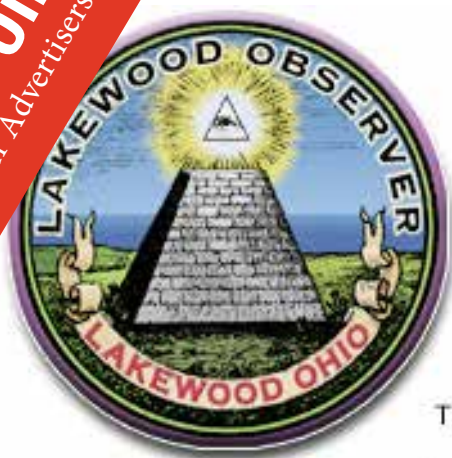


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Continuing A Relentless Focus On Growth, Safety And Service

Summers Seeks Re-Election As Mayor



Mayor Summers listening to the concerns of Lakewood residents.

by Timothy Laskey

During the past five years, Lakewood has become a desired destination for Millennials and empty-nesters alike — and everyone in between. Property owners have spent \$10 million in each of the past two years fixing up their homes and buildings.

There's been more than \$100 million in commercial development investments since 2011 — that doesn't even

include the schools construction.

The city has significantly improved infrastructure, including parks, streets, bike infrastructure and sidewalks.

Lakewood is in the best financial shape we've been in years, as measured by our robust financial reserves. The public safety forces remains solid, focused, well led and well equipped.

Was this all by accident or the strategic design of solid leadership?

"I stand behind my record, knowing confidently that Lakewood is a better place than it was before I took office," said Mayor Michael Summers, who recently announced that he's running for a second term as Lakewood's mayor.

"However, there is more good work to be done."

Summers said that during the past five years, he's focused

on the following items:

1) **Customer-driven governing:** The city has a customer-focused work culture that believes in continuous improvement.

2) **Doing more with less:** The city has invested in our processes and leveraged technology to deliver more service with fewer resources.

3) **Commercial development:** The city features more vibrant commercial corridors providing local entertainment options and amenities to support everyday life and lifestyles.

4) **Housing:** The Summers administration has focused relentlessly on housing and its maintenance and improvement.

5) **Public safety:** Under Summers' leadership, the city has improved enforcement strategies — from an increase

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LCA To Serve As Grand Marshal Of Fourth Of July Parade

by Melissa Garrett

Lakewood Mayor Mike Summers announced that Lakewood Catholic Academy will serve as the Grand Marshal for the City's Fourth of July parade. The parade is scheduled to step off on Saturday, July 4, 2015 at 10 a.m. on Lake Avenue at Kenneth Drive and conclude at Lakewood Park.

Lakewood Catholic Academy (LCA) is celebrating its 10th Anniversary. LCA was founded on July 1, 2005 and opened its doors in August 2005 as a con-

solidated Catholic school, joining together 3 existing Lakewood parish schools: Saint Clement, Saint James, and Saint Luke. In 2010, the newly-merged Transfiguration parish was added when the church's affiliated elementary school, Saint Cyril and Methodius, was faced with closing. Today, LCA has an enrollment of over 550 students in their Early Childhood Program through grade 8. They have invested approximately \$1.7 million in campus improvement since 2005.

"The Fourth of July community celebration is a wonderful opportunity to highlight Lakewood Catholic Academy's outstanding achievements and hard work," said Mayor Mike Summers. "The founders of LCA recognized that times were changing and enrollments were declining. They decided to be proactive to secure their future. Ten years later, we are celebrating that decision and the successful partnership that developed as a result of this forward-

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Hats Off To LHS Class Of 2015!

by Christine Gordillo

The traditional graduates' hat toss celebrated the commencement of 365 members of Lakewood High's Class of 2015 following their march across the Civic Auditorium stage to receive their diplomas on June 14. Congratulations and best wishes, graduates!



Bring your lawn chairs and picnic baskets and enjoy a Front Porch Concert this summer!

LakewoodAlive's Free Front Porch Concert Series Kicks Off July 3

by Ken Brand

Join friends, family and your neighbors on the front porch of the Lakewood Public Library Main Branch (15425 Detroit Avenue) every Friday at 7 p.m. this summer from July 3-September 11 for FREE concerts. This 11-week line-up, developed with Chris Vance of Vance Music Studios, and in cooperation with the Lakewood Public Library and LakewoodAlive, will appeal to nearly everyone, with music

from a wide variety of genres.

7.03.15 – Carlos Jones and the P.L.U.S. Band

7.10.15 – Drumplay

7.17.15 – The First Five

7.24.15 – Vance Music Studios- Student Rock Bands

7.31.15 – The Admirables

8.07.15 – The Clifton Beat

8.14.15 – Vance Music Studios- Student Rock Bands

8.21.15 – Bobby Selvaggio and The No Words Quintet

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March In The Parade With The LO

by Betsy Voinovich

Celebrate the Fourth of July in Lakewood and the Lakewood Observer's ten years by joining us in our official spot at the very end of the parade.

Because the Lakewood Observer is community-written, and you, reading this, are part of our community--- this means you! You don't need to belong to any group, wear anything in particular or perform any special skill, just walk along with friends and neighbors who also happen to be our readers and writers. If you really want to, you can hand out papers, for those along the paper route who might not have gotten their paper yet.

If you have written for the LO, or submitted photos, or you post on the Observation Deck, come out and take a walk with us! Get a look at the people you're always talking to online and in the paper.

If you're already going to be in the parade, after your group has finished, come around to the end and finish the parade with us.

Because the Lakewood Observer represents all of the different voices of


Lakewood, we welcome whatever uniform or costume you're wearing, whatever unicycle or float you happen to be riding on. Whatever basketball you're bouncing or baton you're twirling, you are welcome!

Kids--- this will be the second year that we will be making parade costumes out of newspapers just for fun—if you want to join us for a backyard workshop, or get some online instructions, email betsy@lakewood-observer.com.

See you in the paper and see you in the parade!



LO reader and Deck poster Jeff Dreger in last year's Fourth of July parade.



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Council Talks Active Living

To start their process off, the Task Force developed a survey for active

Ensure sufficient capacity and access for all providers and users to be fully engaged.

Next, Councilwoman Madigan

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New Study Begins At Waste Water Treatment Plant

by Colin McEwen

City of Lakewood officials are looking to increase capacity at the Lakewood wastewater treatment facility to treat a higher volume of flows during rain events.

Lakewood’s combined sewers are designed to take all wastewater to the treatment plant, which can process a maximum hydraulic volume of 40 million gallons per day. However, during storms, the volume of rainwater entering the combined sewer system can exceed both the capacity of the combined sewers and the treatment plant, leading to overflows into Lake Erie and Rocky River.

Working to protect the city’s water resources, Lakewood has implemented a pilot study of a high-rate treatment system. The high-rate system would be activated during storms when flows



A new study will be evaluating the need for increasing the capacity of the City’s wastewater treatment plant

exceed treatment plant capacities. The high-rate system would reduce the quantity of untreated water being discharged to the river and lake.

The City of Lakewood selected Veolia’s Actiflo, with technology that

separates solids out of high volumes of water and settles them quickly into a sludge that can be properly disposed of.

If the pilot study is successful at cleaning Lakewood’s wet weather flows to meet permit requirements, the system may be phased into the treatment plant in the next five years.

“Our goal is to decrease overflows that occur into the river and lake,” said William Crute, division manager of the Lakewood Waste Water Treatment Plant. “This may be the most cost effective solution, as we look to stretch our treatment dollars while dramatically reducing pollution levels and achieving better water quality.”

This pilot study is in a self-contained trailer that will be stationed on treatment plant grounds during the month of June for testing.

City Of Lakewood Seeks Members For New ‘Clean Water Lakewood’ Advisory Group

by Colin McEwen

The city of Lakewood is working on a multi-year, multi-million-dollar plan to continue the city’s progress under the 1972 Clean Water Act. The Ohio EPA approved a permit last year that will enable the city

to improve the city’s stormwater management and reduce wastewater overflows into the Rocky River and Lake Erie.

For some guidance in the process, the city is looking to establish a volunteer-driven working group Clean Water

Lakewood to help transform water infrastructure in Lakewood. The resident group will focus on facilitating best-practice solutions for wastewater overflows.

Lakewood’s combined sewers are designed to take all wastewater to the treatment plant, which can process more than 30 million gallons per day. However, during storms, the volume of rainwater entering the combined sewer system can exceed both the capacity of the combined sewers and the treatment plant. The new agreement includes plans for sewer separation projects and wastewater treatment investments.

“No one more than the city of Lakewood desires to do our part to improve the cleanliness of our local watershed, especially our wonderful Lake Erie,” said Lakewood Mayor Michael Summers.



“We hope to receive some guidance from our community’s strong and diverse group of residents, business owners and thought leaders in Lakewood.”

Anyone interested in participating in the Clean Water Lakewood working group is encouraged to call the mayor’s office at 216-529-6093. The first meeting is slated to take place July 16.

Mayor Breaks Ground On McKinley Place Development

by Colin McEwen

Mayor Michael Summers recently broke ground on the McKinley Place development, with representatives from Liberty Development and the Lakewood City Schools.

Lakewood City Council approved the \$500,000 sale of the former McKinley School to Liberty Development earlier this year.

The \$12 million project includes building 40, for-sale residential units on the 2.8-acre property.

In early February, both the city’s Planning Commission and the Architectural Board of Review approved the plans after months of public hearings. The city of Lakewood purchased the



property from the Lakewood Board of Education in October 2013.

“This approval represents a culmination of an important collaborative partnership between the city, the Board of Education and Liberty Development,” said Mayor Michael Summers. “This is will be a wonderful addition to our community.”

2015 Summer Road Closures

by Colin McEwen

It’s orange barrel season again. The city of Lakewood has several road closures planned for the Summer 2015. Follow this link <http://arcg.is/1wHjkpn> to view the interactive map. And, remember: Drive safely through construction zones.

Here are the planned resurfacing projects around the city this summer:

- Coutant Avenue, from Franklin to Detroit avenues
- Lark Street, from Madison Avenue to Plover Street
- Thrush Street, from Halstead to Magee streets
- Arthur Avenue, from Madison to Hilliard avenues
- Carabel Avenue, from Hilliard to Lakewood Heights Blvd
- Cliffdale Avenue, from Lake to Edgewater avenues
- Cranford Avenue, from Clifton to Lake avenues
- Edgewater Avenue, from W. 117th Street to Cove Avenue

- Edwards Avenue, from Clifton to Lake avenues
- Garfield Avenue, from Warren to Lincoln avenues
- Kenneth Avenue, from Lake to North Terminus avenues
- Maile Avenue, from Detroit to Riverside avenues
- Ogontz Avenue, from Fischer to North Terminus
- Owego Avenue, from Detroit to Maile avenues
- Rockway Avenue, from Detroit to Franklin avenues
- Sloane Subway, from Sloane to Lake avenues
- St. Charles Avenue, from Madison to Franklin
- South Marginal, from McKinley to Woodward avenues

Check out the interactive map (<http://arcg.is/1wHjkpn>) for additional construction projects around Lakewood, including several water/sewer projects.

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Diabetes patients often need osteoporosis care, too.

Many patients with diabetes may also develop osteoporosis, which can leave their bones brittle, and can limit their ability to be active, especially if they are older.

Dorota Whitmer, MD, a Cleveland Clinic endocrinologist who recently joined Lakewood Hospital's Diabetes and Endocrine Center, is experienced in addressing both conditions with patients.



Dorota Whitmer, MD

"Many patients with diabetes have vitamin D deficiency. Low vitamin D levels lead to calcium not being absorbed from the gut which increases bone loss. This is why it is important to treat low vitamin D levels and return them to normal. Any use of steroid medications for conditions commonly seen in patients with diabetes, such as arthritis, gout or asthma, further heightens the risk of osteoporosis. In addition, steroids increase blood sugar levels and negatively affect blood sugar control. Women over the age of 65 are especially likely to have fragile bones due to estrogen deficiency."

Dr. Whitmer frequently asks patients if they have been tested for osteoporosis or low vitamin D. Both conditions are highly treatable once diagnosed. "Vitamin D acts as a hormone in the body, so a lack of it can mean a hormonal imbalance," she adds. "That is why women who have reached menopause are among the most likely group to have osteoporosis along with diabetes."

A bone density test is a painless way to evaluate bone strength. The test uses small amounts of radiation to measure the density of the spine, hip, wrist and other bones. Testing of each site only takes a few minutes.

A blood test also can be helpful, as it can show how much vitamin D is in the body.

Dr. Whitmer says there are several ways to strengthen bones, including exercise (walking and lifting weights based on age and ability), eating a diet that is rich in calcium and vitamin D, and possibly taking supplements, or medications called bisphosphonates. Avoid smoking and excess alcohol consumption.

"I work with my patients to help select the best treatment for their overall health," she says.

For an appointment with Dr. Whitmer at Lakewood Hospital, call 216.529.5300. To learn more, visit lakewoodhospital.org/diabetes. Cleveland Clinic offers same-day appointments.

Lakewood Hospital ED is open around the clock.

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the Lakewood Hospital Emergency Department (ED) is staffed by board-certified emergency medicine physicians and certified emergency nurses trained to respond to any emergency situation, including critical injuries and illnesses, as well as broken bones, severe abdominal pain, fever, severe headache, head injury and stroke.

ED physicians and nurses also specialize in neurology, diabetes care, orthopaedic surgery and senior care, such as dementia. On-site CT scanners, X-ray equipment, MRI, ultrasound and a full-service laboratory support their work.

Anyone entering the Lakewood ED can expect reduced wait times, thanks to a process to get the most critical patients seen quickly and to facilitate the care of less acute patients.

In an emergency, call 911 or go to an emergency department near you. The Lakewood Hospital Emergency Department is located at 14519 Detroit Avenue. www.lakewoodhospital.org/emergency.

City News

The Judge’s Bench:

Lakewood Housing Court Diversion Program

by Judge Patrick Carroll

The City of Lakewood is an inner ring community with an aging housing stock. Our stately homes give the city its character, but keeping them in good condition can be challenging. Maintaining the housing stock is both a public purpose and a common goal of all residents.

As Lakewood’s Municipal Judge I have made housing a priority, streamlining the procedures to obtain compliance with building code violations. In 2010, we created a diversion program, primarily for owner-occupied homes, for housing code violations. The idea was to help residents with code violations make necessary repairs.

For most homeowners, their home is their largest investment. Housing values in an area will decline because of one poorly maintained property. Moreover, a poorly maintained property can also create a trend of neglect, leading to a downward spiral in the community. As Malcolm Gladwell noted in

his book, “The Tipping Point”: “If a window is broken and left unrepaired, people walking by will conclude that no one cares and no one is in charge. Soon, more windows will be broken.”

The purpose of the diversion program is to assist homeowners to fix up their homes and achieve compliance with the housing codes. The program is a combined effort of the Lakewood Court, City Administration, Law and Building Departments and LakewoodAlive. The diversion program has gone a long way in helping owners bring their houses into compliance with building and safety codes.

The general penalty for a housing code violation is a minimum fine from \$25 up to \$1,000. Although classified as criminal, these cases are different from other criminal cases, for the focus is upon bringing properties into compliance rather than dealing with past misconduct. Imposing fines in these situations is counterproductive to compliance, because it

takes limited money for repairs for fines and court costs. The goal of the diversion program is to assist the homeowner and allow the money to be put into the home for repairs instead of payment of fines.

I realize that code violations range from relatively small items, such as missing house numbers or a broken light globe, to more extreme and expensive violations such as a roof or driveway repair. I also realize that many times the violation is not due to any willful disregard for the condition of the home, but may be a result of illness, age, medical or tuition payments, high cost of repairs and other financial issues. Exterior work, such as painting, landscaping and masonry, may also be delayed due to inclement weather.

Homeowners cited with a building code violation are required to come to court. After being advised of their rights in court, the homeowner may be eligible to participate in the diversion program. If admitted into the diversion program, a compliance schedule will be developed to correct the violations and must be adhered to. The participant agrees to cooperate with the persons or agencies designated by the court. Participants who don’t comply can be dropped from the program and returned to the court’s regular criminal docket.

The program has provided participants assistance in obtaining low

interest loans, temporary variances, and access to available programs, such as the Lakewood High School building program. The Lakewood Court also assigns community service workers for debris removal, landscaping with weeds and overgrown bushes, and other low maintenance duties. The court has a part-time employee whose primary responsibility is to work with the homeowners.

I know that a housing code citation and a court appearance can be stressful. My goal is to reduce or eliminate anxiety and work with each homeowner to make the required repairs. The court appearance gives the homeowner the opportunity to provide information, not only about the code violations, but about other issues in the person’s life that may be contributing to the delay in compliance. The court schedules regular compliance hearings to monitor the progress of the repairs.

More than 230 homeowners have participated in the Housing Court Diversion Program. Most completed the repairs and the cases were dismissed. There are currently 21 active participants in the diversion program.

The beautiful homes that line our streets help establish the city as a great place to live. We must all work together to keep our homes in good condition and the diversion program is designed to make that process more manageable.

LPL Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

Saturday, June 27
“Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?” (1966) Directed by Mike Nichols
Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor draw on the turmoil of their own storied romance as George and Martha—a miserable couple who play hateful mind games in between bouts of hard drinking. Based on the play by Edward Albee, the film includes gorgeous cinematography by Haskell Wexler. Nominated for thirteen Academy Awards, the film walked away with five Oscars, including a Best Actress Award for Elizabeth Taylor.
6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Sunday, June 28
Sunday with the Friends: Cellocentric
Doug Wood’s acoustic guitar compositions are embroidered by the cello of Tara Hanish in a fusion of classical, new age, jazz and folk styles. Doug Wood has a long history of touring and performing as a solo artist. His song “Cat Dance” was featured during the Late Night Show With David Letterman, and he has toured with Eclectica, featuring five-time Grammy-winning drummer Roy “Futureman” Wooten and electric violinist Tracy Silverman. Tara Hanish is the principle cellist for the Akron Symphony and is also known to rock out with Cleveland’s own Seafair.
2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Tuesday, June 30
Ancestry Online: Library Edition
How far back would you like to trace your family tree? Genealogist Deborah Abbott will show you how to unlock the secrets held by census reports, military records, birth certificates and death notices in this hands-on workshop. Unravel your history with professional results.
6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Learning Lab

Friday, July 3
LakewoodAlive Front Porch Concert Series – Carlos Jones & The P.L.U.S. Band
LakewoodAlive, in collaboration with Lakewood Public Library and Vance Music Studios, is proud to announce the 6th Annual Front Porch Concert Series. Held on the Library’s Front Porch, these concerts are free and open to the public. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy fantastic music with friends and neighbors in the heart of Downtown Lakewood.
7:00 p.m. on the Front Porch of the Main Library

Saturday, July 4
Independence Day: Library Closed All Day
Normal Hours Resume Sunday, July 5.

Sunday, July 5
Sunday with the Friends: Brian Henke
Brian Henke composes and performs his music like a painter putting images on canvas, a kind of sonic shaman, drawing his inspiration from the world around him. An avid hiker, he often brings his guitar along to create a spontaneous response to his outdoor settings. Mother Earth has provided him with an immense living gallery from the humbling spectacle of her natural wonders to the simple beauty of a treetop against a blue sky. Her majestic legacy and the magical feeling of awe and peace inspire the compositions of this award winning guitarist.
2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Mondays
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.
Ongoing until Monday, August 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesdays
Afternoon at the Movies
For the whole family
A different children’s movie each week! Free and open to the public. No registration required.
Monsters vs. Aliens: Tuesday, June 30, at 1:00 p.m., Main Library Auditorium.
Kiki’s Delivery Service: Tuesday, July 7, at 1:00 p.m., Main Library Auditorium.

Friday, June 26
Our Zoo To You
For the whole family
Get up close and personal with a variety of exotic and domestic animals. Free and open to the public. No registration required.
3:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

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

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

Sketchbook Club For Teens!

by Nicka Petruccio

Are you a teen artist? Do you like to draw, paint, sculpt or do mixed media pieces? Maybe you'd like to meet some other teen artists like you, or possibly nothing like you.

Lakewood Public Library is creating a group for artists of all skill levels entering 9th-12th grades called Sketchbook Club. This is a relaxed meetup group where you can come with your own sketchbook to work on your drawings, or draw in our group club book. Bring any art project you are working on to the club and get some perspective or critique from your peers and the club leader. You can even start some-

thing new at Sketchbook Club- all kinds of supplies and materials will be available for you to use. There will also be occasional group exercises including gesture drawing, figure drawing, and more.

We are looking for all kinds of teen artists to join us for this fun and open group so register now and let's make some art together!

Sketchbook Club will be held Monday evenings from July 27 through August 31, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Register by calling the Lakewood Public Library's Children & Youth Services department at 216-226-8275 ext. 140.



Our Zoo to You includes audience participation.

Our Zoo To You Animal Show

by Marge Foley

Did you know that a coatimundi is also known as a South American raccoon? Would you like to see one? Have you ever seen a ringtail lemur, a kinkajou, or a Columbian tegu? These are just some of the exotic creatures that Bryan and Terri Wise, owners of Our Zoo to You, may bring to their upcoming family friendly program at the Lakewood Public Library. Their zoo is constantly growing and changing and they will bring a variety of animals to

keep everyone interested. Meet, learn about, and even pet many of the animals on Friday, June 26 at 3 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

The Our Zoo to You program is the next in a series of Special Friday Performances for children and their families at the library this summer. Be sure to mark your calendar now for The Escape Artistry of Ron Price (July 10) and The Wonderful World of Bubbles (July 24). All programs are free and open to the public.

Lakewood Collaborative Job Club Meeting

by Kathy Augustine

The Lakewood Collaborative is hosting a monthly Job Club at the Lakewood Public Library at 15425 Detroit Ave. The next Job Club meeting will be held on Tuesday June 30th, from 6-8 p.m. at the Lakewood Library. We will have a guest speaker, Heather Englander from Business Volunteers Unlimited

(BVU) and the topic will be "How Your Volunteer Experience can Lead to Employment". Also, we will provide information and resources to assist people with finding a job in today's market. The Job Club is free and open to the public.

For information contact Becky Carlton at R.Carlton@csuohio.edu or 216-421-6685.

Lakewood Public Library Board Of Trustees

by Elaine Rosenberger

The Lakewood City Schools Board of Education is accepting applications for appointment to the Lakewood Public Library Board of Trustees for an expired seven year term ending September 12, 2015. Additional information concerning the duties and responsibilities of Library Trustees is available at www.lakewood-publiclibrary.org/trustee. Interested candidates should direct a letter of interest and qualifications to the Superintendent of Schools by August 14, 2015.

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LCA To Serve As Grand Marshal Of Fourth Of July Parade

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thinking."

Joining in the parade will be musical favorites, the Lakewood High School Ranger Marching Band, St. Edward High School Band, the Lochaber Pipe Band and Red Hackle Pipe Band.

After the parade, festivities will continue in Lakewood Park with games,

food, activities and information provided by several of Lakewood's community organizations. At 7 p.m., the Lakewood Project, Lakewood High School's Youth Rock Orchestra, will perform at the Bandstand at Lakewood Park.

The Fourth of July will conclude with Lakewood's annual fireworks extravaganza at approximately 9:45-10 p.m.



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LHS Academic Challenge Team 3rd At Nationals

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood High School Academic Challenge Team, consisting of both an “A” and “B” squad, competed in a National Academic Challenge Tournament held in Chicago June 5-8 and the “A” Team came away in third place overall.

To qualify for the final rounds of the 64-team tournament, a team must have a record of 4-2 or better. Lakewood’s “A” Team made it to the final rounds on Monday. Winning the first two matches in the championship rounds, Lakewood’s Team progressed to the semifinals. In a very close match decided by one question, Lakewood lost to a strong team from Henderson County in northwestern Michigan. In the subsequent final round, Henderson lost to a team from Tulsa, Okla. Earlier in the competition, Lakewood had tied the Tulsa team after the match had been completed, but lost in a sudden

death toss-up question.

Lakewood “performed exceedingly well,” in Chicago, said adviser Bob Sedlak. Congratulations to the A Team of seniors Laert Fejzullari, Jamie Fesko, Renee Klann and Ben McKinsey, junior Robert Fehrenbach and sophomore Ian Bell for an outstanding weekend. Lakewood’s “B” team narrowly missed the final championship rounds finishing with a record of 3-3 for the early competition. Competing for the “B” Team, with a terrific showing, and all returning next year, were juniors Alex Grunder, Jon Pizzo and Fox Milenski and freshmen Kevin Cush, Brian Donahoe and Erika Hakko.

The future is bright for this team as in the past three years at this tournament, Lakewood has gone from 41st to 23rd to 3rd place. Great work by all the students and to their advisers, Bob Sedlak and Peter Petto.



The “A” Team (from left): Ian Bell, Laert Fejzullari, Robbie Fehrenbach and Ben McKinsey.

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LHS Pair Selected For
National Honor Orchestra

by Christine Gordillo

For the fourth year in a row, Lakewood High school will be represented at the National Association for Music Education’s All-National Honor Symphony Orchestra as sophomore violinist Ryan Detwiler and junior cellist Jimmy Toner have been selected to perform with the ensemble.

This is Toner’s second selection for the national group as he also was a member of the prestigious ensemble his sophomore year as well. Detwiler and Toner will join about 62 other top-performing student musicians in the country to form this year’s All-National Symphony Orchestra.

The duo will rehearse and perform with renowned conductors when they travel to Nashville, Tenn., on Oct. 25 for three days of rehearsals capped off with a performance on Oct. 28 at the Grand Ole Opry as part of NAFME’s Music Education Week. The National

Honor Orchestra will be joined in that performance by the national honor ensembles for Band, Mixed Choir and Jazz Band.

“The Lakewood music program is very proud of Ryan and Jimmy. Because of their commitment to musical excellence as well as the opportunities provided to them through the Lakewood music program, they have been able to attain one of the highest honors bestowed upon any high school musician,” LHS Orchestra Director Elizabeth Hankins said. “In total, the Lakewood orchestra program has been represented six times in the past 20 years” in the All-National Honor Orchestra.

Sophomores, juniors and seniors from across the country were eligible to audition and had to submit a two-minute audition piece. To be eligible to audition, a musician must also have been selected to his or her All-State Orchestra.



LHS musicians Ryan Detwiler (left) and Jimmy Toner will represent Lakewood High in the All-National Honor Symphony Orchestra in Nashville in October.

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Lakewood Schools

Board OKs New LHS House Principal

by Christine Gordillo

Bridgette Firstenberger, assistant principal at Big Walnut High School in Sunbury, Ohio, has been named the new Lakewood High School House I Principal, replacing Bill DiMascio, who left the position to head up the West Shore Career-Technical District. Firstenberger's appointment was confirmed at a

special Board of Education meeting on June 9.

Prior to joining the Sunbury district, Firstenberger worked in special education in Urbana City Schools and Delaware City Schools, where she served as the department chair. After receiving her administrative license, she moved into her current position at Big Walnut High.

Her responsibilities at Big Walnut included serving as the building test coordinator for PARCC and AIR, providing leadership in planning, implementing and evaluating instructional programs, evaluating staff, and discipline. These areas, combined with Firstenberger's background in special education and her high energy level, made her the perfect choice to complete the LHS administrative team.

The appointment is a return home of sorts for Firstenberger. Her father is an alumnus of Lakewood High School and she grew up in Cleveland, on the border of Lakewood, and has fond memories of swimming at the former Madison Pool (now Becks Pool) and attending movies at the Detroit Theater. Firstenberger will begin her job on Aug. 1.



LHS' Toner Vaults To 8th In State

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High School junior Jimmy Toner tied for 8th place in the Division 1 Pole Vault at the Ohio State Track & Field Championships held on June 6 in Columbus. He tied his school record of 14', which he set earlier this year, only his second participating in the pole vault event. Placing in the top

eight earned Toner All-Ohio status.

He also received the Academic All-Ohio Award, which an athlete earns if he or she qualifies for the state meet and holds a 3.5 cumulative GPA or above.

Congratulations to Jimmy Toner and his coach, Mike Dow, on an outstanding season!

LHS Junior Wins State Piano Contest

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High junior Makito Otsuka has won the Ohio Music Teachers Association's Buckeye Auditions competition in the piano category. After winning one of the competition's five regional contests,

Otsuka moved on to state finals at Malone University on June 6, where he finished first in the state. Otsuka, who also plays trumpet, was featured in the Orchestra Carnival of the Animals concert with Angelin Chang earlier this year.

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Recycling Facts For You

by Zoey George-Olds

Recycling facts and information for kids...

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Cleveland Rocks With “Green Day’s American Idiot” At Beck Center

by Pat Miller

Beck Center for the Arts is pleased to present the locally produced premiere of “Green Day’s American Idiot,” July 10 through August 16, 2015 on the Mackey Main Stage. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are now on sale. Buy early and save with promo code: GREENDAY to receive \$5 off each adult/senior ticket purchased by July 9. Beck Center has established a PG-13 rating for this piece.

In the wake of Green Day’s 2015 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction, Beck Center for the Arts is thrilled to rock out with “American Idiot” this summer. Originally released in 2004 as Green Day’s seventh studio recording, this project went on to win “Best Rock Album” at the 2005 Grammy Awards®. By 2010, the music was brought to life on Broadway where it received two Tony Awards® and the “Best Musical Show Album” Grammy®. The story follows three friends as they search for true meaning in a post 9/11 world. Praised as “a groundbreaking musical knockout” by Rolling Stone, this energy fueled rock opera boldly takes the American musical where it’s never gone before.

Artistic Director Scott Spence is no stranger to directing within this genre, having helmed numerous hits such as

“Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson” and “Evil Dead The Musical” at Beck Center. “Art forms collide in ‘Green Day’s American Idiot,’ when the music and lyrics of these Rock Hall inductees fuse with the staging and storytelling of musical theatre,” commented Spence. Starring Dan Folino, this production features a cast of twenty-two talented actors filled with the energy, angst, and power required to keep this story rocking. Folino appears courtesy of the Actors’ Equity Association. “Audiences will see 90-minutes of hard-driving entertainment,” continued Spence.

“This vibrant and energetic production guarantees a rock n’ roll summer at Beck Center!”

Tickets are \$29 for adults, \$26 for seniors (65 and older), and \$12 for students with a valid I.D. A \$3 service fee per ticket will be applied at time of purchase. Preview Night on Thursday, July 9 is \$10 with general admission seating. Group discounts are available for parties of four or more. Purchase tickets online at beckcenter.org or call Customer Service at 216.521.2540 x10. Beck Center for the Arts is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, just ten

minutes west of downtown Cleveland. Free onsite parking is available.

This production of “Green Day’s American Idiot” is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). It is generously sponsored by the John P. Murphy Foundation, and is funded the residents of Cuyahoga County through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and the Ohio Arts Council.

Beck Center for the Arts is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization that offers professional theater productions on two stages, arts education programming for all ages and abilities, including dance, music, theater, visual arts, and creative arts therapies for individuals with special needs, outreach education, and free gallery exhibitions.

Why Do Punk Rock Guys Go Out With New Wave Girls? Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 6

by Buzz Kompier

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.

Hiram-Maxim - Hiram-Maxim - Aqualamb Records - 4 songs - Vinyl, download

This is a pretty atmospheric record. It’s full of whispers and screams and talking and noises and all sorts of other fun stuff. Except not really, because

“fun” wouldn’t really be the first thing I’d describe this record as. What this record really comes out as is as a very slow burn. Charles at My Mind’s Eye tells me it’s “doom.” So, yeah, I guess it’s that. On iTunes, it says that it’s metal, so I guess it’s that too. I’m not too up on these kinds of things. Anyways, usually I don’t like stuff like this but some of the songs on it, particularly “Visceral” and “One,” were actually pretty cool. Again, it’s all about the atmosphere. I’d recommend the record on the whole for any fans of the genre. 3/5

Kill The Hippies - Let’s Start A Band Nobody’s In - Phoenician MicroSystems Records - 21 songs - CD, download

Really cool punk stuff. The album is a combination of two albums and a cassingle, mostly previously unreleased stuff, and it’s pretty darn great. Very catchy, really good songs. It’s kind of like “classic” punk but with a more “modern” spin, and I will leave it up to the reader to decide what that means to them. Either way, I liked it a lot. I think the dynamic of having two singers also works to their advantage in terms of the music. My favorites, to pick just a few, would probably be “Public Address,” “Moral To The Story,” “Jung Tuffs,” and “Totally Dull.” Altogether I would recommend it to any punk fan. If you are so inclined, the next Kill The Hippies show will be at Now That’s Class on July 11, playing with Boy In Love; and Cha-

chi On Acid. “Stupid style sloppy punk” is assured. 4/5

Rubber Mate - Hell Bent For Rubber - Saucepan Records/Mistake By The Lake Records - 5 songs - Cassette, download

Pretty demented noise punk. Sometimes almost completely inaudible, and sometimes really gross (going by the lyrics sheet), but definitely a fun listen. My favorites were the opening track, “Let’s Go To The Beach,” and the closing track, “Snuff Film.” Though, really, when this guy sings “Maybe I’ll get lucky and drown,” you kind of think to yourself “we would all be so lucky.” Before anyone thinks I’m being overly cruel with that remark, Julian Cope once said something similar of the electric eels and the song “Tidal Wave,” so I don’t think that’s too harsh a comment. It may even be considered high praise of some sort. Anyways, as a whole, the songs might be improved by slightly better production, but maybe that’s just ‘cause of the cassette. Either way, I liked it. I like some pretty obnoxious stuff, though, so maybe you won’t. 3.5/5

The Dark - Scream Until We Die - Smog Veil Records - 37 songs + 41 songs - Download

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Taster Twins Reviews In Review

by Ingrid Dickson and Irene Joyce

The Taster Twins have been sampling, enjoying, and recommending Lakewood eateries for a whole year now. We must say, it has been a delicious journey and we look forward to even more culinary delights and wonderful experiences. This city is rich with opportunities to enjoy good company, good food, and good spirits. As we think back on our year of dining and reviewing, fond memories of the people and places we have visited come to mind. We thought we would like to take our readers--and ourselves--on a trip through our restaurant reflections of the past twelve months. To that end, we have come up with a list of awards for the places we have reviewed (in no particular order, because we're capricious that way). Our Taster Twins Awards for 2014-15:

Most Gracious Service: Patrick at the Lake House Cafe (He's extraordinarily efficient and kind!)

Yummiest Potato Accompaniment: The tater tots at Merry Arts Pub and Grille. (A childhood treat revisited)

Most Mouth-watering Appetizer: The blue cod tacos from Pier W. (The perfect combination of ingredients.)

Tastiest Handheld Delight: The New England lobster and shrimp rolls from Jammy Buggars. (One of our all-time favorites)

Most Homey and Comfortable: The warm atmosphere at The Place to Be. (Feels like dining with your family)

Friendliest Welcome: The smiling staff at Deagan's Kitchen and Bar. (Serving creative classics)

Most Inventive Sandwich Combinations: The Kardiak Kid at Cleveland Pickle. (Surprises between slices)

Sweetest, Most Satisfying Breakfast: Hearty banana pancakes at Borderline Cafe. (Their omelets are a close second.)

Most Delicious Use of Spices: The noodle soups at Brown Sugar Thai Cuisine (Savory and soothing)

Most Taste-Tempting Meat Choices: Pork belly, lamb, short ribs, duck, and so much more at El Carnicero. (How can you choose?)

Honorable Mention--Best Fried

Anything: The yellow perch at the Lake House Cafe. (You can't go wrong here!)

So Sad to See Gone: Eddie Cerino's Casual Italian. (This was our first review.)

Thank you for allowing us to indulge our desire to dish about the dishes served up in Lakewood. We are eager to continue tasting and touring local dining establishments as we close out our first year of writing the "Sauce on the Side" column.

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109. Shore Restaurant, 12009 Detroit Ave.

110. Everest Grocery, 12007 Detroit Ave.

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112. Lalla, 11817 Detroit Ave.

113. The Chamber, 11814 Detroit Ave., Patio

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115. The Symposium, 11800 Detroit Ave.

116. The Foundry Concert Club, 11729 Detroit Ave.

117. Good & Raw Cafe and Store, 11701 Clifton Blvd.

118. Shell Food Mart, 11701 Clifton Blvd.

119. Sapell's Bi-Rite, 1314 Highland Ave.

120. Dianna's Deli & Restaurant, 1332 Highland Ave., Patio

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122. Mr. Hero, 1510 Highland Ave.

123. Panda Wok, 1512 Highland Ave., 521-1200

124. Dunkin Donuts 1520 Highland Ave., Patio

125. Shell Station, 1538 Highland Ave.

126. KFC, 1560 Highland Ave.

127. El Torito, 1571 Highland Ave.

128. Aldi's, 1600 Highland Ave.

129. Subway, 1628 Highland Ave.

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144. Lakewood One-Stop, 13100 Madison Ave.

145. Mahall's Twenty Lanes, 13200 Madison Ave., 521-3280, Porch

146. Taco Tontos, 13321 Madison Ave., 221-4479

147. Waterbury Coach House, 13333 Madison Ave., 226-9772

148. Beverage Square, 13340 Madison Ave.

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150. Tarrymore Inn, 13356 Madison Ave., Patio

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159. Khiem's Vietnamese Cuisine, 13735 Madison Ave.

160. McGinty's, 13751 Madison Ave.

161. The Greek Village Grille, 14019 Madison Ave., 228-4976

162. Farrell's Richland Cafe, 14027 Madison Ave.

163. Tommy's Pastries, 14205 Madison Ave.

164. El Tango Taqueria, 14224 Madison Ave., Patio

165. Lakewood Star Mart, 14322 Madison Ave.

166. Player's On Madison, 14527 Madison Ave., Patio

167. Doughnut Pantry 14600 Madison Ave.

168. BP AM/PM, 14718 Madison Ave.

169. The Red Rose Cafe, 14810 Madison Ave., 228-7133, Patio/Porch

170. Malley's Ice Cream Parlor & Chocolates, 14822 Madison Ave.

171. Hobart Health Foods, 15001 Madison Ave.

172. Madison Convenience Store, 15019 Madison Ave.

173. Elmwood Bakery, 15204 Madison Ave.

174. Fears Confections, 15208 Madison Ave.

175. Ice Cream Joy, 15210 Madison Ave.

176. Chimney Cake, 15219 Madison, Ave.
177. Mars Bar, 15314 Madison Ave., 248-4500, Patio

178. Buckeye Beer Engine, 15315 Madison Ave., 226-2337, Patio

179. Taste of Europe Beverage & Deli, 15512 Madison Ave.

180. Barrio, 15527 Madison Ave., Porch and Patio

181. Patio Tavern, 15615 Madison Ave.

182. Patton's Food, 15719 Madison Ave.

183. Golden Gate Chinese Restaurant, 16009 Hilliard Ave.

184. Italian Creations Carry Out/Catering, 16104 Hilliard Ave., 226-2282

185. O'Donnell's Pub, 16204 Madison Ave.

186. Subway, 16208 Madison Ave.

187. China King, 16210 Madison Ave.

188. Convenient Food Mart, 16811 Madison Ave.

189. Mama Lola's, 16813 Madison Ave.

190. Gatherings Kitchen Catering/Classes, 17004 Madison Ave.

191. Mullen's of Letterfrack, 17014 Madison Ave., 226-5224, Patio

192. 7-11, 16165 Hilliard Ave

193. Madison Square Lanes, 1653 Westwood Ave.

194. The Ranger Cafe in L.H.S., 14100 Franklin Ave.

195. Sam's Food Mart, 12100 Franklin Ave.

196. La Plaza Mexican Grocery & Taco Stand, 13609 Lakewood Hts. Blvd.

197. Speedway, Warren Rd. and Franklin Blvd.

198. Nelly Belly, 1500 Scenic Park Drive in The Emerald Canyon, Patio

199. Pier W, 12700 Lake Ave., Patio

200. Mr. T's Deli, 12900 Lake Ave. in the Carlyle

201. Lake House Cafe, 11850 Edgewater Drive, 226-7575, Patio

Restaurant, Food, Bar & Patio Guide

Lakewood’s Newest Addition: The Detroiter

by Victoria Fritz

Our newest addition to Lakewood is “THE DETROITER” Bar and Restaurant. Located in the heart of downtown Lakewood, The Detroiter is located directly across from The Melt just east of Warren Road on Detroit at 14701 Detroit Avenue. Located in the former World of Beers space, The Detroiter has given it a complete face lift with all new décor and furniture, creating multiple areas of seating which accommodate over 120 diners and now has a nice modern hip feel. The entire front of the space opens to the patio. The newly designed social top which seats 16, the former band stage that now seats 5 tables as well as a front dining area seating another 20 can now enjoy the open aired front and the sounds that the city offers from outside. The Detroiter is open seven days a week for lunch, dinner and even late night kitchen hours until 2am. Lunches open at 11am and go until 4pm when

the menu converts over to dinner. Sunday brunch will begin July 12th and is from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. every Sunday. The Detroiter offers happy hour Monday thru Friday from 3 - 6 p.m. for the entire restaurant and features 25 Ohio local and regional Craft Drafts which are always \$5, one of the best deals in town!

The Detroiter focuses on Home-made Comfort Foods we have all grown up eating, such as an individual sized Meatloaf to the table, Buttermilk Pan Fried Chicken, Pork Chops n Apple Sauce, Shepherd’s Pie, Stroganoff, Creamy Tomato Soup & their Grilled Cheese of the Month, which is a Sharpe Cheddar, American, Goat Cheese and Applewood Smoke Bacon Concoction on your choice of fresh “Breadsmith” Toast. They are very proud to support as many local as possible and are thrilled to be using all of their breads from right here in Lakewood from “The Breadsmith” which finish off



Located just east of the intersection of Detroit and Warren, The Detroiter is open for business until 2am every day of the week!

their wonderful recipes with some of the best bread around, featuring the Tuscan Herb and French Peasant Breads on this month’s menu. Another crowd pleaser these first two weeks is The Detroiter’s Mussels, which are sautéed in a delicious green curry, coconut milk, garlic, butter and tomato broth....”Mouth Watering Goodness”....oh and they are \$4 on Tuesdays from 4pm until close. You can also enjoy a fabulous house margarita all day on Wednesdays for \$3.99 and Taco night as well starting at 8pm. There is a different taco each month which you can also enjoy every single night from 11pm until close every day of the week...go ahead and partner it with a \$3.99 margarita also! Every recipe including their sauces and dressings are all homemade from scratch, which I couldn’t decide which one I loved the most.

From the food, atmosphere and all around comfort, The Detroiter wants you to feel at home. So when you are looking to have lunch with a friend, or bring the family in for dinner, or just

sit back and enjoy a libation and root for your favorite Cleveland Team on the tube, or how about picking a favorite song during their all request hours, The Detroiter is your new home away from home. Another philosophy that no other restaurant that we know of is doing, or even done in the past, is the Detroiter’s unique menu idea in their “PAYING HOMAGE” section of the menu. This section is dedicated to a recipe from a customer’s loved one so that it can carry on for hundreds and even thousands to enjoy. These recipes will be featured on the menu for an entire month and ten percent of these proceeds go to a charity or cause of their choice, as a way of saying, “Let’s make the world a better place with food!”

Their entire menu and specials can be found online at www.thedetroiter-lakewood.com and their phone number is 216-712-6661. Let’s get out and try our newest addition to our community and help spread the love through food!



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Voodoo Tuna Opens



Sneak peek with much to do a week before opening! June 26th is the soft opening for the anticipated Voodoo Tuna, 15326 Detroit Ave. The city has been screaming for sushi, and they stepped up, with the best in the area. David Socha, Scottie Howard, and Mike Longo pictured above are proven restaurateurs, and this one promises to be a huge draw. With their partners/chefs Andrew Jackson and Joe Koskovics, this is sure to be another destination like Melt and 16-Bit. Check their facebook page for news of a possible Welcome Lakewood Party July 4th after the fireworks! Welcome to Lakewood!



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LO's 10th Anniversary

Thank You Lakewood

by Debra O'Bryan

We're going to start a community paper. That's what Jim stated one day over 11 years ago. Without any journalistic background I thought it an insane thought, after all I was looking for a space to open my restaurant. My dream was about to be realized and I wasn't looking for a new hobby. After many meetings with Steve Davis and Ken Warren, Jim was optimistic that Lakewood was ready for and needed a vehicle that helped citizens get their voices heard.

We had just re-entered civic discussion during the west end debate and chose to fight for the people to save their homes over big box development in our beautiful sleepy corner of town. Riverside Drive was planned for additional lanes, and they were going to throw up a 10 ft. tall chain link fence on the cliff. I remember telling our mayor

at the time that it would hurt our property value to have a fence obstructing the view. She had answered that there wasn't a view of any concern. Well, as most of you have come to realize through Jim's photos on the deck from our front porch, the view is amazing. I'm glad we can share our little piece of heaven with the community.

And so it started. Like "The Little Rascals" putting on a play, we rounded up a team of dedicated volunteers who selflessly devoted countless hours in time in planning and organizing this project. Jim had produced publications in the past, so that was covered. Steve understood the printing side of the business. We had Heidi Hilty step up to be our first editor, Bill and Jan Davis helping with layout and proofing. Dan Ott developed the website to be friendly and easy to use. Ken was a

gifted writer who helped us find and encourage volunteer writers, giving a voice and a venue to the citizens and non profits of Lakewood who may not be heard otherwise. It is a bittersweet celebration without Ken and Gordon Brumm who taught us so much about community and service to it.

We found like minded business owners who were willing to place ads with us to cover our expenses. It was of utmost importance to all of us involved that we offered our citizen written paper free to the community. To our surprise, our first sales rep. Tim Kanak was easily able to sell ads into a paper that had yet to be published. It was all so new and exciting. Countless sleepless nights wondering if we were doing the right thing. I am forever grateful to our founding advertisers, many of whom have stayed on to support the project. You know who

you are, as do our observant readers who see your ads in every issue.

10 years went by so fast, I have come to embrace the project and am grateful to be part of it. I know now that we did the right thing. Thank you to the thousands of people who have taken part online and in print. Thank you to all of the volunteers who continue to help. Thank you to our editorial staff, Margaret and Betsy leading the way for years now, and our team of sales professionals headed by Maggie Fraley who make it all possible. Thank you to our sister papers for making hyper local a reality.

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A Community Thank You

The Lakewood Observer provides valuable media exposure for numerous non-profit and community groups that they would not otherwise receive. We are proud and pleased to have had many of our senior citizens and their events at Barton Center and Westerly Apartments featured in the Observer over the past ten years. And we look forward to continuing this win-win collaboration in the future.

-Curt Brosky, Pres & CEO, Westerly Apartments and Barton Senior Center

Sincere congratulations to the Lakewood Observer on your 10-year anniversary and best wishes for your continued success!

-Laura Gonzalez (a proud member of the "Observer family")

My ad lets me convey to my potential customers what I have to offer them, for sale or service. The information on the potential changes at Lakewood Hospital is able to let those of us including me, let our elected officials know our opinions. I will be wearing red for this parade.

-Bonnie, owner of Carabel Beauty Salon

I love having the Lakewood Observer in Lakewood and am grateful to its founders for bringing it to the community. The Observer has allowed me as Communications & PR Coordinator for Lakewood Schools to inform more community members about our wonderful programs and outstanding student accomplishments. It makes me smile everyone someone tells me "I read about that in the Observer." Thank you, Lakewood Observer!

-Christine Gordillo, Communications & PR Coordinator Lakewood Schools

I couldn't imagine Lakewood without the Observer. It is my source for staying in touch and informed with local news and events that are important to all Lakewoodites. And I've been fortunate as well to utilize the Observer as a platform to share my real estate knowledge and expertise with the community. Happy Anniversary Lakewood Observer! Here's to the next 10 years!

-Chris Bergin, Berkshire Hathaway Lucien Realty

"We appreciate the Lakewood Observer providing a voice for organizations in the City of Lakewood for these past 10 years. The Observer has consistently given us a medium to keep your readers up to date on our organization's news and events. We value the positive impact that it has had on Cornucopia and Nature's Bin, and our ability to share the story of our mission to help people with disabilities get and keep jobs while also providing local, healthy grocery options for shoppers."

-Nancy Peppler, Executive Director of Cornucopia and Nature's Bin.

In a world of quick and cluttered internet comments, a community paper of this structure encourages depth of thought. The Lakewood Observer gives ordinary citizens a chance to articulate insights in the sectors with which they are most connected. In my case, it was the arts, but I've always loved how this platform gives everyone a chance for a full and robust exchange of ideas in so many different areas of the community.

-Lauren Joy Fraley, teaching artist and yoga instructor, previous LO writer

The Lakewood Observer has been great for the entire city of Lakewood. We are very lucky to have a paper that shares with us what is going on in our community. Congrats on your 10th year anniversary!

-Mickey and Patty Krivosh, owners of Around the Corner, Georgetown and Vosh

As many communities are seeing a reduction or outright elimination of print media, Lakewood is truly fortunate to have its own newspaper with resident and organization-generated content. I find The Lakewood Observer to be of tremendous value as it helps people learn what is happening in the community while providing LakewoodAlive (and other organizations) the ability to tell its story, promote an event, and communicate how we are working to further strengthen Lakewood, to the public. The Lakewood Observer has been incredibly supportive of our work and I look forward to an even stronger partnership as they begin their second decade. Congratulations!

-Ian Andrews, Executive Director LakewoodAlive

I can't remember how we knew what was happening in Lakewood before the Observer. It's a great vehicle for sharing information about all the engaging events the community has to offer.

-Paula Reed, community volunteer and regular LO writer

I fell in love with The Lakewood Observer the first time I read it, especially when I realized that it's written by local citizens, not reporters. Soon I began submitting articles, then with other Realtors joining me I started the Real Estate section, later editing it as a volunteer. Years passed with lots of positive feedback and potential client leads, yet I was ready for a change-so I began working at the paper selling advertising and getting involved in community outreach. I saw then, even more, how much people love the paper and how many ways there are to get involved- writing, photography, advertising, community collaboration...the potential is tremendous as the voice of the community. The Observer Project has grown to 7 independently published papers in 12 cities because no one knows a community and can share its story like the people who live and work there. Happy 10th Anniversary to The Lakewood Observer, wishing you many more!

-Maggie Fraley, Advertising & Marketing at the Lakewood Observer

Lakewood Observer provides the opportunity to share news about the many wonderfully positive things taking place in our community. Beck Center for the Arts especially appreciates being able to connect with its readers who are looking for arts experiences and community engagement.

-Cindy Einhouse, President & CEO Beck Center for the Arts

Congratulations to the Lakewood Observer family for ten years of service to the truth. It has been an honor to have written well over a hundred "Pulse of the City" columns for this paper, and also, to have been able to participate in the online "Observation Deck" discussions, concerning all things Lakewood....Back to the banjo!

-Gary Rice, LO Columnist and avid banjo player

The Lakewood Observer's availability in both paper and online has provided a reliable, easy and modern way to connect with our great city organizations and people, as well as to an avenue to submit your events and opinions. As a non-profit all volunteer city board, Keep Lakewood Beautiful is thankful for this ideal way to inform residents of our annual events such as The Great American Cleanup and Earth Day, Annual Humus Sale, Tree Education, Litter Prevention, and the Beautiful Home Awards which together serve to improve the environment of our city to Keep Lakewood Beautiful.

-Marianne Quasebarth Usiak, Keep Lakewood Beautiful

Through my time with the Lakewood Observer, I have had the opportunity to get to know the people and places of our great city better than I ever could have imagined. The dedication of our volunteer writers, editors and photographers is truly inspiring. Without your commitment to the LO and to the City of Lakewood, none of this would be possible.

-Margaret Brinich, Editor-In-Chief Lakewood Observer

Lakewood Cares

The Meal That Heals To Benefit North Coast Health

by Elizabeth O'Brien

The Meal that Heals, a dining benefit now in its seventh year to benefit the patients of North Coast Health, a faith-based charitable clinic, will be held on Monday, July 6, 2015 at Players on Madison from 5 to 9 p.m.

Diners will enjoy a three course meal featuring seasonal ingredients and innovative combinations prepared under the guidance of Chef Tony Romano. The menu begins with a soup/salad course - choice of Carrot Ginger Soup, Mista Salad or Caesar Salad, followed by entrée selections: Almond Encrusted Salmon with basmati, cucumber, radish, Italian parsley and orange-pommery vinaigrette, Ancho Pepper Glazed Pork Tenderloin with tomato-bacon-corn ragout, grilled asparagus and pommes frites, Grilled Hangar Steak with mashed potatoes, baby arugula, roasted toma-

atoes and artichokes with balsamic syrup, or Crispy Shrimp Cappelini with sweet peppers, banana peppers, tomatoes, basil oregano, lemon, oil and garlic, and finished with a choice of chef's homemade special desserts.

Cost is \$35 per person for a three-course prix fixe meal, excluding alcoholic beverages and gratuity. Coffee, tea and soft drinks are included. Players will donate 25 percent of food sales that evening to North Coast Health.

Players on Madison is located at 14523 Madison Ave., Lakewood, Ohio 44107. Reservations can be made by

calling the restaurant at 216-226-5200.

About North Coast Health

North Coast Health is a faith-based charitable clinic that provides and optimizes access to health care for the medically underserved. A vital part of Greater Cleveland's health care safety net for nearly three decades, North Coast Health provides primary care, specialty referrals and health education to individuals and families in need. With the support of volunteer physicians, nurses and other caregivers, NCH is a patient-centered medical home that provides preventive care and chronic disease management as well as



care for acute illnesses and injuries. For more information, call 216-228-7878 or visit www.northcoasthealth.org.

CWRRC 41st Bay Day Race

by Mark Brinich

The 41st running of the Bay Days 5-mile race and 1-mile kids fun run will be held at 8:30 a.m. on July 4th. With the planned construction at Bay High School this summer, the start and finish for the race will be in Cahoon Park adjacent to the Kiwanis Bay Days Festival providing a great opportunity to tie more closely with all the family activities at Bay Days. An exciting new course through central Bay Village has been set up. The first 500 registrants will receive a custom-designed free tech shirt. Awards will be given for overall, age group and team event winners. This race is hosted by Cleveland West Road Runners Club which provides charitable support to the Cleveland Metroparks Trails Fund, the Girls With Sole charity, and sponsors free or subsidized entry for youth in running events and other active life events throughout the Westshore.

Further information and registration details can be found at <http://www.clewestrunningclub.org/>.

Council Talks Active Living

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which built upon the City's Bike Master Plan, Community Vision, their own survey, and recommendations from the League of American Bicyclists. The report offers suggested and prioritized improvements that could be made in Lakewood to improve its bikeability. The goal is to make Lakewood a place where everyone feels safe to ride a bike.

Bullock continued, saying that even with the noticeable increase in biking in the community, according to the 2010 census less than one-percent of people use bikes to commute to work. By improving bike infrastructure the goal is to make cyclists feel safer for the 60-70 percent of people that are worried about riding with traffic and get more of them out on the road.

"The time has come to increase our rate of implementation for Lakewood's bicycle improvements, both physical (infrastructure and facilities) and educational (safety training and encouragement)," Bullock said. He continued, saying it is an important part of a healthy, active living lifestyle, and these steps are necessary to move Lakewood towards the goal of "Bicycle Capital of Northeast Ohio" as stated in the Bike Master Plan.

In order for the City to achieve these goals, Councilman Bullock said more focus is required to develop the

plans and fund them both in 2016 and in the future. Therefore, he decided to begin an informal working group that will meet regularly to discuss these issues and how to accomplish these goals. He hopes to include members of Bike Lakewood, the Administration, interested members from Council, and members of the public. He hopes this process will help develop recommendations and project plans that he can submit as legislation for Council's consideration.

Director of Public Works, Joe Beno, then asked Council to consider a resolution that would allow the City to enter into a design-build contract with Underground Connections, Inc. The contract will allow the City to move forward with projects that have already been approved in two prior resolutions and would be in the amount of \$800,000. The projects will separate the storm and sanitary sewers at 102 properties to help fight overflow of untreated sewage into Lake Erie and Rocky River due to storm water. When completed, storm water will be channeled to flow through designated storm water pipes.

Council referred the resolution to the Public Works Committee.

Director Beno then asked Council to consider another resolution which would allow the City to accept a grant from the Ohio EPA. The funds are to help Lakewood restore the riverbank

and to slow erosion along Rocky River. The project is located by the animal shelter where approximately 15 feet has been lost. As part of the anti-erosion measures a fish shelf will be built to add wildlife habitat and a place to fish. The City was awarded \$122,842, the maximum allowed, from the Ohio EPA to complete the project. The total expected cost of the project is \$204,736.

Council referred the resolution the Public Works Committee.

Coming to the end of agenda items, Council opened the floor to public comment. There were a number of individuals that spoke, but fewer than have spoken at the last several meetings. There was a noticeable change in the general appeals made by the people speaking. Whereas the last several meetings have been dominated by people speaking on behalf of Save Lakewood Hospital or with similar sympathies, this night only one person spoke in support of them despite the visual support of the group in the audience. Instead, there were three individuals who spoke with various reasons as to why they support the proposed change in health care in Lakewood as expressed in the letter of intent.

With no further business, Council President Madigan adjourned the meeting at 9:09 P.M.

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Rotary Awards Scholarships To Four Area High School Seniors

by Lynn Donaldson

The Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River awarded four college scholarships at its June 8 meeting. Graduating seniors Alexis Mod and Anthony Mod from Rocky River High School and Molly Schmidt and Mary Chudy from Magnificat High School each received \$2,500 awards from the Lakewood-Rocky River Rotary Foundation.

The scholarships are part of over \$50,000 that the club donates to the community each year.

In addition to their outstanding academic records, these four Rotary scholarship winners were chosen for extracurricular and community involvement.

Mary Chudy exemplifies Rotary International's motto of "Service Above Self," volunteering as a food pantry worker at Lakewood Community Services Center and co-leading Magnificat's Students for Peace and Justice Club and Animal Lover's Club. She is a National Honor Society member, having attained a grade point

average of 4.3, which helped her land a position as a summer student intern at the Cleveland Clinic between her junior and senior years.

Mary embraces her cultural heritage as an assistant instructor for the Lu in Slovak Folklore Ensemble. She is a multi-lingual student with proficiency in Slovak, English, and Spanish, and intends to continue her Spanish language studies at the Ohio State University where she will major in nursing.

Alexis Mod garnered a 4.675 grade point average, earning induction into the National Honor Society at Rocky River. She enriched her high school experience with extracurricular participation in drama, dance, and the marching band flag corps. She served as an instructor assistant at her dance studio and a counselor-in-training at Camp Bold Eagle for children living with challenging medical conditions. Alexis has been accepted into the pharmacy program at Ohio Northern University.

Anthony Mod is the twin brother of Alexis, and this unusual circum-

stance was a delightful surprise when scholarship selection committee members realized that two of its four finalists happened to be brother and sister! Anthony was a scholar-athlete-musician at Rocky River (3.984 grade point average), finding his time in the band every bit as rewarding as the time in the classroom or on the varsity hockey ice or varsity soccer field. He was Academic All-Ohio his senior year. Anthony will study medical laboratory technology at Bowling Green State University where he also plans to be part of the Falcon Marching Band.

Molly Schmidt was inducted into the National Honor Society at Magnificat, having earned a 3.946 grade point average. She ran cross-country for the last three years and was team captain her senior year. She spent the past two summers participating in the prestigious Student Research Internship at the Cleveland Clinic. In addition to her own school work, Molly tutored children at

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School and held down various after-school jobs. She will study pre-medical neuroscience at the Ohio State University, with minors in Arabic and bioethics.

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Business News

Julie Warren Of Erie Design Named Lakewood Chamber Of Commerce Business Person Of The Year

by Valerie Mechenbier

Ms. Julie Warren, owner of Erie Design in Lakewood, has been selected as the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce 2015 Business Person of the Year.

Julie Warren has been a business owner in Lakewood for 16 years. She and her husband Shawn own and operate Erie Design, a local sign company specializing in banners, vehicle lettering, interior and exterior signs and full-color graphics. Serving as a member of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for 9 years, Julie chairs the Chamber's Membership and Marketing Task Force, has been a member of the Taste of Lakewood planning committee and interviews high school candidates for Lakewood Chamber of Commerce scholarships. "The Lakewood Chamber has been a constant for Erie Design since we opened our doors in 1999" said Ms. Warren. "The Chamber is a major network of people who care about

our community like I do. I have met so many other small business owners and know that some of our most loyal customers come to us because of our membership with the Chamber. By being an active participant with the Lakewood Chamber, I have developed strong relationships, have a strong sense of pride in my community and have sustained a thriving business for 16 years."

Next to the adjective "civic-minded" in the dictionary should be a picture of Julie Warren. Beyond her involvement with the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Warren is an active member of LakewoodAlive and has served on both the Housing and Development committees and chaired the organization's 10-year anniversary gala "Loving Lakewood: Alive and Thriving" in 2014. She is also a past president of Lincoln Elementary School PTA and organized the week-long celebration commemorating the school's 100th birthday in 2013.

She is an active member of Lakewood Congregational Church (UCC) where she chairs the church's Executive Team, sings in the church choir and band and co-directs the annual youth musical. Ms. Warren portrays Amelia Earhart, Ruth Etting and Mae West as an actress with "Women in History," an organization that recreates the lives of notable women through live performances throughout the region. As a past president of the Junior Women's Club of Lakewood Julie worked on fundraising projects such as the "Sitting Pretty" park bench art auction and Breakfast with the Bunny. She has served on the Board of Trustees of the Lakewood Historical Society and the Lakewood Public Library Gala committee and is a member of Lakewood Music Boosters.

Those who are lucky to know Julie as a friend also know of her passion for community at the micro-level, whether she is organizing the Virginia Avenue Block Party, appearing as Princess



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Marty Foster Of Conexo Communications Named Lakewood Chamber Of Commerce Outstanding New Member

by Valerie Mechenbier

Mr. Marty Foster has been selected as the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Outstanding New Member for 2015.

At the Chamber's Annual Awards Luncheon on June 19th, Lakewood Chamber of Commerce CEO & President Patty Ryan introduced Marty Foster, the Business Development Manager for Conexo Communications, as the Chamber's 2015 Outstanding New Member. Marty handles the Technical & Customer Support for Conexo, and is responsible for all marketing efforts. Marty joined the Chamber in October in 2014 and immediately immersed himself in Chamber activities. Within a few short months Marty joined the Membership & Marketing Task Force, volunteered to help organize the Chamber's annual holiday party, and served as the corporate sponsorship liaison for the Taste of Lakewood. Marty has also

attended nearly every Chamber luncheon, seminar and networking event held over the past 9 months.

Born and raised in Lakewood, Marty attended St. Luke (K-8) and graduated in 2002 from St. Edward High School where he wrestled. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from Bowling Green State University. Marty lives in Bay Village with his wife and two year old son (baby #2 due in October) and he is an assistant coach for the Bay Youth Wrestling program.

The Chamber is pleased to recognize Marty for his numerous and substantial contributions to the Chamber's efforts to retain and grow membership, and for his efforts in cultivating relationships with businesses that seek exposure to audiences of 10,000+ via the Taste of Lakewood. Marty is also one of three new members of the Chamber's



Marty Foster is the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce 2015 Outstanding New Member.

2015-2016 Board of Directors. The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce presented the 2015 Outstanding New Member award to Mr. Marty Foster at its Annual Awards Luncheon at Vosh Lakewood on June 19th.

Leia or the Bride of Frankenstein on Trick-or-Treat night, caroling with the Peddlers of Mirth, or sharing laughs and conversation over a glass a wine with book club friends. Regardless of the 'stage', Ms. Warren's love for her community is what drives her actions and fuels her willingness to participate. She feels that everyone has a civic responsibility not only to care - but to ask - "What can I do?" or "How can I help?" As a resident, volunteer, Chamber member and business owner, Ms. Warren truly believes in the saying, "What you put into life is what you get out of it."

For her service to the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, her support of the business and non-profit communities, and for her passion for Lakewood as a great place to live, work, volunteer, and do business, the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce is proud to recognize Ms. Julie Warren as their 2015 Business Person of the Year.

Julie and Shawn have two daughters, Lindy and Audrey, both students in Lakewood City Schools.

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LakewoodAlive's Free Front Porch Concert Series Kicks Off July 3

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Opinion

Lakewood Hospital: Taking Sides

by Meg Ostrowski

Taking sides is not easy. It is especially difficult when you respect and value people and opinions on the other side. In the case of Lakewood Hospital, it can be divisive. I have experienced this firsthand in recent weeks as I have talked and corresponded with friends and neighbors about the details and issues involved. Like me, many have taken the time to review available documents and attend or view community, council and opposition meetings. Others have taken a side based primarily on loyalty or rumors. While my quest for information is never satisfied, this

has not stopped me from taking a side. Mostly in an effort to slow down the process, as it is apparent that things have run amok. The sign in my yard reads: SAVE LAKEWOOD HOSPITAL. Here's why.

I am on the side of jobs, good paying, skilled jobs like most of the 1000+ employees at Lakewood Hospital. Our local economy depends on them. Despite the "exciting possibilities" the signers of a recent letter supporting Mayor Summers' plan to demolish the hospital hope for, I prefer "a bird in the hand." As of this writing, no known plans (past or current) hold the possibility of replac-

ing anything like what Lakewood would lose in the way of jobs should the hospital close. Holding the Cleveland Clinic to their lease and restoring services would maintain jobs while allowing time for the development of a solid plan, one that better leverages our assets to minimize healthcare job loss and attracts new comparable wage jobs.

I am on the side of transparency. Our elected officials on the Lakewood Hospital Association board had an obligation to share information regarding the future of Lakewood Hospital long before an announcement of plans to close it was made in January.

Had that happened, the remainder of council and citizens could have gotten involved earlier and we might be in a much better position than we are today. The recent missed opportunity to partner with the MetroHealth System to operate our hospital is a failure of leadership. Perhaps it is time for a change.

I am on the side of health. That means traditional inpatient, outpatient, emergency and preventive services, alternative medicine and wellness practices. While healthcare is constantly changing, the mayor would have residents believe that with access to recreational opportunities and healthy food we will have little use for anything more than the proposed needs assessment facility that will offer minimal care. However, the future of healthcare will continue to include the full spectrum of services mentioned as evidenced by those planned and available at other area facilities. Lakewood needs to get in on more than a fraction of the action to maintain and improve health.

I am on the side of local. Raising a family has expanded my heart but shrunk my world. With so much more activity, I find myself not leaving Lakewood (sometimes for weeks) in an effort to improve efficiency. Our seniors and economically disadvantaged residents especially benefit from proximity. Busy families welcome it. In the case of emergencies, ALL depend on it and it matters. Even the Cleveland Clinic agrees as stated in their prominent advertising, "...Close Counts."

I am on the side of Lakewood Hospital.

To learn more, visit onelakewood.com/wellness and savelakewoodhospital.org.

MetroHealth Is Only A Hurdle Make A Bright Future For Lakewood Hospital

by Amy Dilzell

Just over a year ago MetroHealth Medical Center presented a solid plan for the operation of Lakewood Hospital as an inpatient medical facility well into the future. The Step Two Committee of the Lakewood Hospital Association, chaired by the Mayor, pushed that proposal aside while they negotiated with the Cleveland Clinic Foundation a deal to close and tear down our hospital.

This past week MetroHealth sent a letter to City Hall confirming that, since the time its proposal was submitted, MetroHealth has developed strategies for the physical transformation of their health system and an

inpatient facility in Lakewood is not currently part of that strategy.

The MetroHealth decision, resulting from City Hall's mishandling of the future of healthcare in Lakewood, is not the sounding of a death knell for Lakewood Hospital. As noted by prior contributors to the Observer, in particular Dr. Terrence Kilroy, there is a medical need for Lakewood Hospital and should the hospital close, there will be too few inpatient medical beds to meet the needs of Cleveland's/Cuyahoga County's west side.

Moreover, as enacted by Lakewood Ordinance, there still exist agreements between the City, the Lakewood Hospi-

tal Association and the Cleveland Clinic to continue operating Lakewood Hospital until the end of 2026. The Lakewood Hospital Association and the Cleveland Clinic continue to be obligated to make capital improvements to the facility and to establish "Centers of Excellence" at Lakewood Hospital. The Clinic is in control of patient utilization and revenues at Lakewood Hospital. The spickets must be turned back on. The ordinance and agreements must be enforced.

Most importantly, as we proceed down the road to 2026, City Hall, with all due diligence, must protect our asset and begin a responsible and transparent community dialogue about the future of healthcare in Lakewood. It is imperative to conduct a comprehensive community health assessment, fairly engage all healthcare systems, independent physicians and hospital employees. With such collaboration, other communities have been successful in saving their hospitals.

Let The Light Shine On Lakewood Hospital

by State Senator Michael Skindell

For nearly two years City Hall kept the people of Lakewood in the dark regarding a plan to close and tear down our Lakewood Hospital.

After a series of private meetings, the Mayor delivered the deal in a black box to the Lakewood community on January 15, 2015, by way of a "Letter of Intent" crafted to serve corporate interests, not the interests of the people. The deal prohibited City Hall from negotiating with any others regarding the "future of healthcare in Lakewood." The deal sought to limit public input.

Although that Letter of Intent has expired, the Mayor continues to move forward in darkness to finalize his agreement to turn the lights off at Lakewood Hospital.

A rein of secrecy continues to surround the discussions pertaining to

the Mayor's framing of the "future of healthcare in Lakewood."

Government must be open and participatory. Transparency advances accountability of our public officials. It provides valuable information for citizens to make informed decisions. Openness is the cornerstone of our democracy.

Public trust can only be gained when the sun is allowed to shine upon government dealings. Our public officials must turn on the lights, open the shutters and raise the blinds on the negotiations regarding Lakewood Hospital. Only sunshine will guard our public asset. Only sunshine will protect the people's interest. Only sunshine will restore public trust.

Michael Skindell, an attorney and former Ohio Assistant Attorney General, has represented the citizens of Lakewood as a Councilperson at Large and State Legislator for more than 12 years.



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Opinion

I Can Speak For Myself

by Pam Smith
May 27, 2015
Dear Lakewood City Council Members,

In a recently published letter to City of Lakewood Law Director Kevin Butler, Chris DeVito, an attorney, claimed he is representing “all residents and taxpayers of the City of Lakewood.”

That letter represents Mr. DeVito’s point of view and mischaracterizes that he represents “all” Lakewood tax-

payers. In fact, Chris DeVito does not represent us (the 100+ undersigned), each of whom is a resident and taxpayer in the City of Lakewood.

Lakewood Hospital is a valuable and important community asset. Since the proposal concerning its conversion from an inpatient to an outpatient facility was announced, a number of meetings have been held to explain comprehensively the rationale to the community and to give residents ample

opportunities to ask their questions and express their concerns.

In our opinion, the Letter of Intent represents a promising redirection of resources to support health and wellness of our community in the 21st Century. This proposal is a sensible beginning to the serious negotiations ahead.

We ask you to be a part of Lakewood in changing the paradigm of medical care for now and the future. Help us become a measurably healthy city that is the envy of our neighbors and our county.

We ask you to think boldly and welcome community input in the exciting possibilities for the redevelopment of a significant parcel of land in our densely populated city.

Thank you for your service on our behalf.

How To Save Our Hospital...

by Joe Gombarcik

Greater Cleveland has just gotten a little greater. LeBron’s signature moves has given basketball this season the miracle we needed. It all demonstrates the importance of total teamwork and total service to the cause. The man is a legacy that unites the people of a community, and we don’t want to see him leave anytime soon. The same with Lakewood’s full-service hospital: an under-performing substitute will misrepresent the community and let the “team” down. Like LeBron to the Cavs, the hospital represents the best of Lakewood, a draw that is a major selling point of our city. We depend on its ability to be when we need it, perhaps not immediately, but there will come a time when its absence will be felt, especially in the money belt. Our hospital is an important part of an over-all network that should not be downsized. This city has said it has given its best for its residents. Why let us down now?

It has been revealed that Cleveland Clinic is not providing enough funding. If there is an issue with funding, there are alternative ways to keep the hospital alive. This city thrives on government and private grants to make projects work, from crosswalks to building removal. Why not

the most important project of all: maintaining a legacy that involves the health and well-being of an entire community? A legacy that is already in place to provide care – and income – to a city that wants it. Would City Hall eliminate whole departments because of lack of funds? No, we have grants for just about every project available. Funneling some money to such a needed effort would keep our full-service facilities intact for years to come. And, of course, there are also many donors who would love to have their names on a dedicated hospital wing.

And, with the influx of grants for local building as well as renovation, it should be possible to use some money for expansion as well (again, a new donor’s wing). Come on, people! Let’s not give up on our hospital because it is a little “inconvenient” at the present. There will come a time when we will regret our decision -- and loss of revenue – to abandon the legacy. Or have we forgotten the story of the Cleveland Power utility?

Don’t let Lakewood get a reputation of not caring for the health of its residents by letting another community pick up the slack. We can save this hospital...and make it greater!

Sincerely yours,

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way, let me do my real job and tell you about the music. Personally, I thought it was pretty good, though it was kind of all over the place. Some of it is pretty straightforward hardcore punk, “Put Your Hand Thru The Plastic” and “Truth Or Consequences” for example, but some of it, like “Fire In The Church” or “The Night,” were decidedly stranger than that, with shifting tempos and dissonant guitar noises. “You Got What You Wanted” almost seemed like hardcore surf. Cool! Also, if you wanted to hear three different versions of “I Can Wait,” look no further. I wouldn’t blame you, ‘cause that’s also a pretty good song. Volume 2 is mostly the same songs, but taken from two different live shows. It’s at least worth it for the great cover of the Pagans’ “Six And Change.” However, simply because the combined two volumes contain 78 songs and quite a few repeats among them, there is a decent amount of filler. I liked it anyways though, as the best songs are pretty gosh darn good. Oh, hey, even though I reviewed it as one paragraph, I’m going to give it two different ratings, just for

your convenience. Isn’t that swell of me? VOL. 1: 4/5. VOL. 2: 3.5/5. If you’re picky, altogether it’s 7.5/10, or 3.75/5

Are you a local-ish band? Do you have a record out? Email 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.

Robusto & Briar Drive Thru

by Jim O’Bryan

Last week a driver looking to avoid an accident jumped the curb and ran into the recently redone Robusto & Briar Cigar Store at 1388 Riverside Drive. As you can see from below the interior is still the nicest cigar store on the Westside. Owner, Patrick Siegel, informed me that business was unaffected and the damage was easy to forget after a fine cigar. If you have not stopped by, stop by, it’s a beautiful store.



Lakewood Living

In Memorium: Ken Warren,
A Founding Father Of The New Lakewood

by Tom Bullock
Lakewood Councilman-At-Large

When I heard the news of Ken Warren’s passing, my first thought was, “Oh no. It can’t be. Not someone so bright, talented, and lively – someone who gave so much, and who was essential to so many in Lakewood.” Surely, if anyone should stay with us well into his nineties to impart wisdom, to mentor, to teach, to connect today’s events in our local community to the long thread and larger story of history -- to do the work of an elder -- it’s Ken Warren.

So many of us have been touched by this man, this remarkable soul. No small number of us have been moved to write a memorial column for him, or to share a story of how, when our paths crossed with his, our lives were affected. Each of us who have written or shared about Ken are not capturing the entire person, nor the whole truth, but only the facet or layer of Ken that we knew. (And he had so many.) This is about the Ken that I was honored to know.

Ken Warren was a significant civic leader by any definition: his service to community institutions was significant, and he was a visionary leader of Lakewood’s nationally-renowned Library, leading it to the top of operational and programmatic rankings and through a successful expansion and modernization.

But he was a lot more.
For Ken Warren to pass on so early in his life is for Lakewood to receive a heavy blow: no less than to lose a Founding Father of the new Lakewood.

Those are big words.
They are no exaggeration.
Lakewood in recent years, has been thriving. We have seen an explosion of new businesses, home renovations, park improvements, and a reinvestment in our schools and library. But more than that, we’ve seen an upwelling of dynamism amongst our citizens—our people—who, more than infrastructure or commerce, are the bedrock of our community. It’s the people of Lakewood whom I most love, and it was Ken who taught me to take delight in them.

Here’s what Ken saw, and called to our attention: Lakewood residents today are pursuing the arts, cottage industries, fascinating hobbies, artisan businesses, backyard sustainability projects, and garage rock bands. They are thoughtfully engaging their neighbors in the ideas of the age. They are teaching their kids how to be responsible citizens--and how to experience the sheer joy of honking the horn of a giant fire engine. They are challenging their elected officials to be transparent, thoughtful, and dedicated, always, to the people.

Ken saw that this dynamic city is actually made up of many communities layered one upon another, and that together they create a social mosaic that is at once fascinating, maddening, absurd, beautiful, and inspiring. In Lakewood we find a microcosm of people and ideas

the world over, and uniquely, these intermix in a non-segregated manner on a human scale on front porches across our city. Find me another spot in the region that can say the same. Point to another spot in Ohio that does it better.

I’m convinced that it’s Lakewood’s richness of neighbor-to-neighbor life, our realness, our authenticity, that draws young families to us in higher numbers than any other Cuyahoga city and which attracts newcomers from out of state to visit, fall in love, make a home here, put down roots here.

This is what I call the new Lakewood. A city not only of kids and neighbors but of arts, ideas, and both in action. A city with intelligence—and the potential for self-knowledge.

It’s this Lakewood that we’ve seen emerging in recent years, with the promise of our best yet to come.

And it’s this community of which Ken Warren was a Founding Father, and was among the earliest to see, and which he helped set into motion by mentoring, teaching, challenging, encouraging, and founding new institutions.

Here are just a few examples:
As a librarian, Ken expanded the library beyond a mere warehouse for books into a knowledge bank that actively serves as an idea exchange hub to multiply its community’s self-development and expand its understanding of the world. Beautifully, this includes not only leading speakers and artists coming in person to Lakewood Library, but also the Librainium, a hands-on, sensory development area for infants and toddlers in the children’s room that enables them to participate, in an integrated way, in the unfolding of consciousness clustering in the library.

As a community leader, Ken initiated many creative projects: poetry journals, literary readings, and the early stages of LEAF, Lakewood’s first community supported agriculture group, a principle-in-action practice that continues to this day and teaches families throughout town the delights of cooking garlic scapes and kohlrabi in season—and how much they don’t miss frozen boxes of chicken fingers from the big box store.

Ken also teamed up with Jim O’Bryan and Steve Davis to found the Lakewood Observer, the first-of-its-kind citizen newspaper in Ohio, if not the country. This was a journal that invited all citizens to become observers, thinkers, writers, and teachers of their fellow neighbors, and was founded with the invitation that Lakewood become a community that knew itself better than any other.

As well as co-founder, Ken was writer, recruiter, editor, researcher, and newspaper delivery boy for the Observer.

With Ken, and with the columns of Gordon Brumm, our assiduous practitioner of disciplined logic (another talent Lakewood lost in recent years), the Lakewood Observer embarked with an improbably disproportionate number of philosophical writers grac-

ing its pages with incisive argument.
Now, in its tenth year, the Observer has been a teacher of and chronicle for our community ever since. Many residents have subsequently taken that step over the threshold of uncertainty onto the path of inquiry that is required of a reporter, the path that sharpens the mind, hones the curiosity, and increases the intelligence. It was this path to which Ken was committed so greatly and, by encouraging so many to write, led so many to walk upon and thereby awaken their greater minds and selves.

There is a final persona of Ken Warren that I remember most, and which to me, was the most impactful: Ken was the philosopher of our community, the Socrates of Lakewood’s Marketplace. To name him such has a particular meaning: Ken was not they type of philosopher who retreated to an ivory tower, avoiding people and life, but rather the type that put himself squarely at the crossroads where he could observe, interact, teach, and smile.

As Socrates did, Ken taught the citizens of his day by probing with questions, throwing them off balance, and planting thoughts that were multi-layered seeds that would sprout days later, leaving a person to realize only afterwards that a lesson had been taught, wisdom had been gained, and something had been learned.

In this role, Ken could provoke and challenge. His teaching at times came with an edge, and his commentary on Lakewood civic life would not pull punches: he saw potential for Lakewood to be its best and did not tone down his expectation nor limit his words to pleasing social niceties.

As with any prophet speaking truth to authority, such a call sometimes earned resentment and defensiveness due to the challenge it presented to the established order, and, more difficult still, due to the provocation to each of us to dig deep, to grow personally, to expand the frontiers of our souls and ourselves.

I’m reminded of a passage from Ralph Waldo Emerson’s, “Self-Reliance”:
The nonchalance of boys who ... would disdain as much as a lord to do or say aught to conciliate one, is

the healthy attitude of human nature. [Such a boy is] looking out from his corner on such people and facts as pass by, he tries and sentences them on their merits, in the swift, summary way of boys, as good, bad, interesting, silly, eloquent, troublesome. He cumbers himself never about consequences, about interests: he gives an independent, genuine verdict. He ... utter[s] opinions on all passing affairs, which being seen to be not private, but necessary, ... sink like darts into the ear of men, and put them in fear.

...Whoso would be a man must be a nonconformist. He who would gather immortal palms must not be hindered by the name of goodness, but must explore if it be goodness. Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind.

If Ken’s sudden passing teaches me anything, it’s that life is too short not to speak that way, not to follow his example. If I or you have anything of consequence to do, now is the time to do it! Today is the day to dare it.

Life changes swiftly, and in a moment, we are gone.
I am glad that Ken wasted none of his precious days on conformity and surface niceties, for we would have been the lesser for it.

In heaven, there’s a courtyard somewhere where all of history’s philosophers meet across time to engage face to face in conversation and continue the journey of consciousness and understanding they began on earth. There, Socrates converses with Aristotle and Confucius, Aquinas and Dante, Descartes and Hume, Locke, Nietzsche and Marx. No doubt they are having a rollicking debate about life’s truths with point, counterpoint, proof, refutation, fable, and bawdy tale.

And I know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, Ken Warren is there now, conversing with his fellow philosophers and poets.

As usual, Ken’s ahead of us.
Save us a seat, Ken. In the meantime, we’ll carry on our work here in Lakewood, inspired by your spark of consciousness, inquiry, play, enterprise, vision and mischief.

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Lakewood Living

Sports, Pets, And A Happy Ending... My Decade With The Observer

by Mike Deneen

Ten years ago I was invited to become part of the Lakewood Observer. I was thrilled with the opportunity. Although I did not choose a journalism career, I always enjoyed writing. In my younger days, I wrote for student newspapers at both St. Edward High School and Northwestern University. I loved telling stories, and I loved the people of Lakewood. I first moved here as a teenager in 1983, and I eventually bought my own Lakewood home in 1997. Previous to joining the Observer, I had been active in numerous community activities...those experiences made me fall in love with Lakewood's people. Although our city's population is extremely diverse, the traits of passion, creativity, and intelligence are widespread.

Back in 2005, corporate media consolidation was already well underway. The Internet devastated revenue for major newspapers like the Plain Dealer, reducing the size of newsrooms and adversely impacting news coverage of Lakewood. The Lakewood Sun Post, which for years had been the primary news outlet for local stories, had become an affiliate of the PD and lost much of its local focus. A void existed for news by and about Lakewood, and we were happy to fill that role.

During my time as an Observer writer, I have primarily written about local sports. Most of these articles focused on Lakewood Ranger athletics, which had largely fallen off the PD/Sun Post radar by 2005. It has been a pleasure meeting so many hard working coaches and students over the years. Some programs and athletes achieved championships, while others struggled. Win or lose, the Rangers have always treated me well. I hope that I have given

them many "scrapbook memories" over the years....because that is what high school sports are all about.

I've also tried to find other untold Lakewood sports stories. Back in 2007 I wrote a feature about the many Lakewood women in the Burning River Roller Girls, a local roller derby team. I was incredibly impressed with their toughness, passion, and camaraderie. The same goes for my 2012 story on Amber Barrick, a Lakewood woman that played quarterback for the Cleveland Fusion, a pro football team. Perhaps my most unique story was 2006 piece about Nicky Gerome, the Lakewood woman who founded the official Browns Backers Club of Antarctica.

Our schools have always been a great source of stories for the Observer. The commitment of teachers, faculty, and students in this town is amazing. Last year I did a story on LEAF's "Farm to School" program at Garfield Middle School. LEAF worked with Garfield teachers to teach kids the importance of healthy eating. The LHS Marching Band has also been a popular subject over the years...their hard work and great talent have brightened not just football games, but major events like the Fourth of July parade.

I've also enjoyed doing stories about my high school alma mater. We covered some of the high profile sports events they have brought to the city, including the 2007 Ohio State/Northwestern wrestling match held at St. Edward and the 2014 nationally televised ESPN football game at First Federal of Lakewood Stadium. I've particularly enjoyed writing about the Eagles' charity efforts. We spotlighted their monthly community meals, which have helped struggling Lakewood residents since 1994. We also covered their fundraising efforts for

causes like Haiti and childhood cancer. St. Edward faculty and students have shown strong commitment to the school's mission of "servant leadership".

I've had great fun with with pet stories at the Observer. Before 2005, I had already been a volunteer for CCLAS and Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park, so I was already familiar with Lakewood's love of animals. However, I've learned so much more since joining the Observer. In addition to CCLAS and FLDP, I've discovered great Lakewood groups like "All Dogs Heaven" and "My Best Friends Bowl". Lakewood citizens volunteer thousands of hours annually for the betterment of our four-legged friends. It's no surprise, because Lakewood has always had heart.

Of course, the love of people for their animals is a two-way relationship. I've had the pleasure of writing about some heroic pets that have served humans very well. Earlier this year I profiled Madison, the formerly homeless pooch that became a Therapy Dog at Lakewood High School. In 2006 I profiled Stoney, a former shelter dog that rescued his

owner from a gas leak.

My all-time favorite Observer item was a pet story. In 2006 we featured an abandoned dog named Charlie that was staying at the Lakewood Animal Shelter. He suffered from heartworm and was badly underweight. We ran his photo in the paper, hoping to find someone to adopt the little fellow. There were no takers after a couple days, but I was very touched by his story. So I decided to bring Charlie home, and haven't regretted it for a moment since. He fell in love with his new home, and is now leading a charmed Lakewood life (just like his daddy).

I want to thank everyone that has made this project possible. I'm not just an Observer writer, but also an avid Observer reader. I anxiously await each issue, and love reading Lakewood's stories and seeing its photographs. The "experts" said the Observer would fold within six months...but our talented writers, editors, and photographers have bucked the odds for a decade. I can't wait to write about the next ten years.

The River Was Only A Minor Hurdle For Lakewood's Fran Bibbs

by Laura Hammel

The Cuyahoga River is often the "line of demarcation" between the west side and east side. But for horse lovers in the 1960s and 1970s, there were very few places to take lessons, trail ride and learn about equestrian sports—so the river was barely a deterrent for determined riders. Lakewood Stables, owned and operated in the 1940s – 1970s by Sonny Walters, was one such place. You might recognize it more readily by its current name, Rocky River Stables.

Lakewood Stables was run by two trainers, the notable dressage expert Michael Von der Nonne and the formidable Fran Bibbs. Fran, who taught a basic balanced seat riding technique on a string of lesson horses, owned and ran the riding school at Lakewood Stables

from 1965-1975 before she expanded her own training barn in Olmsted Falls. After learning to teach from her mom and completing a successful amateur showing career, including a first place in hunt seat equitation at the competitive 1970 Chagrin Valley Hunter Jumper Classic, Cathy Bibbs(Cornell), Fran's daughter, turned pro at the age of 16 to assist with training and teaching. Today, Cathy trains at Equine Differences in Oberlin.

A number of east side trainers, like Cari Gleeson of Stepping Stone Farm in Chagrin Falls and Carol Lewis of Craighead Farm in Novelty, recall taking lessons with either Fran or Cathy at Lakewood Stables. Today, they ride and train some of the best horses and students on the east side—with a little bit of help from their instructors from across the river.

Frances Bibbs died in 2014 and is being memorialized at the 2015 Chagrin Valley Hunter Jumper Classic & 50th Anniversary of the Cleveland Grand Prix—North America's first equestrian show jumping grand prix. Donations can be made in her name at www.clevelandhorseshow.com.

The show runs July 2 – 12 at the Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field (Route 87 & Chagrin River Road). Boutique shopping, Cleveland food trucks, special events, a collector automobile show, and horses, of course, are on the grounds each day.

Another west side connection is a FREE performance by Lakewood band Vaguely Threatening opening for The Moxies on July 8, 5:30 p.m. Admission is FREE most days and open to the public every day. Parking is always free.



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Mayor Summers is a graduate of Lakewood High School, class of 1972. He earned an MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, and a B.A.


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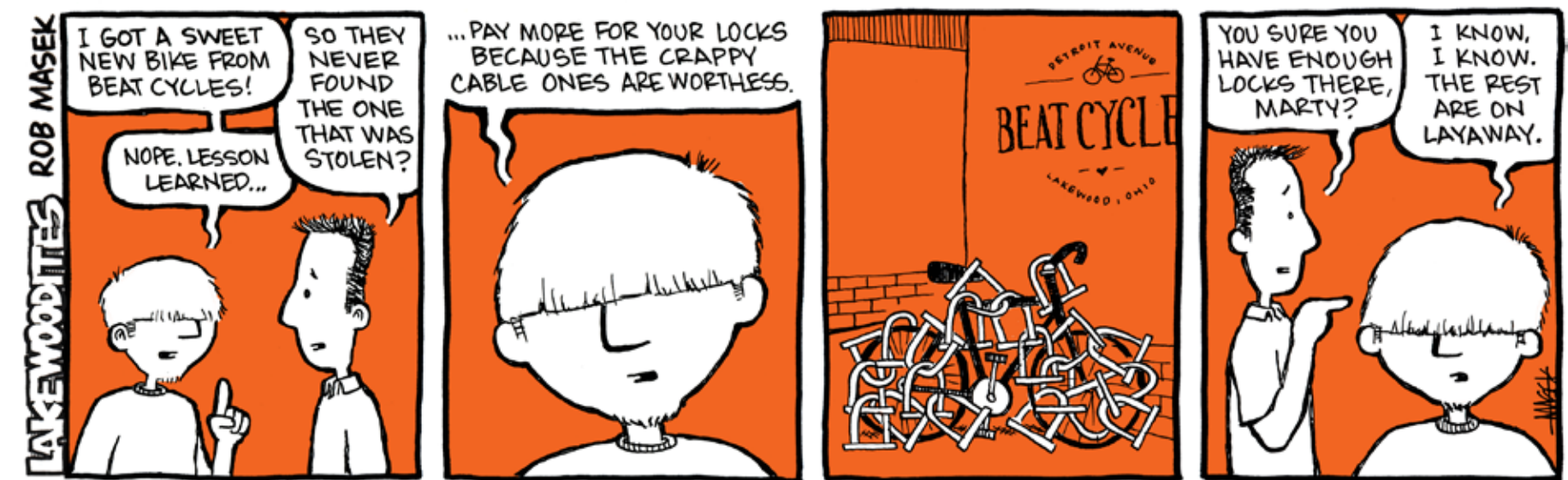
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