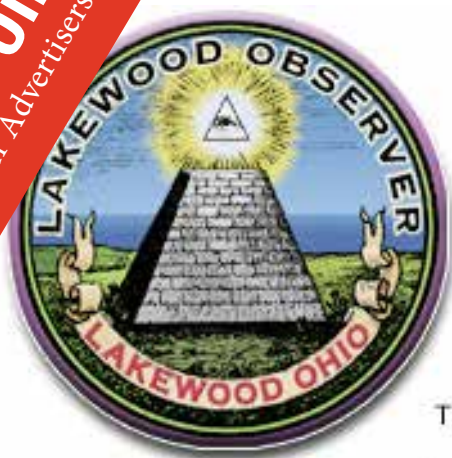


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38th Annual Lakewood Arts Festival

by Margaret Brinich

Saturday, August 1st marks the 38th anniversary of the annual Lakewood Arts Festival (LAF). Although it is now only one of the many exciting community events that grace the streets of Lakewood each summer, LAF

remains one of the largest and most well-known festivals locally, regionally and nationally. With an estimated 14,000 plus attendees each year, over 160 booths featuring the talents of artists & craftspeople from across the country, strong representation

from local non-profits promoting their Lakewood-centric missions, and an entertainment schedule chock full of musicians and performers, it's not hard to see why it has become an iconic Lakewood event.

Once again, the Lakewood

Observer has partnered with LAF to provide our readers with full coverage of the day's festivities. Check out pages 11-14 inside this issue for detailed information on this year's festival - from the map of artist booths to the entertainment schedule for the day, (or the cool t-shirt you can buy-pictured above and designed



by Lakewood resident Brian Andrew Jasinski) you'll find exactly what you need to know!

From Lakewood, For Lakewood: John Litten For City Council

by John Litten

It is an honor to be running for Lakewood City Council in Ward 3. My service in Lakewood has always stemmed from need; I applied my skills, and was able to make a difference. We bought our first and second house here, and I plan on being here with my family for a very long time. I am dedicated to this community and believe I am well qualified for this position.

I have devoted my entire working life to bringing a voice to the voiceless. I have held leadership positions for over fifteen years, and always in roles that served the young, disabled or poor, while also being good steward of our environment and a good and transparent steward of others' generosity.

I was born here in a small apartment on Cove, I knew a



My son Brendan and I at the 2015 Meltdown.

Lakewood where I was allowed to grow up going to swim lessons at Foster pool, doctor's appointments with Dr. McEvoy (I later married his granddaugh-

ter) school at St. Ed's and later, volunteering on the citizens advisory committee for four years, and also a role helping Keep **continued on page 22**



Moo Thain Da (at right), a refugee from Burma, moved to Lakewood with his family about four years ago. They recently settled into their new 1,500-square-foot bungalow on Quail Street.

Improving Lakewood's Neighborhoods, One House At A Time

by Colin McEwen

The city's effort to improve local housing stock recently continued its forward progress.

A refugee family from Burma is moving into a Birdtown home that the city bought to renovate and sell to a motivated and qualified family.

The property had been tax delinquent when the city bought it in 2013, and paid off the tax lien. The city purchased the 91-year-old Quail Street home using federal money, earmarked for this purpose.

This project is one of four

— all in Birdtown — in which the city has purchased, renovated and sold homes to help improve the neighborhood. During the past three years, the city has successfully acquired, rehabilitated and sold approximately a dozen homes to new Lakewood families. That includes two new-construction projects.

"This is part of our city's aggressive housing strategy," said Mary Leigh, the city's programs manager in the department of community development.

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Lakewood Masonic Lodge To Host Competitive Barbeque Fest

by Eddie Lichota

Lakewood Masonic Lodge #601 will host its First Annual "Lakewood's Best Day Ever" on July 25 from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. inside and outside of the lodge (15300 Detroit Avenue). The event aims to celebrate food, family, and fun to support the

mission of Lakewood Masonic charitable causes.

The main attraction is a competitive barbeque event. Amateur grill masters are invited to compete to be named the best grill chef in Lakewood. Prizes will be awarded to the top three chefs.

Both meat and vegan faire will be served.

Attendees will sample fare grilled on-site while enjoying live music, games and local vendors. Bands will perform in front of, inside, and behind the lodge including Brent Kirby, **continued on page 19**

One Councilman Dreams Of Peace And Tranquility



Ward 2 Councilman Sam O'Leary is making plans to turn St. Charles Green into a real, usable park. Currently the only study done on the property suggested turning it into a flat municipal parking lot. Instead, with the support of his Ward 2 constituents, O'Leary would like to maintain and improve the precious green space in his ward. Stay tuned for more on his plans.

The Observation Deck

Summer Meltdown



photo by Alex Belisle



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Improving Lakewood’s Neighborhoods, One House At A Time

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“Typically, the city doesn’t invest in real estate, but these federal funds allow us to intervene in the market where we can have the highest impact.

Moo Thain Da, a refugee from Burma, moved to Lakewood with his family about four years ago. They recently settled into their new 1,500-square-foot bungalow.

“Lakewood is a good place, great for raising kids and for a quality education,” said Moo Thain Da. “We’re grateful for the incentives that Lakewood has provided, particularly the First-Time Homebuyer Program. We’re happy to be here.”

The other homes that are part of this initiative are located at 2070 Dowd; 12217 Plover; and 2147 Dowd.

The Lakewood HOME Program provides one of the best mortgage financing packages available to qualified first time home buyers interested in purchasing a Lakewood home.

Assistance, which comes in the form of a 0% interest, no monthly payment second mortgage is used to assist with both down payment and closing costs. For more information about the HOME program, visit the city’s website: <http://www.onelakewood.com/community-vision/housing/#helping-first-time-homebuyers>.

As a city with a population of more than 50,000 people, the city of Lakewood is a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement community. The CDBG program provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. For more on the Community Development Block Grant program, follow this link: <http://www.onelakewood.com/community-vision/housing/#investing-in-our-neighborhoods>.

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County Executive Armond Budish and his wife Amy stop by the Root Café on Detroit Avenue, they came for breakfast, but heard a lot from residents.

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Short Agenda, Long Meeting:

The People Speak To Council

The July 6, 2015 Council meeting was called to order by Council President and Ward IV Councilwoman Mary Louise Madigan at 7:38 P.M. The agenda for the meeting was relatively short and made up of primarily old business. Among that old business were items such as the administration's proposal to build a fiber optic network in Lakewood (deferred), an agreement with Rockport Square, LLC for its new development (deferred), construction approval of sewer corrections in the western Lakewood clean water pilot project area (passed), and accepting a grant from the Ohio EPA to help pay for the Lakewood Stream Bank Restoration and Fish Shelf project, which requires a match from the City of \$81,894 (passed).

The only item of new business was a report from Planning and Development Director, Dru Siley, regarding the Rockport Square development. The developer of the project, Forest City, has had an agreement with the City in regards to the project since it's inception several years ago. With their latest alterations, which include building 51 new townhouse units, the plan needs to be re-evaluated before moving forward. After being introduced at the June 1st Council meeting, the plans were referred to the Planning Commission for review. The Planning Commission approved the plans at their meeting on June 4th. Furthermore, the Architectural Review Board reviewed the building plans and approved of them on June 11th.

Director Siley said that the Administration will submit an ordinance to Council for their consideration reflecting the changes.

With the completion of the agenda business, Council President

by Christopher Bindel

Madigan moved on to the public comment part of the meeting. At this particular meeting there was a long list of people who shared extensive comments. These comments fell in three main categories.

First, there were five individuals, four of whom were from Chase Avenue, and were there to complain about basement flooding and sewer issues. Due to the excess of rainfall we have been experiencing, more people have had issues with flooding, and some of the people present have had their basements flood multiple times in the span of weeks. They all wanted to make sure the city was aware of the seriousness of the issue and to ask if they were planning to do anything about it. Although there was not much offered in the short run, some were happy to see that the City is investigating the issue and trying to figure out ways to fix it both with

the western Lakewood clean water pilot project and with the establishment of the Clean Water Integrated Planning Task Force.

The second group was there to support the Mayor's plan for Lakewood Hospital and urged Council to approve the letter of intent moving the process forward. Six people spoke, including former Councilwoman Pam Smith and a few current and former Lakewood Hospital Employees, including one woman who worked at the Hospital before and during the Cleveland Clinic's tenure.

The third group was made up of those that oppose the the Mayor's plan for Lakewood Hospital and urged Council not to approve the Letter Of Intent. Three individuals, including a doctor who works for the Hospital spoke.

Another person presented an

extensive spiral bound presentation to each member of Council and to the Administration on several ideas they could consider for re-use of the land, some hospital and medical oriented some not. One idea was to convert the hospital into a hotel.

David Stine, the owner of Plantation Home and Cotton also spoke to Council. He was there to talk to Council about a recent rash of graffiti that began the week leading up to the Independence Day holiday weekend. The person had already tagged 11 buildings. All 11 tags are the same and read "GEEK".*

After over an hour and a half of public comment everyone who wished to speak had. With no further business before Council, Council President Madigan adjourned the meeting at 9:44 P.M.

**As of the printing of this article the Lakewood Police have apprehended and charged a 16-year-old male for the graffiti.*

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City Of Lakewood Consultant Huron Releases Initial Draft Of Phase One Analysis Of Proposed Plan For Lakewood Hospital

by Colin McEwen

Lakewood City Council President Mary Louise Madigan released the first draft report from Huron Consulting Group, an independent national consulting firm hired by the City of Lakewood to assist the city in its due diligence following a January 2015 proposal by the Cleveland Clinic and Lakewood Hospital Association over the future of Lakewood Hospital.

The initial phase of Huron’s work was to advise the city on current healthcare trends, including population health and conversions of acute care hospitals into ambulatory centers. As part of that analysis, Huron presented its initial draft of the Phase One report to City Council on July 13.

Highlights of the initial draft of Huron’s Phase One report, which will be updated to reflect additional information and findings, include the following:

- Population in the Lakewood Hospital service area has decreased over the past five years and is expected to continue to decrease over the next five years.
- Lakewood Hospital is operating in competitive marketplace with Fairview Hospital, MetroHealth, Lutheran Hospital and St. John Medical Center all operating within a 10-mile radius of Lakewood Hospital. The opening of the Cleveland Clinic’s Avon Hospital in 2016 will serve to increase this competitive environment.
- In the Lakewood Hospital service area, there are 4.3 hospital beds per 1,000 people, compared to an Ohio average of 2.9 beds per 1,000 people and a national average of 2.6 beds per 1,000 people.
- All major services offered at Lakewood Hospital can be found at one or more of the nearby competing hospitals. The family health center proposed by LHA and the Cleveland Clinic will eliminate some services currently offered at Lakewood Hospi-

tal, but will also include some services that are not currently available.

- Healthcare trends are moving away from the traditional inpatient hospital model to a population health model that focuses on preventative care and outpatient services offered through various outlets, including family health centers.

The complete initial draft of Huron’s Phase One Report to the City of Lakewood (http://www.onelakewood.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/LH_HuronConsultingPhase1Rpt.pdf) is available online at onelakewood.com/wellness.

As Huron continues its analysis, it will (1) continue to add to its analysis of healthcare trends, (2) review the analysis and recommendations made by Subsidiary Healthcare in its report to LHA, (3) review the obligations contained in the 1996 definitive agreement between the

Cleveland Clinic and LHA, (4) analyze Lakewood Hospital’s financial position, and (5) make recommendations regarding the type and scope of services required to best serve the residents of Lakewood.

Since receiving the letter of intent from the LHA and Cleveland Clinic with respect to a proposed plan for Lakewood Hospital and future healthcare delivery in Lakewood, City Council and administration of the city have been working diligently, in good faith and with all deliberate speed, to understand and assess the proposed plan. These efforts have included over 30 meetings by City Council with representatives of LHA, the Cleveland Clinic, LHA’s consultant Subsidiary Healthcare, the Lakewood Hospital Foundation, human service organizations and other community organizations and members of the public, as well as analysis by outside counsel of the existing definitive agreement and

lease relating to Lakewood Hospital.

While it continues to conduct due diligence, City Council has not introduced, considered or adopted any legislation that would carry the terms of this proposal or any proposal regarding the future of Lakewood Hospital into effect.

Hired separately by the city to perform several analyses relating the proposed plan, Huron is a market leader in providing integrated performance improvements solutions and financial advisory services to hospitals and other healthcare organizations. Additional information on the members of the Huron team performing the Lakewood Hospital analysis is available in the Phase One report. Additional information on Huron is available at huronconsultinggroup.com.

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Lakewood Named ‘Great Place To Call Home’ By Business View Magazine

by Colin McEwen

The city of Lakewood can add another feather to its cap. Business View Magazine recently named Lakewood “A Great Place to Call Home.”

The publication noted (<http://businessviewmagazine.com/city-of-lakewood-a-great-place-to-call-home/>) that Lakewood is “recognized regionally for its tree-lined streets, excellent school system and outstanding municipal services,” in addition to being home to more than 1,000 businesses of myriad types and sizes.

The article also pointed out several projects in Lakewood, including the Solstice Steps at Lakewood Park, and pointed a “youthful infusion” that has “hastened the return of vibrancy” to the community, “signaled by a resur-

gent housing environment in which available homes are being snapped up after only a few days on the market.”

“We are thrilled that Lakewood has again received some national attention,” stated Mayor Mike Summers. “This article affirms why so many people choose to call Lakewood home. Those who already live here know how great Lakewood is, but it’s nice to receive the recognition from others in

our region and across the country.”

In November, Ohio Magazine named Lakewood “One of Ohio’s Best Home Towns.” Lakewood has also received local and national recognition: Scene Magazine named Lakewood “Best Suburb” for four years in a row; Business Week named Lakewood the “Best Place to Raise Your Kids in Ohio” and Travel and Leisure bestowed Lakewood with the designation of “Coolest Suburb Worth a Visit.”

City Of Lakewood Hiring School Crossing Guards

by Colin McEwen

Summer isn’t quite over yet for Lakewood’s students, but the city is still getting ready.

The city of Lakewood is looking for qualified applicants for School Crossing Guard. The position is part-time — approximately 2 hours per day — and pays \$12.29 per hour.

“This is an ideal part-time job for a parent with a child in school, someone who’s retired, or someone looking to make a little extra money,” said Lt. Roger Warner.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have a high school diploma or GED and be able to satisfactorily complete a physical examination, including drug screening, and police background check. To apply for the position, follow this link: <http://www.onelakewood.com/apply-register/apply-for-job/#school-crossing-guard>.

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The Judge’s Bench:

Lakewood Mental Health Court

by Patrick Carroll

Mental illness is not an easy topic to discuss, but it has an impact on all of our lives. Sometimes directly, through a family member, friend or co-worker. Other times, you may experience it as a victim, when a person with mental illness commits a criminal offense such as theft, trespass or criminal damage. Mental illness is a condition that impacts a person’s thinking, feeling or mood and may affect the person’s ability to relate to others and function on a daily basis, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

Mental illness is a general topic that covers a wide range of disorders, including bipolar, depression, schizophrenia, post traumatic stress disorder and attention deficit disorders. Some can be easily treated while others are more severe. While each disorder may affect a defendant’s thought process, they are distinct disorders with specific types of treatment.

Sometimes mental illness is combined with alcohol or drug abuse or addiction. These cases, called dual diagnosis disorders, are more complicated because the conditions and symptoms overlap. While both issues need to be addressed, they require different treatment.

As a judge, I’m sometimes confronted with mentally ill defendants who come before me. When a person with mental illness commits an offense, the court must consider not only the extent the disorder had on the defendant, but also the need to address the issue to avoid future misconduct. The court must also consider and protect the victim, sometimes by ordering the defendant to stay away from the victim or restitution for damage caused by the defendant.

While mental illness is a problem for every court, there was insufficient volume for a single court to maintain its own program. As a result, in 2003, the Lakewood Court, along with the Cleveland and Shaker Heights Courts, formed the Mental Health Court Initiative as a pilot project to address mental health with misdemeanor offenses. Through the collective efforts of these judges, mental health professionals and police departments, uniform screening procedures and other standardized practices were established to co-ordinate mental health awareness and treatment. Other municipal courts later joined in and the program is now in place throughout Cuyahoga County.

The primary goal of a court in sentencing is the safety of the community. Jail is an oversimplified answer that only warehouses the defendant for a short time with misdemeanor offenses. Treatment, including counseling, medication and family support, and court supervision require extensive time and involvement of court staff and attorneys certified in this specialized area, but is more productive in the long run.

Rather than jail, when a defendant

is responsive to treatment, it:

1. addresses the mental health issues,
2. creates a plan to avoid future criminal offenses, and
3. is a less costly alternative.

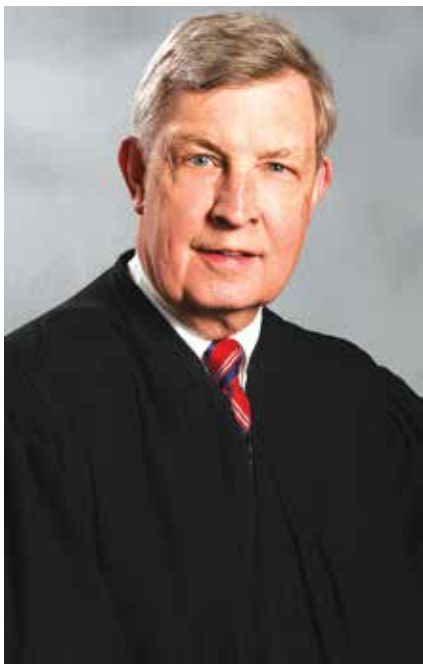
Many ongoing behavior issues may be the undetected result of mental illness. Although some of the cases are relatively minor in nature, the mental condition of the defendant poses a risk of harm that must be addressed regardless of the seriousness of the offense.

With court ordered evaluations, early identification of mental health issues means screening and establishing or reconnecting with mental health services with swift referral for commitment, medication or other treatment. The Lakewood Court has developed working relationships with Recovery Resources and other mental health agencies that provide court liaisons

who are critical to the success of the program.

The efficiency of the program reduces jail costs by transferring the defendant from the Lakewood jail to a treatment facility or home with monitoring. It also provides the defendant with medication and other treatment during the evaluation process. With this program, not only can the illness be addressed, but also future criminal incidents may be reduced.

Judicial decisions require more than just knowledge of the law. They involve fairness, compassion and a wide knowledge of the behaviors that may affect the conduct of a defendant. Over the years I have done extensive research on the cause, conditions and treatment of mental illness. As a judge I have trained attorneys to be certified for the mental health court. I am proud to have the Lakewood Court be on the forefront



of the Mental Health Initiative, and am proud of the benefit this program has provided the Lakewood Community.

A Lesson In Lakewood Law

by Mikayla Szuter

Being aware of the law is not only a critical part of being a responsible citizen, but can also enlighten you to avoid mistakes that, while they may not seem dangerous, are illegal for reasons of safety and protection of property. What can seem like a fun idea can turn into a minor misdemeanor charge, as I recently found out while spending time with my sister at Lakewood Park.

Lakewood Park has been a wonderful asset of this city for nearly 100 years and continues to be a popular place for all kinds of festivities. It is truly a place where the citizens of Lakewood make the entire city feel alive. The park is spacious and a fence surrounds the play area for children. A view of Lake Erie with a paved promenade gives a lovely view of the water and of Cleveland’s skyline. Pleasant paths are strewn across the grass that is spotted with different types of trees. This lovely park also boasts a pool, baseball diamond, skate park, and a basketball court. It’s a park that draws people from neighboring cities and holds wonderful memories for so many people. A fireworks display for the 4th of July is held there each year, and hundreds come to view it. Lakewood hosts concerts with various musicians on the park’s bandstand, and political rallies have been held there before, as well.

However, the bandstand doesn’t just attract those wishing to perform or give speeches in front of a crowd. It also entices the young risk-takers to climb upon its ever-tempting roof and – break the law.

That’s right. Sometimes experience is truly the best teacher, and in this case, it taught me more than one lesson. My sister Kat and I, who are both sure-footed and love to climb anything and everything, had to learn this lesson the hard way. A few weeks ago, we decided to scale the shingling on the left side of the stage. My sister and I discovered the

the shocking truth of our crime when a Lakewood police officer came over and informed us of it. We scrambled off of the roof as fast as we could with none of our dignity intact. I received a ticket for violating a law that I didn’t know existed – but my guilt was the same, if not greater, than if I had known the specifics of the Lakewood Ordinance on this point. Let me explain.

The Oxford Online Dictionary defines the word “aware” as follows: “having knowledge or perception of a situation or a fact.” Being aware of laws, including national, state, county, and city, is part of being an upstanding citizen in any part of this great nation. My largest fault was being uninformed about a law that not only applied to me, but that correlated to my actions as well. My blissful ignorance of city code put me in a place where I had completely shirked even the basic laws of common sense.

Under code 905.10, the law in Lakewood states that: “No person, other than an employee of the City or duly authorized workman, shall climb any tree or other structure or walk, stand or sit upon any of the railings, fences or other structures located within the parks.” In essence, it’s illegal at the charge of a minor misdemeanor to climb on any city structures that are not specifically dedicated to the purpose of climbing upon (such at the rock wall at Lakewood Park). These laws are in place for the reasons of personal protection – the city certainly doesn’t want to not

have these laws and have people falling off of structures and being upset that there was no warning – and the protection of government property. The city of Lakewood has furnished its citizens with lovely parks that are great places for leisurely summer afternoons to be spent. The parks are well maintained and generally very safe. To keep them that way, laws such as this must be made and enforced for the good of everyone.

Knowing and comprehending laws that pertain to us on a daily basis as citizens is crucial, particularly as negligence of them can cause harm. Unintentional abuse of city property in a manner in which I could have fallen and hurt myself adds injury to insult (in that order) to my violation of the law. The biggest point that came through all of this was a better understanding of the saying, “Ignorance of the law is no defense.” Being aware of the law would have prevented me from directly going against it. In the future, now that I better understand personal application of the law, my goal is to know as much as possible how it relates to me on a daily basis, and I would encourage others to do the same. It could save you from breaking a law you didn’t know existed.

Mikayla Szuter is a student who will be attending Cleveland State University for the next 4 years. She’s been blessed to live in this city since 2002 and is always amazed at how alive it is. Even though she wasn’t born here, she will always consider Lakewood her home town.



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County News

Cuyahoga County Update, Summer 2015

by Dale Miller
County Council, Distric 2

Dear Friends,

Thanks for the opportunity to serve as your representative on County Council. I hope you are enjoying the summer. Unlike almost every other legislative body, the County Council does not take a summer recess. Action is continuing on a number of fronts. Here is a summary of recent events.

Economic Development Plan

The County Council is currently considering the Year 5 update to the County’s Five-Year Economic Development Plan. The County is required by Charter to have a Five-Year Economic Development Plan and update it annually. The Executive is required to submit the plan to Council by June 1 of each year and the Council has 60 days to review it.

The proposed new Economic Development Plan builds on and extends previous county work on economic development. While the previous plans focused on work done by the County’s Department of Development, the new plan places more emphasis on our ability to partner effectively with the large number of other organizations in the County that are working on economic development. Examples of important partners include municipal governments, the Greater Cleveland Partnership, Team

NEO, BioEnterprise, the Downtown Cleveland Alliance, Jump Start, NorTech, the Urban League, the Hispanic Business Center, Positively Cleveland, NOACA, and the Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium.

The plan also starts moving toward collaboration with other large systems including workforce development; health and human services; and planning, sustainability, and regional collaboration.

Building on research done by the County Planning Commission in the past year, the plan also further develops the concept of place-making, which involves projects that strengthen communities and attract businesses and jobs by creating special and distinctive places. For the first time, place-making is listed as one of the specific programs in the County’s economic development tool box.

Regarding the county’s economic development plan, my major focus is to help develop the plan as a living document that visibly shapes the way economic development is done, rather than merely an exercise to meet a charter requirement. We have made progress toward that goal but have a ways to go.

Sustainability Program

The county created a Department of Sustainability, and earlier this year Executive Armond Budish appointed former State Representative Mike Foley

to lead the department. Director Foley’s first major initiative was to create a partnership with a private company called Eutetics, whose mission is to bring clean energy into the mainstream of our economy. Eutetics has up to \$120 million in financing capability and will work with the county to find suitable projects that need loan financing. The county will provide \$225,000 to help defray the cost of setting up the program but will recover this cost over time as project financing deals are put in place. Typical projects will be for improving energy efficiency of buildings or development of clean energy.

Arts & Culture Levy

By unanimous vote, the County Council placed an issue on the ballot for this November 3rd to renew the cigarette excise tax for an additional ten years to provide about \$15 million per year to support arts and culture facilities in Cuyahoga County. Recipients include major institutions such as the Cleveland Orchestra, and the Great Lakes Science Center as well as hundreds of neighborhood organizations such as the Beck Center, the Near West Theatre, and the Bellaire Puritas Development Corporation. Funding for arts and culture strengthens our economy and broadens our education, so please vote Yes for this renewal.

The issue number has not yet been determined.

Charter Amendments

The County Council is working on a Charter amendment which would improve the composition of the County’s Audit Commission. The new commission would be comprised of one County Council member and four county citizens with experience in auditing or related areas, making it independent of the Executive and Fiscal Offices, which are the subject of the audits. Such independence is a near universal standard in the auditing world. To facilitate close interaction and effective implementation of audit findings, the Executive and Fiscal Officer would remain on the Commission as non-voting, ex-officio members. I am optimistic that this amendment will be placed on the ballot for this November.

The Council is also considering a charter amendment to clarify the roles of the Personnel Review Commission and the Human Resources Department. However, these issues are complex and the Commission and Department have differing views, so I expect that we will take more time and not place this amendment on the ballot this year.

Project Cancellations

One of the most difficult thing for any government to do is to cancel a program previously put in place. There is a natural tendency to continue programs, even when not working as intended. For government to be optimally effective, we must be willing to let go of programs when appropriate ,based on new information.

County government made two such cancellations in the first half of the year, each very large in size. First, County Council, with acceptance by the Executive, cancelled the program that provided a \$100 college savings account for every kindergarten child in the county. Idealistic as this program is, we found that it resulted in very little participation from parents and families. Well under 1% of the families of the participants added any money to the college savings accounts. We also did not get collaboration from community organizations. The Council’s action allows families willing to add to the savings accounts to continue in the program if they choose.

Second, the Executive cancelled the planned Emergency Operations Center project in Broadview Heights, projected to cost between \$18 and \$23 million. Executive Budish and his Public Safety leadership team determined that the county can achieve almost all of the objectives of the project with an alternative approach costing only \$4-5 million, including the cost of winding down the previous project. The alternative plan involves using space in the Juvenile Justice Center, a collaborative agreement with the City of Cleveland, and mobile units to provide three options for command and control of operations in the event of a natural disaster or public safety emergency.

Preparations for Republic National Convention

We are now half way through the two-year preparation time in advance of the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, which will take place from July 15-18, 2016. To mark this occasion, we received a progress update from the Host Committee. The Convention will be the largest public event there is, except for the Olympics. We are 3/4 of the way toward our goal of identifying and booking 16,000 hotel rooms for the convention. Our two primary goals are to run a smooth, safe convention and to use the event as an opportunity to showcase what Cleveland has to offer. In my opinion, our biggest challenge is completion of road construction projects. Even though actual construction work will be suspended during the convention, I don’t want 50,000 visitors fighting with orange barrels and detours all over the place. I believe we will overcome this and other challenges and put on a great convention.

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Lakewood Public Library

LPL Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

Friday, July 24

LakewoodAlive Front Porch Concert Series – Vance Music Studios – Student Rock Bands

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 25

Socratic Dialogue Workshop

Assistant Professor Kerry Tobin of Cuyahoga Community College’s Philosophy Department leads a workshop that will stretch your reasoning skills and refresh your outlook. Socratic dialogues are an ancient form of philosophical practice conducted with small groups of people for the purpose of digging deep into the ideas and values which influence and define community. In these dialogues, participants will be tackling the classic question, “What is community?” and together we will seek to discover the answer and gain some wisdom along the way.

Call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127 to register.

2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room

“Jude” (1996) Directed by Michael Winterbottom

What makes two people love each other as the world conspires to tear them apart? Christopher Eccleston plays Jude, a bright, lower-class stonemason who is pursuing a troubled passion with his cousin, Kate Winslet. Both are married to people they simply do not love. After finally leaving their empty marriages for one another, they find themselves wandering unwanted on the fringes of society. Their remarkable bond is finally pushed to the breaking point when unimaginable tragedy strikes their home. There may not be a happy Victorian ending in this film based on Thomas Hardy’s “Jude the Obscure,” but as Jude himself says, “We are man and wife, if ever two people were on this earth!”

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

Sunday, July 26

Sunday with the Friends: Bongo Joe and Little Steve-O

Winners of the 2014 Northeast Ohio Blues Association Challenge, Bongo Joe and Little Steve-O offer up an intense acoustic blues experience with passion to spare. This Akron-based duo will make you feel their music deep down in your bones and leave them shaking. There’s a guitar that comes alive and cries out with its own bleeding heart, and emotive and soulful vocals that pull you straight into the song. In addition to hard scramble blues, they are known to do their own heartfelt and haunting renditions of some of the very best soul and obscure rock classics.

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

Friday, July 31

LakewoodAlive Front Porch Concert Series – The Admirables

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, August 1

Friends of Lakewood Public Library Arts Festival Book Sale

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

“The Sea” (2002) Directed by Baltasar Kormákur

The wealthy patriarch of a tiny, Icelandic fishing village plans to take on the worthy project of writing his life story as the end draws near, but first he must settle his affairs and deal with his estranged family. Everybody will want something out of him. That is to be expected. Nevertheless, the aging Thordurr assembles his scattered heirs one night to discuss the future of the family fishery and unleashes a storm of long-repressed sexual abuse,

The Wonderful World Of Bubbles

by Marge Foley

Bubbles are fun! Bubbles are funny! Bubbles are coming to the Lakewood Public Library! Come witness Sue Durante (aka The Bubble Lady) as she inflates tiny bubbles, long bubbles, giant bubbles, and a remarkable square bubble. Sue searches her home for everyday household items that become the tools for producing remarkable frothy creations. Will she bring a hula hoop, a rope, a mesh strawberry basket, or even a Croc shoe? Whatever she brings will be dipped into a special concoction of soap, water, and glycerin to enable her to blow marvelous, magnificent sudsy balloons. An afternoon of family fun is guaranteed!



Gaze in wonder as the Bubble Lady creates enormous bubbles using a hula hoop!

This memorable show will take place on Friday, July 24th at 3 p.m. All programs are free and open to the public. Generously funded by the Friends of Lakewood Public Library, this event will be held in the Multipurpose Room, which is located in Children’s and Youth Services.

lingering suspicions, sibling rivalries and incestuous passions. Ultimately, it’s a heartless battle between the past and the future that culminates in a night of explosive rage. While there is something to despise in every character, dark Icelandic humor and small shards of hope keep this family drama from dragging the viewer under the sea. Icelandic with English subtitles.

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

Sunday, August 2

Sunday with the Friends: The Tuxedos

We first heard the arresting, inimitable voice of Tracy Marie on a Tuesday night in a strip mall sports bar nearly twenty years ago on the worst night of our life. We were in the back, eating burnt chicken wings and talking to terrible people, when suddenly a song cut through the useless chatter. It was like nothing we’d ever heard before—so lovely and sincere. We left our party behind without a goodbye and cut through the crowd, heading towards the stage. And there she was. Now Tracy Marie embarks on a new phase of her career with The Tuxedos, taking a break from rock and roots to embrace old school jazz and the American Songbook. Eric Elliot plays keys, David Kasper blows tenor sax, Tim Lane mans the drums and a parade of guest stars can often be found lining up to sit in with this amazing band.

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

LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Friday, July 24

The Wonderful World of Bubbles

For the whole family

The magnificent Bubble Lady creates acrobatic bubbles, bouncing bubbles, square bubbles and super-sized bubbles you can fit inside! Free and open to the public. No registration required.

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

Mondays, July 27 – August 31

Sketchbook Club

For students entering eighth through twelfth grade

A place to draw, practice, and learn. Get instructor and peer critiques of your work, spend time on your projects, or get ideas to start something new. Art supplies of all types made available. Registration required.

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Wednesday, August 5

Summer Reading Superhero Convention

For all children up to those entering fifth grade and their families

Celebrate the end of a great summer of reading with games and activities. Summer Reading Club members who bring their completed reading record will participate in an extra fun activity!

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Madison Park Pavilion.

Saturday & Sunday

Family Weekend Wonders

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

Summer Reading Superhero Convention At Madison Park

by Eric Knapp

Celebrate the end of another great summer with games and goodies galore! Lakewood Public Library’s summer reading club is drawing to a close, which means it’s time for a party! Our summer readers have done a fabulous job, and now it’s time to reap their rewards.

There will be fun and games open to all, but only those children who completed 30 books or 30 hours of reading can participate in our “soak the librarian” special event. Bring your

completed reading record for your chance to soak a librarian! There will be free Menchie’s frozen yogurt for those children (birth through fifth grade) who attend.

The party will be held on Wednesday, August 5th from 6 – 7:30 p.m. in the Madison Park Pavilion behind the Madison Branch Library at 13229 Madison Ave. This family event is free and open to the public. Call the Children and Youth Services department (216) 226-8275 ext. 140 for more information.

Lakewood Public Library

Completing The “Every Hero Has A Story” Reading Club

by Julie Strunk

It’s not too late to sign up for the Lakewood Public Library’s summer reading club! The deadline for reading 30 books or 30 hours is Monday, August 3rd!

Each child who meets the halfway goal receives a stamp for free frozen yogurt from the Lakewood Menchie’s Frozen Yogurt location and a certificate to order a free ticket to a Cleveland Gladiator’s game at one of two games in August!

Many of the 2,900 children who signed up for the Lakewood Public Library’s summer reading program are completing their 30 books or 30 hours of reading. Each child who meets this goal receives a certificate, a Madison Square Lanes Bowling coupon for a free game and shoe rental, a raffle ticket for a grand prize, an invitation to the summer reading party at the end of the summer, and a brand new book of their choice from our special selection of books. The names of our finishers are displayed in the Main and Madison branches.


Sign up at the Main Branch or the Madison Branch and read your way to being a Super Hero!



Daniel, Eric and Robert Adams became Super Hero Readers by completing the summer reading club goal!

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Love Is A Verb

by Amy Kloss

The Gulen Movement has been described as an interfaith group begun by a beloved Muslim teacher from Turkey who inspired a world-wide social movement dedicated to education and improving the lives of people in underdeveloped and war-torn areas of the globe. It has also been called a cult.

Find out more on August 6th when Lakewood Public Library screens “Love is a Verb,” the 2014 documentary that examines the social movement of Sufi inspired Sunni Muslims begun in Turkey in the 1960s. The group is called Hizmet, the Turkish word for service, or the Gulen Movement after its founder, Fethullah Gulen. Currently living in Pennsylvania, Gulen left Turkey in 1999 to seek medical treatment in the United States. Due to conflicts with the current Turkish government, he feels unable to return to his home country.

The film’s director, Terry Spencer Hesser, is an American who felt that the story of Hizmet needed to be told, despite the expense and risks involved in filming in locations such as Turkey, Bosnia, Belgium, Iraq and Somalia. The title “Love is a Verb” describes the Gulen volunteers, who act in ways that show compassion and concern for others.

So how can an organization that advances the causes of interfaith charity, social equality and education stir up controversy? In the Midwest, conflicts mainly center on a charter school sponsor called Concept Schools, based in Chicago and affiliated with followers of the Gulen Movement. In Ohio, they sponsor the Horizon Science Academies. As long as they have been in existence, charter schools have been fiercely debated, and Concept Schools’ association with the Gulen Movement has aroused additional suspicion.

Gulen says that he has never started or funded a school himself, but he is a great advocate of education. People come together voluntarily to embody the principles he promotes: the rule of law, human rights, peace and freedom of thought and enterprise. The Gulen Movement has no formal structure, but its followers are numbered in the millions. This lack of central control and the elusive nature of Gulen himself have caused confusion and debate about the true nature of Hizmet.

“Love is a Verb” will be shown in the Main Library Auditorium on Thursday, August 6 at 7 p.m. This screening has been made possible by the Turkish American society of Ohio-Cleveland and The Niagara Foundation.

Lakewood Schools

Lincoln Elementary PTA Uses Interest In Minecraft And Gaming To Raise Funds

by Amy Smith

Lincoln Elementary School PTA is trying something new for its Fall Fundraiser. The PTA is hosting Lincoln MINES, a technology and gaming convention for students ages 5-12. The event will be held at Harding Middle School (16601 Madison Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107) on November 14, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds raised from the event will support programming for Lincoln Elementary School.

Traditionally, the PTA had hosted a Fall Carnival to raise money but student interest in the event declined. It was time for a new idea. Members noticed their children's love of Minecraft and Gaming and determined it would be a great theme for the new fall event.

Lincoln MINES is seeking local families and businesses to financially support this event. Sponsorship opportunities are available in several financial levels. In addition to direct financial support, support can be provided for raffle donations, activity patrons, experience delivery or advertising in the event program. Lincoln MINES provides many sponsorship packages or can partner to create a custom package for a unique sponsorship opportunity. These tax deductible donations directly support PTA programs like teacher grants, extracurricular clubs, technology upgrades, field trips, assemblies and so much more.

The PTA expects Lincoln MINES to appeal to parents and students in Lakewood and surrounding communities. The event is open to the public with a goal of selling over 1,000 tickets. Attendees will experience interactive workshops on a variety of Minecraft,

online gaming, coding and technology specific topics. Content will be geared toward youth ages 5-12 and support education in science, mathematics, engineering, and information technology. The committee is currently seeking individuals or businesses that can speak to Minecraft or related topics. It is a great opportunity for people to share their interest in these topics. We are looking for a variety of presenters from local businesses, Minecraft clubs, libraries, students and other community experts. Workshop proposals must be submitted by September 15, 2015.

An Exhibit Hall will feature vendor tables promoting organizations and selling merchandise. Tables are currently available for purchase. The cost is \$50 for a 6' x 8' space and \$100

for 10' x 10' space. Vendor tables create an opportunity for businesses to put their service/product in front of our specific target group of students, families, teachers and other Lakewood community members. Space is limited, so vendors should reserve tables as soon as possible.

While school is out for the summer, plans for the event are moving ahead. Be part of this event as a vendor, presenter, sponsor, volunteer or attendee. Tickets will be on sale starting in August. Additional information about the event can be found at www.lincolnmynes.com or by emailing lincolnmynespta@gmail.com.

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Lincoln MINES, a new technology and gaming convention planned for November 14, 2015 at Harding Middle School.

Johnny Appleseed Awaiting Repair

by Missy Toms

Did Johnny get a nose job? No, but he will be getting a facelift next summer.

Last July, the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation launched the "Save the Schreckengosts Campaign" to restore and preserve two Schreckengost sculptures at Lakewood High School: the Early Settler, affectionately known as Johnny Appleseed, and the Great Lakes Mural. A year into the campaign, we are a third of the way to our goal of raising the \$120,000 necessary to give these two masterpieces the attention they deserve.

Lakewood Board of Education commissioned Viktor Schreckengost in 1954 to create the Early Settler to adorn the new Civic Auditorium.

Johnny, who is staying on the building throughout the construction, will get a full makeover, including a paint job, next summer.

The Great Lakes Mural, a bas relief wooden mural, was installed in the Lakewood High School upperclassman lounge known as the "L" Room in 1953, and was purchased with money raised by LHS students. The mural depicts the Great Lakes, the State of Ohio, and the industries that support our state, including shipping, agriculture, and manufacturing. In September 2014, it was removed and put into climate controlled storage. ICA – Art Conservation, the nation's first nonprofit regional art conservation center, will restore the mural and reinstall it in the new section of the high school in the summer of 2017. It will now be visible from Franklin Boulevard.

Show your pride for Lakewood's Schreckengost treasures. Let's make sure our community can enjoy them for many more years to come. Make a tax-deductible donation to the Lakewood

Rangers Education Foundation's "Save the Schreckengosts Campaign" by visiting our website at www.lakewoodrangers.com or mailing a check to 14100 Franklin Blvd., Lakewood, OH 44107.

So what's the deal with the nose straps? They are protecting Johnny during the demolition of the 1918 building.

Viktor Schreckengost, father of industrial design in America, was truly a national treasure. He started the nation's first industrial design program at the Cleveland School of Art, now Cleveland Institute of Art.

Since 1984, the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation has distributed more than \$3 million in funding for classroom grants, student scholarships, and school initiatives. The Foundation is guided by its mission to provide resources to enrich the educational experiences of the Lakewood City Schools' 5,500+ students. To learn more about the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation, visit www.lakewoodrangers.org or email foundation@lakewoodcityschools.org.

Ranger Classic Golf Outing

by Missy Toms

The inaugural Ranger Classic Golf Outing will take place Monday, August 10 at the Westwood Country Club. All proceeds from the event benefit the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation and the Lakewood City Schools.

Registration opens at 11 a.m. The shamble begins at 1 p.m. Dinner and Cocktails will be served at 5:30 p.m. A full day of golf is \$250 (\$75 tax deductible) per person, which includes 18 holes with cart, lunch, dinner, and beverages. Skill prizes will be awarded.

Not a golfer? Dinner and cocktails only tickets are also available for \$100 per person.

Space is limited, so don't miss out! To register, visit www.lakewoodrangers.org/foundation-events or call 216.529.4033. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. To learn more, contact Ellen Galmitz at 216.529.4069 or ellen.galmitz@lakewoodcityschools.org.

Westwood Country Club in



located at 22625 Detroit Road in Rocky River.

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The iconic "Early Settler" above Lakewood Civic Auditorium.

Sports

Lakewood Football Updates:

Offseason, Kosar Visit, “Battle Of Lakewood” Revival

by Mike Deneen

School is out, but summertime has been a busy time around First Federal of Lakewood Stadium. We have news about the Lakewood Rangers’ community work, their offseason training, a visit from a Browns legend and an update on the return of the “Battle of Lakewood.”

RANGERS OFFSEASON UPDATE

The Lakewood High School football team has been busy this summer both on and off the field. The Rangers have been participating in numerous community activities. For example, they returned this year to march in the Fourth of July parade. “We’re trying to get the community back involved with the program,” says Head Coach Mike Ribar. Earlier this summer the program participated in a Lakewood Park outing with Senior Citizens. The event, done with the Lakewood Office on Aging, brought together two types of “seniors”...the 12th grade players and local senior citizens. Community service is part of Ribar’s philosophy to do things “The Ranger Way,” which requires commitment on the field, in training, in the classroom, and in the community.



Ranger players making new friends at Lakewood Park.

On the field, the Rangers have already participated in some 7-on-7 drills with other schools. On July 11 the team traveled to Fairview Park to face Fairview High. The team got a lot of good reps, including a lot of quality work in the passing game. On July 14 the team traveled to John Carroll University’s Don Shula Stadium. There they participated in 7-on-7s with three different schools – Madison, Lake Catholic, and Nordonina. Overall, Coach Ribar liked what he saw. “We played very well, we’re in much better shape than we were [at this point] last year.”

Looking ahead, the team will have a 7-on-7 intrasquad scrimmage at First Federal Stadium on Thursday, July 23rd. The event, which is open and free

to the public, will begin at 7pm. “Two-a-Day” practices will begin on August 1st. The team’s opening game will be on Friday, August 28 at Medina High School. The home opener will be on September 4 against Berea-Midpark High School.

FFL STADIUM GETS A SPECIAL VISIT

Former Browns quarterback Bernie Kosar conducted a camp for youth players on July 13 at FFL Stadium. Kosar spent over three hours teaching both football and life skills to kids from grades 2-8. He also showed off his Super Bowl ring (which he won with the Dallas Cowboys) to Lakewood High School players and coaches. Kosar shared great stories, including how he and Browns once practiced at Lakewood Stadium during one of their 1980s playoff runs. (Note to younger readers: Yes, the Browns used to make the playoffs. Ask your parents.)

“BATTLE OF LAKEWOOD” REVIVAL IN THE WORKS

The annual “Lakewood vs. St. Edward” game was a fixture on both teams’ schedules for decades. However, the two teams have not played in many years. Coach Ribar is working to bring back the series. “I’m a proponent of having that happen,” he said when asked about the potential matchup. However, some logistical matters will prevent it from happening very soon. LHS begins play this fall in the Southwest Conference, which has a nine-game conference schedule. That means there is only one open date each year for a nonconference game. The school currently has a three year contract (signed before Ribar took over) with Medina High School to play that nonconference game. That means it will take at least three years to get the “Battle of Lakewood” back.

Happy Day For This Former LHS Football Player

by Alexander Belisle

Let’s start from the beginning and it was a fortuitous one at that. I was doing a photo-shoot of the July 4th festivities in Lakewood Park and as I was shooting that great LHS band, The Lakewood Project, I noticed two very muscular young men standing near the stage. Since I used to work out a lot when younger and was big into sports, I introduced myself to these two young men and we immediately hit it off (which by the way is a trade secret for photography = engage your subjects and you’ll get good photos). I gave them my business card and I got a request a week later asking if I could take some photos of one of the two men doing his letter signing to play college football.

Sie Doe Jr. played as a defensive end for LHS under Coach Mike Ribar in 2011 - 2012. When I asked him what was his memorable tackle, he said, “It was when we were playing Medina. It was a home-



Coach Mike Ribar (far left), Sie Doe Jr. (second from left), and Sie’s family.

coming game and no one expected us to beat them. It was raining, going into the 2nd half with about 3 minutes left. Coach looked over at me and said, ‘Sie, we need a sack’ and I got it, to end the quarter.”

He’s going to Fort Hayes college in Kansas, a NCAA Division II school, a notable achievement for this young man.

But probably most memorable was what he said when I asked him what his goals were.

“In life, I just want to be able to take care of my family.”

RANGER FOOTBALL ODDS AND ENDS

*The Lakewood High School coaches will have a youth football camp from July 27-30 for kids in grades 3 to 8. For more information, contact the Lakewood High School Athletic Department.

*The football program is again raising funds by selling \$10 “Ranger Discount Cards” that are good at many local businesses. You can purchase one from any Ranger football player.

*The extremely popular “Ranger Football Reports” website, founded and run by LHS alum Kris Kantor, has shifted to a Facebook platform this year. If you want to see outstanding photos, videos, and news about the program, be sure to like the its Facebook page at “Lakewood Football Reports.”

*The 2nd Annual Ranger Football Golf Outing will be held on Sunday, October 4th. Details will be announced later.

Registration Deadline Approaching For 4th Annual Commissioner’s Youth Scholarship Softball Tournament

by Janet Gowan

Deadline is August 3 to register your softball team for the 4th Annual Commissioner’s Youth Scholarship Softball Tournament. All games will be played in a flight format at Foxx and Usher fields. Teams are guaranteed three games; top four teams

make the playoffs. Registration fees are \$250 per team which include fees for umpires, scorers & game balls. One-hundred fifty dollars of the registration fee will go to the Youth Scholarship Softball Tournament. Men’s tournament will be Saturday, August 8, with the Co-Ed tournament on Sunday, August 9. Rain dates will be August 15 & 16.

For further information, or to register, contact Rick Wallenhorst at the Lakewood Rec Department at 216-529-4082 or at the Lakewood Recreation website: lakewoodrecreation.com.

Lakewood Arts Festival 2015

Lakewood Arts Festival Awards Scholarship To 2015 LHS Graduate

by Lisa Metro

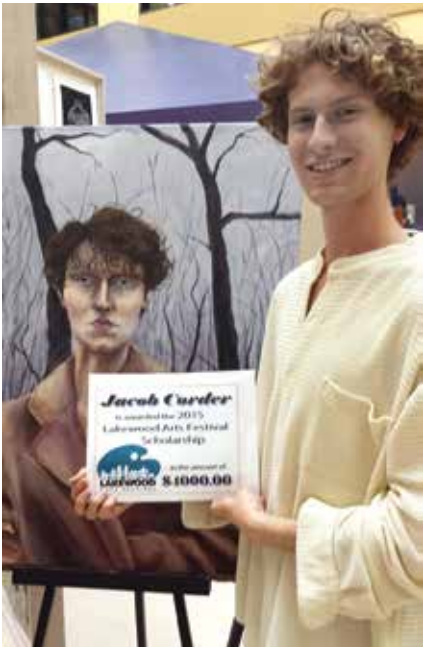
The 2015 Lakewood Arts Festival Chairman of the Board Scholarship winner is Jacob Tristan Corder. The 2015 graduate of Lakewood High School plans to pursue a career in fashion with an emphasis in jewelry design. He will to attend the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. This decision came after weeks of careful deliberation as he was accepted into numerous prestigious art schools.

“Since my childhood, art has served as an outlet for me to explore myself and the world,” says Corder. “As I have grown, I have learned that art is the universal thread that connects us as a society, and with a knowledge of it, I can have a positive effect on history. My choice to pursue art is one in which I will learn more about myself, and more importantly, the world.”

Corder hopes to continuously



grow and evolve as an artist, incorporating new ideas and media into his jewelry designs.



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Bernard Perdian (#24) Hermitage, PA
Brittany Hoose (#26) Willoughby, OH
Yumiko Goto (#33) Lakewood, OH
Melisa Zimmerman (#45) Lexington, KY
Elaine Lamb (#52) Medina, OH
Joseph & Julian Gulyas (#61)
Cleveland Hts, OH
James Reno (#80) Mayville, NY
Jack Valentine (#81) Akron, OH
Andrea LeBlond (#86) Cleveland, OH
Kate Lally (#93) Dayton, OH
Sumiko & Kaname Takada (#105)
Columbus, OH
Amanda Bridges (#109) Winchester, KY
Ikuko Miklowski (#129) Lakewood, OH
Phillip Mitchell (#147) Mansfield, OH

Drawing, Printmaking, Etching

Chris Plummer (#9) Robards, KY
Lexi DeBaltzo (#10) Lakewood, OH
Beth Hess (#22) Rocky River, OH
Nancy Finesilver (#38) Medina, OH
Mike Guyot (#41) Strongsville, OH
Chuck Wimmer (#58) Brecksville, OH
W. Michael Winston (#82) Twinsburg, OH
Brian Andrew Jasinski (#90) Lakewood, OH
Diane Castle Babcock (#94) Boonville, NY
Angela Oster (#97) Rocky River, OH
Sean Crum (#117) Avon Lake, OH
Sean Higgins (#124) Cleveland, OH
Alan Jackson (#138) Lakewood, OH
John Musarra (#139) Lakewood, OH

Adam Taseff (#164) Lakewood, OH
Jon Lund (#110) Hudson, OH

Enamel

Dan McCann (#39), Westerville, OH

Fiber

Sarah Martin (#6) Smithville, OH
Tara Hubbard (#11) Toledo, OH
Lois Bosworth (#15) N. Olmsted, OH
Philippe Claude Laine (#32)
Palm Beach Gardens, FL
Kelly Zalenski (#51) Reynoldsburg, OH
Kam Chin (#65) Dublin, OH
Kim Lawson (#78) Westerville, OH
Patrick Kellett (#89) Lakewood, OH
Jenn Karas (#106) Swanton, OH
Michael Duhr (#107) Lakewood, OH
Lisa Boesch (#114) Milford, MI
Kathy Arnold & Jeri Hamilton (#121)
Hudson, OH
Linda Surace (#128) Columbiana, OH
Becky Jordan (#133) Fort Wayne, IN
Steve & Roselle Sgambellone (#141)
Cleveland, OH
Sheila Becker (#146) Westlake, OH

Glass

Mindy Sands (#14) Chagrin Falls, OH
David Bordine (#20) Bay Village, OH
Sue Ayala (#23) Daytona Beach, FL
Daniel G. Pruitt (#29) Lakewood, OH
Joshuah & Jani Justice (#40) Lorain, OH
Christy Hink (#49) Streetsboro, OH

Crystal Summers (#54) Hamilton, OH
Earl O. James (#57) Cleveland, OH
Mike Grau (#66) North Royalton, OH
John Boyett (#69) North Canton, OH
Bob Pozarski (#101) Akron, OH
Robert Coby (#104) Cleveland, OH
Todd Abell (#118) Kent, OH
Drew Hocevar (#119) Broadview Hts, OH
Ranee Lewis (#134) Ashland, OH

Maryann Posch & John Gulyas (#120)
Cleveland Hts, OH
Alex Draven (#126) Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Dawn Smoley (#127) Massillon, OH
Greg Jordan (#135) Ft Wayne, IN
Sara Coast (#142) North Olmsted, OH
Kris Halter (#153) Akron, OH
Kimberly Monaco (#161) Lakewood, OH
Bluma Bluebond (#162) Butler, PA

Jewelry

Jonny Lifeson (#1) Columbus, OH
Bob & Sharon Spry (#7) Merritt Island, FL
Faye Simmonds (#12) Cleveland, OH
Lindsey Ahrerns (#19) Mentor, OH
Barbara Haplea (#31) Huron, OH
Penny Atkinson-Potter (#36) Howell, MI
Francine Ruth (#37) Sagamore Hills, OH
Heather Smotzer (#42) Westlake, OH
Larry King (#43) Fairport Harbor, OH
Cynde Hujarski (#47) Aurora, OH
Deborah Woolfork (#48) Solon, OH
Alice & Barbara Forsyth-Bowley (#53)
Cleveland, OH
Jenny Gorkowski Klear (#56) Toledo, OH
Colleen Croniger (#59) Lakewood, OH
Dana Giel-Ray (#60) Hudson, OH
Laurie Reydman (#62) Cleveland, OH
Tiffany Garner (#63) Berea, OH
Benjamin Jordan (#67) Columbus, OH
Bob Marks (#68) Kent, OH
Vera Evans (#73) North Olmsted, OH
Linda & Nathan Jones (#76) Centerville, IN
Anne Harrill (#84) Cleveland, OH
Alan Fisk (#87) Carrollton, OH
Courtney DeYoung (#88) Columbus, OH
Mike Kozumplik (#103) Sherwood, OH
Patti Fields (#115) Shaker Heights, OH

Leather

Ron Meade (#3) Sharpsville, PA
Michelle Ishida (#44) Columbus, OH
Karen Taber (#64) Wyoming, MI
Phillip Wachter (#92) Cleveland, OH
Mark Mowen (#140) Copley, OH

Mixed Media

Beth Keenan (#17) Lakewood, OH
Gary & Pat Lemmeyer (#18) Brecksville, OH
Calla Macioch & Edward Fullerton (#25)
Medina, OH
Jayne Akison & David Brown (#55)
Columbus, OH
Richard Horner (#75) Rimersburg, PA
Stephanie Crossen (#85) Lakewood, OH
Allyson Stevens (#98) Columbus, OH
Dean Myton (#102) Akron, OH
Shelly Bishop (#125) Rocky River, OH
Debra Gleason (#130) Maineville, OH
Scott Bowman (#131) Micanopy, FL
Mel Perzel (#145) Cleveland, OH

Painting

David Witzke (#4) Cleveland, OH
Suzanne Mays-Wentzell (#13) Fennville, MI
JoAnn Leardi Portnoy (#28) Pittsburgh, PA
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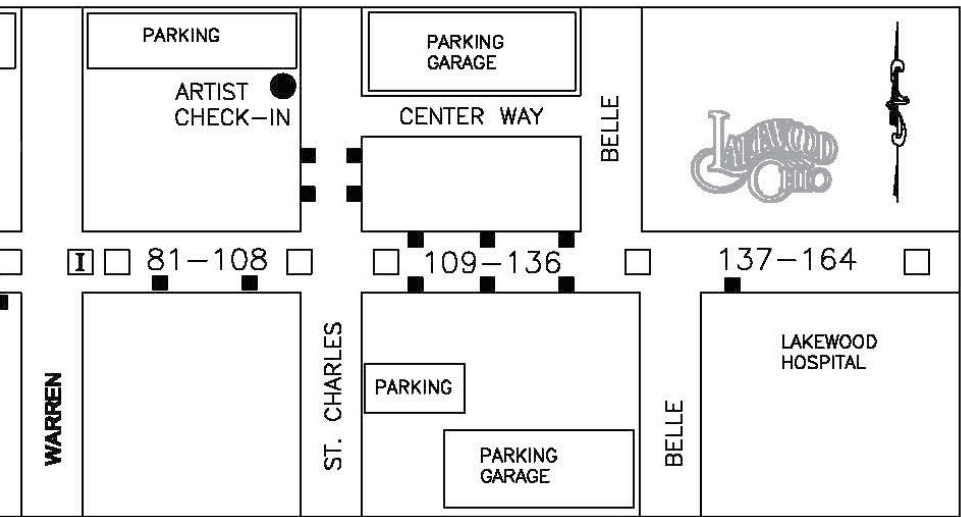
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Darrelle Centuori: Multi-Media Art Demo
11 am-1 p.m.

Angel Foss: Singer/Songwriter/Guitarist
11 am-12 p.m.

Alastair Stockdale: Painting Demo
1-3 p.m.

Dave Brewer: Interactive Drum Circle
1:15-2:15 p.m.

Something Dada: Improvisational Comedy Performance
3:00-3:30 p.m.

Something Dada: Improvisational Comedy Performance
4:00-4:30 p.m.

Brett Mason (#35) Pittsburgh, PA
Shinichi Sato (#46) Kentwood, MI
Meghan Brammer (#74) Niagara Falls, NY
Johnny Lung (#91) Export, PA
Michael Miller (#96) Spencer, OH
Michael Donner Dlugolecki (#112) Wickliffe, OH
Kristen Salem (#113) Brecksville, OH
Joan Satow (#137) Berea, OH
Michael J. Weber (#150) Port Saint Lucie, FL
George Kocar (#155) Bay Village, OH
Jim Polk (#158) Aurora, OH

Photography

Bernie Atkins (#2) N. Ridgeville, OH
Dean M. Chriss (#21) Euclid, OH
Joe Paratore (#50) Warren, MI
Tiffany Kimmet (#70) Tiffin, OH
Mark Zannoni (#77) Lakewood, OH
Jeneen Hobby (#83) Cleveland, OH
Allan Teger (#95) Vero Beach, FL
Scott Pakulski (#100) Ypsilanti, MI
Scott Davidson (#111) Portersville, PA
Brandon Spannbauer (#122) Akron, OH
David A. Kiley (#132) Medina, OH
Glenn Petranek (#143) North Olmsted, OH
Matthew Platz (#148) Chippewa Lake, OH

Darren Plante (#151) Grosse Pointe, MI
Lon Dittrick (#154) Columbia Station, OH
Tyler Wick (#157) Avon Lake, OH

Sculpture/Metalwork

Kevin Heekin (#8) Ft. Thomas, KY
Dave Thompson (#27) Louisville, KY
Doris Marcus (#79) Lancaster, OH
Jason Cappel (#108) Dover, OH
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Joseph Wasko & Anthony Naples (#160) Jamestown, PA
Richard Jacobus (#163) Douglasville, GA

Wood

Aaron & Kiyomi Dickinson (#16) Greenfield, IN
RC Sanford (#30) Strongsville, OH
James Brindle (#71) Parma, OH
Bill & Teri Kent (#72) Amsterdam, NY
J.T. Dunphy (#99) Mt. Vernon, OH
David Shafron (#116) South Euclid, OH
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The Art Festival Book Sale

by Genevieve Jaskulski

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On August 1 the 38th Annual Lakewood Arts Festival will be held in downtown Lakewood, and the library will be hosting the Art Festival Book Sale; the sale will take place in the basement from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and will showcase a huge collection of over 500 Musical books, scores, librettos, sheet music and CD's donated in honor of Lynnette Guttman, by the Lynnette Guttman Voice Studios. The studio was located in Lakewood, and was a sanctuary for hundreds of vocal students studying in this area, Mrs. Guttman was well known for her performances in the art world, and many of her students are exceedingly gifted and actively performing in highly respected Broadway productions.

It is in Lynnette's honor we can offer such a fine selection of music; from Broadway, sacred, opera and everything in between. Lynnette unfortunately passed away August,

2011, at the age of 53, and the donation was made by Joan Tropf.

In addition, the Friends of the Library received an exceedingly generous and large donation of brand new or barely used fiction books and cook-books.

CCLAS Bake Sale:

A Sweet Way To Help Homeless Pets

by Mike Deneen

The Citizens Committee for the Lakewood Animal Shelter (CCLAS) is excited to host its annual Bake Sale at the 38th Annual Lakewood Arts Festival on Saturday, August 1 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.!

We are looking for delicious donations of baked goods (both pet and human treats!) and drinks to sell. As always, 100% of the proceeds support the important work CCLAS has done for 30 years. With your help, we can continue our spay/neuter program, providing funding for medical care and working to improve animal welfare in our community!

If you can donate, here are a few guidelines and suggestions:

- All food treats must be divided into serving sizes and packaged in a plastic baggie, container or saran wrap. According to food sales guidelines, we cannot sell food that is exposed. (For example, an unwrapped cupcake on a plate is not allowed to be sold.)
- Each item must be labeled with the main ingredients because food sale guidelines require that CCLAS labels all items for sale. Please take extra care to mark items that contain nuts to ensure safety for the many patrons with nut allergies.
- We encourage generous serving sizes because items will be priced in one dollar increments to avoid handling coins.
- Homemade dog and cat treats are VERY POPULAR with our customers! We also welcome human treats that have specialty features like

The support we receive from our community, not only in proceeds but also in donations is overwhelming, and we have so much to be grateful for, to the Friends, our patrons and everyone whose hard work allows for our Library to continue to meet the high standards

that can be expected when you cross over the threshold of our institution.

We hope you will join us on August 1 at the Friends Book sale. For any further information please visit our website as lakewoodpubliclibrary.org. Happy summer everyone.

CCLAS Bake Sale Donation Form

Please trim out the form below and include it with your treat donation.

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Baker's Address: _____

Baker's Phone Number: _____

Baker's Email Address: _____

Item donated: _____

Ingredients: _____

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Nuts: _____ Yes _____ No

Is it a specialty item?

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vegan or gluten free.

- Please do not donate items that require refrigeration or use plates/containers that need to be returned.
- If you want to help, but don't have time to bake, we would also appreciate bottles of water, cans of soda and juice boxes to sell.

Food donations can be dropped off at 21093 Lake Road, Rocky River

on Friday, July 31, and beverage donations can be dropped off Monday, July 27 through Friday, July 31. If no one is home, there will be a secured bin on the porch. We will also accept donations at the Bake Sale booth on Saturday.

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Lakewood Is Art

Beck Center Alum Rachele Alpine Hosting Book Release July 30

by Pat Miller

Beck Center for the Arts is pleased to welcome alum Rachele Alpine as she hosts the release of her middle school novel, “Operation Pucker Up,” at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 30 beginning with a Reader’s Theater with chapters from the book in the Studio Theater. A reception, book signing, prize giveaways, and refreshments will immediately follow. The event is

free and open to the public, and books will be available for purchase through Barnes and Noble.

Published by Simon & Schuster’s Aladdin Mix, “Operation Pucker Up” is the story of Grace Shaw and her very first kiss. Grace is thrilled to pieces when she wins the coveted lead role in her school play. That is, until she realizes she’ll have to kiss Prince Charming. And

not only is Prince Charming—a.k.a James Lowe—the most popular boy in school, but Grace has never, ever been kissed. To help, Grace’s two best friends create Operation Pucker Up—a plan for Grace to score a kiss before opening night so she doesn’t make total fool of herself in front of a live audience. But with Operation Pucker Up spinning out of control, and opening night fast approaching,

will Grace manage to get her happily ever after?

Alpine, a Northeast Ohio native, was part of Beck Center’s Youth Theater program in the late 1990s. “Operation Pucker Up” is not only dedicated to Beck Center, it is inspired by her Beck experiences. “I love writing for middle school because that is the time when you start trying to figure out who you are and where you fit in,” remarked Alpine. “When I was in middle school, Beck Center was the place where I felt like I belonged, so I am excited to be celebrating the launch of my book there.” This book is ideal for readers in grades 4 through 8, or “for anyone who likes funny books about the middle school years.”

I Don’t Have An Opinion, Let’s Be Friends

Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 8

by Buzz Kompier

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

Cruelster - Potatoe Boys - Phobiact Records - 12 songs - LP, download

Just for clarification in terms of the above info, this is not an original pressing, but I think a German one. So it did come out on other labels as well with some other songs, but I’m going off the copy I have in front of me. As for the music itself, this was really, really good. Even though there is a lyrics sheet (at least with this pressing), I still had trouble hearing the words sometimes (and even the lyrics sheet was unhelpful at times), but other than that I liked it a lot. What do the kids say? Ripping? Do people say ripping? It was ripping! My favorites were “Boys In The Biggest City,” “Dead Like Einstein,” and “Inchworm,” though it was all pretty solid hardcore, kind of like Chargers Street Gang taken to weird extremes. I liked the drawings that accompanied the album on the cover as well. They suited the album pretty well. I probably would have liked it more had I been able to understand what was being said, but other than that-- Cool stuff. 4/5

Ma Holos/The Nico Missile - Ma Holos/The Nico Missile - Quality Time Records - 16 songs (7 Ma Holos, 9 Nico Missile) - Cassette, download

This was pretty cool. Good choices for a split, ‘cause they have a similarish style, but different. Yes, that seems logical. Ma Holos play fuzzy garage rock that sometimes borders on spacepunk. My favorites on their side were “Street Heart” and “Caroline.” Their singer’s voice somewhat reminds me of Mike Hudson of the Pagans, but less angry, I guess. It also has a song called “Get Off My Cloud,” completely unrelated to the Rolling Stones’ song of the same name. The Nico Missile had a more garage-pop-punk genre (though equally fuzzy), with lyrics frequently centered on love and romance and all that. On their side of the tape, my

favorites were the ultra-low stomp of “Lady Mondegreen,” the very catchy “Victim Of Romance,” and one with bizarre lyrics, “Designed Youth”: ‘I don’t have an opinion, let’s be friends.’ That’s pretty darn good. Ma Holos: 4/5. The Nico Missile: 4.5/5.

Wetbrain - Acoustic - Start Sucking Records - 6 songs - LP

Charles at My Mind’s Eye tell me that this is what they call an “official bootleg.” Okay. Though there are only 5 songs listed on the back cover, there happen to be 6. Maybe that’s part of the “official bootleg” mystique. Anyway, I was entertained. I suppose this is meant to be a parody of the “unplugged” genre, but I thought it was pretty listenable either way. It’s got both the makings of a good live album: competent musicianship and a charismatic frontman. And it does happen to be a good live album: pretty fun and pretty goofy. I think the length of it helped, too. If it had gone on longer, the novelty might have worn thin. As it is, it’s darn enjoyable. 4/5

Piccadilly Circus - Till I Get To The Top/Do You Feel It - B-W Records/My Mind’s Eye Records - 2 songs - 7”

This is the band’s debut, despite the fact that this single was recorded in 1967. “Till I Get To The Top” is good garage pop, and almost psychedelic in places, especially the intro and outro. Side 2, “Do You Feel It,” is more up tempo and straightforward, but still a good garage rock tune. During the verses on “Do You Feel It,” the singer’s voice reminded me of Jim Morrison, but less melancholic and spending less time in the lower range. I’m not going to give this a rating, because it only is a two-song single, but I liked it and would recommend it for anyone who likes “Nuggets” or any kind of obscure ‘60s garage rock. Cool stuff.

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.

Twisted Moon Productions Presents A Halloween In July Art Show

by Ken Tomaro

Twisted Moon Productions is bringing you another fun art show. Everyone else does Christmas in July but let’s face it, no one wants to think about snow right now, or ever for that matter. We all know your real favorite holiday which is why we’re putting on a Halloween in July themed show at the 5 O’Clock Lounge in Lakewood. As always we will have several art vendors selling their creations from traditional to funky and everything in between.

We are also holding a costume contest for the general public and will be giving away prizes for the best costumes. Dust off your costumes and think of it as a dry run for October. Costumes are encouraged but not required and we will be handing out goody bags for those



Halloween in July at the 5 O’Clock Lounge

coming in the door. The event is Saturday July 25th at the 5 O’Clock Lounge (11904 Detroit Avenue) and runs from 3 - 9 p.m. For more info on

this and future events contact Ken Tomaro on Facebook or by phone at: 216-952-2731 because we’re always looking for new vendors.

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by Elizabeth O'Brien

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Buddy Walk With Me

by Kellyn Donahoe

Hi. This is Kellyn Donahoe and I want my friends to walk with me at the Buddy Walk. I hope you can make it. We can have a fun time together. We can walk one mile around Progressive Field and on the outfield track. We can do lots of other neat things too like crafts and face paint and tattoos and dance. You can even get a special t-shirt. The Buddy Walk is a fundraiser for the Up Side of Downs. That is a group that helps people who have

Down Syndrome, like me.

The Buddy Walk is at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 15. You can sign up online at usod.org until July 25. You can click on the link for the Buddy Walk or you can sign up the day of the walk when you get there. Come and join my team, Crazy for Kellyn.

I will be there to walk. I hope you can Buddy Walk with me.

Kellyn Donahoe is a good learner and a great kid. She helps people and wants to be a teacher someday.



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Business News

Eighty Volunteers Gather To Paint Lakewood Resident's House

by Jeanne Bluffstone

Eighty volunteers of Neubert Painting gathered on July 16 to paint a century home at 1356 Lakeland Avenue, free of charge, as part of their Annual Charity Paint Giveaway.

Each year Neubert Painting offers free painting services to a homeowner or non-profit organization that needs to have their home or building painted and can't afford it. Sherwin Williams donates the paint and Chipotle Mexican Grill and Einstein Bagels help sponsor the event. Recipients of the Giveaway are selected through Neubert Painting's Facebook page. To date, Neubert Painting has donated more than \$100,000 in free painting services to needy homeowners and non-profit organizations.

This year Sean Collins, who has cerebral palsy, was selected as the recipient of the 7th Annual Charity Paint Giveaway. "I'm just so grateful that a company would think of me, and help bring my historic house up to date," says Collins. His house was built in 1899.

Collins volunteers at Lakewood New Life Church and participates in Return to Golf® a program designed to help physically disabled persons through a creative combination of rehabilitation-based golf fitness and recreational therapy.

The colors he chose for his home are Naval blue with white trim.

"Our Community is blessed with

generous neighbors such as Neubert Painting. Their contribution to Sean Collins and his neighborhood is immeasurable," said Lakewood Mayor Mike Summers, who was on hand for the event.

John Neubert, owner of Neubert Painting grew up in Lakewood and says community involvement will always be part of his company's culture.

Neubert Painting, one of the largest house painting companies in the Greater Cleveland area, is a 40-year-old business with a long history of partnering with local lower-income schools and churches to help them maintain the interiors and exteriors of their buildings.

Classroom Expansion This Fall At Gina DeSantis Ceramics

by Marianne Crawford

This September the classroom studio at Gina DeSantis Ceramics will expand to offer new classes, workshops and independent studio options. Located in the Screw Factory, the classroom prides itself on providing college level ceramic courses coupled with the laid back environment of a working artist's studio. With the addition of the space, students will have a variety of classes to choose from.

New classes include Tuesday evening hand building and Saturday morning wheel throwing. Instructor Paula Blackman, adjunct faculty at Lakeland Community College will be leading the



John Neubert (left) and Sean Collins are all smiles as they and some of Neubert Painting's 80 volunteers pose for a picture with Collins' newly-painted house during the 7th Annual Charity Paint Giveaway.



hand building course. It will focus on both functional and sculptural art forms. Elizabeth Bartos will be teaching the Saturday course focusing on functional wheel throwing for all levels of student.

The Independent Studio program has expanded to allow students a one time pass for the fall semester with unlimited studio access during designated times. Any student who registers for a class receives free independent studio time during the duration of their class. This is extremely beneficial to students who want to hone their craft and need access to a studio on a regular basis.

The studio is also adding community open studio days for parents to come work with their children. The home school program will continue this fall as well. Interested students can view the schedule at www.ginadesantisceramics.com. Online registration is available.

The studio is located at 13000 Athens Ave in Lakewood, Ohio.

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Forum

Distraction And Distortion Of Facts Detract From Good Health

by Michael Summers
Mayor, City of Lakewood

In the ongoing community conversation about the future of healthcare, several issues (and ugly accusations) have emerged that distort the facts and distract from the most important decisions facing our citizens and their elected officials. One example was featured on the front page of this paper, namely the allegation that there is some secret plan to build a recreation center on land currently occupied by the hospital.

Let's clear up the rumors and mis-statements that are simply politically motivated and not factual. The idea of a recreation center as part of a health and wellness facility is not a hidden agenda or a done deal: the idea of a recreation center was part of early conversations (and even drawings) among people charged with envisioning a healthier future for the community. It was one of many ideas floated in discussions and debates about next steps.

The concept is not new in forward-thinking communities: it has been successfully employed by Akron General after the health system determined that a dedication to wellness, exercise and nutrition education could help people achieve and maintain better health. Decades ago, University Hospitals created a fitness facility on

its campus, an idea considered revolutionary at the time and enjoyed by staff and community alike. Now, UH has a thriving Center for Health & Fitness in Avon Lake.

The Cleveland Clinic sketched out a concept for a similar type of recreation/wellness facility in envisioning the future for the Lakewood Hospital site. This concept and others have been part of an ongoing discussion about the future of health care in our community. I have also talked with the Lakewood Board of Educa-

tion about expanding recreational capacity in our city. No decisions have been made. City Council is not considering a recreation center as part of the hospital proposal. As options and ideas are more fully flushed out, the community will be involved—as it should and must be—in determining how the hospital and surrounding property can best be developed to serve our citizens.

Good health does not come from bricks and mortar. Good health is not a conceptual drawing. Good health is

not a piece of property. It comes from a commitment by the members of a community (and its public officials) to dream big, explore all options on the table, consider the best ideas, and research outcomes from the work by other innovators in creating healthier communities.

Stay tuned as we bring to you the best—and affordable—ideas to improve our community's health. Bold and viable ideas are welcome to advance our community. Accusations, baseless allegations and rumors will only hold us back.

Mayor Summers Gains Two Key Endorsements

by Timothy Laskey

Both the Lakewood Democratic Club and Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council have voted to support the re-election of Mayor Michael Summers. Both endorsements highlight Summers' commitment to the ideals of service, growth, and safety in Lakewood.

"I'm honored to receive these endorsements for my re-election as Mayor of Lakewood. I'm running for re-election as mayor of Lakewood because I want to continue the exciting progress our community has made and I will continue to make that progress a priority in City Hall," said Summers.

Lakewood Democratic Club voted to endorse the Mayor for re-election at its June 25th meeting by a wide margin. The decisive vote in favor of Summers was 59 to 39 percent, a margin of 20 percent. The club is one of the oldest and most active Democratic clubs in Northeast Ohio.

"To win such by such a resounding margin is a vote of confidence from one of the most progressive, active group of Democrats in Cuyahoga County,"

said Mayor Summers. "It's a statement that highly engaged citizens trust my service and progressive values, and a validation that Lakewood is on the right track with Summers as mayor."

The 30 affiliated unions of Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council represent over 10,000 highly skilled employees trained at some of the most state-of-the-art training facilities in the country.

Among the most important accomplishments of the last five years, Summers cited the following as important to winning the endorsements:

- Lakewood has become a desired destination for Millennials and empty-nesters — and everyone in between;
- private investment in Lakewood's housing stock has been more than \$10 million in each of the past two years alone;
- Lakewood has experience more than \$100 million in commercial development investments since Summers took office in 2011 (a figure that would be larger if school construction were added);
- significant improvements to streets, sewers, parking, and parks,

including this year's transformational Solstice Steps at Lakewood Park;

- growing financial reserves for Lakewood that have made its fiscal strength the best in modern memory; and

- despite shrinking budgets, keeping Lakewood Police and Fire Departments at full force, maintaining the number of patrol officers at the highest levels they've been in Lakewood's history, while modernizing emergency radios, adding police cameras, and continuing to provide our emergency responders with the best training.

"We've made progress on all of these priorities during my first term, and we can build upon these successes to achieve even more for Lakewood," said Summers. "It's crucial that we maintain our focus, stay disciplined, and continue working hard."

"I promise to continue to deliver strong and thoughtful leadership on behalf of this great city for a second term, and with the help of my Lakewood neighbors, I know more great years lie ahead for our community," said Summers.

Why I Believe In Mayor Mike Summers

by Linda Beebe

I served with Mike Summers during his eight years on the Lakewood Board of Education. Throughout our years of civic interaction, I have come to respect his integrity, his diligence and his ability to see the big picture. Mike studies the issues carefully.

He is a good listener, and always mindful of his constituents. On the school board, he made key contributions to the difficult discussions regarding the district's finances and he was instrumental in the process that led to the Fifty Year Committee and the district's plan to replace or restore all our buildings.

Mike worked well with his colleagues on the board and contributed significantly to solving problems and setting strategic goals. Mike's experi-



Board of Education President, Linda Beebe and Mayor Michael Summers

ence and knowledge of the schools has promoted school-city cooperation during his time as mayor, saving taxpayer dollars. Mike is a sound city manager. As Mayor, he has balanced the city's budget, resolved employee contract

issues, and negotiated a fair agreement with the EPA regarding our aging storm sewers and environmental issues.

I want to encourage Lakewood citizens to turn out to vote for Michael Summers in the general election this fall.



Forum

LHA Trustees Need To Do Their Job

by Brian Essi

The Lakewood Hospital Association (LHA) Board of Trustees has the job of overseeing the Cleveland Clinic (CCF) as managers of Lakewood Hospital for the citizens of Lakewood.

The Board of Trustees consists of a mix of Cleveland Clinic (CCF) appointees and City of Lakewood appointees. The Board of Trustees is heavily influenced by CCF---20 of the 23 Trustees must be approved by CCF prior to becoming Trustees. Because of this, they cannot be objective. LHA is not the proper body to determine the future of healthcare in Lakewood.

The Trustees have failed to act as an independent Board to hold CCF accountable for managing the hospital per the written legal agreements. They have allowed CCF to transfer programs and services away from Lakewood, thereby allowing CCF to threaten the long term stability of the hospital.

The Trustees compounded their failures when they accepted the narrative that market trends, rather than CCF, threaten the hospital's future viability. They made a bad decision in January by announcing a plan to close the hospital under the auspices that they were somehow transforming healthcare in Lakewood into a futuristic model that would magically make Lakewood the "Healthiest City in America" with

no need for a hospital. Remarkably, previously withheld documents, just recently uncovered, reveal that it was known at the time of the planning of the "transformation" that CCF would need to invest in and benefit from the expansion of their Fairview Hospital to satisfy Lakewood's needs for a traditional hospital if Lakewood closes.

Despite posting a net profit of over \$2.5 million in 2014, the hospital began losing money immediately after the "transformation" announcement. While the Trustees' decision and announcement itself contributed to the losses, the losses were exacerbated by the Trustees' continued failure to properly oversee CCF.

CCF terminated LHA's lucrative cardio intervention program in February, began hiring away key caregivers for CCF's other facilities, and participated in other acts of omission and commission that were and are harmful to the hospital.

Consequently, the losses have accelerated. It has been reported that the hospital may now be losing as much as \$28,000 per day. Some claim losses could total \$10 million by the end of the year if the Trustees don't take action to reverse their decision.

So it is clear that the staggering losses this year are as a result of the Trustees' decisions and the actions

taken by CCF under LHA's supervision, and ostensibly with the Trustee's cooperation.

Mayor Summers and Council President Madigan, who are both LHA Trustees, continue to promote the plan to destroy the hospital, but they clearly don't have the City Council votes needed to approve this flawed plan.

Since the January announcement: (1) the non-profit group "Save Lakewood Hospital" was formed and is now advancing a charter amendment, as well as an initiative and a referendum if Council somehow approves the plan; (2) a taxpayer lawsuit to stop LHA's plan was filed with no resolution expected in the near future; (3) State Senator Mike Skindell has entered the mayoral race; (4) Council President Madigan (who favors the plan) has decided to not run for re-election; and (5) a number of intelligent citizens who have conducted independent research have publicly voiced opposition to the plan to close the hospital.

The reasons that the plan has been resisted and outright rejected by the public are obvious:

1. It is apparent that LHA Trustees have failed in their primary job as stewards of a fully functioning, well-run hospital for the public. Why should the public trust these same Trustees with a new self-appointed job when it is apparent that they failed in their primary job?
2. The terms of the plan heavily favor CCF---the actor that the pub-

lic believes controls and orchestrated the plan. To accept these terms would amount to rewarding the bad behavior that created the crisis in the first place.

The Trustees need to abandon their bad decisions to try to close the hospital. They need to return to their original mission which is **to run the hospital by overseeing CCF and assuring that quality hospital services are provided to the citizens of Lakewood per the legal agreements.**

Trustees should immediately announce that the hospital is not closing.

They need to begin working with CCF to restore and build programs and services. CCF has the proven ability to shift its personnel and volume among its facilities and can make the hospital whole again, which is their only job as managers of Lakewood Hospital.

LHA leadership must be capable of standing up to CCF and working with them toward enforcement of the agreements by which LHA and CCF are both bound.

If LHA leadership--whose ONLY job is to oversee Cleveland Clinic--whose ONLY job is the management of a healthy Lakewood Hospital--cannot lead, then LHA should resign before their poor oversight of CCF does any more damage to the hospital.

LHA Trustees broke it, they need to fix it.

They had one job. If they can't do it, they should not be trusted with any further action whatsoever.

The Distinction Between Lakewood's Hospital Charities

by Brian Essi

In the hospital debate, it is important to distinguish between the Lakewood Hospital Association (LHA) and the Lakewood Hospital Foundation (LHF). Both are charitable organizations under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service. However, LHA is also a "public" charity under 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Service Code while LHF is a "private" charity.

The assets of LHA are essentially the City of Lakewood's assets, i.e. public assets to be used for the general public. These assets are owned by the City of Lakewood and leased to LHA. By the terms of the 1996 Lease, when the lease ends in 2026 or earlier, the assets must be returned to the City of Lakewood. The Letter of Intent seeks to liberate some of LHA public assets and divert them to a new foundation. To do so would require City Council approval, because it is essentially the City's money. Exactly how trustees of the new

foundation will be chosen and made accountable to the City and its citizens remains to be seen, but it is clear from the LOI that the Cleveland Clinic wants some representation and control over the assets of the new foundation.

A significant part of LHF's assets are "restricted" funds as to Lakewood Hospital--this means that the donors required that LHF use or apply these funds for the benefit of Lakewood Hospital. According to Kristin Broadbent, LHA's executive director, if Lakewood Hospital no longer exists, LHF will need to obtain the Ohio Attorney General's approval to use the "restricted" funds for a new purpose other than Lakewood Hospital. Since the City owns the hospital that benefits from those restricted funds, the City might have some say with LHF or the Attorney General as to how that portion of LHF's money might be used.

Lakewood Masonic Lodge To Host Competitive Barbeque Fest

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Forum

Lakewood Needs Its Hospital

by Tom Fahey

In 1956 my parents realized that with four children, and the various relatives that lived with us throughout the years, that we needed a larger home than the one they had in Brooklyn, Ohio. For a variety of reasons they chose a colonial on Lincoln Ave.

They could have moved to many of the suburbs in the Cleveland area, but Lakewood seemed to best meet their needs. An excellent school system, recreation department, parks, many churches (we lived right down the street from St. Clement Church), quality housing stock, proximity to downtown and of course “the valley” were all factors in their choice of Lakewood. And on Lincoln they found a street teeming with children, like most streets in Lakewood at that time. Also important was that we lived only two blocks from Lakewood Hospital, a major consideration when you have children. Eventually my mom found employment there as a nurse’s aide and worked at the hospital for over 15 years. I have had foot and leg problems all my life and Lakewood Hospital attracted several excellent orthopedic surgeons then. I spent several weeks during three summers at the hospital, not very pleasant for boy who loved playing sports and being active, but at least it was close enough for my friends and family to visit, and I received quality care.

There is a term that is used in urban planning circles, and that is “branding.” It is basically a marketing tool, that by emphasizing all the city’s assets, they can be used as a way to make your city special, to stand out from other cities, so that your community is the one that people will choose in which to live, work and play.

Lakewood’s brand is that is has very good schools, a great library, city sponsored recreational programs, a family friendly environment, we still have excellent housing stock and neighborhoods that are well maintained, ethnic and economic diversity, strong senior services and a thriving small business community.

It also has Lakewood Hospital. Families with children and seniors know that a full-service (well at least it used to be), in-patient medical facility, with quality emergency services right in the center of town, accessible to any part of Lakewood in minutes, is vital. Cleveland is making a comeback. Many new jobs, some in the health care field, will be attracting families to move to this area. Lakewood needs all of its assets to put its best foot forward in attracting these new residents. We cannot afford to lose the largest employer in the city, let alone one that is a major positive factor when people consider where they choose to live.

Another consideration in maintaining Lakewood Hospital as a full service medical facility is that the earliest baby boomers are turning 70. In the coming years, more in-patient beds are

going to be needed to serve this growing demographic. Expanded geriatric, cancer and cardiovascular wards are needed for the patients that will need extended stays in the hospital and definitely need more than the out-patient services promised by the Clinic.

I don’t understand why the mayor and several city council members are willing, almost eager, to see the hospital shut its doors. The proposal by the Cleveland Clinic to build this family health center, with the possibility of a recreation center and other amenities does not excite me nor does it offer anything new. And I haven’t seen any of these proposals in writing. It will not replace the attraction that a full service hospital provides for potential and current residents. If the Cleveland Clinic wants to invest in our city, bring back the medical services that have been transferred to other Clinic hospitals – great! Help our hospital reclaim some of its glory. Lakewood has received much local and national attention as fantastic place to live and raise a family. And Lakewood Hospital is a big reason for these accolades.

One other thing that I want to address is the new hospital being built in Avon. Responsible corporations are encouraged to rebuild in existing urban environments. Taking a piece of farmland and dropping a “big box” hospital in the middle and not using the same funds to improve and expand services at existing facilities is capricious and unaccountable. Another non sustainable aspect of the new hospital is that it is not, nor probably ever will be on a bus line. Where are you going to attract those employees who rely on public transportation to work at your hospital? It will put greater stress on our highways and stress out the budgets of those who work at lower paying jobs, as gas prices inevitably rise.

It is my hope that our city leaders approach the Cleveland Clinic and strongly request that it reconsiders its plan to demolish Lakewood Hospital, and reinvest in our city.

Too many businesses and institutions are abandoning American cities for the promised land of cheap property, tax abatement and impressive addresses. Look at the city my family left nearly 60 years ago. Brooklyn is still reeling from the loss of two of its largest employers; American Greetings and Hugo Boss. At least it has a strong retail presence, which Lakewood does not. If the Cleveland Clinic remains intransigent, then let the mayor and council people step aside and let another entity maintain our hospital as a facility that offers the best in-patient and out-patient services for which it has been known.

Lakewood and all of its citizens need this hospital, and needs it to be expanded, not torn down.

Tom Fahey has a Master’s Degree in Urban Planning, Design and Development from Cleveland State University.

My Support Of BuildLakewood.org And A Quick History Of The Lakewood Hospital Transition

by Jennifer Pae
City of Lakewood Finance Director

I am so glad Build Lakewood launched to help counter the many misconceptions that are floating around the community in recent months regarding Lakewood Hospital. As Finance Director for the City of Lakewood since 2006, this is pivotal issue to the City’s future and especially its financial strength. My job is the protection and growth of City’s financial position, and to ensure taxes and fees are collected and spent as authorized by City Council.

I hope to shed some light on the issues at hand, and why my biggest fear as Finance Director as it relates to the Lakewood Hospital situation is the City having to bring the properties back on its books. There is too much financial risk if that happens, and I will support anything that prevents that from happening. How that prevention happens is currently being explored by City Council in a thoughtful and deliberate manner.

The City of Lakewood voters in 1985 overwhelming decided to get out of the community hospital business. It was too much of a financial risk for the City to have on its books.

In 1987, the City turned over all of the hospital assets and liabilities to the private, non-profit, Lakewood Hospital Association (LHA) and leased the building and land for \$200 a year (yes, two hundred dollars). The City still had title to the buildings and land because there was considerable debt for improvements that had previously taken place, and in the event the debt payments were not made by LHA, the property would revert back to the City.

Lakewood Hospital Association, which is not a hospital system, partnered with University Hospitals (UH) to run the hospital. In the mid-1990s, UH no longer wanted to partner LHA, so in 1996, LHA entered into an agreement with the Cleveland Clinic Foundation (CCF) to run the hospital which is known as the Definitive Agreement. And the Lease document between LHA and the City was updated, with LHA paying the City \$1 million a year with the understanding that the city would take over the hospital’s EMS services, which took place in 1999. There is no contract between the City of Lakewood and the Cleveland Clinic.

Fast forward to 2013. LHA’s governing board which consists of 23 members of which only 3 people (the mayor and two council people) are city representatives, decided to study the future of the hospital, especially in light of recent declining revenues, significant capital needs, and the rapid changes in healthcare delivery. It engaged the services of Subsidium ([http://www.sub-](http://www.subsidiumhealthcare.com/)

[sidiumhealthcare.com/](http://www.subsidiumhealthcare.com/)), a nationally recognized healthcare expert to assist.

Many concepts and ideas were discussed during this time. Proposals were solicited from health care systems from throughout the country. Only two healthcare systems submitted proposals: MetroHealth and CCF. In October 2014, Dr. Boutros, MetroHealth’s CEO, withdrew Metro’s proposal. Negotiations continued between CCF and LHA, and the current proposal known as Letter of Intent was developed and presented to City Council via a January 15th press conference and through a communication on the January 20, 2015 council docket.

Since that time there have been a considerable amount of public meetings to discuss and learn about the issues. City Council hired its own outside legal counsel, Thompson Hine, and recently hired Huron Consulting Group (<http://www.huronconsultinggroup.com/>) to look at health care trends, review the work of Subsidium, examine the lease between LHA and the City, and LHA’s financial position.


There are currently no items before City Council that it can vote on regarding Lakewood Hospital.

In May 2015, a “taxpayer lawsuit” was filed against a slew of defendants, seeking to keep Lakewood Hospital open until at least 2026 (the end of the current lease) and \$400 million in damages.

And on June 18, 2015, MetroHealth affirmed that is it no longer interested in Lakewood Hospital.

I support Build Lakewood because it is focusing on getting information out there relating to the Lakewood Hospital transition, and is looking forward for the community. It does not support the solution of looking backwards, focusing on assigning blame to those involved in the process, and working through litigation for a short-term gain while potentially putting the City in the position of long-term financial risk.

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Daring Rescue From Canyon's Cliffs



Last Thursday, at around 2:30am Lakewood Fire and Police pulled off a daring rescue on the sheer cliffs of the Emerald Canyon. A woman in her 20s stumbled and found herself 60' down, with another 90' to the bottom! Lakewood Fire rappelled down, got a harness around the woman, and she climbed out with help. Great work Lakewood Fire and Police. Nothing to see move along.



Time for a lunch break! Eric Lowery cooks while members of the group pause for a quick picture. Front row (left to right), LakewoodAlive's Courtney Russ, home owner George Jancsik, LA's Housing Director Allison Urbanek, and LA's Executive Director Ian Andrews. Behind them, Cox Communication volunteers.

If you would like to know more about LakewoodAlive's Housing Programs call: The Community Engagement Program - 216-521-0655. You can call the same number if you would like to join with LakewoodAlive and volunteer to help keep Lakewood's neighborhoods nice.

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Lakewood Living

Buckeye Beer Engine Gets The Taster Twins Going

by Ingrid Dickson & Irene Joyce

Whether you're a die-hard beer aficionado or a tee-totaler, Buckeye Beer Engine on Madison Avenue is a place where both types of folks can enjoy themselves and come away happy and satisfied. Come in for either some frosty suds or a tasty meal (ideally, both!). When you enter the cheerful confines of Beer Engine, it is reminiscent of an old world Bier Stube. You are greeted by friendly staff who take a team approach to serving the variety of choices presented on the menu.

Looking for a place to eat after church with a few of our family members in tow, we took the recommendation of Beer Engine's staff member Liz, whose invitation we were delighted to accept. A specialty of their Sunday brunch is the Bloody Mary Bar--featuring all the ingredients necessary to create your own personalized spirited concoction. As always, the accommodating staff is ready, willing, and able to assist you in making the perfect combination. They are also happy to suggest one or more of the more than two dozen beers on draught.

The Sunday brunch menu offers some unusual, tempting combinations. One choice was the Southern favorite boneless fried chicken breast

and house-made Belgian waffles with warm maple syrup, served with cheddar cheese grits. We tasted a decadent "Cyclops" burger with bacon and eggs; the burger was served with a breaded pickle spear--perfect for a tangy bite after the richness of bacon, eggs, and beef on a bun! We also sampled the tasty, juicy grilled kielbasa which

came with eggs, a smoked cheddar and chive biscuit and spicy tomato jam--definitely something you do not see on your everyday brunch menu. Our young niece chose zesty boneless chicken wings, accompanied by golden tater tots. Our mom really enjoyed her veggie omelet, a fluffy amalgamation of mushrooms, tomatoes, onions, and

cheese--a pleasing classic. Everything was exceptionally flavorful and served with a smile by one of the obliging staff members. Pair with a crisp hard cider, or your preferred beverage--brewed or otherwise, and treat yourself to a meal that is hearty and satisfying. Get some fuel in your engine by visiting Buckeye Beer Engine!

Neighborhood Leadership Development Program Seeks 2015 Applicants

by Sandra Kluk

Are you a passionate, committed Clevelander dedicated to taking an active role in improving your community? Could you use help enhancing your leadership skills?

The Neighborhood Leadership Development Program is a free community engagement training program for residents of Cleveland, and its inner ring suburbs, who are working on projects within the City of Cleveland.

NLDP was established in 2006 by the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation and is directed by former Cleveland mayor, Michael White.

Each year 20 committed individuals are chosen for the program. NLDP par-

ticipants and graduates are from diverse backgrounds and range in age from their 20's to 60's. Their interests and pursuits are similarly diverse. NLDP currently has 144 graduates who are still working to improve life in their communities.

NLDP graduates build and maintain community gardens and work in community development organizations; they support homeowners through financial literacy programs, teach computer skills to residents and build playgrounds for children. NLDP graduates are community activists, they provide services to people in need; work with the homeless and those facing re-entry. They enrich their communities through arts and culture and

advocate for housing rights.

Graduates have access to a network of community leaders and can join efforts with others in their project work.

As one NLDP graduate from Lakewood put it:

"Not only did NLDP provide me with really important capacity-building opportunities, but it connected me more deeply to the Cleveland community in ways that I don't think many other programs could. It exposed me to issues and efforts that I was not aware of and really made me think a little more comprehensively about how the initiatives I was working on connected to the larger community. NLDP was definitely an important knowledge, character, friendship, network and capacity building experience that made me much more aware of our community and the issues we face and opportunities for positive change."

From Lakewood, For Lakewood: John Litten For City Council

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Lakewood beautiful build a volunteer group devoted not only to beautification, but to setting the environmental tone for community involvement. This culminated in my bringing an earth day celebration back to Lakewood in 2011, an event that continues to this day.

My leadership journey began at Camp Christopher, where I would end up spending the summers of my childhood, and the better part of 15 years as a camp counselor, program director and eventually camp director. There I taught environmental and experiential learning programs, programs for people with disabilities and more. I even wrote a book about the leadership lessons that I learned through the experience.

Most importantly, I met my future wife Carrie (Daw) there, a Lakewood High grad who continues to be the balance in our lives. We have three children -- Josh, Brendan and Amelia. You may have seen them and not known it, in a cluster of Lakewood Rec t-ball shirts, in the mobs of kids running at Lakewood park, or possibly a hockey game at Winterhurst. Carrie's parents, my in-laws Brian Daw and Anne McEvoy founded Nature's Bin in 1975 in a small shop on Madison, run with a mission to offer natural foods to Lakewood and jobs for people with disabilities. Brian also ran for Lakewood Mayor in the 1990's.

I hold a bachelor's degree in fine art from Ohio University (I've had artwork displayed at Wobblefoot Gallery here in

Lakewood) and a master's degree in public administration from Cleveland State.

In 2011 I took a new challenge as executive director of the St. Vincent de Paul Society -- a community-based nonprofit devoted to person to person service to others, through things like emergency assistance with rent and utilities, clothing and food. We run some of the largest food pantries in Ohio and served over 260,000 individuals last year alone.

Most recently, I started our block club on Chesterland, Lewis and Parkway Ave. in response to break-in's to residents' cars. I find that neighbors knowing neighbors is key to our success. We have to protect our community neighborhood by neighborhood. I will dedicate myself to having a block club on every street in Ward 3, so that we can meet our dedicated police department half way with the engagement and involvement of our residents for a better, safer and even more beautiful Lakewood.

I also coach baseball and soccer, served as chair of the Next Generation Council for Cuyahoga County, and two years as president of Winterhurst Hockey Association.

It would be a great honor to be your city councilman, to pour an overflowing cup of Lakewood involvement into one important effort. I will be here for many years to come, and a role on council allows me to make an impact in the city I love while still helping working families in need. Being my brother and my sister's keeper is something I take to heart in life and in work. It would be my great honor to serve them and all the people of Ward 3.

Find out more at www.littenfor-lakewood.com.



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Beautiful Homes? Lakewood Has Them!

by Ruth Gillett

You are walking or driving down a neighborhood street in Lakewood when your head turns and you are almost stopped in your tracks (tire treads) by what you see...a well maintained house, complimented by flowers, trees, shrubs, and grass...a beautiful Lakewood home!

You may wish that you could

CCLAS Adopt-A-Pet



by Mike Deneen

Meet Dottie (collar #107): The left side photo is Dottie a few days after being abandoned on someone's front porch - the poor girl was cowering in the corner of the cage. However, the right side photo is Dottie recently enjoying some attention from a Lakewood Animal Shelter volunteer.

Although she's shy, this sweet girl still deserves a loving home - and these pictures are proof she wants love - so come meet her today!

For more info on Dottie or the the other adoptable animals at the Lakewood Animal Shelter, call 216-529-5020 or visit the CCLAS website www.cclas.info.

thank that home owner for creating a lovely environment for all to enjoy... and you can! You can nominate that home for a **"Beautiful Home Award!"**

The Beautiful Home Award is an annual process coordinated by the aptly named "Keep Lakewood Beautiful" (KLB) organization, a volunteer Lakewood group that, among other activities, sponsors the "Adopt-A-Spot" program and is the new home for the Tree Committee, the ongoing effort of the Maor's Tree Task Force. In 2014, over 24 homes were nominated. A celebrity judging panel,including Cindy Marx, Councilperson At Large, Paul Bilyk, Lakewood Garden Center, and Lady Gaga (well, not really, Lady Gaga wanted to but couldn't make the meeting)..and KLB Board members selected six homes for awards. The awards are geographically dispersed based on school areas within the City. Winners were acknowledged at the Lakewood City Council meeting on March 10th.

KLB is asking you to nominate those properties that catch your eye ... those properties that declare their owners love for gardening, attention to property maintenance, commitment to their neighborhood, and pride in their community.

How to nominate? It's simple! Any one of the following means will work:

- Phone it in! Call 529-6601, the Mayor's office - leave the address and that you are nominating the property for the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Home Award;
- Email it! Send the address of the property with the subject: Beautiful Home Award to luann.baker@lake-woodoh.net;

- Mail it! Send the nominated property or properties (you can nominate more than one!) to Lakewood City Hall; Attention Luann Baker; 12650 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, OH 44107.

Send those nominations in today through August 15th! The Winners will be announced here, in the LO and officially honored at a City Council meeting.

And thank you to all those Lakewood residents who contribute so much to keeping Lakewood beautiful by their everyday actions that promote a clean and cared for community face!

Call For Downtown Lakewood Images!

by Hilary Schickler

Wanted!

Do you have vintage photos of Downtown Lakewood hiding in your closet or attic?

A new book on Downtown Lakewood will be published in 2016, and LakewoodAlive would like your help finding vintage photos! Local historians and LakewoodAlive volunteers Marcia Moll and Rick Sicha are working with Arcadia Publishing to create a book for their Images of America Series. If you have any photos of Downtown

Lakewood to share, please contact:

Lisa LaRochelle, 216-521-0655, llarochelle@lakewoodalive.com at LakewoodAlive or Amanda Francazio, 216-221-7343, curator@lakewoodhistory.org at the Lakewood Historical Society.

The original photos will be scanned and returned to you. You will also receive a copy of the scan at no charge. The scans will become the property of the Lakewood Historical Society as part of their permanent image collection. Photo owners will be asked to sign a Historical Society donation form.

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