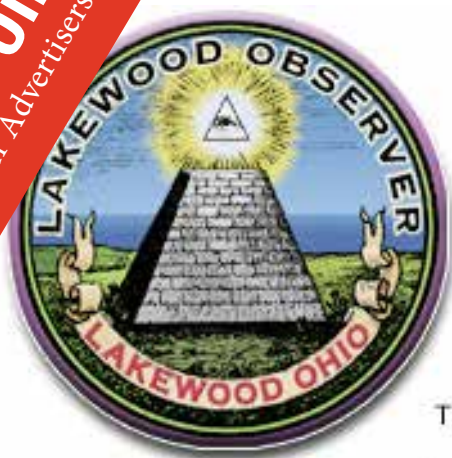


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Court Filing And Documents Reveal

2012 Cleveland Clinic Plan To "Decant" Lakewood Hospital And Avoid Legal Agreements

by Brian Essi

Court filings made in the taxpayer lawsuit on July 31, 2015 reveal new documents verifying the Cleveland Clinic's longstanding plans to close Lakewood Hospital and benefit Fairview Hospital.

In the Court filings, the plaintiff taxpayers claim that "CCF (Cleveland Clinic Foundation), without the knowledge or approval of the City, engaged in a secret plan to siphon valuable medical services and equipment so as to cripple the viability of the hospital. According to CCF's own 2012 Master

Plan that was commissioned in 2011, a covert scheme was created to "Decant" Lakewood Hospital.

The "Decanting Plan" specified that medical services, equipment, and employees would gradually be transferred from Lakewood Hospital to Fairview Hospital (and other CCF wholly-owned hospitals) in preparation for the closure and razing of Lakewood Hospital as an inpatient, acute care, and medical/surgical hospital.

What is further troubling about this conduct is that the

Lakewood Hospital Foundation and CCF continued to solicit, campaign, and raise funds from the public for the support of Lakewood Hospital. These donors were never alerted or advised that their intended contributions for the support of Lakewood Hospital would never be a reality as the hospital would soon cease to exist."

It should be noted that Lakewood Hospital Association ("LHA") is a public charity. By the terms of its Lease with the City of Lakewood, LHA agreed to: (a) "provide healthcare ser-

vices in accordance with [the Lease] to the residents of the City without regard to their ability to pay" (b) "operate... as Hospital Facilities for the service of the general public" and "faithfully and efficiently administer, operate, and maintain as Hospital Facilities...rendering Required Services...to

patients who are residents of the City and all members of the general public..."

All of LHA's money, property, equipment, bed licenses, service lines and programs are public assets that belong to the City of Lakewood. For example, Article Six of LHA's Articles continued on page 23

A Community Leader For Lakewood

JT Neuffer For City Council Ward 3

by Bernadette Elston

I am a committee member who has served alongside JT Neuffer, candidate for City Council, Ward 3 through the Lakewood Community Relations Commission for the past few years. This commission is chartered to advise, educate and promote community relations. We also support equity, respect and diversity in the City through various events. JT has served as the leader for this commission bringing insightful opportunities for our commission to consider and has developed efficient ways to operate as a group through ad hoc



JT Neuffer, candidate for City Council, W3 will advocate for you, committees and strategic planning sessions.

As Lakewood residents and voters, we must seek the

strongest possible leader for City Council. This is true now more than ever as concerns surface surrounding the future of Lakewood Hospital and public safety, as well as attracting new businesses to Madison Ave. which will provide opportunities for all Lakewood residents. I have worked with JT on the commission and believe he is intelligent, honest, and approachable. He responds well to community members and has a natural way of listening to others and making them feel valued. One

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Why I'm Running:

A Note On My Campaign For Lakewood Municipal Court Judge

by Brian Taubman

I believe that I was nine when I first realized that I wanted to be a judge.

As a child, I'd sit at dinner and listen to my father Bruce speak of his law practice, Taubman Law. He spoke of the law with great respect and lived for opportunities to make laws and use them to protect his clients.

So here I am, looking to fulfill my dream in the city I love. I realize that I'm new to

the Lakewood political scene, so I thought I should introduce myself, what I believe in and why I think I can earn your vote for Lakewood Municipal Court Judge this November.

My name is Brian Taubman. I was born and raised in Northeast Ohio, and I've called Lakewood home for more than five years. I love our city, its parks, the wonderful people and our view of the lake (which continued on page 21



Brian Taubman, candidate for Lakewood Municipal Court Judge.

5th Annual "Let's Love Lakewood" Event

by Ellen Stephens

On August 15, 2015 Lakewood New Life Church (LNLC) will celebrate its 5th annual "Let's Love Lakewood" event. "Let's Love Lakewood" is a free back-to-school outreach event for the whole community. At the event, LNLC will be giving away free backpacks filled with school supplies for children in need. The event will take place on August 15, 2015 from noon to 4 p.m. at 15300 Detroit Ave.

Last year over three thousand people attended the event which gave away 750 free backpacks filled with school supplies within the first two hours of opening. The event will also feature 3 bounce houses for the kids, Rick Smith Jr the magician and Guinness Book of World Record holder, Outback Ray and his amazing animal show, face painting, music, food, games, and raffles

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Mark A. Schneider For City Council: A Career Spent In The Service Of Others

by Mark Schneider

I am proud to be running for Lakewood City Council, Ward 3. This run for office is an expression of the civic duty that has driven my entire career in public service.

If elected, I plan on bringing my unique experience at the state, county and local levels of government to task for the prosperity and progress of Lakewood.

I will focus on economic development as a priority to continue the positive trend Lakewood is on and utilize even more public-private partnerships to enhance our growing, vibrant business community.

I will address public safety by coordinating residents with police and prosecutors to



Mark Schneider is a candidate for Lakewood City Council, Ward 3.

bring about a new era of community-based policing and prosecution.

I will approach our City's continued on page 22

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Residents/Businesses Help A First Responder



photo by Scott Gillman

August 1, firefighters, Lakewood businesses and residents came together in a celebration and a show of support for Lakewood firefighter Dean Jalovec's fight against cancer. Businesses gave prizes for raffles and the residents packed the place until 10pm in a tremendous show of love! Damn we love this city!

Lakewood Hospital Association Calls For Two Special Meetings

by Colin McEwen

The City of Lakewood has been notified that the Lakewood Hospital Association governing board has called for two special meetings to be held on Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2015, and Wed., September 16, 2015, at 4 p.m., each in Wasmer Auditorium at Lakewood Hospital, 14519 Detroit Avenue.

LHA announced that the purpose is for the board to receive updates on the financial condition and operating results of Lakewood Hospital and plan for the future, and for the board to conduct other business coming before it.

In addition, the board's regular meeting originally scheduled for Oct. 28, 2015, has been rescheduled to Oct. 14, 2015, also in Wasmer Auditorium.

Red Cross Blood Drives Slated In Lakewood

by Colin McEwen

Be a hero. That's part of the American Red Cross campaign to encourage Lakewood residents to participate in one of several upcoming blood drives around the city this summer.

The American Red Cross notes that "blood is especially needed this time of year" and has scheduled several blood drives, a couple at Lakewood City Hall.

Monday, Aug. 10: Woman's Club Pavilion, from 2 to 7 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 24: Woman's Club Pavilion, from 2 to 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 27: auditorium at Lakewood City Hall, from 1 to 6 p.m.

For more information call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

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Register Your Child For School Now

by Christine Gordillo

Do you have a student that you want to enroll in the Lakewood City Schools? Now is the time! School begins on August 18. Walk-in registration is ongoing at the Board of Education, 1470 Warren Road. No appointments are necessary! Registration hours through August 21 are 8:30 am to 3:30 p.m. The hours are extended to 6 pm on August 4, 5, 6, 11 & 12. For more information, call 216-529-4279. Registration after August 21 is by appointment only. Don't delay, sign your child up today.



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Council Discusses Changes To Clifton Boulevard, West Clifton To The Rocky River Bridge

The City Hall Auditorium was once again packed the night of the July 20, 2015 Council meeting, however this time it was not completely due to those there to talk about the issue of Lakewood Hospital. The majority of the people in attendance were being recognized for their participation in the Fourth of July Parade.

Council President Mary Louise Madigan called the meeting to order at 7:36 P.M. and then proceeded to move on to the first order of business which was to recognize the previous mentioned groups. Mayor Summers took the podium and started out by thanking Lakewood Catholic Academy for being the Grand Marshall of the parade. He then recognized Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 387 for Best Color Guard, Halson Landscaping for Best Float, Beck Center for the Arts for Most Original Entry, Emerson Unicycle Club for Best Bicycle, and H2O for Most Spirit.

They were all presented with plaques commemorating their achievement.

Next Councilman David Anderson (Ward I) read a communication from Councilman Tom Bullock (At-Large), Councilwoman Cindy Marx (At-Large), Councilman Sam O’Leary, and himself. The letter was to update Council on a matter that Councilman Anderson and Councilman Bullock first made Council aware of in February. The Clifton Beach Improvement Association submitted proposed road improvements for the section of Clifton Boulevard from West Clifton to

by Christopher Bindel

the bridge over the Rocky River. These suggested improvements included reducing the traffic to one lane on either side, adding bike lanes, a pedestrian sidewalk and crossings, upgrading the lighting, incorporating more trees, and improving stormwater management.

Councilman Anderson’s communication was providing updates from the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) and an Ohio Department of Transportation traffic study. Even though the study is still technically incomplete, officials from both organizations have felt comfortable going on record supporting the ideas proposed, including saying they believe there will be no impact to traffic from decreasing the number of lanes in that area. Both agencies actually went as far as to say that they were in favor of a “road diet” for this area. They were also informed that there is a likelihood that some funds may be available from ODOT to help cover the cost of the project.

As a final note, Councilman Anderson noted that they are aware that the section of Clifton pertaining to this proposed project is due to receive re-striping soon. Those presenting the letter asked the administration to consider postponing the work until the full study can be reviewed, which they said, should be early August.

There seemed to be some disagreement between Councilwoman Madigan and Councilman Bullock as

to which committee the topic should be referred to for discussion. Councilwoman Madigan suggested it should go to the Public Works Committee since projects of this nature will have a heavy impact on the City’s Public Works Department. Councilman Bullock wished it to go to the Public Safety Committee (which he chairs) since he believes the areas of the issue that deal with pedestrians and cyclists should be discussed in his Committee. When the question was posed to Councilman Shawn Juris (Ward III), the Chair of the Public Works Committee, he said that he agreed with Madigan that the topic seemed more suited for the Public Works Committee, however, he said that if it is believed that the issue has big enough public safety concerns to warrant it being sent to the Public Safety Committee, they can do what they have done in the past. After it has returned to Council from the Public Works Committee it can be referred to the the Public Safety Committee for further discussion.

Councilman Anderson chimed in and said that he appreciates the points Councilman Bullock is trying to make, and he has the same concerns, however at the current point he said, for him, this issue is primarily a public works one.

The matter was sent to the Public Works Committee with a vote of 6-1.

Next the Mayor asked Council to consider making changes to the resolution which created the Clean Water Lakewood Integrated Planning Task Force. It was initially felt that there would be modest interest from volunteers who were asked to discuss the City’s sewer infrastructure and how to move toward complying with the Clean Water Act of 1972. However, there has been overwhelming public interest from “remarkably able and informed... citizens,” the mayor said. He asked Council to expand the Task Force from 11 members to 25, who have already been selected. He hopes by doing this the City will be able to expand creative input, create a large group of informed citizens to aid in communicating this complex issue to others, and also make a bold statement to the Federal and State EPAs about the significance of the City’s citizen engagement in helping to solve the issue.

Since the issue dealt with a resolution, the compulsory three readings that are necessary for a ordinance did not apply. Therefore Council moved forward with a vote and adopted the resolution.

Director of Public Works, Joe Beno, then asked Council to consider allowing the City to accept a 0% interest loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission in the amount of \$676,500. The loan would help fund the 2016 Watermain Project which includes redoing the watermain on portions of Alameda Avenue, Lakeland Avenue, Morrison, and Robinwood Avenue. The City initially planned to budget the whole project from city coffers, but since the State has offered this loan, it would allow the City to take 20 years to pay off the project easing the impact of the project on the Public Works and Division of Water budgets. Since the 2016 budget has yet to be done, this information, and money, will come in handy during that process.

Council passed the resolution unanimously.

Coming to the end of the meeting agenda, Council President Madigan opened the floor to public comment. There was still a substantial crowd in the Auditorium, many of whom were waiting to speak. The main topic of discussion was the same as it has been for several months now, the discussion over the future of Lakewood Hospital. Both sides of the debate were represented in force. One of the board members of the Lakewood Hospital Association Board of Trustees was there to speak in support of the Mayor’s plan to work with the Cleveland Clinic to develop a new medical center in Lakewood.

Two people came to discuss safety issues in their neighborhood. They shared a long list of issues that have arisen in recent years and described the increase of nuisance properties in the area. They wanted to bring this to the Administration’s attention to see if there was anything more that could be done to address the situation.

Lastly there were two people there to talk about the proposed project on Clifton Boulevard mentioned above.

After more than an hour of public comment, everyone who wished to had a chance to speak. With no further business before Council, Council President Madigan adjourned the meeting at 9:41 P.M.



Pictured at right: An artist rendering of the newly approved new townhomes to be built at Rockport Square.

Lakewood City Council Approves New Townhomes At Rockport Square

by Colin McEwen

Last Monday, Lakewood City Council approved a development agreement with Forest City Enterprises and Ryan Homes to build 51 new townhomes at the East End of Detroit Avenue.

Construction is likely to begin this fall. When completed, this project will be the final phase of development for the Rockport Square project, which began in 2005. Prices for the townhomes are expected to begin at

\$225,000 to \$275,000.

“This development represents a \$12 million investment in Lakewood,” said Lakewood Mayor Michael Summers. “Housing is Lakewood’s largest economic engine, and by diversifying our offerings we are continuing to maintain our edge as an attractive place for people to call home — for everyone, from empty nesters to Millennials.”

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Local West Nile Virus Case: A Reminder To Use Precautions

by Colin McEwen

The Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) has been made aware of the state’s first probable case of West Nile Virus. The affected person is a resident of Lakewood who has been under medical care and has resumed normal daily activity.

In addition, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has confirmed that a mosquito trap in the city of Maple Heights has tested positive for West Nile Virus. It is typical at this time of year for infected mosquitoes to be positively identified. Trapping mosquitoes is an important facet of our local control program as it helps local health departments and ODH effectively monitor disease activity.

“We are coming up on the greatest risk period for exposure,” said Dr. Scott Frank, Director of the Shaker Heights Health Department. “From August into September, we historically see the number of West Nile Virus human cases increase nationwide so the potential is definitely there for us to see more people become affected.”

Both locally and nationally, humans who contract the virus typically report that they DID NOT USE mosquito repellent when they were outdoors and before becoming ill. This indicates the urgent need for the public to use repellent when performing yard work, tending a garden or relaxing outside.

CCBH Health Commissioner Terry Allan says being prepared is the best defense when it comes to preventing mosquito bites.

“By taking the proper precautions, you can greatly reduce your risk for exposure,” said Allan. “This would include using mosquito repellent, remaining indoors at peak times, covering your arms and legs by wearing appropriate clothing, and eliminating standing water around your home.”

Residents and businesses throughout the county are urged to be aware of the ways in which they can decrease their chance for exposure, including when to go outside.

“It is important to stress that daily mosquito activity is most prevalent at dawn and dusk,” said Cleveland Department of Public Health Director Toinette Parilla. “If you need to be outdoors during those hours, please be sure to use repellent and follow our recommended guidelines in order to avoid bites and possible infection.”

Local officials are asked to remind residents about the importance of taking personal precautions to prevent mosquito bites by placing information and a prevention message on community websites, cable access channels, city marquees, and in printed newsletters.

According to the Centers for Disease Control:

West Nile Virus (WNV) is most commonly transmitted to humans by

mosquitoes. You can reduce your risk of being infected with WNV by using insect repellent and wearing protective clothing to prevent mosquito bites. There are no medications to treat or vaccines to prevent WNV infection. Fortunately, most people infected with WNV will have no symptoms. About 1 in 5 people who are infected will develop a fever with other symptoms. Less than 1% of infected people develop a serious, sometimes fatal, neurologic illness.

A small number of people, typically less than one out of one hundred, become infected and develop West Nile encephalitis or West Nile meningitis, an inflammation of the brain or the area around the brain which requires hospitalization. In some cases, especially among older persons, it can result in death. Symptoms of severe illness include headache, high fever, stiff neck, mental confusion, muscle weakness, tremors (shaking), convulsions, coma,

The area that once housed McKinley Elementary School is now fenced off. Large construction equipment is shaping up the property that is the future home of the McKinley Place Development.

Lakewood City Council approved the \$500,000 sale of the former McKinley School to Liberty Development earlier this year. The \$12 million project includes building 40, for-sale residential units on the 2.8-acre property.

Earlier this summer, Lakewood Mayor Michael Summers broke ground on the project, along with school board members and developers in attendance.

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

Education in October 2013.

“This approval represents a culmination of an important collaborative partnership between the city, the Board

and paralysis. There is no specific treatment for the West Nile Virus infection.

People who experience symptoms commonly associated with West Nile Virus such as high fever, headaches, muscle aches, vomiting and loss of appetite within 2-15 days after a mosquito bite should contact a doctor.

GUIDELINES FOR PREVENTING MOSQUITO ACTIVITY AND REDUCING HUMAN EXPOSURE:

1. Dispose of containers that collect water such as buckets, scrap tires, cans, and flower pots.
2. Eliminate areas of standing water.
3. Repair leaky outdoor faucets that leave puddles.
4. Empty and refill bird baths at least once a week.
5. Clean, drain and cover pools or hot tubs if not in use.
6. Unclog all gutters and drains.
7. Fill tree holes with tar or cement.

8. Tightly screen all openings of your home.
9. Keep children indoors during times of peak mosquito activity - one hour before and one hour after sunset.
10. Wear light-colored clothing that covers arms and legs.
11. Use insect repellent on both skin and clothing. Repellents should contain DEET, picaridin or lemon eucalyptus oil for skin and permethrin for clothing. Follow label directions.

Please contact the Cuyahoga County Board of Health to report areas of persistent standing water or heavy populations of biting mosquitoes at 216-201-2000. You may also visit us online at www.ccbh.net.

For more information about West Nile Virus and mosquito trapping, please contact: Joe Lynch - Program Manager, Cuyahoga County Board of Health, 216-201-2001 x 1200, or jlynch@ccbh.net.

Construction Underway On McKinley Place Development

by Colin McEwen

The construction of new townhomes has begun at the old McKinley School site.



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City Begins New Road Construction Projects

by Colin McEwen

As most Lakewood residents already know, orange-barrel season is officially well underway. The city of Lakewood has several road closures planned for Summer 2015.

The massive Madison Avenue resurfacing project continues its steady progression eastward, and last week began its third and final phase of construction. That project is expected to wrap up in September.

Additionally, a few other road construction projects began on the city’s East End last week:

- Coutant Avenue, from Franklin to Detroit avenues
- Lark Street, from Madison Avenue to Plover Street

- Thrush Street, from Halstead to Magee streets

Check out the interactive map at <https://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=a9852aff51df4f6e86a0077baad1a787&extent=-81.8322%2C41.4698%2C-81.7798%2C41.4962> for additional construction projects around Lakewood, including several water/sewer projects.

of Education and Liberty Development,” said Mayor Michael Summers. “This is will be a wonderful addition to our community.”

Waterfront Promenade To Close For Two Weeks During Ongoing Improvements

by Colin McEwen

Starting on Monday, Aug. 3, the lower promenade at Lakewood Park will close for improvements for two weeks.

Contractors have begun work on the east end of the new upper promenade, starting near the gazebo at the top of the ramps. However, contractors will

also trench new electrical conduit and install light foundations on the existing promenade along the waterfront.

Park visitors will still be able to access the gazebo.

Work on the Solstice Steps at the northwest corner of the park continues; work on that project is expected to be finished this fall.

City News

The Judge’s Bench:

Be Safe And Ride With Pride Through Lakewood

by Patrick Carroll

Riding a bike is fun and good exercise, but there is inherent danger when riding that two-wheeler on the street. Sharing the street with cars can be challenging, but Lakewood has taken great strides in the last few years to make Lakewood a more bicycle friendly community. Although there are sharrows on Detroit Avenue, a sharrow is not a dedicated bike lane, but just a reminder to drivers to watch for bicyclists. When completed, a dedicated bike lane is planned on Madison Avenue for the entire length of the city.

Both cars and bicycles have the right to use the streets, but in some situations different laws may apply for bicycles. It is hoped that this explanation will help avoid collisions and traffic citations which can ruin an otherwise pleasant experience.

1. Get a license. Lakewood requires all bikes to be registered. You can register your bike at the Lakewood Police Department at any time. Getting the license is easier than coming to court for a ticket, and cheaper. There is no cost to register your bike.

Also, bikes get stolen. You have a greater chance of getting your bike back if it is registered. If the police stop a person with a bicycle (or two) at 3 a.m., the officer cannot determine if it was stolen. Even if a theft report was made, without registration, the police officer cannot tell that this is your blue Trek.

2. Do I need lights? Every bike is

required to have a front mounted light with a white light. The rear of the bike must have a red reflector and a red, steady or flashing light. If a rear red light also has a red reflector, it may be used for both. Remember, the lights are not there for you to see, but for car drivers to see you. Lights must be on from sundown to sunrise.

3. Do I have to wear a helmet? A helmet is not required if you are 18 years old, but it’s a good idea to wear one. Drivers don’t always see cyclists. Bikes don’t have airbags and even the slightest bump could send a cyclist end-over-end resulting in a nasty injury.

4. Restrictions for minors. A child under 8 years old cannot ride a bike on most of the main streets in Lakewood without a parent. Although a child 8 years or older may ride a bike on the street without a parent, the sidewalk

may be the safer way to go. Anyone under 18 years old is required to wear a helmet on a street or sidewalk.

5. Can I wear headphones? Although you cannot drive a car with headphones in both ears, there is no law (yet) that prohibits earphones in both ears while riding a bike.

6. Can I ride on the sidewalk? Yes, unless there is a sign that prohibits riding on the sidewalk. You must yield the right of way to a pedestrian on a sidewalk or crosswalk, even if that means leaving the sidewalk to pass. If the sidewalk is crowded, a cyclist is required to walk the bike in the congested area.

You are also required to give an audible signal, by a bell, other loud warning device, or voice (“On your left!”). You must also slow down to an ordinary walking speed when approaching or crossing a crosswalk or



driveway if there is a car approaching.

7. Where can I ride on the street? A bicycle ridden in the street should generally follow the same rules as a car. This includes riding on the right side of the roadway with the flow of traffic. Bicycles should be ridden as near to the right curb as practicable, unless the road conditions make the edge of the road unreasonable, unsafe, or it is blocked by parked cars. The exception is when making a left hand turn, a cyclist may move over to the left lane. Under current law, a bicycle can be ridden in the bus lane on Clifton, even during restricted hours.

8. Can we ride together? Yes, but not more than two bikes in a single lane and in the right hand lane if there are

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From The Statehouse

Representative Antonio Joins The Call For State Board Of Education To Remove Superintendent

by Nickie Antonio
Dept. of Education's leadership is marked by lack of transparency, accountability

Representative Antonio today called on the State Board of Education to dismiss Superintendent Richard Ross, citing the recent scandal involving the cover up of failing charter school grades in state evaluations, the plan to take over the Youngstown public schools crafted behind closed doors, and general lack of accountability to the State Board of Education and the public. "I join my colleagues in their concerns regarding this blatant disregard of transparency and accountability," said Rep. Antonio.

House and Senate lawmakers recently released the following statements today:

"Under Superintendent Ross' leadership, the Department of Education has shown a severe lack of transparency and a disturbing disregard for the law," said Senate Minority Leader Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman). "In just the past week we learned that his department broke the law by hiding the failing grades of some online charter schools run by political friends of the administration. Superintendent Ross also failed to inform state school board members—the people he works for—that

he was meeting behind closed doors to plan a CEO takeover of the Youngstown School District. Clearly, he can no longer be trusted to lead the department responsible for educating our children. I urge the state board to take appropriate action to relieve him of his duties."

"The Department of Education under the direction of Superintendent Ross has suffered from a systemic lack of transparency and accountability," said House Minority Leader Fred Strahorn (D-Dayton). "Ohio families deserve to have honest and accountable leadership overseeing the schools that are responsible for educating their children. I believe the State Board of Education needs to take swift and decisive action by removing the current failed leadership."

"The data-scrubbing of failing charter schools from state evaluations is only the tip of the iceberg in the blatant disregard for the law exhibited by the superintendent and his Education Department officials," said Rep. Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo), ranking member on the House Education Committee. "The Ohio constitution does not allow for a rogue superintendent to operate outside the purview of the State Board of Education, but that is exactly what is happening. The superintendent has failed as a leader for our children and their future. The latest corruption in the Department of Education goes all the way to the top, and I urge the state

school board to convene a meeting immediately to root it out."

"It is with deep regret that I join the call for the State Board of Education to remove Superintendent Ross. I have always had great respect for Dr. Ross, but recent events have caused him to lose my trust and the trust of many Ohioans," said Sen. Tom Sawyer (D-Akron), ranking member on the Senate Education Committee. "At this point, it is clear that Dr. Ross was either in on recent events, or he was totally out of it. Either way, he no longer enjoys the broad confidence needed to serve in such a crucial capacity. I am left with little choice but to ask for his removal."

State Rep. Antonio Applauds Introduction Of Equality Act

by Nickie Antonio
Federal bill would add anti-discrimination protections for LGBT community

State Representative Nickie J. Antonio (D-Lakewood) today applauded the introduction of the Equality Act of 2015 in the U.S. Congress. The bipartisan federal

legislation will set uniform federal standards to protect LGBT individuals from discrimination in housing, employment, education, public accommodations, financial transactions and jury selections.

"Currently there is only a patchwork of laws in some states that seek to protect the rights of LGBT Americans in their schools, workplaces and communities," said Antonio. "It is time for federal legislation that protects all Americans from discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender expression."

If passed, the Equality Act of 2015 would expand the Civil Rights Act of



1964 to include civil rights protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Ohio law currently does not prohibit such discrimination.

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two lanes. A car is required to give at least a three foot distance when passing a bicycle. Even though cyclists may ride side by side, they cannot slow or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic. If space is tight, single out until the car passes.

9. Do I have to stop at every red light and stop sign? Yes, even when there is no car approaching the intersection.

10. What happens when I stop and the light does not change? Some traffic lights are designed to change only when a vehicle approaches and the signal device may not detect a bicycle. If there is a pedestrian crossing button, it may signal the light to change. If not or that is unavailable, it can be argued that the traffic light is not functioning. In this case, it becomes the same as a stop sign and you can go through it after a full stop, even though it is still red.

11. Can I get charged for riding a bike under the influence (OVI)? Yes!

A bicycle is considered a vehicle for an OVI offense, but there is a more limited application. Unlike a car, which is illegal to operate under the influence of alcohol on any public or private property, a bicycle OVI offense is limited to operation on a street or any path set aside exclusively for bicycles. While you could be convicted of an OVI offense in a car in your own driveway even though it's private property, the OVI law for bikes does not apply to similar private property. Putting aside the risk of harm of riding a bike under the influence of alcohol, an OVI conviction results in a minimum six month driver's license suspension.

12. Do I get points for a bike violation? Point are assessed for an OVI conviction on a bike, but not assessed to your driving record for any other bicycle traffic violation. Although Lakewood Court has the lowest court costs in Cuyahoga County, the better course is to avoid the citation.

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An untreated wound can lead to further complications, possibly even amputation, which is why those with diabetes need to do all they can to maintain appropriate blood sugar levels and thereby prevent or minimize foot injuries, including:

- Eat healthy foods with less fat and salt and more fiber, and follow a prescribed diabetes meal plan
 - Try to get 30 to 60 minutes of physical activity daily
 - Maintain a healthy weight
- Learn to handle stress (stress can raise blood sugar levels)
 - Stop smoking or reduce smoking
 - Always take medications as prescribed
 - Monitor blood sugar as directed by your doctor

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For more information or to make an appointment at the Wound Healing Center at Lutheran Hospital, please call 216.363.5790 or visit lutheranhospital.org/wound. Cleveland Clinic offers same-day appointments.

NAMIWalks Greater Cleveland

Saturday, Aug. 29 | 10 a.m.

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Tuesday, August 18 | 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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Lakewood Public Library

LPL Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

Thursday, August 6

“Love is a Verb” (2014)

Directed by Terry Spencer Hesser, Narrated by Ashley Judd

“Love is a Verb” is an examination of a social movement of Sufi-inspired Muslims that began in Turkey in the 1960s and now spans the globe. The group is called Hizmet (the Turkish word for service) or The Gulen Movement after leader and beloved teacher Fethullah Gulen. Marcia Hermansen explains: “This movement is not about individual enlightenment, this is about making the world a better place. But while making the world a better place, at the same time, this altruism is also transformative.” This screening is made possible by the generosity of the Turkish American Society of Ohio—Cleveland and The Niagara Foundation.

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

Friday, August 7

LakewoodAlive Front Porch Concert Series – The Clifton Beat

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 8

“Planet of the Apes” (1968)

Directed by Franklin J. Schaffner

“I leave the twentieth century with no regrets.” Charlton Heston grabs us at the opening as the last astronaut to fall asleep on a long mission. By the time he wakes up one year older, two thousand years will have passed on Earth, but that means nothing to him. He condemns his era and looks forward to leaving everything he ever knew behind. When his ship crash lands in a scene that’s a masterpiece of suggestion, Heston is delirious with the possibilities for adventure, but is he ready for what he will find? Rod Serling was the first to take a crack at adapting Pierre Boulle’s wonderfully bizarre novel into a workable script.

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

Sunday, August 9

Burmese Dancers

Some of Lakewood’s newest residents are coming to the Library to share a piece of their culture. Don dancing (meaning “to be in agreement”) originated with the Pwo Karen who originally developed it as a way to reinforce community values. The dance begins when a man called the don koh composes a song that may criticize recent events or affirm shared moral standards and, one by one, everyone joins in, singing and dancing in unison. Men, women and children perform together, forming two lines of dancers who mirror each other one minute and weave through each other the next. Over time, the tempo increases and the dancing grows more vigorous and complicated with the flowering of pride in their cultural heritage. Come and say hello to the new neighbors.

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

Thursday, August 13

City of Lakewood: Economic Development Update

What’s next for Lakewood? Dru Siley, Director of Planning & Development for the City of Lakewood, will report on the progress of recently completed economic development projects and share plans for both the near and distant future. “I think in a city like Lakewood, where there are 52,000 of us in a pretty small area, we all owe each other respect. What we do say and how we act has a direct effect because we’re so close together. Everyone has a role in some form or another—big or small—to make Lakewood a great place.”

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

Friday, August 14

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

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 15

“The Quiet American” (2002)

Directed by Phillip Noyce

Graham Greene was not only an author, screenwriter and spy, he was also a war correspondent. In the early 1950s he covered the French War in Vietnam for the London Times, and wrote a book about it. The movie, set in Saigon in 1952, stars Michael Caine as Thomas Fowler: a cynical, world-weary reporter whose only passion is for his live-in Vietnamese mistress, Phuong. Arriving on the scene is Brendan Fraser, a young, idealistic American who presents himself as an “aid worker” (read: CIA agent). His goal is to steer the war according to American interests, whatever it takes. Professor Terry Meehan concludes his series, “Graham Greene from Page to Screen,” introducing each film with rare clips and original documentaries, followed by audience reaction and a lively discussion of both the book and the movie.

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

Sunday, August 16

Sunday Afternoon Cinema: “The Red House”

The twists in the story-line and evocative music in this psychological thriller captured movie fans back in the day and still do. Edward G. Robinson and Judith Anderson in the role of his sister, harbor a terrible secret from which adopted daughter Allene Roberts has been shielded since childhood. She persuades high school friend Lon McAllister to help her crippled father do the evening chores at their isolated farm. After dinner he talks of taking a shortcut home through Oxhead Woods. An agitated Robinson argues against it. Curiosity trumps consequences. Both teenagers begin to explore the mysterious woods, and a dangerous chain reaction is set in motion.

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

Tuesday, August 18

Knit and Lit Book Club

“Cutting for Stone” by Abraham Verghese

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

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

LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Saturday, August 8

Tail Waggin’ Tutors

For school-age children

Bone up on your reading skills by reading to a dog. Drop in for a one-to-one session with one of our dogs and owners that have been certified through Therapy Dogs International.

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Friday, August 14

Superheroes Unmasked Teen Party

For students entering sixth through twelfth grade

Sign up and we’ll send you a mask and a superhero name to wear to our party. Create your own super identity and show up for the celebration, fun, games, and a movie. Registration required.

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Sunday, August 16

Sensory Story Time

For you and your 3-7 year old child

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

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

Lakewood Lego® League

For youth in kindergarten through fifth grade (caregivers welcome)

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

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

Saturdays & Sundays

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.

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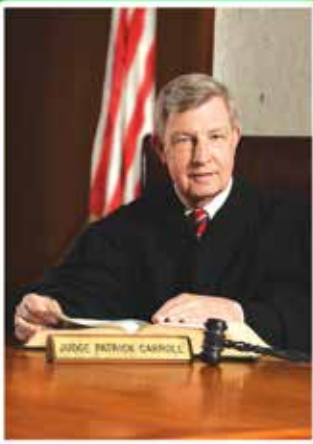
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Lakewood Schools

Ranger Cheerleaders Add
“Sparkle” To Lakewood High School

by Mike Deneen
Inovative Program Designed To Promote Acceptance

The Lakewood High School cheerleading squad has added a brand new unit this summer, one that you’ll be seeing in the upcoming school year. LHS has teamed up with “The Sparkle Effect,” a national organization that brings together students with and without disabilities to cheer together. Beginning this fall, disabled cheerleaders will be part of the Ranger gameday experience. This effort is designed not just for the kids to have fun, but to provide a loud and public symbol of acceptance to the community.

Cleveland Browns Made It Possible
As we all know, the Cleveland Browns have made a lot of mistakes both on and off the field over the past 25 years. However, the franchise made a winning move when it decided to sponsor the LHS Sparkle program via its Cleveland Browns Foundation (CBF). The Browns helped to connect the national Sparkle Effect program with LHS Cheerleading Coach Amy Staib. The Browns Foundation is a sponsor of the Sparkles’ uniforms, and is very excited about the program. “Our mission is to fund solution-based youth development programs in Northeast Ohio,” said Melanie Geritts of the CBF. Geritts, a Lakewood resident, attended the squad’s first practice on July 30 at Horace Mann Elementary.

Veteran Cheeleaders Excited About The Program
The LHS varsity squad has 13 returning members, each of whom will be working with the six new Sparkle cheerleaders. Coach Staib told her team about the new additions this summer, and was pleased with their reaction. Junior Maura Therber, a co-captain of the varsity squad, liked the idea immediately. “I was really excited,” she said at the team’s first practice. “I have cousins that are disabled. I am really excited to share cheerleading with them [the Sparkles].” Senior co-captain Haylee



LHS Cheeleaders are teaming up with “The Sparkle Effect” this year!

Campbell, who has a brother with disabilities, is also pleased. “I was super duper excited to hear about the Sparkles,” she said.

The Founder
Sarah Cronk, founder and president of the national Sparkle Effect organization, attended the team’s first practice. Cronk, herself a longtime cheerleader despite being only 22 years old, met with the veteran LHS cheerleaders before the first session. She gave the team an overview on working with kids with disabilities. She also talked about the program’s “inclusion philosophy,” which is designed to foster empathy in all youth.
Cronk was inspired to launch The Sparkle Effect because of her family experience. She cheered in high school and had a disabled brother. She viewed cheerleading as a means to promote acceptance of disabled students. “Cheerleading is ideal for adaptive-ness,” said Cronk, citing that kids with mental or physical disabilities can participate in a variety of ways.
High school cheerleaders have often been depicted as snobby and elitist in popular culture. The perception of “exclusivity” is one that Cronk

believes can be used to promote acceptance. “They [cheerleaders] make what is seen as an exclusive activity very inclusive.” The Sparkle Effect is

active in 150 different schools in 26 states all around the country. However, Lakewood is the first and only (so far) active school in Cuyahoga County. Cronk’s goal is to eventually be in every school across the country..The Sparkle Effect is growing at a rate of about 20-30 schools each year.

Look For Them This Fall...And Beyond
The Sparkles are practicing twice a week with the cheerleaders, and will be part of football gameday. They are scheduled to cheer during the first quarter of every varsity home football game this season. They hope to expand their presence to other sporting events and public appearances, but those plans are still in development. Linda Mullen, Executive Director of The Sparkle Effect, hopes they can be at more events. “This is very visual,” says Mullen, the mother of a disabled child. “They are an integrated part of the school sports program.”

Dr. G To Speak On
Lincoln/Grant Relationship

by Christine Gordillo
The Lakewood High School History Department invites you to the latest installment of its Civil War anniversary series: “Lincoln and Grant - the Relationship that Saved the Union,” will be presented by Dr. Chuck Granoff on Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 7 pm in the Lakewood Public Library Main Auditorium.
From Dr. G: “150 years ago, the Confederate forces surrendered and the post-Civil War era began. While post-war analysis, often written from the Confederate viewpoint, typically holds that the Confederacy had no chance to win the war, modern scholarship has challenged this theory. Leading Civil War historians like Gary Gallagher and James McPher-

son agree that, without Abraham Lincoln’s adroit political leadership combined with General Grant’s military acumen, the Confederacy would likely have won and the Union would have dissolved.
Two of our schools are named for Lincoln and Grant. Please join us for a lecture and conversation about the men behind the names. Their individual contributions are well-documented, if not completely understood. Without a strong working relationship however, their individuals talents might well have been for naught.”

August 27
LHS
Groundbreaking
Ceremony

by Christine Gordillo
The Board of Education and Superintendent Jeff Patterson invites the community to join them and Mayor Michael Summers at the official groundbreaking ceremony for Lakewood High School’s new academic wing and athletic and performing arts wing. The brief event will take place on Thursday, August 27 at 4 p.m. Come celebrate this exciting moment in Lakewood City Schools’ history, made possible by the generosity of Lakewood citizens.

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Lakewood Ranger Marching Band Hosts March-A-Thon On August 11th

by Valerie Mechenbier

Support the Lakewood Ranger Marching Band at the first annual “March-A-Thon” at Lakewood Park!

The Lakewood Ranger Marching Band will be marching at Lakewood Park from 4-8pm on August 11th in

order to raise funds to support the growing marching band. The entire community is invited to watch the band practice and, for a donation, to request favorite Lakewood marching band songs, stand tunes and drum cadences. From pre-game to the

LHS Fight Song, from Elyria to Wild Thing, the band will be performing everyone’s favorites from their repertoire in order to raise much-needed funds to purchase new brass instruments, a new drumline, new music, and more.

Lakewood Ranger Marching Band Alumni are encouraged to attend - and to participate! Break out your instruments and bring them to Lakewood Park to play your requested songs with the band.

Gather up the entire family and bring your lawn chairs - and some cash or a credit card - to the park and enjoy an evening of music while supporting the Lakewood Ranger Marching Band!

Camps Boost Summer Literacy Learning

by Christine Gordillo

The calendar may indicate summer break, but for a group of about 125 second- through fifth-graders, part of their summer was spent in a classroom brushing up on their literacy skills. This new six-week reading camp was designed to give at-risk readers and those seeking to improve their literacy, small group instruction that will help carry them into the new school year with greater confidence in their reading.

The camp is broken into two, three-week sessions and is held from 9-12, four days a week at Hayes Elementary School. The instructors are all certified Lakewood City Schools teachers. With the enactment of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee provision by the Ohio Department of Education, helping students maintain grade-level

reading skills and beyond is more important than ever.

In addition to the second-through-fifth-graders, the Community Recreation & Education Department simultaneously held reading camps for kindergarten and first-graders, in addition to their traditional and popular Preschool Potpourri, which has been tweaked to add a strong literacy component.

A recent visit to Hayes showed students being read to, reading alone, in groups and interacting with a variety of technology tools to increase engagement. And with school starting up a bit earlier than usual this coming year (Aug. 18), these six weeks of reading reinforcement will serve as the perfect bridge to start the new year off successfully.



Campers improving their literacy skills at summer reading camp.



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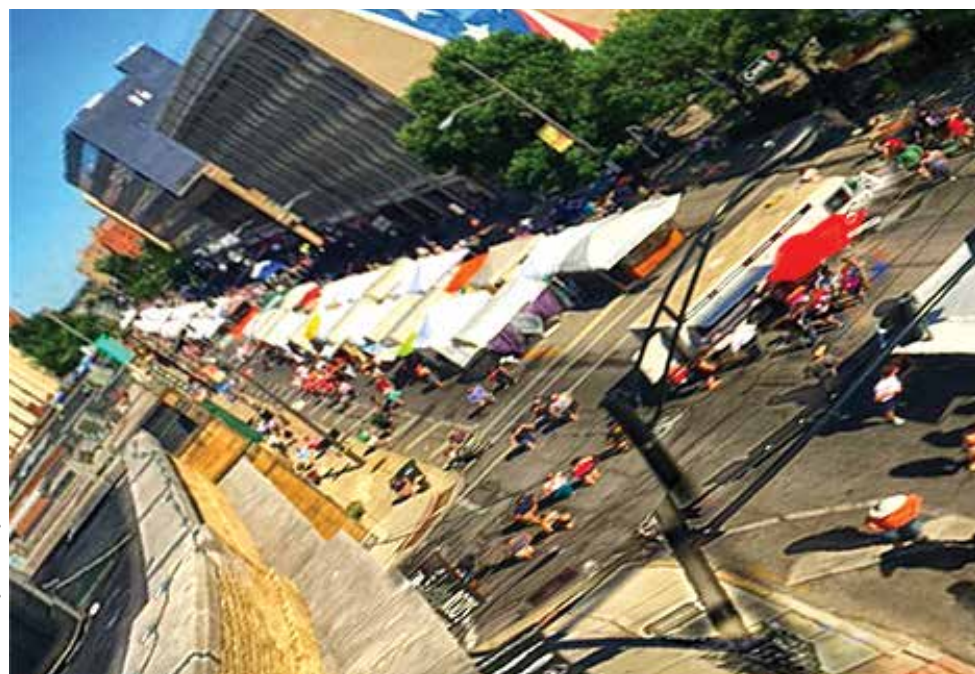
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The 2015 Lakewood Arts Festival captured in a full panoramic view in all of its glory! With the



At right, The Bubble Project was one of the more popular, newer additions to the Festival this year. Their t-shirts, posters, and pennants can be found at festivals across the region.

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Below, the Beck Center Stage, located at Belle and Detroit, was busy all day with performing artists such as the drummers pictured here. The Beck Center for the Arts was just one of many local non-profit organizations represented at this year's Festival.

Lakewood Cares

Lakewood’s School Supply Drive Is Under Way

by Karen Lee

Congratulations, Lakewood, on your commitment to Lakewood’s students in need. The Lakewood community supported Supplies 4 Success’ (S4S) city-wide school supply collection drive by donating enough supplies to assist over 800 students, from kindergarten to high school, with the basic supplies needed to complete their academic work. Believe it or not, it’s that special time of year again. And with our schools starting extra early this year, there is no time to waste to start your Back-to-School shopping! While most of you probably remember the

excitement of picking out new school supplies, as there is just something exciting about the possibilities of a brand new notebook or a fresh pack of crayons, many of our local students’ families are unable to afford even the most basic of school supplies. That is where you come in. S4S (a committee of the Lakewood Area Collaborative) has joined with Lakewood Community Service Center (LCSC), Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach (TLCO), Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation (LCAC), and H2O. Together, we have started our 5th summer of collecting school supplies. We

also are honored to have received a grant from the Lakewood/Rocky River Rotary Club for the purchase of high level calculators for Lakewood High School, schedule planners, and backpacks. Additionally, we are joined this year with New York Life in support of our school supply collection. Their commitment to our drive is one of the many ways we collaborate to fill the needs in our community. Their own words express it best:

“We (New York Life Insurance Co) have been part of the Lakewood Community for 37 years. Our Volunteers for Good committee encourages and provides opportunities for volunteerism in the community in which we live and work. The Supplies 4 Success program is just one example of how our employees generously give back; in 2013 we were able to donate 101 filled book bags to students in grades K-5. We are working to match this for 2015 and hope to provide the children the tools they deserve to succeed in school!”

However, the majority of the supplies come from donations from the Lakewood community – one notebook, binder, or pack of pencils at a time.

This year we need your support again to make sure each student has the tools they need for academic success – from crayons to binders! We firmly believe all students should have the opportunity to learn regardless of need. It has been proven that a student starting their school year off with all of the tools they need will have a better chance at a successful academic year. It is far too easy for these students to fall in between the cracks and drop off the academic track.

S4S will collect supplies until Wednesday, August 12th, at the various businesses around town and year-round at the Lakewood Recreation Department. This year Ohio has created a sales tax holiday weekend, August 7-9, to assist with your school supply shopping. Please consider purchasing an extra item or two to donate!

Items can be dropped off at various locations throughout the city. A monetary donation can be made through: The Lakewood Founda-

tion (with S4S in the subject line), 12900 Madison Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107, the Lakewood Area Collaborative Facebook page, or the Lakewood Foundation website, <http://thelakewoodfoundation.org/donate-2/>. Please contact us at lkwdschoolsupplies@gmail.com for questions regarding the collection or for additional information on how to help.

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 - The Root Cafe, 15118 Detroit Ave
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Mayor Summers Supports Y.O.U.

by Colin McEwen

This summer, Lakewood City Hall participated in the county’s Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU) program, designed to place students in meaningful work experiences around Cuyahoga County each summer. Youth Opportunities Unlimited services are provided free of charge to youth and employers. The program is funded by various government and foundation grants, corporate and individual gifts, and the United Way of Greater Cleveland.

This year, the YOU program placed more than 3,300 students — aged 14 to 18 — around Cuyahoga County.

Nearly 50 of those students were from Lakewood, the first year the program was offered in our city. Two of those students — Ty’saun Blevins and Ethan Burney, who both attend Lakewood High School — worked at Lakewood City Hall.

“It was a pleasure having these two fine young men working at City Hall,” said Lakewood Mayor Michael Summers.

Blevins and Burney performed a variety of tasks, including helping in the Law Department, Mayor’s office,



From left are Shannon Strachan, the executive assistant to the mayor; YOU intern Ty’saun Blevins, who is a junior at Lakewood High School; and Luann Baker, assistant to the mayor.

Finance Department, as well as the Tax and Water Departments. In addition, they each took a ride-along with the Lakewood Fire Department. “This program lived up to its billing,” said Summers. “The mission of YOU is to empower youth to succeed in school, in the workplace, and in life. I am certain that our students got a good head start on their way to achieving their full potential.”



From left are Patricia Chittock, the assistant finance director for the city’s Division of Tax; YOU intern Ethan Burney, who is a junior at Lakewood High School; and Joseph Dix from the city’s Division of Tax.

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While The Seasons Change, The Arts Remain At Beck Center

by Pat Miller

As summer unwinds and autumn gets closer, Beck Center continues to provide numerous arts experiences for the whole family. It's not too late to register for August summer camps, and now is the perfect time to enroll in the fall semester. There are also plenty of exciting events, including Bike for Beck, Super Saturday, the Red Stage Summer Music Series, and the opening of the greatly anticipated 2015-2015 Theater Season.

The final camps of the summer will take place August 17–20. These include the Arts Sampler for ages 7 to 12, and the new Ballet/Contemporary Sampler for ages 12 to 18. The Arts Sampler is perfect for students looking for hands-on activities in dance, music, theater, and the visual arts. The Ballet/Contemporary Sampler allows intermediate to advanced dancers to learn from different guest artists each day. Camps fill up

quickly, so register today!

Be sure to keep the fall semester in mind, which begins the week of September 9. The full course catalog may be accessed online at beckcenter.org.

The rescheduled Bike for Beck will take place on Saturday, August 22 from 7 a.m. to noon. The event will kick off at Beck Center as riders choose between a 12-, 25-, or 60-mile ride through the Cleveland Metroparks. Registration is \$40 per rider, which includes a t-shirt, a rider packet, SAG support, and snacks. Riders ages 12 and under are free with paid adult riders, and discounts for groups are available. Upon completing the bicycle tours, riders will return to Beck Center where our popular Super Saturday event will also be taking place.

Super Saturday begins at 9:30 a.m. with free art and music activities from our community partners Faber Castell,

the Associate Board, Cleveland Botanical Garden, and Great Northern Mall. Beck Center's own Big Finish Band will also hit the outdoor Red Stage at 10:30 a.m. Admission to Super Saturday is free for all ages with required parent/adult participation, and tickets must be reserved. Super Saturday is proudly sponsored by the Lakewood Arts Festival, Inc.

The popular Red Stage Summer Music Series continues on Wednesday, August 26 with Hillbilly IDOL from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This free outdoor concert will feature "Town and Country Music" made up of an exciting and catchy roots repertoire. While the music plays, interactive arts experiences will be available, as well as refreshments from Great Lakes Brewing Company and The Sweet Spot on sale (cash only).

Last but not least, Subscriptions, Flex Passes, and individual tickets for the 2015-2016 Theater Season are on sale now! This season contains many titles yet to be seen by Northeast Ohio audiences including the fifth collaboration with Baldwin Wallace University Music Theatre program, multiple premieres, and a lineup of Tony, Grammy, and Academy Award winning productions. The eclectic productions include *The Spitfire Grill*, *Mothers and Sons*, *Mary Poppins*, *In the Heights*, *Shining City*, *Heathers: The Musical*, and *Billy Elliot the Musical*. Get the best seats available by purchasing tickets today!

Please visit beckcenter.org or call Customer Service at 216.521.2540 x10 for tickets, registration or details. Beck Center is supported in part by the resi-

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Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 9

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.

Sh*tbox Jimmy - The Movie - Just Because Records/Peanut Butter Records - 10 songs - LP, cassette, download

This will be a hard review to write, because I can't type their name in a family paper. What did they say on the radio? Shirt Face Jimmy? That'll have to do. I thought this was a pretty good record. A nice mix of garage rock and power pop. Catchy, melodic songs. Also, it was allegedly recorded in the Franklin Castle. How cool is that? My favorite songs were "When It's All Done," the great stomp of "Damage Control," and the very catchy "Hunnie" and "Ruined." The songs are fairly short, none longer than about two-and-a-half minutes, but there's some great stuff there. I think they've added another guitarist since their last record, which helps to beef up the sound as well. Good stuff. 4.5/5

Kill The Hippies - You Will Live With Us Forever - Phoenician MicroSystem Records - 15 songs - LP, download

Kill The Hippies make their return with this swell LP. It has great punk smashers like "Dig Your Own Grave" and "Entrails," but also weirder tunes like "Eunuch Party," which mixes a garage-punk sound

with surf rock and, in my opinion, pretty darn funny lyrics (also, there seemed to be a disagreement whether it was "Eunuch" or "Eunich," as it's spelled two different ways on the record), or "Entrails," with its crazy-fast drumming and horror-movie lyrics. The often-loopy male-female vocals also help make this record great. My favorites besides the ones I already mentioned, were "Die In The Past," "Volcano," and "Stimulation" (which has a great trumpet bit), though there were many other cool songs on the album. If good punk is your thing, you should get this record. 4/5. KTH's next show is 8/19 at Now That's Class.

Cruelster - Terminal Windmill - Turbine Piss Records - 4 songs - 7", download

Cruelster returns with another great record. Loud, fast, weird hardcore. I think Cruelster are better than a lot of other bands of their ilk because their songs are complete earworms, almost singalongs. Fun. Clearly they have a sense of humor both musically and lyrically. Side A was solid all the way through, a particular favorite being the title track. "Magma" has a cool surf guitar riff. Side B, which is a vinyl-only exclusive entitled "March To Tenochtitlan," was weird but cool, with a dissonant guitar lead that almost sounds like an ambulance, and ends with a WTAM DJ assuring you that he does not care what you think, finally ending up with the Battle Hymn Of The Republic. 4.5/5

Closures - From Depths - Deer Head Records - 5 songs - Download

A note on the above info: I've been informed CDs are being made as well, and will be out in the future. Just so you know, I've gotta admit I'm not that familiar with this type of music, so bear with me as I make my attempt to review this. The music is in what to me is a metal vein, but I'm aware that people love to argue about sub-genres. All the songs, musically, were distinguishable, which is good. The vocals, I'm not sure how I feel about them, they're of the yelling sort, but I was grateful for inclusion of lyrics, which did improve the experience. My favorite was probably "System

Skin." I thought the production was a little bit compressed-sounding, but I'm gonna give them the benefit of the doubt and say that it was probably just because I was listening to mp3s. Anyway, I've gotta be honest, it's not really my kind of music, but if you like melodic hardcore, as the genre seems to be called, you should listen to this. 3/5

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

Lakewood Celebrity Softball Game & Festival

by Missy Toms


Cheer on your favorite local businesses as they face off at Kauffman Park's Jimmie Foxx Memorial Baseball Field, Sunday, August 30, 2-6 p.m. This free event will also include food, children's activities, bike polo demonstration, and a promise wall provided by "Because I Said I Would."

The festival will end with the Sokol Aerial Circus. Come see daring drops, dizzying spins, and audacious grace high, high, high up in the air with performances on silks, lyra, stilts, and hoops in singles, doubles, and triples. This family-friendly show

is filled with comedy, beauty, and many moments that will take your breath away!

All proceeds from the event, hosted by Kauffman Park Friends, benefit continued improvements to Kauffman Park, Lakewood's largest downtown green space. Kauffman Park is located at 15450 Detroit Avenue behind Discount Drug Mart.

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Wellness Watch

Large Crowd Celebrates Medicare, Rallies For Lakewood Hospital

by Mike Deneen

Over 200 people gathered at Lakewood Park on July 30th to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Medicare, and to rally in support of saving Lakewood Hospital. The birthday event was one of many organized around the nation by National Nurses United. There were over 40 events in 29 states. Lakewood was selected as the host for the Northern Ohio event as a way to demonstrate opposition to the planned closing of Lakewood Hospital.

Event organizer, Michelle Mahon, explained why Medicare is so important to both Lakewood and the nation. “In 1965 before Medicare was passed, nearly half of the elderly in the United States lacked health insurance coverage. Today, just 2% of those over 65 are uninsured,” she said. “Guaranteeing access to health-care is just one more way to show



Hospital supporters protesting in front of the facility.

respect for our elderly citizens.”

The event, which happened on a lovely sunny day, included a picnic, Dixieland band, and speakers. Reverend Charles Brown, a Lakewood resident, spoke about the impor-

tance of healthcare in his faith. He reminded the crowd that Jesus was a healer to all, regardless of financial means or pre-existing conditions. The Brice Dixieland Express entertained the crowd during both the picnic and the march.



State Senator Mike Skindell addressed the crowd about the importance of health care.

Lakewood legend Gary Rice, an Observer contributor since our founding, stole the show. He played banjo, sang, and offered a passionate talk in support of Medicare and Lakewood Hospital. State Senator Mike Skindell, a candidate for Lakewood Mayor this fall, spoke to the crowd about the importance of protecting Medicare. Skindell has been a passionate opponent of the Lakewood Hospital closing plan, and has pledged to keep it open if elected Mayor.

The event was capped by a march to Lakewood Hospital to protest City Hall’s plan to demolish the facility. Hospital supporters wore red and carried signs, frequently getting positive honks from passing cars and trucks. The band (along with Gary Rice) provided music for the march, entertaining motorists and passersby, as well as hospital supporters.



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Why I Trust Mike Summers To Lead Lakewood For Another Four Years

by Tom Bullock

I don't always directly weigh in on elections affecting our community, but in this year's mayor's race, the choice is clear: Mayor Mike Summers is the best choice to lead Lakewood for another term, and I strongly support him for reelection. As a councilperson who works daily with Mayor Summers, I wanted to share why I trust him to lead our community for another four years.

Lakewood is on the right track, and city government is well managed. Mike Summers is a public servant with character, intelligence, and a work ethic second to none. His thirty-two years' management experience makes him the most-qualified elected official in the city for the job.

I'll say from the start that I respect the service of Lakewood's state senator, who is also a candidate for mayor. I respect his right to view the issues differently, although I disagree with some of his statements, and I believe some of his positions are based on misunderstanding. We all have a right to make up our own minds on both issues and candidates, and I hope we will do so in a courteous manner free from personal attacks. The citizens of Lakewood deserve a civil, thoughtful community discussion about the election for mayor this year—and every year.

So here are my reasons for supporting Mayor Summer for reelection:

Lakewood is experiencing some of its best days in modern memory. Exciting new businesses are opening in Lakewood almost monthly—more than \$100 million dollars of investment have been infused into the Lakewood economy since Mayor Summers took office in 2011, a city record. Thousands of families are improving their beautiful century homes with more than \$10 million dollars in improvements every year for the last two years. Lakewood has become the number one community of choice for young families in all of Cuyahoga County.

Under Summers' guidance, Lakewood has significantly improved our streets, parking, sewers, and parks—including the transformational Solstice Steps at Lakewood Park.

Lakewood is in the strongest financial shape we've been in for years, as measured by our robust financial reserves—our community's savings account. This is no small accomplishment, given state budget cuts to the Local Government Fund and tax revenue losses during the Great Recession.

Mayor Summers is strong on safety. He has partnered with City Council to maintain our Police and Fire Departments at full force levels, keeping the number of patrol officers at the highest levels they've been in our city's history. Under Mayor Summers, Lakewood has added police cameras, provided emergency responders with the best training, and modernized emergency radios (among the first in the state to do so).

To be sure, our entrepreneurs and homeowners are leading the way on rein-



Two generations of Bullocks trust Mike Summers to lead Lakewood for another four years!

vestment. But Mike Summers' leadership at City Hall is a big part of this success: his Administration has attracted new investment such as the McKinley Place cluster home development, improved home inspection quality and consistency, stabilized distressed properties, and beautified our public spaces.

With Mike Summers at the helm, I know City Hall will continue to improve. Through his diligence, attention to detail, and respect for employees, City Hall has, for the first time, implemented the LEAN process for continuous improvement (a management best practice used by employers worldwide). Mayor Summers brings a relentless attention to detail (rare among elected officials) that has already improved city procedures, budgeting, and staffing policies. These are important to continue for another four years so that efficiency, effectiveness, and customer service become deeply rooted at City Hall.

Let me tell you one issue this mayoral election is NOT about: it's not about Lakewood Hospital. The hospital is a City Council issue for this year and not a mayoral issue for next year. As we know, it's Lakewood City Council, together with public input from Lakewood citizens, that will make a decision about Lakewood Hospital, perhaps as early as this year. For a candidate to run on promises about

Lakewood Hospital is confusing and misleading—since there is no guarantee those promises can be kept.

It's possible to support Mayor Summers, as I do, and still to ask tough questions about the proposal. As a community we can prefer keeping Lakewood Hospital as an inpatient facility, and reserve the right to consider alternatives. City Council has the hospital issue before it, and we will continue working on it in good faith and with all deliberate speed.

We do not yet know what the outcome will be—only that City Council will make the decision with input from the public.

Finally, as a fellow elected official who works day-to-day with Mayor Summers, I can vouch for his job performance. Mayor Summers personally is thoughtful, fairly hears all ideas, researches carefully, works hard, and respects input from employees and residents. When it comes to new initiatives, he is neither afraid to try them nor blindly optimistic, but screens and evaluates each on its merits. On issues where he and I disagree, I can count on him to keep an open mind and to give my ideas a fair hearing. Sometimes I persuade him, and sometimes he persuades me; this is a thoughtful and collegial approach to leadership. I know City Council can get more done with Mike Summers as mayor. That's a real strength for Mayor Summers.

The choice is clear—and it's not a close one: Mike Summers is the best candidate for mayor. I respectfully ask you to join me in supporting Mayor Summers to lead Lakewood for another four years.

Tom Bullock serves Lakewood residents as their at-Large representative on City Council. Share ideas or concerns with Tom at 216-395-7LWD (-7593) or tom.bullock@lakewoodoh.net.

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Forum

City Council To Consider Impact Of Hospital Closing On The Less Fortunate

by Trudy Hutchinson

During the public comment portion of the July 20 meeting of Lakewood City Council questions were raised concerning the impact of closing Lakewood Hospital on people who have few financial resources. The Phase One draft report of Huron Business Advisory (the consultant engaged by the City to study the hospital closing) notes that the Lakewood service area has a high percentage of people who live below the poverty line. It is that group that has the most at risk if a full service hospital moves further away.

In response, Council President Mary Louise Madigan noted that these questions are among those that Council wants to answer as they consider the proposal to replace the current Lakewood Hospital with a family health center.

Specifically, Council was asked to determine how the change would affect

- 1) People who use public transportation;
- 2) People who are less likely to have reliable care options for small children or elderly relatives;
- 3) People who do not have language proficiency in English; and
- 4) People who do not have the resources to access the technology to monitor their own health conditions.

Council was also asked to look at the list of services that are being eliminated at Lakewood Hospital to see if these are services needed by the most vulnerable people in the Lakewood Community. Are the cancer program, pain management and orthopedic services highly utilized by low income people? Council was also asked to determine whether the services that are being maintained at the family health center will be offered at the current level. For instance, will diabetes services be scaled back from the present level of service? What do outpatient rehabilitation services look like for a person who has a mobility problem but does not have a private automobile or family resources to assist? Lakewood Hospital currently provides these services on an inpatient basis so even though rehab services continue, these services will no longer be available in the current form if Lakewood Hospital closes.

Leaders are called to look at the needs of all the people when a decision impacts the whole community. It is a hopeful sign that City Council already has the needs of the less fortunate on the list of considerations. If the needs of this unique group cannot be met or enhanced if the hospital closes, then

- 1) The family health center model

must be upgraded to meet the unique needs of low income people and/or

- 2) Transportation, translation and/or child care services must be made available to people who need them or
- 3) Lakewood Hospital must be saved.

Distortions Distract From Good And Honest Government: A Response To Mayor Summers

by Brian Essi

Mayor Summers has finally acknowledged that he has had a hidden agenda concerning a recreation center on the Lakewood hospital site. In his letter published in the Observer Forum last issue, Mayor Summers admitted:

1. “[T]he idea of a recreation center was part of early conversations.... among *people charged with envisioning* a healthier future for the community.”
2. “The Cleveland Clinic sketched out a .. 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.”

Mayor Summers made these admissions when confronted with disclosure of previously secret documents dated in May, 2014--the documents only came to light this June. In addition the “Build Lakewood” political action committee, that includes among its founders, Lakewood Planning Director Dru Siley, claims in its website that *“the City of Lakewood has already been contacted by a number of local and national developers interested in proposing projects for development on the land.”*

So Mayor Summers acknowledges secret discussions with the Clinic,

unnamed private developers and unnamed people that he claims are “charged” with planning our future. These hidden discussions and plans all presume the closing and demolition of our publicly owned hospital that has provided, among other things, over \$126 million in charity healthcare to our community just since 1996.

Court filings made in the taxpayer lawsuit on July 31, 2015 revealed even more secret documents that reveal that the Clinic had a covert “Master Plan” commissioned in 2011 to siphon medical services, equipment, and employees from Lakewood Hospital to Fairview Hospital in preparation for the closure and razing of Lakewood Hospital. The plans refer to the “economic development” of the hospital site that Mayor Summers is now working on in secret.

The new disclosure of documents now requires Mayor Summers to speak publicly, completely and clearly as to his knowledge of, and involvement with, the Clinic’s 2012 Master Plan to weaken and close Lakewood Hospital.

Good and honest government requires leaders who speak truthfully and without distortions. Can Mayor Summers make a clear and unequivocal statement that he will stand up to powerful and abusive corporate interests and work on behalf of the people of Lakewood?

Lakewood Hospital Misinformation

by Don Schmitz

In the June 9, 2015, issue of the Lakewood Observer, Jim Kenney claimed, “...The last major building investment was in 2002 when the Emergency Rooms were expanded...” This is false.


From Lakewood Hospital 2004 Community Report:

“Cardiac Services Expand–Lakewood Hospital made significant improvements to its cardiac services in 2004 with a \$3 million investment for physical refurbishments and expansion. The Heart Center’s recent expansion resulted in a 2,800-square-foot, state-of-the-art, digital catheterization laboratory. Enhanced cardiac surgery services also include a dedicated pacemaker and defibrillator procedure room; a new bypass machine; upgrades to the cardiovascular operating room suite; and additional staff, including a second perfusionist. Lakewood Hospital’s cardiac volume grew in 2004 to 2,160 invasive cardiac procedures and 1,031 catheterization cases, a combined 32 percent increase over 2003. In addition, there was a 25 percent increase in the number of electrophysiology studies conducted to

determine heart rhythm problems.”

And from Lakewood Hospital 2005 Community Report:

“Lakewood Hospital continued to invest in its community through renovations of more than \$3.7 million that were completed in 2005. Most visible of these projects were the newly renovated lobby and cafeteria. Other developments included upgrades to the Skilled Nursing Unit, the Digestive Health Center, the Child Care Center, Radiology, the Medical Building and new furniture in the third floor Atrium. In addition, the Heart Center was recently expanded to accommodate a new digital catheterization lab for clearer and faster diagnostic imaging, a dedicated pacemaker procedure room and upgrades to the cardiovascular operating suite. On the 4C wing, private dedicated rooms were made handicap accessible, and physical and occupational therapy were relocated for ease of patient rehabilitation. Future construction plans to renovate the Critical Care area and all patient floors, including patient rooms, nurses stations, hallways and repairs to the parking garage, will continue through 2006.”



The St. Ed's National Champion Crew for our "3rd Annual Eagle Challenge" event. Photo by Gina Trebilcock

THIRD ANNUAL EAGLE ROWING CHALLENGE
A FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT THE NATIONAL CHAMPION ST. EDWARD ROWING TEAM!
SEHS President Kubacki vs Vice President Good and their teams in a head-to-head race for the Golden Oar
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THE FOUNDRY BOATHOUSE
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In their third year, the St. Edward 51 member Rowing Team accomplished:

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- The team acquired 30 dynamic ergs, dedicated a new shell "Big Mike Orban", purchased a 32" safety launch and traveled to Clemson for spring training - an effort that showed major results!

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR GOAL OF RAISING \$18,200 BY AUGUST 15, 2015 AND HELP OUR TEAM REACH AN EVEN HIGHER LEVEL!

Your participation will help the team purchase more training ergs to accommodate our growing team and pay for our new safety launch You can help us in one of the following ways:

SUPER STROKE! Donate \$1,000 or more, with the funds going directly to the SEHS Rowing Program.

SEAT SPONSOR \$250/seat in the Kubacki or Good boat. You can row yourself or put your favorite VIP in this heated contest!

POWER 10 Make a contribution of your choice. All support, big and small, is greatly appreciated!

ALL HANDS ON DECK. Attend the event on August 15th, cheer on the race, participate in a 50/50 raffle, a Wagon of Booze raffle, bid on a 7-night stay in a Florida condo and pictures of your favorite SEHS rowers and coaches, and more!

Contributions can be made and tickets purchased online at <https://sehs.ejoinme.org/rowing3> or send checks directly to St. Edward High School, 13500 Detroit Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107 with "Rowing" in the memo line.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

10:00 A.M. WELCOME AND PRAYER
10:05 A.M. DEDICATION OF THE NEW SAFETY LAUNCH
10:15 A.M. TRAINING FOR THE KUBACKI -VS- GOOD TEAM MEMBERS, TOURS OF THE NEW BOATHOUSE, LAUNCH RIDES, BEER GARDEN AT BRICK AND BARREL.
11:00 A.M. KUBACKI -VS- GOOD GOLDEN OAR RACE
12:00 P.M. LUNCH AT RIVERGATE TAVERN/SAINATO'S WITH RACE AWARDS, 50/50 AND WAGON OF BOOZE DRAWINGS, AND SILENT AUCTIONS.
1:00 P.M. CONCLUSION

Questions? Please contact Lisa Camp at 216-408-7607 or ljcamp1015@gmail.com

Forum



Last year’s “Let’s Love Lakewood” event was a huge success!

5th Annual “Let’s Love Lakewood” Event

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throughout the afternoon.

The backpacks are given to elementary school children in the Lakewood area, specifically targeted to families who do not have the financial means to support the expense of sending their children back to school (in order to

receive a backpack, the child must be present at the event). If you would like to donate towards this event you can do so at www.gofundme.com/letslovelakewood or by mailing a check, made out to LNLC, to PO BOX 770085 Lakewood, OH 44107.

Every \$5 raised buys a backpack and school supplies for a child in need!

Why I’m Running: A Note On My Campaign For Lakewood Municipal Court Judge

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is the best in NEO, in my opinion). I’m an attorney with an undergraduate degree from Kenyon College and a law degree from Capital University Law School. I’ve spent the last seven years of my career defending the rights of my clients in courts throughout Northeast Ohio, including Lakewood.

In that role, I’ve realized the inequities of the court system, and I am passionate and driven about how it can be improved. Because of this, my campaign is built on three pillars:

****1. Common sense rehabilitation****

In 2014, [198 people in Cuyahoga County died of heroin overdose](http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2015/04/heroin_overdose_deaths_plateau.html). Let that sink it. This is up from 107 in 2011. The epidemic is here, and it’s hitting cities like ours. It’s time for common sense drug programs that take first-time, non-violent drug offenders and put them on a healthier path to recovery. The current court claims to be working on this front, but there are so many patterns for doing this well across the country, and it MUST be at the forefront of our efforts here in Lakewood so we can save our children, neighbors and friends from being part of that staggering overdose total.

I’m also certified to handle mental health cases, and have first-hand experience helping those with mental health diseases in both my professional and personal life. When people suffering through this are put into the criminal system, they are not treated. They are instead funneled into a system that puts them on a path toward being a career criminal.

****2. Giving everyone a voice****

It is time for the court system to truly embody the equality that America promises. My goal is to give everyone a voice in my court. That means taking the harshest stances I can for domestic abuse and hate crimes. We must protect all citizens or no one is protected.

I am also a fan of animals. I own two German Shepherds, one a rescue, and will help our pets have a voice in the court as well. Animal abuse of any kind would not stand on my watch.

****3. Preventing spillover crime from Cleveland****

I’m aware of concerns of rising crimes in eastern Lakewood. I want to assure the citizens of Lakewood that I would take a tough stand on individuals that feel like they can cross into Lakewood and commit crimes. If I’m on the bench, these areas, like Birdtown and Gold Coast, will be safer.

Judge Patrick Carroll has served Lakewood since 1990 and I truly respect what he’s done for our city. I do not know him well, but he seems to be a good man who is looking to close out his career in the position he’s known for almost three decades.

But Lakewood has changed a lot in the last three decades - if you’re reading this article online, you no doubt know this. Isn’t it time for leadership in Lakewood’s Municipal Court to reflect that change?

For example, when the United States Supreme Court ruled on Obergefell v. Hodges, the case in which the court held a 5-4 decision that the fundamental right to marry is guaranteed to same-sex couples, in June, I would expect the judge in a city like Lakewood to have been out in front of the city offering to put a focus on schedul-

Lakewood Police Have No Business Trolling I-90 For Speeders

by Bob Soltis

With several bicycles being stolen in one day and other unacceptable behavior occurring lately in our City, one has to wonder why Lakewood Police Officers are hiding in private driveways (I’ve thrown them out of mine), church parking lots (Nicholson and Clifton Boulevard), and - even worse, sitting on Interstate 90 - trolling for speeders.

While speed limits are valid laws, they are malum prohibitum (wrong because they are prohibited) offenses, not malum in se (wrong in and of themselves) offenses like stealing, breaking in houses, and beating people up. No one is questioning safety, but when public safety as a whole pulls a unit out of the city proper in the name of the almighty dollar of the traffic

fine, that’s not safety - it’s greed. The same kind of greed our tax department exhibits when it welcomes new residents with tax information forms the day after their house is closing.

Government is supposed to serve the people, not lie in wait hoping they’ll make a mistake. How does enforcing the speed limit on I-90 make the city proper a safer place? Those units could be out and about, showing their presence, further decreasing real crime. I’d have asked Chief Malley that question, but he doesn’t respond to letters, even when the writer asks nicely.

Let’s hope that if Lakewoodites say “enough” to business as usual, and elect a new mayor, that he will insist city government start serving the people instead of filling its wallet.

A Community Leader For Lakewood JT Neuffer For City Council Ward 3

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of his many attributes that I personally admire is his integrity, his commitment to do the right thing and keep an open mind.

JT has an impressive background in business, education and employment which will benefit residents while he is serving on City Council. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Bowling Green State University and a Master’s in Business Administration from Cleveland State University.

JT is a Democrat with a strong record of service to our community in multiple organizations. He has held leadership positions in the Lakewood Democratic Club (Treasurer), PTA Council, Lewis Drive Block Club (Capt.), Citizens Advisory Commission (Co-Chair), Cleveland Stonewall Democrats (VP Membership) and Lakewood Family Collaborative (Job Club). JT also participated in the Lakewood Citizen’s Police Academy to gain knowledge about the operations of our police department services in

order to better serve his residents as Block Captain.

Recently, JT has been endorsed as the preferred candidate for City Council, Ward 3 from the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party, The Victory Fund, Cleveland Stonewall Democrats and the Cuyahoga Democratic Women’s Caucus. Clearly JT has the support from the community and political organizations.

JT has experience leading change and the vision to develop new opportunities for Lakewood. He has proven success in community relations and the strong ability to serve as the representative who will advocate for your concerns. I hope you will join me by voting for a visionary leader with exceptional leadership skills as your next City Councilman, Ward 3.

Contact JT Neuffer at: electjtneuffer@gmail.com. Find out more at: www.democracy.com/electjtneuffer or www.facebook.com/electjtneuffer.

ing weddings for same-sex couples. Had I been on the court, I would have used this as a time to use social media and the Internet to promote this message.

It’s time to bring the court into modern times. This means updating the court systems to make them more efficient. It also means using technology to get feedback from citizens and learn about other successful rehabilitation programs from across the country.

Technology should put pressure on a judge to get better and make the court better. This is a challenge I would take on. With all due respect to Judge Carroll, who would be serving his final six years in the court, I’m not sure he’s up to this challenge. Although he’s turned up his digital presence since I’ve announced my candidacy, putting together a site that looks similar to

the one my team put up four months earlier, the court has been stagnant for many years, closed off to new technology. He may offer to make a push now, but since this is his final term, he wouldn’t have any real accountability to the voters to make these changes.

I know I’d be new to this role, but my whole life I’ve looked forward to an opportunity like this. My experience is in helping injured workers fight for their rights, and I’m passionate about protecting people. I’d love to talk with you, answer your questions and prove that I am the right person for this job. Please feel free to reach out to me at my campaign email, Taubmanforjudge@gmail.com. You can also follow what we’re doing on our site, Taubmanforjudge.com. Reach out and we’ll work to make Lakewood even better, together!

Lakewood Living

A Tale Of Peace, And The Roses Of Sharon...

Dear Lakewood Friends,

One hundred and fifty years ago this year, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow published the poem “Christmas Bells,” later to become the song, “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day;” concerning whether there ever would be peace on Earth, in the face of such turmoil as the American Civil War. His son had been gravely wounded in that war, and he was suffering the passing of his dear wife. Through his trials, he was moved to write that famous song of hope in the midst of tragedy and despair.

Here in Lakewood, as with the West End debacle a decade ago, Lakewood citizens are once again pitted against each other in a sublime struggle over the future of our hospital. Now, as in the days of the Civil War, well-meaning people continue to rise to engage each other while laying aside the olive branches of peace. Still others in our community hope for a peaceful resolution soon for all of this.

Ordinarily, when I write these sorts of musings, they are either city or music related. This missive, on the other hand, relates to a faith-based experience that I had, just yesterday. Does a loving God continue to bring peace to us these days? I truly believe so, and yesterday brought just one more example of that for me. I was out

by the garage yesterday morning, and over by the garage door, the Rose of Sharon bush was in full bloom.

The Rose of Sharon was my mom’s (Betty Rice’s) favorite bush, particularly because, like the dogwood, there are so many allegories connecting it with Christ. We had those bushes out by our camper in Brunswick, but one by one, over the years, they had died off after Mom’s passing, back in 2004. Somehow though, and in some way, a Rose of Sharon bush decided to grow up right by my garage door here in Lakewood, and it has thrived. These come into full bloom right around the time of Mom’s July 19th birthday.

Mom’s passing over a decade ago was one of the hardest things I’ve ever gone through. For years afterwards my soul ached, although I was absorbed with caring for Dad. (Robert Rice) He lasted another ten years and they were good ones for both of us, but in January of this year, he too passed on. As an only child, it has been a challenge to keep the positive attitude and smile and willingness to help others that my parents insisted that I cultivate. I have certainly tried to do so, but there have still been moments...

Seeing that Rose of Sharon in full beautiful bloom yesterday was just too much for me. I broke down completely. When those sorts of triggers happen, I have always found prayer to be a great

comfort, and such was the case then. Within a short while, I was back in the swing of things and off to lunch and groceries. Coming home, I spotted a yard sale in Cleveland. After bringing the frozen food home and putting it away, something told me to go back and peruse that sale. Yesterday being a Tuesday, yard sales are highly uncommon, and I almost did not go back.

Anyway, the seller and I got to talking about our hobbies, and the topic soon turned to music. They indeed had a banjo to sell, although it was in the house. Would I like to see it? He brought it out and told me that it needed a great deal of work and had been refused as a trade-in at the guitar store for that very reason. We opened the case. It was a no-name banjo, but was otherwise very nice; having multiple inlays.

I asked his price, paid it, and we quickly shook hands on a deal. It was only a half hour later, while in the pro-

cess of repairing and setting up the instrument, that I had occasion to more closely inspect the floral inlays.

They were Roses of Sharon. The banjo turned out fine, and more to the point, (and thanks be to God) so have I.

Peace on Earth? Truly it will eventually come to us on an individual level, and if history is any indicator of the future, eventually it will return here to Lakewood.

Especially if we all try and help to make it happen.

Back to the peace-making banjo...

Gary Rice

*Strolling and strumming,
Singing and humming,
Nobody bumming,
All for the cause.*

Lyrics: courtesy of my friend, Michael J. Luczak

Mark A. Schneider For City Council: A Career Spent In The Service Of Others

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budgeting process in a responsible manner, searching for cost savings through regional cooperation with surrounding communities, to ensure that we keep the high level of services we have come to expect, and deserve, while remaining a community of destination for working families.

When I opened up a law office in Fairview Park years ago, and ultimately made the decision to move to the West Side, I could have lived in any city. I chose Lakewood to make my home because it is a vibrant, progressive community, filled with friends. Lakewood is teeming with prideful citizens who contribute every day to make our community better. Having spent my entire career in public service, I have always felt it was my civic duty to give back to my community. That is why I ask for your vote this September 8.

My career spent in public service has prepared me well for this position:

After graduating from the Ohio State University College of Law, I began my legal career as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in the Office of the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor. After handling thousands of violent felony cases, at the age of twenty-nine, I was promoted to the elite Major Trial Unit, responsible for countless prosecutions of homicide and sexual assault, including Capital murder prosecutions. My time as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney allowed me to aid victims of crime in their darkest hours and to fight for the safety of Lakewood and every community in Cuyahoga County.

In November of 2008, I was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives. As a State Representative, I worked with local officials and businesses throughout Northeast Ohio to

create jobs. Notably, I fought for and received over \$5.5 million in state assistance to leverage many times that in private investment to bring over 400 new, good-paying jobs to Northeast Ohio. In addition to my work with Northeast Ohio businesses and local governments, I was a primary sponsor of the Ohio Film Tax Credit, responsible for thousands of new jobs in this state. I also was a primary sponsor of the Technology Transfer Bill, which allows public universities to take a financial stake in technology created on their campuses, facilitating the creation of new start-up companies. I also supported the renewal of the Third Frontier Program, an innovative program that has created thousands of local jobs in Northeast Ohio.

Since leaving office at the end of 2010, I have worked for the City of Parma Heights as an Assistant Law Director and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. I have enjoyed my work in local government, advising the Mayor and his administration, City Council, and all of the City’s Boards and Commissions. Like Lakewood, Parma Heights is called upon to perform more for its citizens with less resources and revenue from the State. In addition to fighting for the safety of the City, I played a key role in creating the City’s Community Reinvestment Area and Community Improvement Corporation, innovative economic development tools that the City utilizes to attract investment.

I humbly ask for your vote this September 8.

Mark Schneider is a candidate for Lakewood City Council, Ward 3.

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Lakewood Living

LakewoodAlive’s Knowing Your Home August Workshops

by Allison Urbanek

Home Maintenance for the 21st Century

Led by Allison Urbanek, Housing Outreach Director, LakewoodAlive

Thursday, August 13

Lakewood Public Library, Madison Branch

7-8:30 p.m.

This “Knowing Your Home” work-

shop will focus on the must-do home maintenance tasks that homeowners, especially owners of 80-100 year old homes, should make a priority to prevent major repair issues down the line.

The workshop will also outline a yearly home maintenance schedule, helping to keep homeowners on track with maintenance chores as well as websites and apps that can be used

to make life easier by storing or home repair information in one convenient place as life becomes more and more digital every day.

Flat Roof Repair and Replacement

Led by 1st Choice Roofing Company

Thursday, August 20

Mahall’s 20 Lanes

7-9 p.m.

Do you have a garage, porch or

portion of your house with a flat roof that needs to be replaced?

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Then we’ve got a workshop for you- Join LakewoodAlive and 1st Choice Roofing Company for a workshop that will focus on the process and products that are used when replacing a flat roof.

These products are not your grandfather’s old school roll roofing. Roofing manufacturers are updating their products by leaps and bounds each year.

You will have the opportunity to learn about all of the latest and greatest products that are available that will keep your home safe and dry.

“Knowing Your Home” is an educational series focused on best sustainability and home maintenance practices, empowering homeowners to tackle necessary repairs and improvements.

Our workshops are offered free of charge to participants, thanks to the generous support of our sponsors:

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Court Filing And Documents Reveal 2012 Cleveland Clinic Plan To “Decant” Lakewood Hospital And Avoid Legal Agreements

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of Incorporation provides: *“Upon the dissolution of the [LHA], all of the [LHA’s] property of every nature and description shall....be paid over and transferred to the City of Lakewood, Ohio for public purposes which shall also serve one or more of the purposes of the [LHA] or to another nonprofit charitable organization...which is organized for the purpose of operating Lakewood Hospital...”*

At the end of the Lease, LHA *“shall transfer all of its then assets to the City or to another nonprofit corporation organized for the purpose of operating the Hospital.”* [Section 12.2] The Lease also requires LHA to surrender all leased property and other assets to the City *“in as good condition as prevailed at the time”* LHA took possession. [Section 14.1]

So, although LHA is a public charity and its assets belong to the City, in numerous recorded public forums, Mayor Summers referred to LHA as a “private” charity.

In addition, the current Definitive Agreement between LHA and the Clinic provides that *“CCF shall assure that Lakewood shall have a cash to debt ratio of 1:1 on a fiscal year basis... if it is determined that [LHA] does not meet such ratio, CCF shall advance sufficient funds to Lakewood to meet such ratio...any advances not repaid to CCF at such time as the [Lease] terminates shall be forgiven by CCF”* [Section 2.1.1]

This means that the Clinic is required to fund all losses and cash flow needs of LHA through 2026. The Clinic’s Definitive Agreement essentially guaranties that the hospital will be viable as a hospital through 2026 and LHA and the City do not need to repay any money the Clinic puts into LHA. Subsidium estimated that the Clinic’s liability could be as high as \$214 million through 2026 after the Clinic removes certain programs to its Avon hospital, slated to open in late 2016.

Apparently in furtherance of the

2012 “Decanting Plan,” the Clinic and LHA proposal from January, 2015 sought to end the Lease and dissolve LHA, but they did not want to give the money, property, equipment and programs back to the City and its citizens.

Instead, they propose, among other things:

1. The Clinic would benefit from all of LHA’s equipment, programs, service lines and hospital bed licenses (all property belonging to the City) without paying any money to LHA or Lakewood.

2. LHA would use City money to tear down buildings belonging to the City i.e. destroying value so that: (a) the Clinic could buy cleared land at only the land price, and (b) some yet to be named private developers can buy cleared land at only the land price. According to the BuildLakewood.org website: *“the City of Lakewood has already been contacted by a number of local and national developers interested in proposing projects for development on the land.”* Planning Director, Dru Siley, is a founding member of Build Lakewood—a political action committee that favors the Clinic/LHA plan.

3. The City’s money that is left over will go into a new foundation controlled by unnamed people for yet to be determined causes, but it will definitely not be controlled by the City---the Clinic would have some control over the new foundation too.

So, if the Clinic/LHA proposal is adopted, the City will receive little or nothing for most of the City’s public assets and the Clinic will avoid any of its liability to fund the hospital through 2026.

The Clinic and private developers would be the primary beneficiaries of the plan.

The Clinic and LHA will also avoid the legal obligations and liabilities set forth in the LHA’s Articles of Incorporation, the Lease and the Definitive Agreement.

All three legal documents were designed to protect Lakewood residents, including the most vulnerable,

who are unable to pay for healthcare services.

In May, the Clinic and LHA began reporting significant losses at the hospital caused by their own January announcement that the hospital would close and other actions taken in furtherance of the newly revealed “Decanting Plan.”

For example, in February of this year, the Clinic and LHA through Shannon Ritchie, the Interim President of Lakewood Hospital, terminated Lakewood’s lucrative cardiac intervention program---this resulted in significant reduction of emergency room admissions and significant losses.

Despite the Clinic/LHA pressure for a decision in favor of their plan using the losses that they themselves have caused to try to show that “the hospital is losing money,” City Council is at a stalemate and no action on any proposal is expected before January, when a new Council President will be elected and possibly a new mayor.

It is uncertain what effect the public revelation of the Clinic’s “Decanting Plan” will have on the political process prior to January. The newly discovered documents clearly bolster the plaintiffs’ case in the taxpayer lawsuit, but a resolution of that case is not expected soon.

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