consider changes to the LOI that might not guar-

anty the new foundation money. So despite the lawsuit and pretrial, the Clinic was defiantly pursuing the original plan and also trying to hold LHA accountable for self-inflicted financial losses and failures caused by the Clinic's mismanagement and the premature announcement of the hospital closing. The Clinic **continued on page 3**

## Join Us For Lakewood's Annual 4th of July Celebration

by Colin McEwen

The Fourth of July is big celebration in Lakewood. The day kicks off with the Fourth of July Parade on Lake Avenue; live entertainment at the Lakewood Park bandstand;

and fireworks after the sun goes down.

But this year, there are a few changes in the staging of the events.

Construction work at the park will shift the location of

the fireworks discharge area; that means that the fallout/safety area will also be moved. The Lakewood Fire Department has determined that the Kiwanis Club Pavilion and **continued on page 4**

## Explore The Churches Of Birdtown And Discover The History Of Lakewood

by Anne Davalla & Joe Stoltz

Have you ever wondered what the church across from Madison Park with the lighted cross looks like inside, or why the Russian church at Madison and Dowd has an onion-shaped dome? Why do Orthodox churches do things three times? Your opportunity to get answers to these questions and others is here.

On Sunday June 14, 2015 the churches of Birdtown will be holding their first annual Birdtown Church Walk. Four churches in the Birdtown neighborhood will be open to the public for free tours

from 1 to 4 p.m. Transfiguration Roman Catholic Church, Grace Lutheran Church, St. Nicholas Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and St. Peter and Paul Russian Orthodox Church will open their doors to share their beautiful temples, naves, and sanctuaries and to explain their traditions, customs and rich histories with all visitors.

Neighborhood merchants will be open. A list of merchants who will be offering discounts or promotions will be shared with everyone participating in the walk.

Take a Sunday afternoon stroll and see the beautiful stained glass and artwork, and

the fine craftsmanship and love that has been put into these churches that have been the spiritual homes of Lakewood residents for over one hundred years. Learn the history of these churches and the customs of the various faiths.

These neighborhood churches were the spiritual homes of Birdtown residents who worked in local factories and the near west side of Cleveland. The founding of these churches was often the result of a struggle to maintain the customs and traditions the immigrants brought with them from Europe.

Grace Lutheran Church **continued on page 4**

## The Friends of LPL Summer Bag Of Books Sale Is June 13!

by Lisa Calfee

It has come to our attention that many Lakewoodites remain hopelessly unprepared for the beautiful days of summer. As soft breezes and leisurely hours quickly advance upon our fair city, reports show that bookshelves are dusty and summer reading lists stale.

Don't let the perfect afternoon for a book be ruined without the perfect book! Protect yourself by visiting The Friends of Lakewood Public Library's Summer Bag of Books Sale on Saturday, June 13 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

\$3 buys a brown paper grocery bag that can be filled to the brim with a great selection of bestselling authors, classics, poetry, cookbooks,

children's books, gardening books, romances, self-help and magazines. There are also CDs for music lovers and DVDs of popular movies for sale. If you are still looking for videocassettes, the Friends have a great collection.

As always, your purchase will be helping The Friends of Lakewood Public Library who pay for nearly all of the Library's concerts, films, lectures and publications with no source of revenue other than deep discount book sales and two dollar membership dues.

So shop away and become a member of the Friends if you aren't already. Saturday, June 13 is the day for the Friends Summer Bag of Books Sale. Come by from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the great bargains!

## Taste of Lakewood 2015



photo by Alex Belisle

Lakewood Chamber of Commerce had their signature event last weekend, and we have the photos to show you the fun, online.



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I will work to put Lakewood Hospital on a path to serve the healthcare needs of our community long into the future and keep the hospital as an economic engine of our city. Lakewood Hospital is a critical link to the cherished public services, such as police, fire, senior and youth services, that make our community strong.”

“As Mayor, I will bring transparency to city government. I will oppose backroom deals that are delivered to the public in a black box. During my entire career in public service I have always fought for open government.”

Senator Michael Skindell has a distinguished record of service to the people. He has represented Lakewood in the state legislature, currently serving as a State Senator since 2011 and having previously served as State Representative for eight years. As a legislator, he has served on the important Finance and Appropria-

tions committees in both the Ohio House and Senate. He was successful in advocating for more than \$400,000 in funding for Lakewood’s Beck Center and funding for renovations at Lakewood Park. He has been a strong advocate for the state funding to help rebuild the public schools in Lakewood.

Skindell has been a leading advocate for seniors, working families and consumers. In 2007, he worked to get an addition into the state operating budget that provided for the first foreclosure prevention program established in Ohio. As part of House Bill 119, Cuyahoga County was given the authority to use interest and fees from delinquent taxes for steps aimed at foreclosure prevention. On the environmental front, he was named the 2004 Environmental Legislator of the Year by the Ohio Environmental Council and he has continued to be champion for Lake Erie.

Michael Skindell served the city of Lakewood for five years as a Councilman At Large. As a Lakewood Councilperson, he was successful in passing legislation to protect buildings that have architectural or historical significance to the city. As an attorney, Skindell also served as an Assistant Attorney General with the state of Ohio, fought for the health and welfare of seniors by providing legal representation to the Director of Health and before administrative agencies and state and federal courts.

Skindell graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business and Political Science from Walsh College in 1983. He received a Juris Doctorate degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1987.

Michael Skindell is a member of the executive committee of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party, the Lakewood Democratic Club and the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce. He was an alternate delegate to the 2000 Democratic National Convention. For further information, contact: Senator Michael Skindell at (216) 798-1035.





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City News

# Council Considers Anti-Discrimination Legislation

At 7:30 P.M. on June 1, 2015, the City Hall Auditorium was fairly full of spectators awaiting the start of the Council Meeting. Missing however was the Council. Stuck in executive session in the Committee of the Whole, Council did not finish their deliberations until nearly 8 P.M. At 8:08 P.M. Council President and Ward IV Councilwoman, Mary Louise Madigan finally called the meeting to order.

During role call Councilman Tom Bullock (At-Large) was missing, but no motion was made to excuse his absence. He did, however, show up some time later and join Council already in session.

Next Councilwoman Cindy Marx (At-Large) read a letter from Council members Sam O’Leary (Ward II), David Anderson (Ward I), Mary Louise Madigan, Tom Bullock, and herself regarding an anti-discrimination ordinance. Councilwoman Marx remarked that only 21 states protect people from discrimination based on sexual and gender orientation, and that Ohio is not one of them. The lack of an anti-discrimination law in Ohio is in contrast to a 2013 poll of registered voters that shows Ohioans overwhelmingly oppose these kinds of discrimination by 79%. “Lakewood is considered a unique city that is progressive and embraces diversity...we must demonstrate that Lakewood stands for protecting the rights of all people,” Councilwoman Marx said. She continued, saying Lakewood needs to take a stand to protect the rights of all the people and to serve as an example for other communities in Ohio to follow.

by Christopher Bindel

The ordinance introduced will update and clarify language in three sections of Lakewood’s Codified Ordinances. Although Lakewood already has anti-discrimination wording throughout the Codified Ordinances the proposed ordinance would help strengthen and expand what is already there.

Council referred the ordinance to the Rules and Ordinances Committee for consideration.

Councilwoman Madigan then introduced an ordinance that if passed would submit the proposed Third Amended Charter of Lakewood to be approved by citizens by popular vote. Last year a Charter Review Committee met several times over months to review and make changes to Lakewood’s Charter. The Committee submitted their final revisions to Council in August of last year. Per the Charter Council may either submit the Charter as presented to them by the Committee or make changes themselves before submitting it to the public. Any changes Council may wish to submit need to be done by September 4, 2015. Due to Council’s summer recess in August, Councilwoman Madigan recommended they try to pass the ordinance before then. The Amended Charter requires the support of five of the seven Council members to move on to the public.

Council referred the ordinance to the Committee of the Whole.

Councilman Anderson then read a letter asking his Council colleagues to join him in a discussion on how to improve parking conditions along

Madison Avenue. Councilman Anderson said that he has heard from several business owners along Madison that they have continual issues with cars that take up parking spaces in front of their businesses and stay there all weekend. This makes it difficult for customers to find parking, potentially hurting these businesses. Councilman Anderson wishes to discuss some possible options and strategies to help solve this problem including the possible extension of weekday parking restrictions to the weekend. He also invited input from the administration to help come up with a solution.

Director of Planning and Development, Dru Siley then asked Council to review an update to the Rockport Square development which would hopefully, finally develop their lots which have sat bare for years. The owners of the project, Forest City, have signed on with a new partner, Ryan Homes, for a new plan that would include 51 townhouse units on the two currently empty lots. The original four phased project contained a development agreement with the City that included Tax Increment Financing which would pay \$4million in land acquisition, public improvements, and demolition. Due to the changes in the development plan Council has to review and approve the agreement before the plan can move forward. The project also needs to be reviewed by the Planning Commission before it can start, but that process is already under way.

Council submitted the matter to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

Next Police Chief Malley informed Council of a donation of \$156.10 from the students of Mrs. Hvizdos second grade class at Hayes. The students had heard that another member of the community had donated \$10,000 to the City to go toward buying a new K-9 dog and the training for a handler and wanted to help. The students held a lemonade sale to raise the money.

Continuing with the K-9 theme, Chief Malley then informed Council that the original anonymous \$10,000 donor contacted the department after finding out that the cost of the dog and the training of the handler exceeded their initial donation. They proceeded to donate the remaining cost of \$4,350, for a total donation of \$14,350.

Coming to the end of the regular agenda items, Council opened the floor for public comment. The room was full of people interested in the issues regarding Lakewood Hospital. For the first time three people spoke in support of the Letter of Intent from the Cleveland Clinic and the plan for Lakewood Hospital. They each were a part of a formal letter which had more than 100 signatures that they submitted to Council asking them to approve the letter of intent. On the other side, there were four members of the public who spoke in opposition to the hospital plan.

After the public comment portion of the meeting, which was just about as long as the regular business of Council, Council President Madigan adjourned the meeting at 9:20 P.M.

## Fifth Annual Women’s Lobby Day Empowers Women To Engage Decision Makers

by Nickie Antonio

*Discussion and advocacy focuses on economic opportunity and fairness for women*

State Rep. Nickie J. Antonio (D-Lakewood) and the Ohio House Democratic Women’s Caucus (OHDWC) yesterday convened with women from across the state to discuss and lobby for policy solutions to challenges Ohio women face. In its fifth year of existence, the event featured guest speakers, a lobbying seminar and policy briefings from women legislators. The group focused its efforts on equal pay, workplace discrimination, infant mortality and domestic violence.

“Every day in the legislature, important decisions are being made that affect women’s access to healthcare and economic opportunity,” said OHDWC Chair Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo). “By bringing together women from across the state we can engage in thoughtful dialogue on how to overcome the challenges women and working families face in Ohio, and we can empower Ohio’s women to engage with influencers and decision makers.”

Rep. Nickie Antonio (D-Lakewood) was one of several women lawmakers who addressed participants about legislation that would positively affect women and working families in Ohio. She addressed HCR12 that declares Ohio’s rate of infant mortality a public health crisis and urges comprehensive preterm birth risk screening for all pregnant women in Ohio. Preterm birth is the leading cause of infant mortality in the nation, and universal screenings followed by progesterone treatment is the most direct, effective and cost effective means of reducing preterm birth.

“I am pleased that this bipartisan resolution was adopted unanimously by the Ohio House on May 13, 2015, now we need to work to get it passed in the Senate, as beginning steps at improving first year health for Ohio’s babies,” said State Rep. Nickie J. Antonio (D-Lakewood).

The Women’s Lobby Day coincides with the release of a new report that shows Ohio continues to lag behind much of the nation in terms of gender equality. The Status of Women in the States report, released by Institute

for Women’s Policy Research, ranked Ohio 27th in reproductive rights, 30th in poverty and opportunity measures, and 39th in health and well-being\*. Ohio didn’t receive a grade higher than C in any category defined by the report.

The mission of the Ohio House of Democratic Women’s Caucus is to develop and pass policies and legislation that improve the lives of Ohio women and their families; to identify and support emerging women leaders by serving as mentors; to educate and empower women and increase women’s involvement in public life and in the Ohio General Assembly.

*\*<http://statusofwomendata.org/explore-the-data/state-data/ohio/>*

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was digging itself into a deeper hole with Judge O’Donnell and attempting to have LHA go along. LHA made no public announcement of its June 4th proceedings.

At the June 8th City Council Committee of the Whole, Law Director Kevin Butler announced that LHA had voted to not extend or modify the LOI. Butler said the City still wanted to play a role in the future of healthcare in Lakewood and that there was a possibility of a new definitive agreement by the LHA and the Clinic to be presented soon.

Uncertainty remains as to the LHA and the Clinic’s plan for the hospital as they have not withdrawn their January, 2015 announcement that the hospital will close in 2016.

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City News

# Lakewood Farmers Market To Begin On June 27

by Colin McEwen

Lakewood Farmers Market kicks off its 6th season on Saturday June 27, 2015 and will continue each Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October 10, 2015.

The annual market takes place at

City Center Park (in front of the Marc's Plaza) each week.

The neighborhood market offers a healthy mix of handpicked produce, artisanal foods, and handmade goods from more than two-dozen area vendors. Shoppers can purchase local

farm fresh produce and products such as Ohio-raised meats, eggs, cheeses, honey, baked goods, pasta, spices, oils, soaps and lotions, plus one-of-a-kind handcrafted items.

Launched in 2010 as a grassroots resident initiative, the market is now

a staple in the community, providing a venue for neighborhood residents to connect with hyper-local growers and home-based "cottage industries."

This hyper-local focus and the engagement of surrounding businesses and organizations reinforces the market's motto: "We're Local, We're Lakewood." Supporters of the Lakewood Farmers Market include not just community residents, but a handful of Lakewood businesses, the City of Lakewood, the Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance, and the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce.

# Lakewood Fire Department Practicing Water Rescue On Rocky River, Lake Erie

by Colin McEwen

Lakewood firefighters are taking turns practicing water rescues on Lake Erie this week and next. The training includes learning techniques for rescue and recovery situations.

Once the fire department gets a call from dispatch, firefighters have the ability to be on the boat — and in the water — within five minutes. The training came in handy last summer when a boat caught fire near the mouth of the river. In addition, there were about 15 calls for water rescues last year.

Capt. Matt Preuer said the water rescues — along with rope and trench rescues — are a "low frequency, high risk" type of call.

"We don't do many water rescues, but when we do, the risk is great," he said. "We need to train for these sort of events because we don't see them all the time. We need to be prepared."

In 2012, the city bought a 21-foot, dual-engine Ribcraft rescue boat allowing the department to quickly respond to calls on Lake Erie and the Rocky River. The fire department moved its

water rescue boat to Clifton Lagoon in 2013 when Clifton Park Trustees donated the dock space.

## Join Us For Lakewood's Annual 4th of July Celebration

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Kids' Cove playground areas will have to be closed during the entire holiday.

In the past, these two areas have been used extensively for children's activities as well as shelter from the weather and for grilling. "We realize this may significantly impact your plans for shelter, food preparation, and keeping small children occupied," said Lakewood Police Capt. Gary Sprague. "So please adjust your plans accordingly."

To ensure the events are successful and safe, the city also has a few rules for

residents to keep in mind.

"We want citizens and visitors to enjoy Lakewood Park on the Fourth of July," said Mayor Michael Summers. "With an estimated 20,000 in attendance, it's easily the busiest day of the year for Lakewood Park. But safety is our No. 1 priority. We added some security measures to ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July celebration."

The following rules will be in effect at Lakewood Park on July 4, 2015:

All generators, propane and gas fueled grills are prohibited.

All tents, shelters, and beach umbrellas are prohibited.

Police may conduct searches of bags and containers for reasons of public safety.

No alcoholic beverages are permitted at any time throughout the year.

No personal fireworks. This includes novelty fireworks like sparklers and smoke bombs

No dogs or pets of any kind will be permitted in the park on July 4th.

The skate park, tennis courts, and basketball courts are expected to close at 9 p.m., but may close earlier.

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was founded on January 1, 2003 as a result of a merger between Pentecost Lutheran Church and Sts. Peter & Paul Lutheran Church, both of Lakewood. The original Pentecost Evangelical Lutheran Church was founded in 1918 by Slovak immigrants. St's. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church was established in 1901 on the corner of Quail and Thrush Avenues to serve Cleveland's Slovak Lutherans. In 1927 a new edifice was dedicated at the corner of Grace and Madison Avenues, the current location of Grace Lutheran Church. And the illuminated cross, which was unlit for many years, was restored as a result of the generous donation of a neighbor who said

that when she first moved to Lakewood, she knew she was home when she saw the lighted cross. And now that cross can be seen from as far away as I-90 and from the neighborhoods along the Madison Avenue corridor.

Transfiguration Parish was founded by Slovak immigrants as Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church in 1903 at the corner of Lakewood and Madison Avenues and is the oldest Roman Catholic congregation in Lakewood. A house situated on the property became a makeshift church where the first Mass was held on August 3, 1903. The groundwork for the present church was laid in 1926 and the structure was completed in 1931. Due to the financial hardships of the Great Depression, only the ceiling of the interior was decorated. The interior's stunning murals and decorations were finally completed in 1949. In 2010, the parish of SS. Cyril and Methodius merged with St. Rose of Lima in Cleveland, and St. Hedwig in Lakewood to form Transfiguration Parish.

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Orthodox was originally founded as an offshoot of St Gregory's Greek Catholic church in 1916 by a small group of faithful wishing to maintain the liturgical customs of the Galicia region of Ukraine. The current property on Quail Street was purchased with money loaned by various people. The men of the parish excavated the basement by hand. Carpenters were hired to erect the temple with lumber purchased from the Lakewood Lumber Company. In the

spring of 1962, a fire destroyed much of the interior of the temple. All the faithful of St. Nicholas rose to the occasion and the interior of the temple was completely renewed in May of 1963.

St. Peter & Paul Russian Orthodox Church dates back to 1904, when the first Divine Liturgy was held. Founded by Carpatho-Russian Eastern Orthodox congregants, the church was officially incorporated on July 19, 1917 and was originally located on Quail Avenue. That site was abandoned and the current location at Madison and Dowd Avenues was established with services being held in a finished basement until July 1950. The construction of the current church began in June 1948, with the different stages of construction moving slowly. The completed church was dedicated on July 2, 1950 and has the onion-shaped dome characteristic of the Orthodox faith. On a clear day, you can see beautiful Lake Erie from the steps of the church.

Your Sunday afternoon stroll on June 14 will leave you impressed by the beauty and rich histories, cultures and customs of the churches in this historic Lakewood neighborhood. These churches and their congregations have endured many changes over the last hundred years. But, you will find that faith survives change and is alive and well in the churches of Birdtown. For more information on the Birdtown Church Walk, visit the Grace Lutheran Church website at [www.gracelutheranlakewood.org](http://www.gracelutheranlakewood.org).



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# Lakewood Public Library

## LPL Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

Thursday, June 11

Friends Summer Book Sale –Members Only Preview – Not a Bag Sale  
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 13

Friends Summer Bag of Books Sale  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

“The End of the Affair” (1999) Directed by Neil Jordan

Graham Greene wrote a novel about a man who is writing a novel about an affair. Did Greene have an affair in real life? He dropped a pretty big hint by dedicating the book “to Catherine.” His wife’s name was Vivien. But Greene stayed married to Vivien because of his faith. Though Greene disliked being called a Catholic novelist, religious themes and beliefs were crucial to the narrative of both the book and the movie. Irish filmmaker Neil Jordan takes up the challenge of presenting the mysteries of faith that are the heart and soul of The End of the Affair. Starring Ralph Fiennes, Julianne Moore and Stephen Rea.

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

Sunday, June 14

A Thurber Carnival: The Life and Works of Ohio Humorist, James Thurber

The celebrated author of “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty” and the creator of numerous New Yorker cover cartoons, stories, social commentaries and chronicles of the human condition, James Thurber was born in Columbus, Ohio on December 8, 1894. One of the foremost American humorists of the 20th century, his inimitable wit and pithy prose spanned a breadth of genres, including short stories, modern commentary, fiction, theater, children’s fantasy and deeply personal letters. The artists of WordStage return to create an amusing, and sometimes poignant text from Mr. Thurber’s prose, diaries and letters and underscore it with quirky tunes that reflect the trenchant observations Mr. Thurber shared with his readers, colleagues and intimate friends throughout his life.

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

Tuesday, June 16

Knit and Lit Book Club

“Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend: A Novel” by Matthew Dicks

Come share your passion for great literature and show off your knitting, crocheting, counted cross-stitch, embroidery, and quilting works-in-progress.

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

Thursday, June 18

Booked For Murder: Genres within Genres

“The Caves of Steel” by Isaac Asimov

This time around, the ladies of murder mystery and mayhem will explore niche mysteries with animal sleuths, steampunk, a caper story, robot detectives, locked room mystery and a psychological ghostly thriller.

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

Thursday, June 18

Conspiracy and Cover-Up: What We Know About the JFK Assassination 50 Years Later

People know exactly where they were the moment they heard that President John F. Kennedy had been assassinated, but the details of this uniquely transformative event in history should be of interest to younger Americans for one reason—we still don’t know exactly what happened. Lakewood researcher Bev Sadowski has spent nearly fifty years interviewing eyewitnesses and pressing investigators, carefully separating the scores of plausible theories from the fever dreams of far-fetched conspiracy as each new piece of evidence comes to light. The mainstream media has not devoted much time to these new revelations in years, either

## Afternoon At The Movies

by Jeffrey Siebert

Are you sick of the pool? Do you want to keep cool? Are the movie prices so high that you think you will cry? Well don’t fret, my friends, there’s no need to fear! Whoopee, hooray, the Lakewood Public Library is here. Our Afternoon at the Movies is the perfect place for you! You can even bring along the whole family too! From June sixteenth to July twenty first we’ll be showing movies at 1 p.m. Come on Tuesday afternoons, it will be so much fun! We have six great movies you’re sure to enjoy! Films that will bring delight to every girl and boy. We’ll be showing “LEGO: The Adventures of Clutch Powers,” “Mulan,” “Monsters vs. Aliens” woo-hoo! “Kiki’s Delivery

Service,” “Wreck-It-Ralph” and “The Incredibles” too! In the Main Library Auditorium, it will be cool as ice, but remember, no food, no drinks and turn off your mobile device. Thanks to the Lakewood Public Library, your vacation won’t be such a bummer! Here’s a list of the movies we’ll be showing this Summer:

June 16 - LEGO: The Adventures of Clutch Powers

June 23 - Mulan

June 30 - Monsters vs. Aliens

July 7 - Kiki’s Delivery Service

July 14 - Wreck It Ralph

July 21 - The Incredibles

Remember, the movies will be shown in the afternoon at 1 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium, where you can escape from the sun!

because of a short attention span, lack of nuance, or something more sinister. This presentation offers a forum to those who simply want to learn more.

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

Saturday, June 20

“The Butcher Boy” (1997) Directed by Neil Jordan

To all the neighborhood, Francie seems to live the life of a normal Irish boy, sharing a playful fantasy world with his best friend, Joe. He has a zest for life and gift for gab, and it seems that nothing could ever get him down. But the sad truth is that he’s got no chance at all. Not only must he contend with a violent, alcoholic father and a mentally unstable, emotionally fragile mother, but he’s a bit deranged himself. When his mother commits suicide and Joe is sent off to boarding school, Francie gives himself over to mystical visions of the Virgin Mary and sinks into a deep, black paranoia that he directs mainly against Mrs. Nugent, a nasty neighbor woman he begins to blame for all the world’s evils. Based on the novel by Patrick McCabe and starring Sinead O’Connor, this darkly comic and hallucinatory film delivers a dramatic punch by hiding hard truths behind an off-kilter smile.

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

Sunday, June 21

Sunday Afternoon Cinema: “The Red Shoes”

Here we have a British classic of pure cinematic gold. At the core of the story is an enigmatic impresario, enacted by Anton Wallbrook, who controls the Lermontov Ballet. His life is the company and he demands nothing less of everyone in it. Resident composer Marius Goring writes the music for a new ballet based upon a tragic fairy tale by Hans Christian Andersen. Wallbrook’s protégé Moira Shearer is chosen for the principal role and scores a triumph, but the two young people have fallen in love. Upon being told, Wallbrook becomes enraged and fires Goring. Shearer quits. In time, a meeting is contrived and she agrees to return, which proves to be a fateful decision. Barbara Steffek-Hill returns to the Lakewood Public Library to present a series of classic films chosen from her personal favorites.

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

## LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Mondays through 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.

Thursday, June 11

Super Hero Cape

For you and your 4-7 year old child

Does your child dream of being a superhero? Together, you and your child will create a unique symbol and apply it to a ready-made cape provided by the Library. Registration required.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Friday, June 12

Down on the Farm Puppet Show

For the whole family

Come enjoy puppetry, magic, music, and comedy with fun farm animals. Free and open to the public. No registration required.

3:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Sunday, June 21

Sensory Story Time

For you and your 3-7 year old child

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

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

Lakewood Lego® League

For youth in kindergarten through fifth grade (caregivers welcome)

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

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

Saturday & Sunday

Family Weekend Wonders

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

Main Library Activity Room and Madison Branch Auditorium

Weekends With Wee Ones

For families with children under 2 years old

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

Madison Branch Children’s and Youth Services

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

# Lakewood Public Library

## WordStage Brings A Thurber Carnival To LPL

by Elaine Rosenberger

Celebrated cartoonist, playwright, wit, and author of “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty,” James Thurber was born in Columbus, Ohio in 1894. Now, returning from their standing-room-only performance of Gilgamesh, the players of WordStage bring Thurber to life in A Thurber Carnival on Sunday, June 14, at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.

While Thurber and his brother were playing a game of William Tell, his brother shot Thurber in the eye. Thurber lost that eye and, later, became totally blind. In 1925, Thurber moved to Greenwich Village, where author E.B. White helped him get a job as editor at The New Yorker. When White discovered some of Thurber’s discarded drawings in a trash can, White rescued them from the trash and submitted them to The New Yorker, where Thurber became renowned for his simple surrealist drawings and cartoons. Due to his deteriorating eyesight, Thurber drew his cartoons with thick black crayon on white paper.

Thurber’s short-story masterpiece, “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty,” appeared in The New Yorker in 1939; it tells the story of a vague and absent-minded man who drives his wife on errands while having a series of heroic daydreams in which he is a fighter pilot, a surgeon, and an assassin.

The story was made into a 1947 film starring Danny Kaye and filmed again in 2013 starring Ben Stiller.

“The Thurber Carnival,” a collection of Thurber’s best short stories and drawings, was published in 1945. “A

Thurber Carnival,” a revue directed by Burgess Meredith, premiered on Broadway in 1960.

Drawing from Thurber’s prose, diaries, and letters, WordStage creates an amusing and poignant look at

Thurber’s life, augmenting their performance with music from the time period. WordStage’s A Thurber Carnival takes place Sunday June 14, at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. Admission is free and open to all.

## Zap! Bam! Kapow! Create A Super Hero Cape

by Fran Storch

Look, up in the sky, it’s a bird, it’s a plane! No, it’s super kids! Does your child dream of being a super hero? Let his or her imagination come to life at Lakewood Public Library where your pint-sized public protector can make his or her own super hero cape with personalized symbol. Children ages 4 to 7 and their parents or caregivers are invited to join us on Thursday, June 11 at 11 a.m. for this hour-long, hero-inspired program in the Main Library Multipurpose Room. Together you and your caped crusader will create a unique super hero symbol and apply it to a ready-made cape provided by the library. And then it’s up, up and away to save the day!

Space is limited for this super-powered program and registration is required so fly on over today to the Children’s and Youth Services desk at the Main Library, call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140 or register your child online at [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth).

Are your kids feeling adventur-

ous? While you’re at the library, sign up your children for Summer Reading Club 2015, Every Hero Has a Story, especially designed for young readers, birth through fifth grade. Kids can read some fantastic books, win cool

prizes, and celebrate the end of a great summer of reading at the Super Hero Convention, a fun party for SRC participants only. Learn more about this and other sizzling summer programs on the LPL website. Shazam!

## Down On The Farm Fun! Music, Magic And Puppetry

by Fran Storch

Come and enjoy the animal antics of some favorite farmyard friends at the Down on the Farm Puppet Show at Lakewood Public Library on Friday, June 12 at 3 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room. Puppetry, music, cool magic tricks, comedy, and audience participation make this a fun and exciting program for the whole family.

Children of all ages love this show featuring Rosie the Baby Cow, Buddy the Sheep Dog, Rusty the Rooster, and Anna Bell the Baby Lamb. This family-friendly show has magic with milk, chickens, eggs, and a frog that catches

flies in a very unusual way.

The Down on the Farm Puppet Show is the first of a series of Special Friday Performances presented by the Children’s & Youth Services department at the library this summer. Be sure to mark your calendar now for Our Zoo to You (June 26), the Escape Artistry of Ron Price (July 10) and the Wonderful World of Bubbles (July 24). All programs are presented at 3 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room and are free and open to the public.

For more about this and other CYS programs, stop by the CYS desk at Main Library, call 216-226-8275 ext 140, or visit [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth).



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Lakewood Schools

LHS Team Wins Teach Cleveland Challenge

by Christine Gordillo

A team of four Lakewood High students has won the inaugural Teaching Cleveland “Student Challenge,” which asked students to delve into Cleveland history and come up with an ad campaign for a modern day Great Lakes Exposition. They also had to envision a “Hall of Innovation” that highlighted three areas of future innovation for Cleveland.

The challenge was created to provide an engaging and interesting vehicle for students to learn their hometown history. LHS team members Ian Bell, Rachel Daso, Zach Dudzik and Sophia Nanni – all sophomores – and their AP History teacher, Joe Loboizzo, began the project back in September and worked throughout the school year brainstorming and interviewing local businesses and organizations about Cleveland’s history of innovation.

During the competition, held on May 27 at CSU, each LHS student told



The poster created by the LHS team for its “Cleveland on Fire” ad campaign.

a story that reflects the strength and resilience of Cleveland.

Teacher Joe Loboizzo explains the team’s concept: “They tied these individual stories into what they considered

the three main pillars of strength in Cleveland. They named these pillars “Higher Minds” (Innovation), “Finer Arts” (Arts and Culture) and “Brighter Lives” (Cleveland’s livabil-

ity). They explained that these add up to “A Greater Cleveland.” Their ad campaign and innovation idea was to have a full summer meta-conference in the summer of 2019. This would mark the 50th anniversary of the Cuyahoga River fire, which symbolizes the darkest part of our history. The slogan is “This is our Rebirth: Cleveland on Fire” and it highlights just how far we have come and showcase Cleveland to the world.”

The Lakewood High team, beating out five other senior-laden high school teams including teams from Gilmour Academy (which took second), Beachwood High, St. Ignatius and two teams from Hawken School, earned a \$2,000 cash prize for being judged the best.

Loboizzo gushed about the preparation and presentation by the team and said the judges were impressed by the foursome’s passion and ability to engage with the audience. “They were truly amazing,” he said.

Former Ranger Player Lands Pro Contract

by Christine Gordillo

Former Ranger football player Ayoub Hamidah (Class of 2011) has made the rare leap from amateur to professional sports as he recently signed a contract to play with the Bemidji (Minnesota) Axemen of the Indoor Football League. Hamidah was signed for the team’s three remaining games with a chance to earn a new contract for next season.

Hamidah earned three varsity letters as a tight end and defensive lineman for the Rangers before moving on to continue his education and play defensive line at the University

of Toledo. He joined the football team as a walk-on and earned a full athletic scholarship for his final three years as a Rocket. He graduated from Toledo in early May with a degree in criminal justice in four years while balancing life as a full-time student and athlete.

Hamidah is a defensive lineman for the Axemen, a second-year franchise in the Indoor Football League, a 10-team league with franchises stretching from Green Bay, Wisc. to Kennewick, Wash. The Axemen’s games are streamed live through the team’s web site, [\[men.com\]\(http://www.bemidjiaxe-men.com\). In his first game on May 31, Hamidah played every defensive down and recorded six tackles.](http://www.bemidjiaxe-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

Congrats to Ayoub on a great accomplishment and fulfillment of a lifelong dream!

LHS Student Wins National Magazine’s Inventor Contest

by Christine Gordillo

Two Lakewood High Physics students recently won awards sponsored by the educational magazine “Tech Directions,” including a first place by senior Annie Tuleta.

Physics, math, and engineering students from across the country entered this year’s inventors contest in which they had to design an alternative

energy system for the city of Chicago. Tuleta finished first place in the country for her “Solar-Paneled Wind Turbine” and Nate Marotta received an honorable mention for his “Energy Amusement Park.” Both students are in Dave Hille’s Regular Physics class.

Tuleta’s concept would place a wind turbine in Lake Michigan and the added solar panels would point

toward the lake so that the sun would reflect off the water onto the panels. Marotta’s idea centered around a solar hydro wheel that would be in the form of a Ferris wheel. Each rider cart would have a solar panel on the back and a portion of the wheel would be in Lake Michigan so the waves could pump the turbine. Congratulations to both students!



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Ranger Track And Field Compete At New Track Site

by Stephanie Toole

For the first time in more years than anyone can remember, the Lakewood Girls Track and Field Team traveled to a new OHSAA District Meet site, Brunswick High School. The long standing Division 1 District meet held at First Federal of Lakewood Stadium was moved due to the current building demolition and lack of bus parking for the 17 team meet.

The Girls team competed Wednesday, May 20 and Friday, May 22 at the newly rebuilt Brunswick High School Stadium. Advancing to Regionals at Amherst Steele High School - Wednesday, May 27 and Friday, May 29 is Junior Clare Toole- pole vault 10’6”

(girls pole vault was Friday, 5/29).

Several other Lady Rangers finished out their season with PR’s and strong performances at the very competitive Brunswick District:

5th place- 4x800m Relay- Mallory Shaw, Jing Feng, Olivia Rodriguez, Halle Krebs

6th place - 4x100m Relay- Ryann Greenfield, Clare Toole, Jordan Robinson, Monica Harris

6th place - 4x400m Relay- Ryann Greenfield, Seta Nagby, Aubrielle Reed, Halle Krebs 6th place

3200m- Mallory Shaw 8th place

800m- Freshman Jing Feng-NEW PR

8th place - 1600m - Mallory Shaw



Pictured left to right are: Sophomore Ryann Greenfield, Junior Clare Toole, Freshman Jordan Robinson, and Senior Monica Harris.

9th place- 100m- Freshman Jordan Robinson- NEW PR

9th place - Shot Put - Trinity Nall

Anwar Zahriyeh - Discus - New PR 89’2” just missing the finals



# Lakewood Schools

## LHS Seniors' Essays Among Best In Free Speech Contest

by Christine Gordillo

Four Lakewood High students' essays were recognized as among the top 20 in the Hope and Stanley Adelstein Free Speech Essay Competition sponsored by the City Club of Cleveland. Senior Devon Chodzin earned third place in the contest. Chodzin won \$500 and a year-long membership to the City Club and will present his essay at a June 19 reception.

More than 500 essays were submitted from area high school students on the topic "How can teens utilize free speech to inspire change in their communities?" In addition to

Chodzin, seniors Matt Bango, Maren Bullock and Ryan Mitchell had their essays chosen as among the top 20 they earned \$100 and one-year membership to the City Club.

The essay competition is open to all high school students in public, private, parochial, charter and home schools in Cuyahoga and surrounding counties. Judges ranked the top three of 20 winning essays. The top prizes are \$1,000, \$750 and \$500, respectively. LHS Social Studies teacher Ron Lewis will also receive \$250 for Chodzin's essay being chosen among the top three essays.

## Learning Lessons Through Dancing



by Christine Gordillo

Harrison Elementary 5th Graders spent the last 10 weeks learning ballroom dancing during their recess time and on June 4, the entire school was treated to what they had learned. Dancing Classrooms of Northeast Ohio came in to instruct the students, their teachers and Principal Sabrina Crawford. The goal was to produce elegant and respectful ladies and gentleman. Along the way, the students learned about teamwork, and poise and came away with a great deal of confidence.

## The Mock Trial Of Zeus Vs. Prometheus

by Arabella Spear, 3rd Grade GT

Would you like to have your liver pecked out by an eagle every day just because you stole a spark of fire from Zeus's thunderbolt?

Mrs. Masgras' 3rd grade GT class is doing a mock trial, based off of the Olympians. In our Mock trial there are two teams, each defending one side. My side, Team Zeus is arguing that Prometheus (the Titan) shouldn't have stolen a spark from the KING of Gods thunderbolt just for the humans. Prometheus not only disobeyed but also committed theft.

Our team is also trying to prove that Zeus is the king of gods, so he is allowed to punish Prometheus (that's the part where he chains him to the rock and the eagle comes in). On our team Baird B is the head council, Bode S and I are the attorneys. Ryann S is playing the eagle's daughter and Eric B is playing Tatarus. If you are wondering who plays Zeus, that is Jake H. The students on Team Zeus are positive that they are going to win. "They better watch out for Team Zeus," says Jake, who is playing the role of Zeus. Head councilman Baird says, "We are gonna win this thing!" Bode says "Heads we win, tails you lose!" From all of these enthusiastic

comments you can see that Team Zeus is positive that they are going to win.

The other Team is Team Prometheus. They are trying to prove that the humans would've died without fire. They will also try to prove that Zeus should not be able to chain Prometheus to a rock and have an eagle eat his liver. On their Team, Jazi is the lead council, Chaiya H and Angelina T are the other attorneys. Gillian C is playing the Lead Nymph and Owen R is playing the man, who has witnessed Prometheus giving fire to the humans. Jazi D says, "Our team is going to WIN this!" Another person from their team, Gillian C, says, "I think we are going to win because we have detailed and hard questions." Chaiya H said, "Some of the questions are

## Garfield's New Little Free Library Open To All

by Christine Gordillo

Garfield Middle School unveiled its beautiful new Little Free Library on May 28 and Principal Mark Walter wants the community to know it's available for all to use.

The Little Free Library movement began back 2009 in Wisconsin and there are more than 25,000 across the world today. The concept is to foster reading by making books readily available to the community. You can either drop off a book for someone to enjoy or take one home to read. It's that simple.

A few years ago, the movement gained national media attention that caught the interest of Garfield teacher Trish Csongei, now retired, and she thought it would be a great idea for Garfield and the Lakewood community. She shared her enthusiasm with Language Arts teacher Leslie Eiben and the two of them went about finding a way for it to be built.

With some hurdles and delays along the way, the dream finally became a beautiful reality. The Garfield Little Free Library is a replica of the school that was painstakingly and lovingly built by Rob Holland, husband of former Garfield teacher Jessie



Students were eager to grab the first books lent from the Little Free Library.

Holland, who is now at Emerson.

Principal Walter called what Holland created for the library "something beyond his wildest imagination." Students gathered at the unveiling surrounded the library eager to grab the first books to be lent.

The Free Little Library is available to everyone 24/7 and all that is asked is to act in the spirit of the plaque posted on the structure, "Take a book or share a book...imagine, explore, enjoy!"x

To learn more about the Free Little Library movement, go to [www.littlefreelibrary.org](http://www.littlefreelibrary.org). The Garfield library will eventually be listed on the national registry.

## Mock Trial: 3rd Grade Edition

by Sonja Kreps

On June 5th, Mrs. Kreps' 3rd grade class presented the case of Harry Potter vs Voldemort, with the plaintiff charging the defendant of attempted murder.

For about a month in class, students studied the first Harry Potter book, chose sides, and decided who would represent which characters.

For the defense, we had Fluffy the three-headed dog, Professor Severus Snape, student Draco Malfoy, Dementors and Voldemort as lawyers and witnesses.

For the prosecution, we had Dumbledore, McGonagall, Hermione, Hagrid, Ginny Weasley and Harry Potter representing as lawyers and wit-

nesses.

In the end, the jury of Mrs. Masgras' 3rd grade class found the defendant guilty on both counts of attempted murder and declared that Voldemort must live as a muggle and be fined 1,000 galleons.

This was a wonderful learning opportunity for the class, as they really studied character motivation, applied close reading, and got to dress up and become other characters. The students created their own opening and closing statements, along with their questions, plus the cross-examinations.

Everyone played their part well and was well prepared! Congratulations all around!

same on each side." The last quote by Owen R says, "This is going to be SUPER FUN!"

So who do you think will win?

Team Zeus or Prometheus?

Below:  
Prometheus, Man and Zeus consult with their lawyers.





Lakewood Is Art

Beck Center Presents Outdoor Red Stage Summer Music Series

by Pat Miller

Beck Center for the Arts is pleased to present the outdoor Red Stage Summer Music Series, June through September. All concerts will take place on the last Wednesdays of the month from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. An additional concert will take place on Friday, July 10 from 6:15 – 7:45 p.m. before the opening performance of Green Day’s “American Idiot.” The Red Stage is located on the front lawn and patio at Beck Center’s main building located at 17801 Detroit Avenue. The series is free and open to the public.

Designed to engage local musicians and the community, these concerts will also feature interactive arts experiences, as well as refreshments on sale. Guests are encouraged to bring a blanket or folding chairs for their comfort.

The series will kick-off on Wednesday, June 24 with the Jackie Warren Trio, a fixture of the Cleveland Jazz scene. Known as both Cleveland’s ‘First Lady of Jazz’ and the ‘Salsa Queen,’ Jackie Warren is one of the most in-demand pianists in the area. With a mastery of merengue and salsa, this jazzy trio sets the bar for the Red Stage this summer.

Coinciding with the opening night of Green Day’s “American Idiot,” Doug McKean of The Boys from the County Hell (a Pogue’s tribute band) will set the mood for the evening with a set of punk and electric jams from 6:15 - 7:45 p.m. The series resumes with Thor Platter on Wednesday, July 29. Platter returns to Beck Center after leading a Bluegrass and Americana music workshop this past spring. Influenced by Woody Guthrie and Neil Young, the Thor Platter Band is an American Roots Rock group. Their evocative blues guitar melodies contain a gritty soul that is not to be missed.

Hillbilly IDOL will take to the Red Stage on Wednesday, August 26 with a catchy and exciting roots repertoire. Their new, yet familiar sound, is an original hybrid of styles they call “Town and Country Music.” Hillbilly IDOL looks forward to playing a simultaneously acoustic and electrifying set that is more importantly fun to listen to.

This outdoor series will conclude with Moustache Yourself on Wednesday, September 30. True to the style of Gypsy Jazz, the members of this band all bear mustaches and aim to create a groovy, moody, and swingin’ style. Their infectious rhythm and harmonies will be the perfect way to end this wonderful string of concerts.

The Red Stage Summer Music Series is generously sponsored by the Callahan Foundation. In the chance of rain, indoor locations have been set and may be accessed by calling Customer Service at 216.521.2540 x10 or visiting [beckcenter.org](http://beckcenter.org).

This Is Not A Love Song (It’s A Review Column In A Newspaper):

Reviews Of Recent Releases

By Local Bands Pt. 5

by Buzz Kompier

*Obligatory Disclaimer: Record reviews are a tricky business. It’s one thing to enjoy music, but to, like, pick out what you like about it? That being said, if I review your thing and I didn’t like something, don’t feel too bad. My opinion doesn’t matter all that much.*

**Terminal Lovers - Flight Out - Biological Records - 7 songs - CD, download**

A very psychedelic affair. Right off you get the feel for the record with the spacey opener, “Lacuna,” with its slow, syncopated feel. This record also offers up some pretty good material in a more garage rock vein as well, such as “Gone” (which was my favorite on the album, along with “The Lamp”) and “Bloodstone Eyes,” but it’s still the same Terminal Lovers you know and love. I found it a little repetitive at some parts, but overall each track had its own unique thing going on. If I were to pick a least favorite track, it would probably be “Meaning Over,” but even that 9-minute opus has its high points. Overall, it’s a pretty decent psychedelic record. 3.5/5

**Mr. California & The Mr. California Band - Drunk Batman - Saucepan Records - 9 songs - Vinyl, download**

Short, dumb punk songs. Mr. California also adds a new element to his sound on this seven-inch with the Mr. California Band (featuring some members of Woolly Bullies). Since this is technically a family paper, I can’t say most of the song titles, but some of them are pretty funny. Among the ones that can be printed, I liked “Batman” and “Machine.” Also features the shortest, craziest cover of “My Generation” I’ve ever heard. If really goofy, profane, short, garagey punk is your thing, I’d recommend it to you. 3/5

**Knifedance - Discography 1985-1990 - Smog Veil Records - 16 songs - Download**

Some good punk from a band formed by Tom Dark (ex-The Dark) and Charlie Ditteaux (ex-Easter Monkeys). How can you go wrong with that? This download release is a reissue of a CD put out by Tom Dark’s Red Hour Records, and compiles their Who Then Is Sane EP (1985), Wolf Hour LP (1988), and Loaded Heart single (1990). My favorites on the record are the tracks from Who Then Is Sane, personally. “Catwalk” is a great, driving hardcore song, “Atomic Apostles” is super catchy, and the manic cover of “Have Love, Will Travel,” is just great. Other highlights off this download include “On Fire,” “Running Out Of Time,” and “Held Like A Gun,” and if you like all those, chances are you’ll like the rest of it too. Oh, and by the way, Smog Veil also has reissued some other stuff from Tom Dark, so look for some more of that next week. 3.5/5

*Are you a local-ish band? Do you have a record out? Email [vaguelythreatening@gmail.com](mailto:vaguelythreatening@gmail.com) or send it directly to Observer headquarters: John Kompier, c/o The Lakewood Observer, 14900 Detroit Avenue, Suite 205, Lakewood, OH 44107.*

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Kenneth Warren

Obituary: Kenneth A. Warren

by Dan Slife

Kenneth Anthony Warren, age 62, of New York, left this earth on May 21, 2015. He was born on January 16, 1953 in the city of New York. He is succeeded in life by his sons Beckett and Parker Warren, his parents Florence and George Warren of New Hyde Park, New York, his brothers Robert (Karen), Thomas (Cindy), Richard (Suzanne Cohen) and John (Lisa).

The oldest of five brothers, Ken was formed of Catholic working class stock and came of age during the cultural revolution. According to his brother John Warren, a Deacon in the dioceses of Queens, New York, Ken had a deep connection with the spirit of Catholic social teaching. Early on he challenged the status quo by founding SNAG (Students Need a God) an underground newspaper at his Catholic High School, wore his hair long and protested the tragedy of war. His heart and mind burned with a passion for poetry, deep understanding of the human condition and progressive service to community. As editor of House Organ, a quarterly poetry letter, Ken diligently built a home for the creative spirits of the written word who could not or would not be commodified. According to writer and literary critic Andrei Codrescu, "Warren is one of the few and great readers of American poetry who accompanies poets on their missions and takes their work to where their "sunflower wishes to go," serving in this way not just Poesy, but the regions Poesy herself aims for."

Kenneth Warren...

Immortal Mind



by Betty Rozakis

Life's about relationships that enrich the soul...

I didn't know what to expect that day Jim O'Bryan wanted me to meet Kenneth Warren. His enthusiasm to gather at Blackbird Bakery was infectious.

Our brief encounter was a privilege of a lifetime. I got to know a man of vision, depth, understanding and inspiration. What an honor to have his soulful mind review and categorize my book.

'Rozakis fashions a charming prose-poem of life experience, mystery, romance and self-confrontation within the conceit of 'an objective blueprint'... Indeed, the rare European blend of philosophical sources and psychological insights that Rozakis delicately serves in Coffee with the Subconscious supports the popular claim that Lakewood, Ohio is the Paris of Cleveland's inner ring suburbs.' Kenneth Warren

Thank you Kenneth Warren for enriching our lives.

Your Memory is Truly Eternal.



*Kenneth Warren speaking with U.S. Senator George Voinovich at the grand opening of the Lakewood Public Library. Ken was well respected for his knowledge and vision. His office was a constant flow of the movers and shakers in Lakewood, the county and the state.*

Ken moved from the East Coast to Lakewood, Ohio via Waco, Texas in 1984 to assume the role of Director at the Lakewood Public Library, in a community that he would love and serve with that same burning heart for over 25 years. He also assumed the identity of Bagworm, punk scribe of Slimewatch, a regular column in the

early issues of Alternative Press. In Lakewood, he would raise his sons, build an award winning public library, and serve as what Lakewood Observer Publisher, Jim O'Bryan, would call the dynamite of civic intelligence and community action in Lakewood, initiating a monumental expansion of the Lakewood Public Library and serving as

a mentor and creative force in the birth of Lakewood's local food movement, a founding father and contributor in the Lakewood Observer Civic Journalism project, and an encouraging supportive friend of all projects aimed at improving community.

In his role as library director he was a rare public leader who knew when/how to push the envelop of public discourse, to seek and participate in deep, locally defined values. He was a man dedicated to finding the deeper currents that might drive a community, and thus a world, forward into a brighter and more humane future of greater good. He brought that same humanity to every relationship. Fellow writer and friend, Robert Buckeye, wrote to Ken beyond the grave, "You were always there. You showed us ways. You knew that we could go farther than we ever thought we could and walked alongside us as we did. You kept the faith."

Friends are invited to gather at the gazebo in Lakewood Park, Lakewood, Ohio on Sunday, June 21 at 3 pm to celebrate Ken's life. Memorial donations may be sent to the Gloucester Writers Center or the Poets Emergency Fund.

Observer Ken Warren - A Lakewood Original

by Thomas George, (Mayor 2004-08)

Ken Warren, past director of the Lakewood Public Library, will be remembered, and rightly so, for his crowning jewel, the new Main Library Building on Detroit Avenue.

For many of us who knew him, however, he will be remembered for contributions to Lakewood's community infrastructure rather than its physical infrastructure.

"The Lakewood Public Library renovation will be Ken's legacy for community leadership and civic virtue. However, I will remember him best as a friend," said former Lakewood City Councilmember Denis Dunn.

"Ken embodied the Jesuit quality of 'contemplation in action.' He was one-part Jack Kerouac--poet, mystic, progenitor of Lakewood's avant-garde; another part Chairman Mao--bureaucratic, disciplined, a highly skilled administrator," continued Dunn.

As Lakewood's former mayor, I recall meeting with Ken, along with key City Hall staff on a weekly basis in the Panzica construction shed during the construction of the new main library.

He was keenly involved in every aspect of the project, and although he generously credited others for the new building, his stamp is engrained on the structure. His leadership brought the library national honors including recognition as one of the top mid-sized libraries in America.

But his contributions to the library were much larger than a new physical structure. He transformed the library into a community meeting house. Organizations such as the Lakewood Earth And Food (LEAF) Community called the library home. The library

implemented a regular movie series, and an engaging speaking series as well. In light of his concepts of creating a forum for sharing ideas, it was a logical extension for Ken to become a founding creator of the Observer Proj-

ect. The Observer, as we know, is simply a citizen forum for ideas, comments, newsworthy topics and conversation. In short, it is our community news

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Archetypal Assembly

regarding Kenneth Warren

August 2, 2010  
Stephen Callicott



# Kenneth Warren

## A Tribute To Ken Warren

by Dan Slife

It is perhaps the greatest tragedy of human existence that in the rat race we lose sight of the fragile, fleeting nature of the gift of life, only to be awakened from this sleepwalking state by loss. When life confronts us with mortality through our own illness, a near miss with the kiss of death, or the loss of someone close to our heart an aperture of understanding and appreciation for life opens with the wound. When Kenneth Anthony Warren died at age 62 on May 21, 2015, our world lost one of its few stewards who lived each day of his life knowing, naming, claiming and acting from the deep reservoirs of compassion and brotherhood that flow naturally from a breath by breath acceptance of the fragile, finite gift that is life on planet earth.

I first met Ken when I was a lost college student struggling to find meaning in a world turned upside-down by the events of September 11, 2001. Ken had an instinct, an x-ray vision, for seeing the potential in people that they themselves were often unaware of. He was best known to the community leaders of Lakewood as a master servant and recruiter for any local cause with a positive mission. Just as he could see that untapped potential in individuals, so did find and extol the golden nuggets of goodness in every noble cause he befriended. He was an elevator and bridge builder for community spirit and action, a localist who in so acting always put the best interests of the



Lakewood community first.

Before I came to know Ken, I became close friends with his younger son, Parker. As a high school student I was drawn to Parker by his no-bull, cut to the chase perspective that was poetically visceral and streetwise yet tempered by a lion heart of compassion and loyalty to his friends, family and all the underdogs of the world. Like Ken, his sons are unique souls. In retrospect, I see in Parker the juxtaposition of a New Yorker's common sense and the poetic humanity of a heart which he inherited from his father. In his older son, Beckett, I see Ken's uncontestable intellectual prowess and burning curiosity about how the world works and how it might be improved. Ken also

instilled in his sons and many others a sense of appreciation for the absurdity of life and took us to school and to task against taking ourselves too seriously.

My father, Dave Slife, taught me how to use my hands and keep my nose clean. As a mentor and friend, Ken Warren taught me how to use my head and keep my hands clean. Ken entered my life at a crucial moment on the cusp of adulthood. Previously I had not approached the development of my mind with self-discipline. I didn't care very much for reading. The world was telling me, as it was telling all young twenty-something's, "find a career, accumulate wealth, etc." While Ken echoed these messages he stoked in me a slumbering intellectual curiosity and inspired me by the example of his own life that one could meet the material needs of existence while serving deeper values of community and the brotherhood of humanity. I was twenty years old when I became a voracious reader, a community activist and entered the path of public service that would lead me to my current role as a public library director. Ken lit and stoked that fire.

In a short time after meeting Ken I became a die-hard supporter of the Lakewood Public Library and the positive evolution of the Lakewood community. Seeing this, Ken first recruited me to volunteer for the Friends of Lakewood Public Library and then to serve on the 2003 library levy campaign that would simultaneously secure additional operating revenue and a building bond that would fund the renovation and expansion of Main Library. This was a rare, perhaps

unprecedented accomplishment for an Ohio public library. Unprecedented accomplishments at Lakewood Public Library and in community action in general were always par for the course with Ken, who believed Lakewood was a special place deserving and deeply appreciative of excellence in public service and community life. Working alongside Ken during the campaign, at campaign committee meetings, and in the homes of residents' hosting coffee klatches, allowed me to glimpse Ken's knack for bringing caring, committed people together for a common cause, to speak to and inspire action toward the realization of those shared aspirations.

At Lakewood Public Library he would build a team of skilled and dedicated staff at all levels of the organization who would make possible in the early 2000's the extension of operating hours to what remains the highest of any single public library location in the state of Ohio at 80 hours per week. The commitment of his board and team were recognized by professional awards for innovation, quality of service and quantity of outputs. In short, Lakewood Public Library was established as a standard bearer under Ken's leadership.

As former Lakewood Mayor Tom George commented on the Observation Deck, Ken would always give the credit back to the team, to his staff, to the Board whose commitments authorize a program, and to the community that makes it all happen through its support and participation. He would raise the spirit, the sense of possibility and the stakes of action through an unmatched **continued on page 14**

## Kim Senft-Paras Remembers Ken Warren

by Kim Senft-Paras

In 1991, Ken Warren hired me to serve as the Branch Manager at the Madison Branch which at that time was in need of repair, renovation and rejuvenation. He laid out the mission and I readily accepted the challenge. We built a fantastic team who put the Branch on the map increasing circulation figures by double digits; recommitting to the Madison Park neighborhood; and tackling the budding gang crime with vigilance and strength. Three years later the Deputy Director retired and Ken promoted me to that post. I worked as his Deputy Director for fifteen years to promote the vision and mission of the Lakewood Public library through commitment, presence and service.

One of my favorite memories of Ken includes the Friends of Lakewood Public Library book sales which were then held seasonally in spring, summer and fall. In my eighteen years of working with him, he never missed one sale. Eager customers would arrive early to line the seats in the auditorium, stand in the hallway, up the stairs and sometimes even out the front door! Ken maintained a strict protocol in order that the 'first come first served' model was observed. After the doors were opened and the shoppers flooded in, Ken walked the aisles looking for buyers to assist and engage in conversa-

tion. He was especially fond of totaling sales of the bookstore dealers because it brought back memories of selling records in NYC's Central Park as a young man. Our book sales were mini city festivals and all were welcome to partake of the treasures which Ken and the Friends routinely made available.

When Ken retired from the Library in 2009, I also picked up roots and moved to Centerville, OH to become Director of the Washington-Centerville Public Library. Taking the experience, passion and skills honed through my work with Ken, I assimilated into my new community and

library. However, we both remained firmly connected to Lakewood through family and friends.

His most recent emails to me recounted the pleasure he took in being part of the Herbert Gold events and seeing so many people at the Library. Lakewood Public Library was his beloved place of work and sanctuary for so many years.

After our dear friend and former President of the Friends of Lakewood Public Library, Paul Dimmick, died in 2013, Ken sent me this passage from Dion Fortune's Book of the Dead:

"When spiritual love is coming to

us from the Inner Planes we have only to still the outer senses for a moment to hear it purling like the brook, a steady flow, coming to us all the time from the eternal and steadfast soul that has gone on ahead to the Next Country. And we on our side, if we still love, may send out an equally steady flow to comfort our beloved. Let us therefore gather up all our courage so that the brook of love may not carry the debris of dead hopes on to the Inner Planes, to be perceived psychically by our loved one to his distress. Let us keep our hopes alive by working for the ideals that were dear to us both. So can we make a channel through which those ideals may still come to fruition, for our comradeship with our beloved can continue in the Path of Service."

In our current time of sorrow, this passage offers us a course of comfort and action. When Ken came to visit us in March, he left me a healing crystal called a Dalmatian Stone which is said 'to help you move forward in life and also lets you reflect on potential actions and plan with care.' Ken was generally ahead of his time and leave it to him to help me prepare my way in the absence of his valued counsel, humor and presence.

Kim Senft-Paras  
Lakewood Public Library  
Staff member 1991-2009





# Kenneth Warren

## A Homily For Kenny

by John Warren

*The following is the homily delivered at the funeral service for Ken Warren by his brother, John Warren, a deacon with the Catholic diocese of Queens, New York. John resides in Floral Park, New York on Long Island, with his wife Lisa and his daughters Marie and Grace.*

My brother, Kenny, learned to play the drums and joined a band when he was around 13 years old. I was a baby at the time and can thank him for giving me the ability to sleep through virtually anything. That said, I think that the image of my brother as drummer captures many themes of his life and connection to us as family, community and church.

To begin, all drummers set the beat for the band. My brother Kenny certainly set his own beat. He lived a life filled with some crazy ideas but mainly filled with deep thought and desire to understand and connect with the world around him in new and creative ways. He was a librarian and writer of poetry and essays. He was publisher of a literary journal committed to intellectual thought outside of the traditional academic setting. He worked very hard to build a community that went far beyond the places where he lived.

He also worked hard in the place he lived most of his adult life to build up the community right there. He was a founding member of the Lakewood Observer, a grassroots newspaper that took direct aim at hypocrites, institutions and those looking to make a buck at the expense of the average person. He also sought to create economic power for the little guy by working on a barter system where cash wasn't necessary – just a person's skills and hard work.

So Ken was definitely banging out the beat for a band that transcended the place where he set his drum kit, even as the sounds reverberated in Lakewood, Ohio.

As a drummer, Ken also understood that song was poetry set to music. His love for the written and spoken word was boundless. When I mean boundless, I mean boundless. He could out talk or out write anyone I've ever known. He loved nothing more than engaging in a good conversation about politics, the stars, sports as a metaphor, metaphor as a metaphor for just about anything. But, he really did want to listen, too. He always wanted to hear what my daughters, Marie and Grace, and my nieces and nephews thought about various ideas and experiences. Most especially, he liked to talk about Marie's trips to school on the Q43 bus. Apparently, life on the Cray 43, as he liked to call it, was about the best lesson anyone could have for engaging in a complex world.

I think it was this love of word and image that appealed to his poetic self. He was always seeking to understand the world as he saw it and interpret the world as others saw it.

Finally, Ken, the drummer, wasn't a solo act. He was part of the band, actually several bands. First, it was this



*Possibly one of Ken's happiest moments ever. Playing drums at the Library Gala Party prior to opening. He had been practicing with some of his favorite people, and he loved the drums.*

band of brothers, the five of us, each different as could be, but sharing gestures, expressions, vocal delivery – all of it confusing to our children when they were toddlers. Ken very much loved this family. Mostly, of course, he loved his two sons, Beckett and Parker. In many ways, they are men like him – men who share his sharp eyed view of a slightly crazy world; men who are decent and loyal. They grew up to become men who made him proud and they make us proud, too.

Ken's other bands included a band of friends from high school, a mere 45 years ago. These men also shared his love of the off kilter. I didn't have time to dig up a copy of his underground high school newspaper to review his early writings, but I think you get the point.

Ken had a band of people in

Lakewood, as I talked about before and another band of writers and thinkers with whom he was in contact all the time. For a guy who lived alone on Lake Ontario, he actually had a pretty active community operating.

Ken was also an important voice for some working poets out of Gloucester, Massachusetts and edited a lifetime of work for one particular poet named Vincent Ferrini, who didn't make much of a living from writing, but who had a very bold style both as a writer and as a person that my brother really loved.

At this point, my dad may be a little exasperated because it seems like I've turned a homily into a eulogy. Perhaps I have, but maybe I can salvage it now by telling you something about my brother's life of faith. He had a complicated relationship with his

Catholic faith, sometimes embracing it and sometimes staying away from the doors of the church. What I can tell you is that his life is filled with lessons of the faith for all of us.

His love of the creative spark is something we churchgoers know as grace. He was very much in touch with the divine when he was writing, creating, building on the great ideas he was absorbing and processing.

He understood community as well as anybody. He knew that we are a people fully alive when we are fully connected and he reveled in the sparks that flew from that connectivity. And, he created quite a few of those sparks, too.

He understood Catholic social justice from the core of his being. His work opening the doors of his library to everyone, creating a place where you could exchange ideas without cost, making his space more welcoming than any Borders or Barnes and Noble Bookstore and looking out for the underdog in Lakewood is very much a part of the work of Church.

Finally, he understood the Mystical Body of Christ in his work and his life. There was a point in his adult life when he went to Mass every day. I wish I could say that continued through to his last days. I cannot say that, but I can say that his respect for the Eucharist and for people he encountered, engaged and loved show a deep understanding of that Mystical Body.

So, we have lost our drummer, way too soon, but the lessons that he taught, the stories that he told, the love that he shared live on. If we remember our place in the Mystical Body, we will continue to hear that beating drum.

## Ken Memories - John Guscott

by John Guscott

Mr. Warren was a very remarkable individual.

I doubt that anybody reading this who had met Mr. Warren would say otherwise; nor would they say that he had not impacted them in some way.

The first time I met Kenneth Warren, I was twenty-one and nervous. As I shook his hand, I referred to him as "Mr. Warren," in part out of respect, and in part to better my chances of getting a job. For the next twenty years of my career, it felt weird to call him anything other than "Mr. Warren"...and it still does.

I got the job, and started working part-time at Lakewood Public Library on May 27, 1993. I had hope for more hours, and so, later, proposed some technology-related ideas to him. Those proposals, and his openness to change, ultimately led to the creation of the Library's Technology Center, among many other things that ensured that Lakewood's library system was well-equipped for the digital age.

Mr. Warren was a true visionary. His deep insights into demography, politics, history, psychology, philosophy, technology, anthropology, religion, music, literature and poetry were not only far-reaching, but intertwined and integrated. He was a systems thinker, and could synthesize sociological fac-

tors in multiple ways. I remember having many great discussions on these topics while dining on the Lake Erie perch special, with fries, at George's Kitchen up on 130th (one of his favorite places to eat at in the '90s/'00s).

Mr. Warren was a great librarian. He knew the Library's collection well, and had a passion for keeping the Library a traditional institution as we approached the 21st Century. I always admired his commitment to cultural programs at the library – the "Sunday with the Friends" series, and many other programming efforts, set the standard for free cultural programs for the Lakewood community, and, as we often discussed, added cultural impact to the West Side.

There are too many stories I can tell about watching Mr. Warren in action – he was a consummate pro. One of my favorite moments happened quite early in my career – there was a massive school visit one day, and he was standing near the entrance. This sea of kids came in, boisterous and happy, and the children's librarians, the school teachers, and library staff were trying to control the unruly flow. Mr. Warren stood there (he had a favorite post on top of the entrance stairs), observing everything, and turned to me, huge smile on his face, and said "this is what

it's all about..."

I was always intrigued by Mr. Warren's many sides. We talked a lot about underground music, and he discussed with me his times in the 80's as a DJ for WUJC, playing avant garde music, as well as his writing for Alternative Press magazine and various punk zines. He also ran a highly-regarded (and very collectible) poetry zine called "House Organ" for many years, which is prized by numerous universities and private collections around the world. Mr. Warren shared many of those issues with me, for which I am grateful.

Sadly, I never really got the chance to see or talk to Mr. Warren much after his retirement. I saw lots of pictures of him post-LPL on Facebook and The Lakewood Observer, but never got a chance to reminisce with him about the old days at LPL, to see how we was doing, what he was reading, what he was thinking about. I'll always have a huge hole in my heart that I cannot pay him deep respect or let him know what an important figure he was and is in my life, and I regret that I'll never have one more chance to talk with him again.

I only have the memories, and the values that he shared with and instilled in me, which I'm extremely lucky to have. Thank you for everything, Mr. Warren.



# Kenneth Warren

## Ken Memories - Denny Wendell

I have two memories of Ken Warren.

The first often took place when we'd have a conversation.

During the course of our talk, I'd notice that the corners of his mouth would slightly start to curve up, as though he was going to smile.

He wouldn't break into a full smile though, and it was almost like he knew something I didn't.

But, wait, that isn't quite it. I'm sure there was plenty that he knew that I didn't.

For he did, in fact, work at a library. A place of full of books, a place of learning, a place of knowledge.

This was in the 90's, before the onslaught of the internet, a time when

acquiring knowledge required a physical effort. It required you to put yourself in a place where knowledge was stored. You had to get to the library, and then peruse through all the shelves to find that information you sought. And Ken was the steward of such a place.

In fact, it goes without saying, that he did know much, much more than I did.

So, that wasn't what brought that almost smile to his face. I think it was more like he was the holder of an inside joke, a joke that he alone knew the punchline to, a joke he wasn't about to share with me, but rather, he'd let me figure it in due time.

The other memory I have of Ken occurred during my early morning jogs.

When I lived in Lakewood, I'd often run to Lakewood Park and follow the gravel path that started at the northwest corner of the park and run down down, along the lake, heading east.

I'd head down that path, and, as the path descended, down, down, the noise of the traffic on Lake and Clifton would slowly fade away.

It was a place where the birds crossing the lake would rest. Their chirps and songs would replace the noise of the city.

There were wild flowers along the path and the sound of the gentle waves, splashing against the rocks. It would become more serene the lower I descended. Finally, near the end of

the path, it was totally quiet, except for the sounds of nature. It was a beautiful, tranquil place.

But, almost at the end of the path, it would jog a little to the right. And, there, at the end of the path, out of sight until you were upon it, was a park bench, tucked into the hillside. And, there, sitting on bench, would be Ken. Calmly sitting, looking out at the lake. It was his place, and since those days I often think of it as the Ken Warren bench.

So now, when I think of Ken, I think of him quietly, peacefully, sitting on his bench, contemplating his inside joke, with the corners of his mouth ready to turn into a full, satisfied smile.

Respectfully,  
(I haven't yet figured out the joke)  
Denny Wendell  
Westlake | Bay Village Observer

## Library Staff Pay Tribute To Former Director

by Elaine Rosenberger

"Intelligent, supportive, artistic, erudite." These are just some of the words used to describe former library director, Ken Warren. Others include "well-read, fearless, mannerly, spiritual, avant-garde and forward-thinking." Mr. Warren's appearance could be quite formal; he usually wore a suit and tie to work. However his formal appearance was belied by his deep belly laugh. "When he laughed, you could hear him throughout the library," recalls a staff member. "It was startling to hear such a deep laugh coming from this often quiet person," remembers another. Other employees reminisce about his hospitality. "I'll always remember the staff Christmas parties that he hosted at his house. He was so hospitable." "I can picture him carving the lamb at the Christmas party."

As the director of Lakewood Public Library, Mr. Warren spearheaded the library's building renovation campaign, was proud of our collection of materials, and viewed the library as "a temple of knowledge." He was innovative



Lakewood Public Library file photo of Kenneth Warren.

in keeping the library open until 9:00 p.m. each day of the week, hours unmatched by other Cleveland-area libraries. His deep and abiding love for the library is revealed by this sentence: "a signature presence on Detroit Avenue will distinguish Lakewood Public Library and our community's commitment to beauty, knowledge and faith in an intelligent future."

In addition to loving books and knowledge, Mr. Warren was supportive

of his staff. "While I was at work, we had a bad snow storm. When I got done with my shift, my car was buried under the snow. I started shoveling when I heard a voice: 'Do you need some help?' It was Mr. Warren. He took the shovel and dug out my car. I'll never forget that." Mr. Warren's support was not limited to shoveling snow. He penned personal thank you notes, gave tips on favorite Lakewood restaurants, and was always eager to exchange reading lists and book recommendations. He also gave staff advice about holistic medicine. "Once when a maintenance man was overcome by fumes, I found Mr. Warren in the parking lot telling him to 'Breathe, Breathe!'" "Mr. Warren was passing the desk when I mentioned that I was cold. He returned a few minutes later with a vial of bee pollen and told me to drink it as it was warming."

Mr. Warren first came to the library in 1984 and retired in July of 2009. After his retirement, Mr. Warren continued to love the library, returning frequently from New York for the Library's poetry evenings.

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organ. Among my first interactions with Ken was in the late 1990s. He and I and some other avid readers were members of a book club that met at former Councilman Denis Dunn's home.

Ken's insights, perspective and most admirably, willingness to hear out differing views and ideas made him a valued book club member.

Denis Dunn, now a Washington D.C. area resident noted, "Ken attended monthly book club at my home on Niagara Drive. Ken read the book--the complete book, always. His literary insights were to be admired, studied, and quite honestly--envied. As a life-long reader, Ken was an engaging storyteller who fused eloquence, humor, and literary insights with dead-to-rights accuracy, Ken always elevated our discussions. Fellow book-clubbers respectfully called him, 'Doctor Warren'--a moniker that was well-deserved."

Ken was a Lakewood mainstay. He understood that Lakewood is not only about Birdtown, or Clifton Park, or the Gold Coast. Nor is Lakewood only about the schools, City Hall, or the business community. Ken understood that Lakewood is about all of the above. Each essentially contributes to the city's fabric and vitality. Without one, the fabric is tattered.

Ken, I'm sure, got some cold shoulders from some who demanded he be "in their corner." I never considered Ken "in my corner." But that's ok, because I knew every mission and project he undertook was done with a sincere desire, without any other motivation, to add to the quality of life of Lakewood and its residents. His mission was information and ideas. In that sense, we meshed beautifully.

Ken will always be remembered as a Lakewood original. He will be missed.

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level of engagement, vigor and loving attention to any person, project or organization that crossed his path. He would never sugar coat what he perceived to be blind spots in one's perceptions or an organization's program.

## Ken Memories - Mrs. Carol Shakarian

by Mrs. Carol Shakarian

So sad to read that Ken Warren has passed, and still so young.

As the former principal of SS Cyril & Methodius Catholic School, I solicited Ken for some advice on how to both improve our school library and incorporate it into a computer center - this was back in 2001. He worked closely with our computer vendor, Gary Schmitz (BGE Technologies), on Lakewood Library projects, so I was confident that I was asking the right person. Ken surprised me by offering to come to the school, look over our program, and offered advice that worked so seamlessly for our students.

With Ken, it always came straight with a chaser of advice on improvement and a celebration of fledgling or hidden potential. He energized our fair city in this way, one relationship at a time.

While Ken would never back down from a fight, when necessary, he

As a result, we had the most state-of-the-art computer lab in those early days of the internet. He came back to our school often to check on our progress and help our library ladies. He always said that helping a Lakewood school was helping Lakewood. We included his contributions in our application to the Department of Education for the Blue Ribbon School of Excellence award in 2005. We were among only four schools in Ohio that year to win that award.

The bishop deemed that our Blue Ribbon school be closed in 2010, but Ken Warren's stamp on it will remain a wonderful memory of him.



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The Masonic Centennial Cornerstone Ceremony...  
(And By The Way, Who Are Those Freemasons?)

by Gary Rice

On May 30th, a public centennial cornerstone ceremony transpired at Lakewood Masonic Temple, celebrating one hundred years of its existence. The Grand Lodge of Ohio visited the Temple, and provided a very moving program. As one of the participants in that celebration, I thought that I might give a shout-out to some people who came out that day to offer their help or support:

Here's a special thanks to Lakewood's Mayor Michael Summers for coming and representing the City of Lakewood. Another thanks goes out to our new Lakewoodite ace photographer Alex Belisle, for his professional documentary online Observer photo blog of the event. Thanks also, to the Gospel Group of the Lakewood United Methodist Church for performing a song that Dad (Robert Rice) and I wrote for this occasion: "A Temple Stands In Lakewood." That song was one of the



Masonic cornerstone is dedicated.

last musical collaborations that Dad and I completed before his passing.

The Lakewood Masonic Temple is indeed a magnificent edifice, and has been a wonderful part of Lakewood's history since 1915. Masons have long had a tradition of placing cornerstones in Masonic and public buildings,

sectarian fraternity based on respect for God and brotherhood. There are also Masonic-affiliated women's groups like the Eastern Star. Men of all faiths and political persuasions meet within the walls of a Masonic Temple as Masons, leaving their particular political and religious opinions temporarily at the door of the Lodge; centering instead on activities within the Lodge that all moral people could agree with.

In spite of what you might read on the internet, Masonry is not a conspiracy-laden dark thing at all, nor is it a secret society, nor is it a religion. It is instead, essentially a private fraternity that has a few secrets. Indeed, it was perhaps the first private organization that was not officially affiliated with powers-that-be. Both wealthy and poor could meet on level ground and work on whatever unites humankind, rather than what divides us all. Because Masons existed outside of the control of kings and other powers, they were therefore the subject of much suspicion and many lies and misunderstandings that continue on the internet today.

I can only offer this observation for you from a personal perspective: Many of you know me well, or perhaps you knew my Dad. We have been involved with Masonry for many years. Many of you may also have known a Freemason personally, or have had an ancestor who was one. Look at the Freemasons whom you do know, and you will then have a better idea about the kind of organization that they belong to. To become a Mason, you must ask them to join.

Many of your fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers once belonged to this group. Lakewood Freemasons continue to serve this community and the world with quiet distinction.

including the United States Capitol.

There have been many questions, and indeed some fairly outrageous claims regarding Freemasonry on the web, so here's a bit of background about the organization from my personal point of view: American Freemasonry is simply a religious-respecting non-

Here Come Grace Community Days 2015

by George Hansell

Grace Lutheran Church, 13030 Madison Ave., is making final preparations for its fifth annual Community Days, which will take place the week of June 22, 2015, "under the tent" on the lawn in front of the church.

Grace will kick things off on Tuesday morning, June 23, with a free Pancake Breakfast running from 9 to 11 a.m. We hope to attract, among others, the folks headed for the pool. Stop on by!

On Wednesday, June 24, at 7p.m., a Ukrainian Vocal Quartet will present a selection of both religious and folk songs. Their presentation will include not only this repertoire but a background about the Ukrainian singing tradition and the types of religious songs they do as well. This event is also free.

On both Thursday, June 25 and Saturday, June 27, there will be a Yard Sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is being held in conjunction with the Lakewood City-Wide Yard Sale. All net proceeds of Grace's Yard Sale will be used to buy and fill book bags for Garfield Middle School for the start of the new school year in August. Since 2011, Grace has provided hundreds of book bags with school supplies for needy students at Garfield.

There will also be a free Health Fair on Thursday, June 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fair will be staffed by personnel from the Eliza Jennings Home. Blood pressure and heart rate measurement will be among the services provided. A complimentary bottle of water and a fruit cup will also be available.

There will be a free Family Game

Night and Ice Cream Social on Friday, June 26, beginning at 7 p.m. Families are invited to bring their favorite board games.

On Saturday, June 27 at 7 p.m. we will hold our third annual Pet Blessing Service. So far we have blessed dogs, cats, and goldfish.

Grace will culminate the week's events with a worship service revolving around the theme, "Under Construction." The theme was inspired by all of the construction taking place along the Madison Avenue corridor. The service will be followed by a free picnic on Sunday, June 28. The worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. and the picnic around 11:45 a.m. The community is invited to come for worship and stay for hot dogs, burgers and fellowship!

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Former Miss Ohio Wins Prestigious Award

by Luke Rodgers

The Heart Hope Foundation recently announced that the annual Heart Hope Courage Award was presented to former Miss Ohio, United States, 2011, Lindsay Davis.

Davis was born and raised in Lakewood, Ohio. She was a classically trained ballerina until a diagnosis of the heart condition Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy. Lindsay used her platform to support and bring awareness to cardiac related charities and causes. She speaks around the country educating on the benefits of genetic testing in at-risk heart patients, as well as working to pass legislation that will protect student athletes against sudden cardiac arrest in Ohio. She hopes to expand this critical legislation to all 50 states. A student of Fordham Universities School of Law's Fashion Modeling Law program, she is fighting to improve modeling industry standards and to establish fair working rights for models. Beyond her philanthropic passions, Lindsay is a model and actress and can be seen in small roles on "Law and Order," "Hunger Games - Catching Fire," and "We're the Millers"—to name a few, and currently has an international campaign for United Airlines.

The 2nd Annual Gala and Awards Dinner took place on May 27, 2015 at 6 p.m. at the Blackwell Hotel in Columbus, Ohio.

"There is nothing that feels better in this world than knowing you're helping someone or making a difference in

their life," said Miss Davis. "Although there are probably 9 billion people more deserving, I am humbled to receive this honor from The Heart Hope Foundation and founder Ben Weisbuch, who himself has overcome extraordinary struggles with his own heart. The Heart Hope foundation continuously and tirelessly works so that individuals like myself, with genetic heart conditions, are given the opportunity to live and thrive, and make a difference with the time we are blessed with. Without these years I've gained, I would have never known what it feels like to have someone thank me for "pushing on" and inspiring them to live out their dreams in the face of adversity."

The Heart Hope Foundation envisions a world without hereditary heart disease. Their mission is to save lives

and help eradicate hereditary heart disease through genetic testing and research. The Foundation provides financial assistance to heart patients and families to test for genetic variations leading to heart disease as well as funding for research, focusing on genetic cardiac research.

"The world is a better place with Lindsay in it," said Weisbuch, Founder and Chairman of the Board of the Heart of Hope Foundation. "We awarded Lindsay for her courage, strength and hard work on behalf the Heart Hope Foundation in the face of her extraordinary struggle against her own heart."

Additionally the Foundation honored and celebrated the life-time work, successes, and vision of three amazing women: Marti Croll Taylor, Chief

Executive Officer of the Wexner Medical Center; Columbus, Ohio; Marina Cerrone, M.D., Senior Research Scientist of the Cardiovascular Genetics Program at the New York University School of Medicine; and Silvia Prior, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Medicine, New York University School of Medicine Director, Cardiovascular Genetics Program, NYU Langone Medical Center Associate Professor of Cardiology, University of Pavia (Italy), Head of the Molecular Cardiology and Cellular Electrophysiology Laboratories, IRCCS Fondazione, S. Maugeri, Pavia, Italy.

For additional information about Lindsay Davis please visit her IMDB profile at <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm4425050/> or visit her website [www.LindsayLoveDavis.com](http://www.LindsayLoveDavis.com).

Summer Camps In Southwest Lakewood

by Mark Rollenhagen

There's plenty of fun in store for two summer camps in southwest Lakewood – one a morning Vacation Bible School in June and the other a week-long day camp in July.

"Faith and Friendship" is the theme for the Vacation Bible School for kids ages 4-11 during the week of June

22-26, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The VBS opportunity is offered by the PLUM churches of southwest Lakewood – Grace Presbyterian, Faith Lutheran and Calvary United Methodist.

Cost is \$5 per child or \$10 per family. Campers will also be encouraged to bring donations that will go into the food, clothing and personal care

pantries operated by the PLUM congregations for families in need.

The VBS will be held at Faith, 16511 Hilliard Road (across from Harding Middle School). To register call Faith (216-226-6500), Calvary (216-221-4324) or Grace (216-228-6060) or print out a registration form from Faith's website ([www.faithlakewood.org](http://www.faithlakewood.org)) and mail or drop off at Faith.

During the week of July 20-24, Faith will offer a week-long day camp with the theme of "A Love That Never Ends" for kids who were in grades K-6 during the 2014-15 school year.

The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and includes lunch and snacks. College-age counselors from Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio will lead activities including Bible stories, games and music.

Registration is \$20. For multiple kids from the same household, the fee is \$20 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child. Financial aid is available. Contact Pastor Mark Rollenhagen at Faith at 216-226-6500 for more information.

Registration forms for the day camp are available at [www.faithlakewood.org](http://www.faithlakewood.org) or by calling 216-226-6500 or sending an e-mail to [office@faithlakewood.org](mailto:office@faithlakewood.org).

O'Neill Healthcare - Lakewood Celebrating The Retirement Of Volunteer Reverend George Pohlad

by Margaret Anderson

Reverend Pohlad, Pastor at Emeritus Gethsemane Lutheran Church, has been volunteering at the facility since 1973. He and his wife Margaret were long time Lakewood residents and recall when the corner of Bunts and Detroit Rd was a beverage store and a bowling alley. Pastor Pohlad has been volunteering his pastoral services on the third Wednesday of every month for the last 42 years.

Thank you Pastor Pohlad and enjoy your retirement!

Pictured at right: Pastor George Pohlad, wife Margaret with staff member Debbie Barr



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# Wellness Watch

## Is Psychotherapy For You?

by Cynthia Kessler

There are many reasons people might see a psychotherapist, and yet there are just as many reasons why some might avoid therapy due to the still lingering misconception and stigma that therapy is only for the mentally ill. The reality is that as human beings, we all at times will or have experienced stress, anxiety, loss, sadness, and profound life changes both positive and negative. There may be times, however, when someone feels too stuck and overwhelmed in their life or in their past, and can't handle a problem by themselves. At this point, some might consider this a sign of 'weakness.' It's important for us to keep humble and

accept that we all need support at times and are only human after all. When I have a new therapy client who expresses their embarrassment for having to seek out a therapist, I try to remind them that this can actually be a sign of strength and courage. It is normal to experience some initial anxiety in coming to therapy and telling your problems to a total stranger, but this usually diminishes as a treatment plan with clearly defined expectations and goals as well as a sense of trust, safety, and support is developed with the therapist. Common examples of when someone might seek professional help are when a major life event or crisis occurs,

such as a divorce, career or school related problems, relationship issues with a partner, parent, or adult child, chronic health problems, to name a few. Other issues might be more past related and internal rather than current and more situational, or both. Some individuals might also be experiencing accompanying feelings of low self-esteem and motivation, anxiety, distress, sad mood or depression. Becoming a 'perfect' human being is an unrealistic goal for therapy. However, therapy can help people better understand their problem by achieving greater self-awareness and self-acceptance, learning to replace old habitual patterns with more productive responses which support rather than undermine

them, thereby building more resilience to things that stress them the most and the confidence to meet challenges head-on. Resiliency is the capacity to cope with the disappointments, difficulties, and disasters that life can bring. After all, we're only human!

*Cynthia Kessler, Ph.D., has been a clinical psychologist and psychotherapist for the past 25 years, with a private practice in San Francisco and now Lakewood. Her new office is located in the INA Building at 14701 Detroit Ave. Medicare and some other insurances are accepted. She can be contacted at (216)543-1695.*

## LHS Girls Track Pairs With Hayes Girls On The Run Team

by Stephanie Toole

On Thursday May 7th, the Hayes Girls on the Run Team held their practice 5K run with the help of the Lakewood High School Girls Track Team. Pairs of the LHS Girls Track Team members ran with each Hayes runner to encourage and help pace them as they made their way through the 5K course through the neighborhood surrounding Hayes. Thank you to all of our high school girls that gave their time and talent to ensure the Hayes Girls On the Run Team



Hayes Girls on The Run Team with members of the LHS Girls Track and Field Team

had a successful practice run! The Hayes Girls on the Run Team is coached by Miss Riddell, Mrs. Peters, and Miss Staib.

They ran a 5K in Akron in late May at the annual Girls on the Run Race! Congratulations to all the runners!



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Business News

# Grand Opening Of New Ice Cream Joy Shop In Lakewood!

by Marissa Flynn

I'm very excited to announce the grand opening of my new ice cream shop, Ice Cream Joy, on June 20th at 11:00 a.m.! The first 5 people in the door that morning will receive a punch card good for 6 free scoops of ice cream that they can start using that day! There will also be raffles throughout the day so everyone has a chance at winning free ice cream, Ice Cream Joy shirts, or messenger bags.

The shop is located at 15210 Madison Avenue next to Fear's Confections, who in turn is next to Elmwood Bakery. This spot on Madison is now a haven for dessert lovers where you can find something sweet at just about any time of day. I'm thrilled with my location and my sweet neighbors. I'm already working on pairing up with Fear's Confections with their chocolate in the ice cream, brownies and hot fudge for sundaes, and brownie ice cream cakes for starters (sundaes and cakes are still in development as of writing this). There's always plenty more to come up with and I love the creative aspect of coming up with and working out new ideas.

As a Lakewood resident, I felt that



That's me, Marissa Flynn: owner, flavor inventor, and Lakewood resident, with my daughter in front of the new shop.

Lakewood, especially Madison Avenue, was lacking the kind of ice cream I want when I go out for it. I know I'm close to a long-standing Lakewood landmark and I think Malley's has a lot to offer. My plan is more to supplement the ice cream that's already here with mostly different and unusual flavors. I offer artisan ice cream, vegan flavors, and fresh fruit sorbets and ices, all of which I make from scratch in small batches at the shop. Flavors rotate, and may or

may not include: Pixie Dust, Hazelnut Malt, Raspberry White Chocolate Balsamic, Vegan Dark Chocolate Whiskey Pretzel, Vegan Cayenne Sweet Potato Pecan, Mojito Sorbet, Simple Strawberry Sorbet, and much more! My inspiration for flavors comes from many places: maybe an ingredient I think would be neat, different foods I like, childhood memories, and suggestions or challenges from others, to name a few.

I also want to talk to you a little about my focus on sustainability. For starters, I am sourcing as many ingredients locally as possible. This is not only good for the environment because food travels less; it also helps to sustain the local economy! For example, I use Wholesome Valley Farms via Fresh Fork Market for grass-fed milk and cream, radiCLE Roots for pure and flavored nut milks for vegan flavors (also for sale by the bottle), Fear's Confections for chocolate, Old City Soda for (you guessed it) sodas, with more in the works all the time. Other sustainable practices that I implemented during and after construction of the shop include: a drinking fountain to avoid cup and water waste, a ceiling fan and awnings to reduce the need for additional air conditioning units, washing spoons used for sampling and/or eat-

ing treats in the shop, composting via Rust Belt Riders, planting fresh mint and basil in the shop to use in various flavors, and recycling. I am also planning on buying compostable to-go containers, getting people into my Cute Little Ice Cream Bowl Club (local artists make the bowls, you buy them and bring them back each time for a discount on ice cream!), bike safety nights with discounts, and replacing my dipper well with a RinseWell to substantially reduce water usage (once it passes beta testing). If you have any other suggestions or recommendations for sustainable practices, let me know!!!

I opened the shop on May 10th and have been doing a "soft" opening to work out as many issues as possible before the grand opening. My hours right now are Monday - Friday from 5-9pm, Saturday from 12-9pm, and Sunday from 12-7pm. After the grand opening on June 20th, summer hours will be Monday - Friday from 11-9, Saturday from 11-10, and Sunday from 11-7.

Prices are mini for \$3, single for \$4, double for \$6, flights for \$8, pints for \$9, with more to be determined as soon as products are added! Please try a flavor before you buy it so you know you like it. Or if you want to get a bunch and can't decide, choose a flight of 6 tiny scoops for \$8. You never know, you might find a new favorite! And make sure you bring your Flavor Passport back each time so you can earn a free scoop after buying 8.

One more note: the construction is almost over and the street will be awesome when it's done! In the meantime, there's parking on side streets and a public parking lot across from Barrio about 2 blocks west of the shop.

Check out my website, iScreamJoy.com, for more info. You can also follow the action via FaceBook.com/iScreamJoy and Twitter.com/iScreamJoy. Please stop in the shop sometime and discover new favorites! I can't wait to share my ice cream with you!



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## Opinion

# I Live In Lakewood, So I Speak For Me

by Jim Kenny

*The Plain Dealer* recently informed me that Rocky River's Christopher DeVito believes he speaks for me. The attorney said as much to a reporter when filing a lawsuit against the City of Lakewood. He's asking for \$400 million in questionable damages that are somehow related to the proposal to build a new Lakewood Hospital.

As well intended as Mr. DeVito might be, it's unfortunate he lives outside our great city. If he were my Lakewood neighbor, he would likely be aware that we have a history of sorting through our differences. We do it with civil discourse and rational discussions on the facts. We find resolution in the court of public opinion where all Lakewood citizens can take the opportunity to participate. More so, we avoid relying on legal maneuvers and courtroom drama that limits the voices heard. Better yet, we know a frivolous lawsuit risks hard-earned taxpayer dollars being directed to unnecessary attorney fees, court costs and a potential multi-million dollar settlement and the gross commissions derived from such by lawyers. In Lakewood, we know these dollars are better invested in fortifying our community's future, as opposed to attempting to recapture our past.

In the future, I hope anyone who claims to speak for me takes the opportunity to listen to me. When you do,

I'll gladly share the facts I've learned from putting my natural resistance to change aside and listening to those with a different view. For instance, the following are just a few of the facts that have been presented to Lakewood City Council since the new Lakewood Hospital was proposed in January:

Since Lakewood Hospital's inception in 1907, the continual changes in healthcare delivery have required its reinvention every 10 years, on average, through significant new investments in services and facilities. The last major building investment was in 2002 when the Emergency Rooms were expanded. This was an attempt to capture losses from reductions in in-bed-patient stays by becoming a Level Two Trauma Center, which is a designation it no longer holds. Before then, the Community Health Center was added to the campus in 1991 and which will remain part of the proposed new hospital campus.

The Cleveland Clinic currently offers 20 patient services at Lakewood Hospital, yet it is only obligated contractually to provide three of these services (Emergency, OB/GYN and Acute Care Surgery Services). Based on its proposal for the new hospital, the mix of these services will be reconfigured to better reflect our community's current needs and the set will be expanded to 22 offerings.

The proposed \$34 million new

Lakewood Hospital would be constructed without interruption of services at the old Lakewood Hospital, assuring the health, safety and wellbeing of our neighbors.

The new Lakewood Hospital and the demolition and removal of the outdated building will free nearly 6 adjacent acres for redevelopment and provide an opportunity to redefine our community's brand by attracting health and wellness service providers.

Employers in Lakewood provide more than 12,000 jobs. The employment needs at the proposed new Lakewood Hospital will reduce this total by 7.9%; however, we can reasonably anticipate that businesses on the newly developed land will employ and can replace a considerable portion of any lost payroll tax revenues.

Please recognize these are just a

fraction of the facts supporting the proposal for a new Lakewood Hospital. These have been presented and given to City Council since the start of the year. Yes, the facts can be difficult to accept by some vocal minority groups, yet we have elected leaders to deliberate these and avoid making decisions driven by emotions. In fact, we elected them to speak for me – and my neighbors. We didn't elect a Rocky River attorney.

I do believe our City Council members can find the courage to finally deliberate the facts and move forward with a vote on the proposal for a new Lakewood Hospital. Mr. DeVito might not understand our community's capacity for resolution, but our elected Council members should know better and, more so, lead us there.

*Jim Kenny is a +20-year Lakewood resident.*

## Citizens Beware

by Dean Dilzell

The citizens of Lakewood & surrounding communities recently heard from five members of the team from the Cleveland Clinic (CC) who intend to close Lakewood Hospital (LH) and build a Family Health Center in its place. I'd like to summarize some of the statements made during the presentation on 4/30/15, as well as, some gleanings from the mountain of documents associated with this proposed transition.

### Cleveland Clinic's Commitment to Lakewood (or NOT)

The city council session held 4/30/15 was centered around the concept of the commitment of the Cleveland Clinic to the community of Lakewood. The April 2010 "Vision for Tomorrow" plan, developed by LHA & CC management, was to "implement a bold comprehensive plan...(to) address the sustainability of Lakewood Hospital, while simultaneously making available the finest services typically provided by hospitals in communities similar to Lakewood." However, by 2/28/2011 Dr. Bronson (the President of Cleveland Clinic Regional Hospitals) was already discussing the large trend in health care towards the need to decrease hospital beds and thus the potential closing of Lakewood Hospital and loss of services. Over the next 3 years surveys provided by physicians, led to a 2014 U.S. News and World Report ranking Lakewood Hospital with values in the 30's and low 40's out of 100, for service lines the CC management had sought to emphasize (Geriatrics, Orthopedics, Diabetes). That same agency named the CC main hospital #1 in Ohio with rankings in the mid to upper 80's for the same services. Does that seem like committed management, or managed failure? Though continued promises are made by Cleveland Clinic leaders to deliver quality healthcare, in fact they provide fewer and fewer services at LH. It seems not much effort was made to make the Lakewood Hospital an equal partner.

Cleveland Clinic's "investment"

The 34 million dollar investment in the Family Health Center proposed by the CC, mentioned repeatedly on Thursday evening and in previous presentations to the Lakewood community, is actually less than the contractual obligations to fulfill the terms of the current hospital lease through 2026. That 34 million figure represents about 1/2 of one percent of the annual total revenues generated by the Cleveland Clinic system (6.7 billion; PD 5/1/15). Hardly a "major investment" by that organization. The economic impact of the closing of Lakewood Hospital has been estimated at approximately 290 million.

### Who responded to the RFP?

The Lakewood Hospital Association (LHA) hired Subsidium Healthcare when LHA thought the continued viability of LH as currently structured and managed was in question. A Request for Proposal (RFP) to continue operating LH "as an acute care hospital with inpatient services" was developed by Subsidium and distributed locally & nationally to various healthcare management organizations. They say no other hospitals were interested; however MetroHealth actually did present a proposal, but the City let the time expire without responding. Subsidium actually helped the Cleveland Clinic prepare its proposal responding to the RFP (even though their proposal ignored the very essence of the RFP: a fully operating hospital). Subsidium then recommended to LHA to accept that offer from the Cleveland Clinic – though it DID NOT provide for a fully operating hospital. Is the continuing association with the Cleveland Clinic for health care delivery in Lakewood really our only option? Or have we been manipulated to believe it is?

### Value to whom, really?

Dr. Donley stated, the proposed Family Healthcare Center will be a means to deliver "transformative care", and provide "added value for health

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Opinion

# Hospital Future Grows Brighter

by Brian Essi

Since the last issue of the Observer, the likelihood of Lakewood Hospital remaining open long into the future has become a brighter reality:

1. Attorney DeVito filed a taxpayer lawsuit including claims of fraud and conspiracy. At the first pretrial Judge John P. O'Donnell signaled that the complaint is being taken very seriously. Unless the \$400 million claim against Lakewood Hospital Association (LHA) and the Cleveland Clinic is resolved, the hospital assets cannot be

The Cleveland Clinic should not be allowed to deprive Lakewood of having a city hospital. Lakewood needs a full service hospital, but not necessarily a Cleveland Clinic hospital.

The Clinic should not be allowed to close the hospital and to break their lease (which runs until 2026), just because they want to. The Clinic needs to give a reason, and have the politics behind their reason investigated and validated.

The Cleveland Clinic should not be allowed to turn the hospital into a "wellness center" and leave Lakewood residents without a city hospital. Lakewood is the third largest city in Cuyahoga County, and if they have no hospital, it will take ambulances longer to drive patients to hospitals outside the city.

The Cleveland Clinic says they want to close Lakewood Hospital because it is losing money and losing patients. How much money is it losing, and what is the hospital doing to cause it to get into debt? Why has the hospital cut services, resulting in patient loss? Why is the Clinic building a new hospital in Avon, if they are in debt?

The Chairwoman, Marguerite Harkness, of Save Lakewood Hospital (a group of citizens and attorneys and doctors) says that Lakewood Hospital is not currently in debt. And, according to Lakewood's Director of Finance, Jennifer Pae, all of the hospital's debt was paid off on 02-01-2015.

Is the Clinic incorrect in their facts about their financial debt? What is the real reason they want to close Lakewood Hospital?

Save Lakewood Hospital holds meetings that are open to the public, at the Lakewood Public Library. Their phone number on their flyer is: 216-221-9202. Their website is: [savelakewoodhospital.org](http://savelakewoodhospital.org).

Why is Lakewood Mayor, Mike Summers, and Lakewood City Council President, Mary Louise Madigan in agreement with the Clinic in favor of closing the hospital, despite the fact that the hospital's lease is valid until 2026?

This means that the hospital cannot be closed until the lease expires, unless Lakewood City Council votes

sold, transferred or demolished. Without compromise, resolution could take years. Fortunately, Mr. DeVito is a seasoned negotiator who can now negotiate on behalf of the citizens of Lakewood if the Clinic, LHA and Mayor Summers come to terms with reality.

2. A staunch supporter for Lakewood Hospital staying open, Senator Mike Skindell, announced his candidacy to become Lakewood Mayor.
3. The Letter of Intent to demolish Lakewood Hospital expired on May 31st ---However, on the evening of June

to close it. Why does the Clinic want to cancel a binding lease? What is their reason?

There are three ways to save Lakewood Hospital:

1. Lakewood City Council could vote not to close the hospital.
2. A Lakewood referendum could be added to the ballot to let the public decide if the hospital should be closed.
3. A legal action might be able to keep the hospital open.

In 2014, Akram Butros, CEO of the Metro Health Medical Center, sent a letter to Mayor Summers offering to run Lakewood Hospital, but Mayor Summers missed the deadline to reply, and gave the deal to the Cleveland Clinic, instead. The letter can be viewed at: [cleveland.com/lakewood/index.ssf/2015/04/metrohealth\\_statement\\_seems\\_to.html](http://cleveland.com/lakewood/index.ssf/2015/04/metrohealth_statement_seems_to.html).

Save Lakewood Hospital says that Lakewood Mayor Summers claims he sent a letter St. Vincent Charity Hospital asking it to run Lakewood Hospital, but St. Vincent says they never received such a letter.

This seems like another false statement by Summers, in his attempt to close the hospital under false pretenses, at the request of the Cleveland Clinic.

The Mayor and Ward Councilmen are up for election this year, and could be replaced with candidates who want to save the hospital.

The Lakewood Hospital Association (a non-profit corporation whose purpose is to manage Lakewood Hospital's debts and was created in 1987) is responsible for funding Lakewood Hospital, so that the hospital does not run out of money, until the lease expires in 2026. This agreement is can be viewed at: [onelakewood.com](http://onelakewood.com).

Everyone who wants to keep a hospital in Lakewood should tell the Mayor and City Council not to vote to close the hospital! The Mayor's and City Council's contact information can be found at: [onelakewood.com](http://onelakewood.com). They should also tell their opinions and stories to Save Lakewood Hospital.

Residents who have used Lakewood Hospital for medical care should let the City Council know about their services, and if the Clinic

4, the LHA trustees were asked to consider changes to the LOI that might not guaranty the new foundation money. So the Clinic was trying to hold the LHA accountable for self-inflicted financial losses caused by the Clinic's mismanagement and the premature announcement of the hospital closing. At the June 8th City Council Committee of the Whole, Law Director Kevin Butler announced that the LHA had voted to not extend or modify the LOI but the City still wanted to play a role in the future of healthcare in Lakewood. Butler said that there was

or another entity should continue to run Lakewood Hospital.

In my experience at Cleveland Clinic, my speaking out here, is done in the hope that others will have courage to voice their opinions, also.

The Cleveland Clinic's motto is "World Class Service," yet the Clinic did not provide me with good service (during 2008-2011).

The Clinic's (Main Campus) failed to diagnose my trouble walking and feeling ill, or inform me about abnormal X-rays, EMS's and blood tests. The Clinic left me with pain and motor loss in both legs. At Lakewood Hospital's bone density screening, the bone density machine was inflated incorrectly (before my foot was pushed into it), resulting in a questionable result.

By doing these things, the Clinic not only provided me with inferior service, they also failed to follow the "standards of care" which are considered the "minimum acceptable level(s)" of patient care, according to the American Medical Association Journal of Ethics: [journalofethics.ama-assn.org/2004/12/mhst1-0412.html](http://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/2004/12/mhst1-0412.html).

The Clinic also violated the Center for Medicare Services (CMS) policy: "The Conditions of Participation" (which says that hospitals must comply with certain patient care, and health and policy standards, in order to receive Medicare reimbursements).

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a possibility of a new definitive agreement by the LHA and the Clinic to be presented soon, though the January 15th closing announcement has not been withdrawn.

4. 110 supporters of Mayors Summers' plan wrote a letter to Council about the "exciting possibilities" for the "significant parcel of land" that would have become available under the LOI. Mayor Summers and his supporters have remained silent for 5 months despite opportunities to present their plans and proposals for the "significant parcel of land" ---a parcel to be created by expending millions of dollars of hospital money to demolish the hospital.
5. A nearly unanimous City Council wants MetroHealth to present its plans for the future of Lakewood Hospital. The Cleveland Clinic's threat of a tortious interference with their contract is the only legal obstacle preventing Metro's proposal from being heard.
6. Secrecy continues to surround Metro's augmented proposal of September, 2014---despite numerous public records requests, LHA and Mayor Summers refuse to reveal the terms of that proposal. It appears that the terms of that proposal would further expose the weakness of the Mayor's plan.
7. Since the January announcement of Lakewood Hospital closing, emergency room volume at Lakewood has rapidly declined while Fairview Hospital cannot handle the increase in emergency room volume---this underscores the need to keep Lakewood Hospital open.

"When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us." Alexander Graham Bell. Pressure from well-informed citizens and Mr. DeVito has shut the door on a corrupt plan. LHA and Mayor Summers have been focused on the closed door. In the days ahead they should walk through the new door by coming to terms with the public and Mr. DeVito, and acknowledge that Lakewood Hospital is needed and that the right leadership can make it viable for long into the future.

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# Lakewood Living

## Lakewood Celebrates International Yoga Day

by Marcia Camino

Last year, The United Nations made history by declaring Sunday, June 21, 2015, the world’s first International Yoga Day. Inspired by this decree, Lakewood business owners Marcia Camino of Pink Lotus Yoga and Ramesh and Sanjeev Sharma of Namaste India Garden, both on Detroit Avenue, have joined together to offer an event celebrating the spice of life and lifestyle: yoga, healthy food, and, perhaps most importantly, the attainment of peace and happiness through healthy living.

Whether it’s exploring yoga on the mat or enjoying Indian food at the table, International Yoga Day at Namaste India Garden will focus on neighborliness and community through healthy choices. “More than ever,” Sanjeev says, “we need to take care of our health.”

On Sunday, during restaurant hours, community members are invited to take free yoga classes taught by Pink Lotus Yoga instructors in the serene setting of the beautifully decorated back dining area of Namaste India Garden.

Drawings will take place between classes for free dinner at the restaurant as well as for free yoga class passes at

Pink Lotus. Coupons for discounts at both establishments will be offered. “Our aim is to promote good food and good yoga,” state the owners of the restaurant.

Namaste is clearly ahead of the game: Many of their customers are medical professionals, and The Cleveland Clinic as well as Fairview, Lakewood, and Mercy Hospitals are regular catering clients of theirs, too. And while yoga students at Pink Lotus have wide-ranging careers, there is a large proportion of healers, physical therapists, organic farmers and chefs, nurses, and yoga professionals taking yoga in these parts. The world is quickly becoming aware of the marriage between how healthy, spicy food and the spice of life that yoga provides can bring about real, lasting change in a person, which spreads, invariably, to the community.

By deciding to bring yoga into the restaurant on International Yoga Day, Sanjeev reflects upon the importance of the need for yoga globally. “This event’s about making people aware of yoga,” he states. “It’s about letting people see firsthand that it’s a great way to exercise, and that everyone can do it. It’s not hard to start once someone knows a few basics.”

International Yoga Day at Namaste India Garden will consist of on-the-hour free yoga classes for people at all levels and abilities. Those who have never tried yoga are especially encouraged to attend. Complimentary water and tea will be served, and a suggested \$5/person donation will be accepted at the door to benefit The Cleveland Foodbank.

Those taking yoga class are encouraged to dress comfortably and

bring a mat although Pink Lotus will have some available at the restaurant to borrow. The studio will also provide yoga chairs for those who prefer a seated practice.

Early registration for these classes is recommended as class size is limited. View the full schedule and register online at Pink Lotus Yoga (visit PinkLotusYoga.com and go to their complete and current schedule) or call Namaste India Garden (216-221-4800).

## Vincent Price Events In Cleveland, This June

by Nancy Cintron

Two spectacular Vincent Price events are coming to Cleveland, beginning June 22 & June 23...

Firstly, on **MONDAY, JUNE 22, 6-9p.m.** enjoy an intimate & formal Vincent Price Wine Dinner at the Luxe Kitchen & Lounge, in Gordon Square (6605 Detroit Rd. Cleveland), celebrating the 50th anniversary of: A Treasury of Great Recipes, by Vincent & Mary Price. Luxe will create an exquisite five course dinner out of the magnificent cookbook, that will be offered with limited edition Vincent Price wine. This will be for one night only. Special guest: Victoria Price will be there to talk about her father’s passion for the culinary arts. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with an early performance by the latin jazz group: The Rice & Beans Band. There will also be a silent auction & raffle with artwork and Vincent Price memorabilia. Proceeds from raffle/auction will go towards the new Vincent Price Scholarship Foundation. Limited tickets for this event are available through eventbrite.com <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/vincent-price-dinner-at-luxe-kitchen-lounge-tickets-16758902328?aff=eac2>.

For more information visit: [luxecleveland.com](http://luxecleveland.com) or call: (216)920-0600

Secondly, on **TUESDAY, JUNE 23 6-9 p.m.** there will be a private art preview of SIX DEGREES OF VINCENT, with special guest: Victoria Price, at the good goat gallery (17012 Madison Ave. Lakewood). This one night event is for a first-hand look at the official Vincent Price art show, before it opens to the public. Be the first to enjoy a fantastical experience honoring the Renaissance Man, Vincent Price. Art will feature topics closely relating to Vincent, including stories by Edgar Allan Poe, H.P. Lovecraft, and more awe-inspiring amazement. Victoria Price, the daughter of the macabre king, will be doing a book signing of Vincent Price, a Daughter’s Biography, with a talk & movie presentation about her father’s role in the arts. Doors open at 6pm. Food & refreshments will

be available. Event goes until 9 p.m. Enjoy the greatest show on eARTh, featuring exceedingly talented artists from all around the world. \*20% of the art sales & ticket purchases will go towards the new Vincent Price Scholarship Foundation. Make a difference & support the arts. the good goat gallery offers lay-a-way, online sales, & ships worldwide. \*Reservations are required for this one night preview event. Limited tickets (\$10 each) can be purchased through [thegoodgoatgallery.com](http://thegoodgoatgallery.com) or [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/six-degrees-of-vincent-art-preview-w-special-guest-victoria-price-tickets-16596039200> “Six Degrees of Vincent” will open to the public Friday, June 26 (6 - 9 p.m.) and will run until August 29.

For more information visit: [www.thegoodgoatgallery.com](http://www.thegoodgoatgallery.com). Any questions or comments email: [nancy@thegoodgoatgallery.com](mailto:nancy@thegoodgoatgallery.com).

We are honoring Vincent Price with these two Cleveland events because he is a significant man who could be compared with no other. He made an enormous impression in this world with his movies, recognizable voice, love of art, passion for cooking, iconic handsomeness, elegant demeanor, & well-known gentle spirit. There will never be anyone else out there like him. Most people know Vincent Price as a classic macabre movie actor, but many don’t realize that he was a culinary artist and a profound Yale-educated art historian. He wrote several cookbooks, art history books, gave lectures around the world and was an avid art collector. With his extensive collection, he started the Vincent Price Art Museum, in Los Angeles, where he donated most of his art work. He was wholeheartedly passionate towards the arts and would continue to advocate for the artists, stating: “There is no excitement in the world, like the excitement of owning an original work of art... art belongs to everyone.” He felt it was very important for people to “see” & appreciate art. “Art is the visual experience of man made exciting by talent ...and the talent belongs to that rarest of all individuals, the artist,” Vincent Price.

## Citizens Beware

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care dollars” to the community. However, neither Dr. Donley nor the other members of the Cleveland Clinic management team present could clearly articulate what that would mean, nor the type of medical providers it might require. They did, as in prior presentations, describe the kind of service lines that might be available in the Family Health Center. The same services you’d find in most outpatient facilities 15 or 20 years ago, a less than “transformative” model. It’s difficult to accept that in an organization that claims to provide “world class care,” and wants to make our Family Health Center “an example of how to provide community health in this country,” that no experts

could be found among the thousands who work for the Cleveland Clinic to make the pitch to our community leaders and the citizens of Lakewood. In addition, the Affordable Care Act will require health care organizations that want to maintain non-profit status to “actively engage in programs that improve the health of the communities in which they are located (PD 5/1/15).” So I ask, is the added value for the community of Lakewood or the Cleveland Clinic, if the Family Health Center is developed as planned?

The residents of Lakewood need to review the FACTS about how committed the Cleveland Clinic has been in providing sustainable services and health care value in the last nineteen years, before we make them the only option in our community going forward.

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Lakewood Living

# Lakewood’s B-29 Bombardier

by Amanda Francazio

The Lakewood Historical Society is presenting a series of articles to honor our WWII veterans showcased in the exhibit “Lakewood on the Homefront,” now on display at the Oldest Stone House. Here we tell the story of a veteran who served with distinction, and later became active in the preservation of his much loved hometown’s history.

Wayne B. Cahoon, Jr. was born and raised in Lakewood. He grew up on Cove Ave. and attended the Lakewood Schools. Upon his graduation from Lakewood High School, in 1943, he applied and was accepted to the B-29 Bombardier Training School in the Army Air Corps. By the end of his training, his rank had risen to Lieutenant, and he was assigned to serve in the South Pacific on Tinian Island at its large air base. From 1944 – 1945, Wayne participated in 13 bombing missions over Japan. When returning from a bombing mission, his B-29 Bomber was crippled over Japan and forced to ditch in the ocean, 80 miles off the coast



WWII “Victory” bond car on Madison and Spring Garden from the collection of Wayne Cahoon.

of Japan. Most of the crew survived, but were wounded and afloat in a rubber life raft when they were picked up by a U.S. submarine. He later was on Tinian when he saw the infamous bomber, Enola Gay, land on the island on its way to its fateful bombing of Japan. After the surrender of Japan he went on to fly cover over Tokyo

Bay during the peace signing and flew a mercy mission to drop supplies to POW’s in Japan. Wayne was awarded the Purple Heart and the Air Medal for his service.

After the war, Wayne returned to Lakewood and had a long career with the Cleveland Transit Authority (now RTA). After his retirement, he became a

dedicated Lakewood Historical Society volunteer. With his interests in photography and Lakewood history, Wayne was a perfect fit as the society’s Photo File Chairman. Many of the historic Lakewood photos you see and enjoy in publications and online are the result of his many volunteer hours spent identifying, organizing, and producing hundreds of photos for the society’s collection. He was an expert on the history of Lakewood streetcars and trains and presented many programs on the subject for the society.

Wayne often spoke of his service in WWII, of which he was humbly very proud. When he passed away last year, his wife of 64 years, Vivienne, donated his WWII items and papers to the society for preservation, along with many Lakewood photo images. The society will miss our wonderful friend Wayne, but the community will continue to benefit greatly from Wayne’s service, not only to his country but also from his work in preserving the city’s history.

If you would like to view some of Wayne’s WWII items, come to the Oldest Stone House to see the exhibit Lakewood on the Homefront. You can get a glimpse of what life was like for Lakewood citizens during the war; see posters, photographs, newspapers, fashion from the 1940s, uniforms and more. Museum hours are Wednesdays, 1p.m. – 4p.m. and Sundays, 2p.m. – 5p.m. Admission is free!

Amanda Francazio is the Curator, Lakewood Historical Society. The Lakewood Historical Society collects, preserves and interprets the history of Lakewood. Call the office at 216-221-7343 if you are interested in volunteer opportunities in the preserving our local history.

## Porch Repair, Plaster & Drywall Replacement Workshops In June

by Allison Urbanek

LakewoodAlive’s Knowing Your Home is an educational series focused on best sustainability and home maintenance practices empowering homeowners to tackle necessary repairs and improvements. LakewoodAlive will present two workshops during the month of June.

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This is a great opportunity to learn about best practices when replacing or repairing your porch. The workshop will highlight tips and tricks to make your repairs last along with best practices from tearing down the porch and starting anew. Our presenter will discuss various types of materials that can be used as well as where to locate hard-to-find historic

pieces to help preserve historic character. This workshop is a wonderful opportunity to ask questions specific to your porch repair or replacement to ensure that the work is completed correctly saving you time and money.

**Saturday, June 20 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**  
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**Thursday, June 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
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To register or learn more information about these or any upcoming workshops visit our website [www.lakewoodalive.com/events](http://www.lakewoodalive.com/events) or contact Allison Urbanek at 216-521-0655 or email [aurbanek@lakewoodalive.com](mailto:aurbanek@lakewoodalive.com).

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## Cleveland Clinic Should Not Deny Lakewood A Full Service Hospital

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The CMS website is: [cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/CertificationandCompliance/Hospitals.htm](http://cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/CertificationandCompliance/Hospitals.htm).

And the Clinic did not reply to my complaint to the ombudsman, which was a violation of the CMS grievance policy, which says complaints must be investigated and replied to in a timely manner. Sometimes the Clinic denies further care to patients who make complaints or ask questions. The Clinic sometimes sends out form letters telling the patient not to return. Perhaps this is why more patients do not speak out. This is another violation.

Other patients have made complaints to the CMS about the Clinic. Since 2010, alone, the CMS has cited the Clinic over 36 times for violating their rules. The nine most pertinent of these complaints can be viewed at:

[hospitalinspections.org/hospital/cleveland-clinic-360180](http://hospitalinspections.org/hospital/cleveland-clinic-360180).

In light of this: and in my willingness to voice my experiences, it is hoped that others will be encouraged to speak out, so that all aspects of the Clinic’s management and funding of Lakewood Hospital’s patient care, patient outcome, patient resolution of complaints, number of patients who were denied care after making a complaint, and patient satisfaction, are all issues that should be studied in relation to why the Clinic wants to close Lakewood Hospital.

Lakewood needs a full service hospital, but the real reason why the Clinic wants to close Lakewood Hospital should be investigated first, before a decision is made.


The Cleveland Clinic should not be allowed to deprive the city of Lakewood of having a full service hospital!



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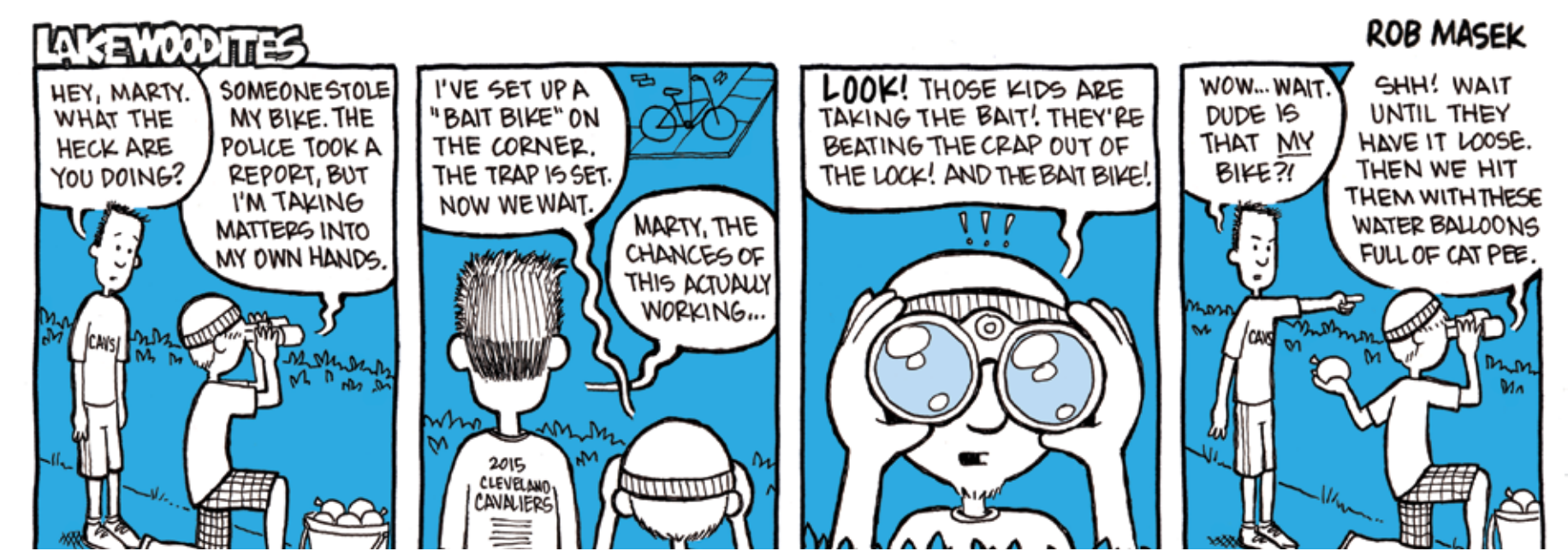


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