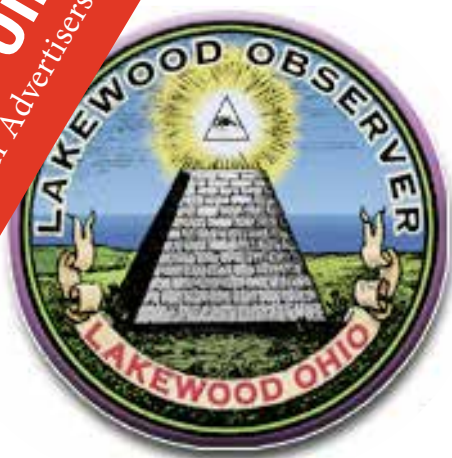


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## Thirteen Lakewood City Schools' Superstars Celebrate At Hall Of Fame

by Missy Toms

The Civic Auditorium was packed on September 24, when the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation honored the achievements of Lakewood City Schools athletes, distin-

guished alumni, and staff at the annual Hall of Fame Celebration. Thirteen people were inducted: four staff, four athletes, and five distinguished alumni.

Luke Beeler '99 was an eight

time varsity letterman receiving letters in baseball, football, and basketball. As a senior at Eastern Michigan University, he helped lead the Eagles to become MAC Champions and NCAA Regional

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Back row, left to right: Glenn Mueller '73, Dean Scarborough '73, Luke Beeler '99, Chad Higgins '91, Kathy Nortz '81, Glenn Mueller '73, Dean Scarborough '73, James Wooley '75, and Vince Barra.

Front row, left to right: Mark Verdova '75, Kathy Nortz '81, Jamie Cure, Len Forkas '77, Judi Norton (for sister Kathleen Hart Young '78), Gail Meinke, and Charlene Morford

## Support TLCO & LWC Scholarship Fund At The Lakewood Women's Club 11th Annual Great Pumpkin Fun Run

by Torey Worron

Looking to have some fun, do some good in your community and get in a good run all at the same time? Come join The Lakewood Women's Club 11th Annual Great Pumpkin Fun Run at Lakewood Park on Sunday, October 25. In addition to fun you will help raise money to support our local community.

This year's charitable recipient is Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach (TLCO). Its mission is to foster a healthier community through collaboration, education, and meeting basic commu-

nity needs. TLCO serves our Lakewood neighbors in need by providing four hot community meals every month, offering produce distribution in the summer/fall months, managing a community garden that supports their hot meal program, and community-based health and wellness programs.

The Great Pumpkin Fun Run features two events: the 5k run, with a course that starts in Lakewood Park and goes out Lake Avenue and circles back to finish in the park, and the 1-mile Fun Run, which stays in the park and uses the

paved paths in the park.

But the fun is not only for the runners. All participants are encouraged to dress up in their

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## Halloween Trick-Or-Treating Set For Saturday, October 31

by Colin McEwen

The City of Lakewood will observe Halloween Trick-or-Treating between the hours of 6-8 p.m. on Saturday, October 31.

The city is offering these safety tips for parents, resi-

dents and drivers:

- Parents should encourage their trick-or-treaters to be especially careful after sunset. If escorting their children, parents should carry a flashlight as an additional safeguard.

- Residents giving out candy and treats can help prevent accidents by reminding children to be especially careful crossing streets

and to walk up and down steps, instead of running.

- Halloween night drivers should be especially vigilant. Motorists should drive more cautiously and be prepared to stop.

The following day — Sunday, November 1 — also marks the end of Daylight Savings Time so residents are reminded to turn their clocks back one hour.

Per Lakewood Observer policy, candidates and their campaign representatives are restricted from submitting for the final two issues preceding an election (although individual citizens are always welcome to submit op-eds, which will be published as space allows in the Forum section). However, due to a printing error, articles from Ward 2 Councilman Sam O'Leary and Ward 4 Council Candidate Dan O'Malley failed to run last issue. Please find both articles from the campaigns below. An op-ed piece for the Ward 2 council seat for Councilman O'Leary's opponent in the race, Paul Beegan, can be found inside on page 20.

## Dan O'Malley Set To Bring Fresh Perspective To Lakewood City Council

by Joshua Thielen

Dan O'Malley is running unopposed to represent Ward 4 on Lakewood City Council, but that doesn't mean the first-time candidate is taking anything for granted. O'Malley, a resident of the Gold Coast neighborhood, has continued going door-to-door throughout the ward, attending community meetings, and listening to the voices of people he will soon represent on Lakewood's East End.

O'Malley initially faced a three-way race for the seat, but both other candidates eventu-

ally withdrew after the filing deadline had passed.

"I'm glad to not have the pressure of a contested election, but I'm still keeping busy with what I would have otherwise been doing as a candidate," he said. "It's important for people to know I'm someone who is available to them, active in the community, and who wants to hear what they have to say."

Since graduating from John Carroll University in 2007, O'Malley has spent most of his career in the labor movement, holding various positions with Working

America, an affiliate of the AFL-CIO. He has spent the last two years as the organization's state director for Ohio, but soon will be stepping into a new role with the North Shore (Cleveland) AFL-CIO.

"I think my experience fighting for workers will serve me well as a councilperson," he said. "I've advocated on a range of issues from job creation to retirement security, health care and education."

O'Malley has also been actively involved in a number of charitable and social causes

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by Samuel T. O'Leary

Advocating and working on behalf of Ward 2 residents these past two years has been rewarding and inspiring. I'm asking for your support as I seek a full term as Ward 2 Council, to build on the successes we've already achieved, and to innovate solutions to the challenges we're just beginning to identify and understand. From investments in our streets, sidewalks, and sewers, to exciting additions and renovations in Kauffman, Lakewood, and Madison parks, Lakewood remains a community on the move. However, as much as we change as a city, our community's identity remains firmly rooted in our flourishing, vibrant, neighborhoods and

thriving, local businesses. Lakewood's most profound strength continues to be the dedicated, engaged, and talented people who live and work here.

Whether growing up in Lakewood as a kid and attending Lakewood City Schools, or later serving Lakewood on the Board of Zoning Appeals, or, most recently, while on Council, I've never ceased to be amazed by the ability of Lakewood's residents to resolve differences and solve problems. I've tried to emulate those same qualities in my service on Council by focusing on pragmatic, solution-oriented approaches to topics ranging from minor nuisance to major

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Observations

It's Alive! Halloween Window Walk Tradition Continues

by Betsy Voinovich

It's that time of the year again. The wind is rattling the leaves, everyone's locating their jackets and hats. Lake Erie is finally just a little too cold for swimming and if your house is like mine, we've already been through 4 different complete costume changes for Halloween night and that's just the ten-year-old.

Our favorite Lakewood Halloween tradition for the last ten years has been the Halloween Window Decorating Contest. When my oldest was five, year one for the contest, he won "Best In Show" with his painting of "The Skeletones," four skeletons in a rock band with bright orange punk hair. One of his prizes was tickets to "The Phantom Tollbooth" at the Beck Center—we had never been there before, and going to that show started another family tradition of attending student

plays at the Beck.

If you've participated before, you know the drill. Sign-up flyers will be coming home in your kids' backpacks (you can also pick them up at the library, The Beck Center or Rozi's.) You sign up and wait for your window assignment in the mail. Each child can sign up for his own window, or you can do it as a family, a church group, a Cub Scout pack, etc. And then you get to paint the biggest canvas you have ever worked on, and show it off to probably the biggest audience you've ever had---the whole city of Lakewood! You can paint whatever Halloween looks like to you, from Headless Horsemen to cute kittens jumping out of pumpkins to last year's zombie Ranger marching band.

Business owners up and down Detroit have generously donated their windows for decoration. (If you are a business owner who would like to par-

ticipate, call this number 216.228.7223 RIGHT NOW as we would love to have more businesses to paint.)

The painting itself will take place from October 22 through October 28th and the judging will take place October 30th. Everyone who participates is invited to the Award Ceremony and

Artist's Reception at the Beck on Halloween itself, Oct 31st at 2PM. You get to hang out with your fellow artists, compare artistic theories regarding Halloween painting, and get started on eating some treats early.

Questions call 216-228-7223 or email: [production@lakewoodobserver.com](mailto:production@lakewoodobserver.com)

CCLAS Adopt-A-Pet: Pandora

by Mike Deneen

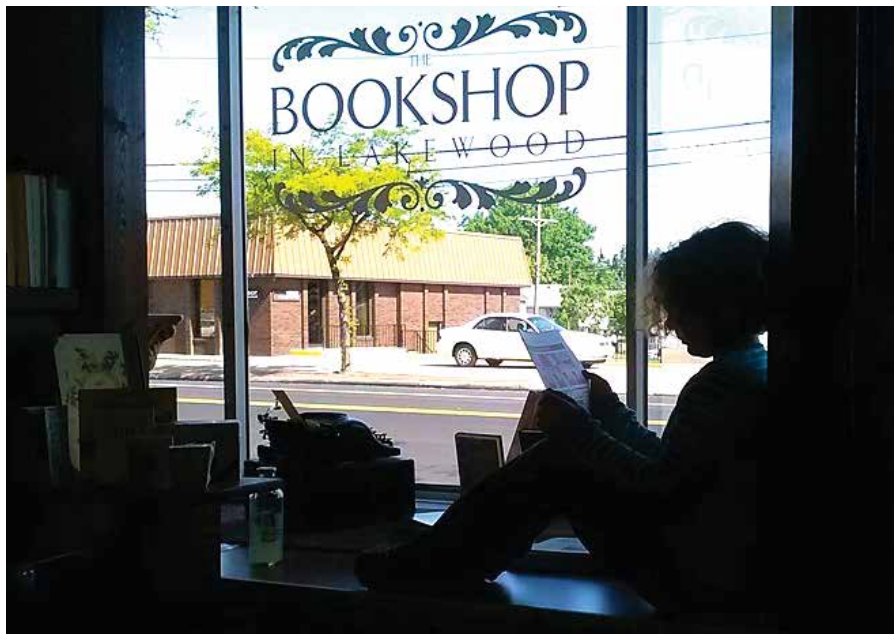
Pandora is a gorgeous calico girl, about 5 years old. She has a sweet disposition, charming white paws and markings on her face and chest, and gorgeous pale green eyes. She was abandoned in Lakewood and has been at the shelter waiting for her forever home for almost 60 days.

For more info on Pandora or any of the other adoptable animals at the Lakewood Animal Shelter, call 216-529-5020 or visit the CCLAS website [www.cclas.info](http://www.cclas.info)



Pictured at right: Pandora is waiting to meet you!

First Anniversary Sale At The Bookshop In Lakewood



by Colin Brown

The Bookshop in Lakewood is turning 1! Located on Madison Ave., between Morrison and Carabel, we carry a full subject range of gently used books, including collectibles and children's titles. To celebrate, we are throwing an Anniversary Sale on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Everything in the shop will be discounted by 20%, and the first 100 customers will receive a free chocolate treat, with purchase, supplied by

Fear's Confections! Someone from The Pierogi Pantry will also be giving out free samples of their fantastic homemade perogis (while supplies last).

If you haven't stopped by yet, this is the perfect time to check us out (before holiday shopping strips our shelves bare...). Hope to see you there!

The Bookshop In Lakewood is open Tuesday-Saturday, noon-8 p.m. at 15721 Madison Ave. For more information call 216-221-5222.

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City News

Council Handles The Business Of The City

The Council Meeting on October 5, 2015 got a bit of a late start due to a preceding Committee of the Whole which ran overtime. The meeting was not called to order until 8:05 P.M., when they are scheduled to begin at 7:30.

The first order of new business was an ordinance submitted to Council from Law Director Kevin Butler. The ordinance is a quarterly piece of legislation which approves the addition of all new legislation passed in the last quarter to both the print and online versions of the City's Codified Ordinances. Traditionally this ordinance is referred to the Rules and Ordinance Committee for discussion as it goes through its required three readings in Council. Councilman Sam O'Leary (Ward II), chair of the Rules and Ordinances Committee, said that he and fellow committee member Councilman Ryan Nowlin, have discussed the manner in which these ordinances are handled, and after having the same conversation and recommendation for several quarters worth of ordinances, they recommended handling these in a new streamlined manner.

Councilman O'Leary suggested they consider possibly suspending the rules and passing the ordinance on its first reading. Therefore Council President Mary Louise Madigan (Ward IV) made a motion to suspend the rules. However, Councilman Tom Bullock (At-Large) said that although he agrees that it might not be necessary to refer the

ordinance to the Rules and Ordinance Committee every quarter, he said he did not feel comfortable suspending the rules since it is not an emergency matter. He suggested they perhaps just run the ordinance through all three readings and forgo referring it to committee. Councilman David Anderson (Ward I) also said he would prefer that the ordinance go through its regular three readings.

Councilwoman Madigan then asked Councilman O'Leary if there was a time issue with the ordinance. Councilman O'Leary said that as far as he knew there was not a time issue. He then said that he wished to clarify that he was not firm on his suggestion to suspend the rules, but that he wanted to find a way for these ministerial ordinances to not waste time in committee.

The question of time was then passed to Director Butler who said there was no time sensitivity, but that he also understands that they can take up unnecessary time in committee. Councilman Nowlin then asked if the

ordinance had to be referred to committee. Director Butler said that nothing ever has to be referred to committee.

With this information, Councilwoman Madigan withdrew her motion to suspend the rules and then made a motion to place the ordinance on its first reading without sending it to committee. Council voted in agreement.

Next, Director of Human Services, Toni Gelsomino informed Council that they will be accepting \$28,800 from the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Court Division for 2016 and 2017 program years of the Juvenile Diversion Program. The Juvenile Diversion Program is a collaborative effort of the Division of Youth Services, Police, and the Law Department and it seeks to decrease the likelihood that young people will fall through the cracks of the justice system. The program assists youths in taking responsibility for their behaviors, enables them to give back to the community, and encourages continued community involvement.

There was then a communication from Police Chief Malley regarding the sharing of safety services during the Republican National Convention. The convention has been designated a National Special Security Event by the United States Secret Service and the Cleveland Division of Police are the lead agency to provide security for the event. The agencies involved have reached out to Lakewood for assistance during the event. The Ohio Revised Code provides guidelines for mutual aid agreements to be entered into among municipalities or events such as the convention. A proposed agreement of this type was submitted to council for their consideration.

Council referred the resolution to the Public Safety Committee for discussion.

Fire Chief Gilman then told Council that the Fire Department purchased a replacement fire hose this year and now has 3,000 feet of surplus hose that is not needed. The City would like to exchange the hose with the Fire Train-

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Solstice Steps Expected To Open To The Public October 29

by Colin McEwen

Mayor Michael Summers gave members of Lakewood City Council a sneak peek of the Summer Solstice Steps at Lakewood Park.

The \$2 million project to reinvent Lakewood's access to Lake Erie is almost complete, and is expected to open to the public on Oct. 29 with a special ceremony.

When fully complete, the Solstice Steps will feature an upper and lower promenade, extending from the existing park at the top of the slope, to the waterline with seating in between. The existing grass hill-slope was transformed into cascading stone stairs with grass landings.

"We see this as a pivotal step in increasing access to green space, without changing the footprint of the park," said Lakewood Mayor Michael Summers. "This project will allow thousands to enjoy picturesque views of Lake Erie, our greatest natural resource."

The new Solstice stairs will provide

areas for residents to lie out and have a picnic or simply sit and enjoy a beautiful sunset. They have been termed "Solstice Steps" because on the Summer Solstice the sun will set directly upon the central

node of the project. This marks the farthest north the sun sets each year.

The steps are tentatively set for an official unveiling and ribbon-cutting ceremony at 4 p.m. Oct. 29.

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favorite Halloween costume (there are prizes). What is your costume this year? We can't wait to see it!

Cash awards will be given to the top 5K male and female finishers, as well as non-monetary awards for top three women and men in each age group. Prizes will also be awarded to top male & female finishers in the 1-mile Fun Run.

Another treat and reward for runners that pre-register by October 12 is a unique, one of a kind Pumpkin Fun

Run tee-shirt featuring a unique design!

Denise Ross, a teacher in Bay Village and a Lakewood resident, engaged her students in a design project, using the Fun Run as the subject. The winning design was created by Claire Mercer. Check out Claire's cool design when you register for the Great Pumpkin 5K & Fun Run.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Some levels include your company's logo on the back of all of the tee shirts and event recognition. For sponsorship details please contact Mary Dodge at lakewoodjuniors@gmail.com.


Register for the Pumpkin Fun Run at [www.hermescleveland.com](http://www.hermescleveland.com) or mail entries to: Hermes Sports & Events, 1624 St Clair Ave, Cleveland, Ohio 44114. Make checks payable to Hermes Sports & Events. Pre-register entries must be post marked by Wednesday October 21, 2015.

Race day registration starts at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 25; the 1 Mile run goes off at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K begins at 9:00 a.m.

The Lakewood Women's Club looks forward to helping TLCO accomplish their mission this year. We are looking forward to your support, and hope to see you at the Fun Run!

To learn more about our club, please visit us at [www.lakewoodwomen-sclub.com](http://www.lakewoodwomen-sclub.com) or on Facebook and Twitter.

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The Judge’s Bench

Trusteeship: Avoiding Garnishment And Debt Consolidation Through The Municipal Court

The advertisement tells you that you can avoid wage garnishment and bank attachments with a debt consolidation program. All you have to do is send your unprotected money to an unknown address where it will be held interest free for a few months and eventually may be paid out to your creditors. Sounds a bit risky? A better way to go might be to apply for trusteeship with the municipal court. If you have a judgment against you a trusteeship will prohibit:

- Garnishment of wages,
- Attachment of bank accounts or
- Any other attempt to take your personal earnings.

A municipal court trusteeship is a little known way to avoid bankruptcy and take care of many of your bills by consolidating them into one payment. Basically, you pay the court one specified amount per month which is distributed to your creditors. The monthly amount is determined based upon a statutory percentage of wages and exemptions. The clerk of court serves as the trustee. As long as the payments are made on time, the creditors may only collect through the municipal court. The trusteeship prevents a creditor from garnishing your wages.

A trusteeship allows a person to consolidate many debts and have them paid out through the court. The pay-

ments made by you are paid out to the creditors proportionately by the amount of each debt. It is a debt consolidation program where your money is protected by payment through the court.

How can I start a trusteeship?

A trusteeship can only be started when a judgment has been made against you and the creditor is attempting to collect on the judgment by garnishing your wages. Before the garnishment begins the creditor must give you written notice of at least fifteen days. During this 15-day time, you may apply to the municipal court to start the trusteeship. If you miss the 15-day time and garnishment proceedings begin, you can still apply for a trusteeship and stop the garnishment of your wages.

How much do I have to pay each month?

When you apply for the trusteeship, you must submit written proof of earnings (usually pay stubs) to show a 30 day pay period. Based upon current garnishment law, the amount is about 25% of your net earnings (or take home pay), but may be less based upon the federal minimum wage.

Where do I file the trusteeship?

The trusteeship is filed in the municipal court where you live.

What does it cost?

The filing fee in Lakewood Court

is \$15. All courts have an additional two percent fee for amounts paid. If you are filing in a different municipal court, the filing fee may be higher and there may be additional fees. Lakewood Court has the lowest trusteeship filing fee in Cuyahoga County.

Do all of the creditors need to have a judgment against me to be included?

No. Only one judgment is needed. When you respond to the 15 day letter of notice of garnishment, you may file a list of many or all debts, along with the amounts owed, with the clerk of court. Once the trusteeship is created, other creditors may be added. As a debt is paid, the creditor is removed from the trusteeship.

Does the creditor have to go along with the payment plan?

Yes, if it an unsecured debt. The debtor, not the creditors, decides on payment through the trustee. In other words, a creditor could not “opt out” of the trusteeship and collect a judgment on its own, unless it is a secured debt. A secured creditor may apply to the court to opt out of the trusteeship.

Once the creditor is included in the list of creditors filed with the clerk of court, the creditor cannot take other steps to collect on the debt. If a garnishment is filed after the trusteeship is filed,

it is dismissed without going to your employer. A trusteeship does not prevent a creditor from filing a lawsuit or obtaining a judgment, but the creditor can only get payment through the trusteeship. Many times, the trusteeship is enough to keep the creditor from filing the lawsuit, which may have a better impact on your credit rating. A trusteeship can also stop calls from collection agencies.

What is an unsecured debt?

An unsecured debt is a debt that is not secured by certain property. Secured debts usually include car loans and home mortgages. Unsecured debts include credit card bills, medical bills, or personal loans.

Can I pay a lesser amount per month?

After the trusteeship is created, you may file a written request to the court, with copies to all of the creditors, to reduce the monthly amount. If all of the creditors agree, the monthly amount could be reduced.

What happens if I can’t make a payment?

Although a missed payment does not automatically terminate the trusteeship, if there are many missed payments the creditors may apply to the court to terminate the trusteeship. If the trusteeship is terminated due to missed payments, you must wait six months before you can re-apply for a trusteeship.

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# Is There Hope For People With Mental Illness?

by Marc Mannheimer

The challenges that people with mental health issues face are numerous, even in a world where available treatments are most largely successful. The various mental health symptoms (e.g. depression, anxiety, etc.) and their secondary effects (difficulty working, disrupted social life, etc.) are quite a lot to bear. But the mentally ill also face stigma, fear and a general lack of understanding from the general population. These obstacles often result in reluctance to seek treatment and in self-stigma, internalizing the discrimination of others. These serve as barriers to individuals achieving personal goals and feeling good about themselves overall.

The stigma is compounded by tragedies perpetrated by very ill people whose mental health has not been addressed. The truth still stands, however, that the mentally ill are much more likely to be the victims of violent crime than to be perpetrators. Those who do commit crimes often face jail or prison rather than receiving the treatment they need at state psychiatric hospitals.

What's more, mental illness knows no bounds. It runs across all socio-economic lines, and affects people regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation and pays no heed to level of education. So,

is there hope for the mentally ill?

Many of the current medications and therapies are extremely helpful for mental health treatment (when there is compliance), while the promises of new research and newer treatments are encouraging. A resource that is getting more and more attention nation-wide that has proven to be promising is mental health "peer support": workers with mental illness helping their mentally ill peers in a variety of settings.

One local peer support organization, The Living Miracles Peer Empowerment Center, has been around since 1999. Now located at 11801 Clifton Boulevard, Suite #2, in Lakewood, Ohio, the Miracles offer peer-facilitated discussion groups that serve to educate and support mental health consumers. Group topics range from symptom management to dealing with anger to coping in relationships. Fun activities and recreational trips out in the community are also offered.

Groups at The Living Miracles boost self-confidence and teach coping skills, fight stigma and advocate self-empowerment. Members have a high success rate of staying out of the hospital, and tend to report that at the end of the day at Living Miracles, they feel better than they did when they came in. They also say that the groups are a respite from the stigma

and rejection they can experience in the community and with family members. Here, they do believe – and experience – that there is hope for mental illness.

Further services the Living Miracles offer are mentoring at other locations (including the Frontline Crisis Stabilization Unit), and they will soon be providing educational sessions about mental health and stigma at local high schools through Project AWARE (Advocating Wellness and Recovery Education). Also, regular attendees encounter volunteer and employment opportunities there, ranging from sharing their story during an outreach presentation at another agency, to joining the Living Miracles staff.

You can reach The Living Miracles at 216-221-6323 or visit their website at [www.thelivingmiracles.org](http://www.thelivingmiracles.org) for more information.

Other local resources bring healing to the mental health community as well. NAMI of Greater Cleveland (National Alliance on Mental Illness) provides education and support groups for both consumers and their families. Information about NAMI and about other regional help for the mentally ill can be obtained at [www.namigreatercleveland.org](http://www.namigreatercleveland.org), or 216-875-7776.

Another big supporter of the mental health community, the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County (Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services), funds agencies that provide clinical assistance for children, adults and the elderly. Find them at [www.adamhsc.org](http://www.adamhsc.org). For more information about local agencies, call them at 216-241-3400. Finally, don't forget that 2-1-1 (United Way) has referrals to mental health agencies and services.

It takes a shift in understanding and a willingness to look at mental illness without judgment and shame to help tear down the barriers that keep mental health consumers from healing and moving forward with their lives. Through professional treatment, and with the support of peers, family, friends and the whole community, the mentally ill can move along the continuum of recovery, meeting and surpassing their own goals, living lives that, in eras past, would not have been thought possible. With new medical discoveries and, most importantly, new attitudes, there certainly is a cause for optimism concerning mental illness, a cause for Hope.

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# Lakewood Hospital Association

## Excerpts from the public statements before City Council about transforming healthcare in Lakewood:

“In our opinion, the Letter of Intent represents a promising redirection of resources to support health and wellness of our community in the 21st Century ... we ask you to be a part of Lakewood in changing the paradigm of medical care for now and in the future.”

Letter read to City Council on June 1, 2015 by former Council Member Pam Smith on behalf of:

Linda Beebe, Mary Anne Crampton, Mary Osburn, Pam Smith, Tom Smith, David Osburn, Kathryn Westlake, Carol Rossen, Jay Foran, David Stein, Brittany K. O'Connor, Paula Reed, Rick Reed, Warren P. Coleman, Patricia L. Ryan, Tim Kaye, Robert N. Gallagher, Tom Einhouse, Lucinda Einhouse, Valerie Mechenbier, Julie Warren, Susan Grimberg, Dan Smigelski, Vicki Smigelski, Dave Mechenbier, Keith Kelly, Scott Hanna, Lisa LaRoche, Eric Lowrey, Kathy Kosiorek, Doug Hoffman, Rolly Standish, Joel Egertson, Bonnie Egertson, Daniel Marguiles, Pam Ehren, Stergios Lazos, Susan Jankite, Mary Holland, Tom Holland, Ken Millisor, Byron Crampton, Jacob S. Palomaki, M.D., Anne Palomaki, Leslie Gentile, Jane Gaydos, Terry W. Vincent, Diane Helbig, Cynthia Ernest, Kimberly A. Stanuch, Dan Pruitt, Byron Brubaker, Jane S. Hawthorne, Joe Jankite, Mary Warren, Jacquie Davis, Marti Harris, Judy Fitch, Paul Gaydos, Missy Toms, Margo Aprile, Constance Long, Chuck Homer, Peter Nelson, Carol Pruitt, Annette Millisor, Judy Montgomery, Rachel Abernathy, Lisa Cech, Jim Harris, Sean Warren, Thomas C. Wagner, Darren Toms, Heidi Finniff, Raymond Long, Jeff Johnson, Sean Brady, Hollie Brubaker

“The transition from inpatient treatment to outpatient treatment has been enormous nationwide ... I am fairly confident that as community hospitals close ... few, if any, are left with the potential for redevelopment that Lakewood has before it. To squander this potential would be tragic.”

Dr. Georganne Vartorella, Board Certified Physician of Internal Medicine

“As a 66-year resident of Lakewood, and as a retired medical practitioner, educator, and consultant, I am here to speak in support of the new Lakewood Hospital Health Center ... Council has before it an opportunity to **bring better health, and better health care, at an affordable cost to Lakewood’s residents.**”

Jacob F. Palomaki, MD

“Fortunately, the facts do not support the claims that the proposed transformation for Lakewood Hospital would adversely affect lower income residents ... having served the medical needs of our most vulnerable for three decades, **North Coast Health believes that the proposed transformation would, in fact, be of tremendous benefit to the patients we treat** ... We want Council and the community to understand that the proposed foundation will create real results by fund[ing] these types of education, prevention, and management programs that will pay tremendous return on investment – in the form of better health, greater productivity, and all-around lower costs for our patient base and the community at large.”

Jay Carson, North Coast Health Secretary

“I am particularly excited about the **potential for a Wellness Foundation in Lakewood** ... My enthusiasm for the foundation comes from my experience ... Foundations like these bring people together to come up with creative solutions to community problems.”

Julie Hogan

“I taught the Economics of Healthcare. Less than 5 percent of U.S. hospitals are city-owned, and there is a reason for that ... **In order to save the hospital it means taking that amount of public resources away from all the other things our city spends money on – parks, infrastructure, family services, police and fire protection** ... The simple economic reason for not saving Lakewood Hospital is we can’t afford it.”

Ron Petrie

“Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance is **excited for the potential redevelopment in the heart of our commercial district** and believe, if properly executed, the positive economic impact this will bring will be enormous.”

Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance

### Registered Nurse and Lakewood Hospital Association Board of Trustees Member Rebecca M. Patton sums up her position on Lakewood Hospital this way:

“Our main goal is to protect vital services in Lakewood because we live here too. We want services, an emergency department and the best healthcare possible for ourselves and our families. Transforming healthcare delivery to a new modern service model focused on prevention and outpatient care makes sense for this community. If we don’t act quickly, we may miss this opportunity.”

Rebecca M. Patton MSN, RN, FAAN | Past President, American Nurses Association | LHA Board Member

We have a unique opportunity to transform healthcare in Lakewood. Know the facts and what is at stake.



# Lakewood Public Library

## LPL Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

### Wednesday, October 14

#### “Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy” (2013)

Directed by Michael Kantor

This film explores the unique role of Jewish composers and lyricists in the creation of the modern American musical and many of the songs that comprise “The American Songbook.” A virtual behind-the-scenes-of-Broadway, this is an engaging, humorous, and provocative film with entertaining perspectives on Broadway’s most beloved songs, stories, and shows. This documentary showcases the nation’s pre-eminent creators of musical theatre including Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, George and Ira Gershwin, Lorenz Hart, Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein II, Kurt Weill, Sheldon Harnick, Jerry Bock, Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Sondheim, Stephen Schwartz, Jules Styne and many others.

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

### Thursday, October 15

#### “50 Children: The Rescue Mission of Mr. and Mrs. Kraus” (2013)

Directed by Steven Pressman

As Adolf Hitler tightened his control over Europe in early 1939, Jews living inside Nazi Germany and Austria were increasingly desperate to escape. Gilbert and Eleanor Kraus, a Jewish couple from Philadelphia, were determined to do what they could to help bring a group of children into the safety of America. Against all odds, the couple came up with a rescue plan aimed at bringing fifty Jewish children out of Vienna and into the safety of the United States. But the couple faced imposing obstacles. The U.S. government, not to mention a vast majority of the American public, was largely indifferent to the plight of Jewish refugees—and rigid anti-immigration laws made it nearly impossible.

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

### Booked For Murder: Murder in Motion

Lovers of mystery take to the skies, seas and rails this season. Murderers look for their next victim aboard various modes of transport from ships to planes, trains and even a blimp. This Thursday’s book is “Singing in the Shrouds” by Ngaio March

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

### Saturday, October 17

#### “Juice” (1992) directed by Ernest R. Dickerson

“How far will you go to get it?” Juice is roughly translated as the power sought by teenage boys to cement their status as men. Strip away the early nineties hip hop flavor of this classic, and it’s easy to relate to the pressures. You have to dress right, listen to the right music, impress girls with nonchalance, insult your rivals to devastating effect, show loyalty to your crew and commit idiotic acts of daring to prove yourself. Spike Lee’s cinematographer co-wrote and directed this compelling, coming-of-age crime drama in which four young men get carried away. The turning point comes quietly as the crew sits around watching James Cagney tear up the screen in “White Heat” and decide that it’s time to step up their game with a gun. Omar Epps nails the conflicted lead role, but, even if you’re not a fan of rap, you will walk away from this screening fascinated by Tupac Shakur.

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

### Sunday, October 18

#### Sunday Cinema: “Vicky Cristina Barcelona” (2008)

Soon-to-be-married Rebecca Hall and her free-spirited friend Scarlett Johansson are in Barcelona to explore the world-famous city of Antoni Gaudi and his architectural icons when Javier Bardem, with all his old-world charm, approaches with a sizzling proposition. Hall is not interested, but Johansson says “si.” The trio flies off to Oviedo, and it’s not long before things begin to heat up. First, Hall’s fiancée Chris Messina arrives in the country unexpectedly. Then who shows up on Bardem’s doorstep but Penelope Cruz, his rather volatile ex-wife. Barbara Steffek-Hill returns to the Lakewood Public Library to present a series of classic films chosen from her personal favorites.

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

### Tuesday, October 20

#### Science & Religion: Some Philosophical Questions

The Intelligent Design Controversy: What is the best explanation for the order and complexity we observe in biological systems? Does Intelligent Design Theory deserve to be regarded as a genuine rival to Darwinian natural selection? Are there examples of natural phenomena that cannot be explained unless we posit the existence of a supernatural designer?

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

### Knit and Lit Book Club

Come Share your passion for great literature and show off your knitting, crocheting, counted cross-stitch, embroidery, and quilting works-in-progress. This Tuesday’s book is Line by Line by Barbara Hacha..

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

### Wednesday, October 21

#### “Lost Cleveland”

by Michael DeAloia

Take an excursion into the rarefied architectural air of Cleveland during its heyday as the sixth-largest city in the country. Author Michael DeAloia recounts the histories of seven culturally significant and iconic architectural gems that defined the city’s position of wealth and importance during the industrial age. From Severance Hall, still home to the Cleveland Orchestra and the only structure in this collection that remains standing, to “Andrew’s Folly,” the grandest house built on the legendary Millionaires’ Row, Lost Cleveland provides a revealing historical retrospective on the growth, development and ultimate decline of the North Coast’s greatest city. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

### Saturday, October 24

#### “Frida” (2002) directed by Julie Taymor

There have been a number of respectable pictures about the lives of great artists over the years, but not many of them can match their subjects so neatly in terms of complex emotion and challenging aesthetics. Thank director Taymor, a tremendously innovative visual styl-

ist. Salma Hayek is an exceptional actress who can make you believe she’s aged thirty years with minimal makeup effects. She’s also the producer of this film—the only person who could get it made after decades of failed attempts. All too often, Frida Kahlo’s role in art history is reduced to that of Diego Rivera’s girlfriend. This film sets the record straight in a most entertaining and inspiring way.

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

### Sunday, October 25

#### The Spyder Stompers and Sugar Pie

The Spyder Stompers and Sugar Pie cook up a tasty spread of foot-stomping, pre-war, acoustic county blues for all occasions. The members of this string band quartet are all top-shelf vocalists and multi-instrumentalists who tag team on the lead, playing their hearts out on tunes and genres that were popular in the first half of the twentieth century and still please us today. The old music comes roaring back to life with Cousin Kevin Richards on guitar, mandolin and fiddle. Jailbreak Jack DiAlesando blows harmonica and strums the guitar. Sugar Pie Sheela Das delights with ukulele, pennywhistle and washboard. And Brother Raymond Deforest holds it all together on acoustic bass. Old favorites include Didn’t He Ramble, Ain’t Nobody’s Business, Girlish Days, Joliet Bound, When the Roll is Called, and When the Well Runs Dry.

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

### Tuesday, October 27

#### Introduction to Ancestry: Library Edition

The Ancestry genealogy resource is free to use every day at the Library. How far back would you like to trace your family tree? Genealogist Deborah Abbott will show you how to unlock the secrets held by census reports, military records, birth certificates and death notices in this hands-on workshop. Unravel your history with professional results. Space is limited, however, you are welcome to register with a partner and share a computer. Call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127 to register.

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Learning Lab

### Science & Religion: Some Philosophical Questions

Science and the Soul: What does our modern scientific understanding of the brain imply about the existence of the soul? If the human mind just is the physical brain, what does this mean for the possibility of life after death? Are human beings capable of goodness and virtue without the expectation of an afterlife?

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

## LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

### Sunday, October 18, through Saturday, October 24

#### Blind Date With a Book

For readers of juvenile and teen chapter books

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Main and Madison branch juvenile and teen collections

### Saturday, October 17

#### 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

### Jungle Bob’s Traveling Zoo

For the whole family

This thrilling live reptile show includes a variety of snakes, lizards, turtles and tortoises. Free and open to the public. No registration required.

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

### Saturday, October 24

#### Powered Pumpkin Pins

For students in second through fourth grade

Arts and crafts meets science and engineering! Sew circuits into a light up badge that you can wear trick-or-treating or just for fun anytime! Registration in-person required.

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

### Powered Creepy Caps

For students in fifth through eighth grade

Get into the spooky spirit by wiring a hat to light up the night! Registration in-person required.

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose 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](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth)) for times and upcoming themes.

Main Library Activity Room and Madison Branch Auditorium

### Wee Ones Drop-In Story Time

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. No need to register in advance.

### Madison Branch Children’s and Youth Services

Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. and Sundays at 3:30 p.m. through November 22



Lakewood Public Library

Run, Swim, Bike, Survive

by Amy Kloss

What is the Finish Line Feeling? According to Liz Ferro, it's a powerful sensation of being the most extraordinary person you can be and feeling as if you can do anything.

A local author, mom, wife, motivational speaker and athlete, Ferro will visit Lakewood Public Library on October 22 to discuss her book "Finish Line Feeling," as well as the organization she started, Girls With Sole, which tries to give that sense of accomplishment to girls who need it most.

In her memoir "Finish Line Feeling," Ferro honestly discusses her rocky start in life and the childhood trauma that made her feel worthless. Her first two years were spent in foster homes, leaving her terrified of men and afraid to be alone. Although she was adopted at age two by good parents, Ferro was sexually abused by a neighbor at age eight. Her early experiences convinced her she was unlovable, a bad person who was lucky to be taken in at all.

What saved her was sports. At the time the sexual abuse was happening, swimming was her therapy. The cool, chlorinated water was soothing and cleansing, and exercise made her feel less anxious. As she matured, Ferro's early experiences gave her a deep well of anger that resulted in her lashing out verbally, engaging in dysfunctional relationships and suffering an eating disorder. Again, sports saved her. Besides swimming, running and biking, Ferro joined club teams at Miami University. Being athletic was healing for Ferro, building her self esteem and confidence and showing her the strong connection between body and mind.

Throughout her 20s, depression and emotional upheaval continued, but so did the healing power of sports. According to Ferro, there was no single moment that resulted in her starting Girls With Sole, which provides girls aged 9 to 18 the opportunity and equipment to participate in team sports, running, yoga and dance. The organization grew organically out of her own experiences and her desire to help girls who have been abused or are at-risk. Many of the girls served are in foster care, residential treatment or juvenile detention centers and have never had access to fitness programs or been able to experience the healing that Ferro found in sports.

Over the past two years, Ferro and her organization have received national recognition in magazines such as Runner's World and SELF and on the TODAY show. This publicity validated the crucial need for programs such as Girls With Sole. "The outpouring of requests for our programs afterwards, from around the country, was overwhelming," says Ferro. The first chapter outside of Northeast Ohio is slated to open next year in Charleston, South Carolina. However, Girls With Sole is still a very grass roots organization, with no staff or funding to support salaries or office space. Ferro decided to run a marathon in every state to raise awareness and money for the organization; she is currently about halfway through her goal.

Join Ferro at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 22 in the Main Library Auditorium to hear her inspiring story and find out how anyone can experience that Finish Line Feeling. Copies of her book will be available for sale and signing. All programs are free and open to the public.

A Free Case Western Reserve Course At LPL:

The Return of Religion And Science  
With Michael Miller, Ph.D.

by Lisa Calfee

Is it necessary to choose between Religion and Science? Can a thinking person appreciate both or are they mutually exclusive?

Few topics evoke so much emotion and carry such significance in our modern age as the seeming battle between Religion and Science. Lakewood Public Library is hosting a free and open course from The Laura and Alvin Siegal Lifelong Learning Program at Case Western Reserve University that breaks the topic down into four talks being held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in October 2015. Michael Miller, Ph.D. will be leading the following discussions:

God's Existence: Arguments for and Against

After establishing a framework for considering science and religion, we will examine a number of influential attempts to argue for and against the existence of God.

Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

The Intelligent Design Controversy

Moving from the heavens to the earth, we will assess some of the claims and arguments made by members of the Intelligent Design movement. Is there any reason to think that Intelligent Design provides a better explanation for biological complexity than modern evolutionary biology?

Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Science and the Soul

In the final meeting, we will consider some of the implications of modern science for traditional religious beliefs about the soul. Is there life after death? Will the good be rewarded and the wicked punished in the hereafter?

Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Please take the opportunity to explore these thought provoking questions with Michael Miller Ph.D. Registration is not required to attend.

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Lakewood Schools

# New Club Taking Students Into The Future

by Christine Gordillo

A new club started this year at several of our elementary schools is feeding our young students’ hunger for all things tech, and teaching them skills that will prepare them well for the future.

Founders of the Future Club – teachers Jaime Chanter, Sean McGuan and Abbey Gleason – expected about 50 kids to show interest. They were overwhelmed when more than 150 signed up. Not to be deterred, the leaders quickly determined that the club, which meets one hour before school one day a week, would have to be broken into smaller groups of about 25 kids and alternate meeting each week. The club now has two sections each at Grant, Horace Mann and Lincoln. Another group will soon be up and running at Emerson, which will be led by teacher Julie Ferrone. The sections keep and touch and

interact via Google Classrooms.

The goal of the club is to prepare students for the future in a technology-driven world by engaging them in hands-on tinkering, building, designing, robotics, making, animating, filming, gaming, etc. The members work in small groups at various stations around the classroom so collaboration and teamwork is a natural outcome.

At a recent meeting, students were assigned stations that included stop-motion animation, Minecraft, Lego Mindstorms, robotic games Sphero and Ozobot, and video creation with a green screen. The club is open to students in grades 3-5.

Chanter was inspired to begin the club after attending the International Society for Technology in Education 2015 Conference this summer in Philadelphia. “I saw cutting edge stuff there and I wanted to bring that to the elementary level here in Lakewood....These are the things that are engaging for kids and this is how they learn.” McGuan and Gleason had started a CoderDojo club focused on programming last year at Lincoln so she recruited the pair to help expand the concept to the Future Club.

Chanter worked hard to bring the latest in tech toys and equipment to the club. She turned to the web site Donorschoose.org, which helps teachers raise money for projects and classroom supplies, to help purchase items. More than \$1,000 was raised to buy a 3-D printer. A generous donation by the printer’s manufacturer, Polar 3-D, soon followed. Another \$800 was raised to buy products from the littlebits line of electronic circuitry gadgets. The Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation also provided a \$1,500 grant to

help get the club off the ground.

Hurricane Labs and Hyland Software also provided support as sponsors of the club. Lincoln’s club has already made a field trip to Hyland’s Westlake offices to learn about the software company and do some coding.

A positive side effect of the new club has been the teachers who have offered to help out in the mornings simply because they are interested in learning about the new tech tools as well. There are always a few teacher helpers at meetings in addition to the main advisers.

Despite the early morning meeting time, students arrive at Future Club eager to get their hands on the fun gadgets and gizmos around the room. A quick survey of the kids at a recent Horace Mann meeting revealed a wide range of interests with the common

theme of wanting to learn and create:

“I want to learn animation.”

“I want to learn to make video games.”

“I want to learn how to do coding.”

“I am interested in robots and tinkering.”

They are eager and ready to take on the technologies of the future. Just listen to third-grader McKenzie Brown: “I want to be an inventor and make things that will change the world.”

Sounds like the future is in good hands.

Follow the club on Twitter @LKWDFutureClub; If you would like to donate materials to Future Club contact jaime.chanter@lakewoodcityschools.org. The club is looking for anything you can build and tinker with: cardboard, cell phones, circuit boards, etc.

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## Classroom Pennants Connect Past, Future Students

by Christine Gordillo

Dartmouth, Cornell, John Hopkins, Michigan, Virginia, Ohio State, Ohio University, Case, Carnegie Mellon. Over 30 pennants from these and other colleges and universities across the country grace the walls of Lincoln teacher Sean McGuan’s classroom. They are a collective message of hope and inspiration from McGuan’s former students to his current crew of 5th graders in the Gifted & Talented Program.

McGuan has asked his former students to send in a pennant from their college along with a note of what they are doing now, any advice to students and maybe some thoughts about their time in Room 202 of the old Lincoln. In that old classroom, the walls were covered with photos of current and former students. When the school moved into its temporary home last year at St. Luke Church and the photos came down, McGuan thought the pennants would be a good way to start a new type of connection between his current and former students.

“It’s the legacy and sense of community” that’s important, McGuan said. “It gives them the sense that they are next in line from those that came before them.”

From the remarks sent in from the former students, it’s clear that Room 202 left an impact on many of them.

“I hope it’s clear to you that every pennant represents a past student that has fond memories and positive experiences in your classroom,” wrote Veronica Cole, who sent in a Case Western Reserve University pennant.

“You are incredibly lucky to have endless opportunities in front of you,” wrote Connor McKee, a University of Michigan graduate.

“Be adventurous, take risks and explore!” urged Sara Zolinski, who sent both her undergraduate (The Ohio State University) and graduate school (Tulane University) pennants.

The pennants have definitely sparked an interest in college among the current students, who think the pennants are pretty “cool” and “awesome.”



The pennants proudly displayed in Sean McGuan’s classroom.

“They get excited when a new one comes in the mail,” McGuan said.

And, they already have in mind what their future pennants will be: Kent State, Ohio State, Stanford, University of Dayton. Goals that may just have been inspired by a triangular piece of felt on their classroom wall.

Former students and/or their parents can send a pennant to:

**Sean McGuan**  
**Lincoln Elementary School**  
**13889 Clifton Blvd.**  
**Lakewood, OH 44107**

## Come Chat With Supt. Patterson

by Christine Gordillo

On Thursday, October 15, Superintendent Jeff Patterson will hold the first of a series of Superintendent Chats he has scheduled for this school year. The chat will take place at 6 p.m. in the Ranger Cafe, located near the front entrance of LHS.

No reservations are needed, just show up with your questions and comments!

Light refreshments will be provided by Ranger Catering, run by the Culinary Arts students of the West Shore Career-Technical District, housed at LHS.

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# Lakewood Schools

## Ranger Café Back Open For Another School Year

by Lynn Foran

The award-winning West Shore Culinary Arts students are prepping and practicing their culinary skills in anticipation of the Ranger Café’s opening on Tuesday, October 27th. The Ranger Café, located at the front of Lakewood High School, is operated by the Culinary Arts/ProStart students of West Shore Career-Tech District. Under the guidance of chef instructors Rob McGorray and Devan Corti, students learn the nuts and bolts of running a restaurant through real-world

experiences in the Ranger Café. The students are involved in every aspect of the restaurant from planning the menu, cooking the food, to serving as wait staff and cashiers. This hands-on culinary program is open to 11th and 12th grade students in Bay Village, Lakewood, Rocky River, and Westlake. The menu varies slightly from year to year to give the students new techniques to learn and practice. This year the Café is featuring a Pastrami Panini Sandwich utilizing their newly purchased panini

press. Each week a student’s dessert will be featured on the menu. From soups, salads and sandwiches to full entrees, the café has a wide range to offer patrons. The Ranger Café is open to the public for lunch on Tuesdays & Wednesdays from noon–1:30 p.m. throughout the school year. Reservations are highly suggested. Please call 216-529-4165 and select “1” to reserve a table. On occasion the restaurant will be closed for academic reasons, so check the schedule online at [www.lakewoodci-tyschools.org/westshore](http://www.lakewoodci-tyschools.org/westshore) and please ‘LIKE’ us on Facebook to help spread the word about the culinary program at West Shore.

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## Lakewood Music Boosters Presents The First Annual Lakewood Festival Of Music At Vosh

by Beth Bender Thomas

Lakewood Music Boosters is proud to present the first annual Lakewood Festival of music on Saturday October 17, 2015 from 1-8 p.m. at Vosh in Lakewood. The festival is an all day family fundraising event meant to support, celebrate, and showcase some of the 59+ musical groups and activities available to the students of Lakewood City Schools.

Lakewood Music Boosters would like to invite the community to share in the festivities and help support our mission. We support the enrichment of students through music and provide scholarship opportunities for music students in the Lakewood City Schools. Lakewood Festival of Music will showcase student performances as well as several celebrated local bands

including Cats on Holiday, Sky Dogs, Thor Platter, Usual Suspects, and Hollywood Shuffle. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$20 for adults and are available online at our website [lakewoodmusicboosters.com](http://lakewoodmusicboosters.com) or by calling Tracey Logan at 216-973-3004. “This is an exciting new addition to our fundraising efforts,” said Beth Bender Thomas, 1st VP of Lakewood Music Boosters. “Lakewood Music Boosters does so much to support our students, teachers, and community and we look forward to celebrating with them.”

Please join us for this inaugural event at Vosh. The Magic Man, a balloon bender, will be at the membership table from 1-3 p.m. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and door prizes. This is sure to be a popular event, buy your tickets now!

## Fall Flowers Beautify Hayes

by Christine Gordillo

Drive up to Hayes School in the back parking lot and you’ll be greeted by a beautiful strip of flowers brightening up the lot. Hayes families have each adopted a part of the bed and the result has been spectacular! Thanks to the Hayes PTO for overseeing the project and to the Yosts, who got the project off the ground!

## Win A David Deming Original



Deming’s original painting model of his iconic LHS mural.

by Missy Toms

Internationally renowned artist David Deming ‘62 has donated the painting that served as his model for the 1962 mural hanging at Lakewood High School. The Foundation is raffling off the painting to raise funds for the Save the Schreckengosts campaign. Tickets are \$50 each. The drawing for this priceless art will take **December 31, 2015**. Chances to win are available online at [www.lakewoodrangers.org](http://www.lakewoodrangers.org), or by mail: Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation, 14100 Franklin Blvd., Lakewood OH

44107. (No tickets will be mailed.) **Since 1984, the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation has distributed more than \$3 million in funding for classroom grants, student scholarships, and school initiatives. The Foundation is guided by its mission to provide resources to enrich the educational experiences of the Lakewood City Schools’ 5,400 students. To learn more about the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation, visit [www.lakewoodrangers.org](http://www.lakewoodrangers.org) or email [foundation@lakewoodcityschools.org](mailto:foundation@lakewoodcityschools.org).**

## Preschool Information Night On October 26th Is Open To All

by Kate Ingersoll

The Lakewood Early Childhood PTA (LECPTA) is hosting its annual Preschool Information Night on Monday, October 26th from 7:30-9 p.m. at Hayes Elementary School (16401 Delaware Avenue) in the Cafeteria. Representatives from preschools and daycare centers in Lakewood and surrounding towns provide information about their schools at tables and answer individual questions from parents and caregivers. Preschool Information Night is a great opportunity for young

Lakewood families to learn about the variety of preschool and daycare options in our community. Application deadlines for preschool programs tend to be in the first few months of the new year and this event will help you learn when and how to apply for different schools. The event is free and open to the community. You do not need to be an LECPTA member to attend and all are welcome. We hope to see you on October 26th!

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Lakewood Cares

Down Syndrome Achievement Center Coming To Lakewood

by Missy Gibel

Nothing can prepare a parent for those fateful words: “Your child has Down syndrome.” The wave of emotions that rushes over you is a combination of fear, sadness, and uncertainty as the doctor begins throwing out medical terms like trisomy 21 and lists all the possible medical issues that may occur – 50% have a heart defect often requiring surgery, cognitive deficits, developmental delays and higher risk for leukemia all blur in your head. Whether the diagnosis is received prenatally or shortly after birth, the questions of what this means for your life, your family, your future invade your every thought. The reality is that individuals with Down syndrome can and do learn to walk, talk, read, work and live rewarding and more independent lives than ever before, just on their own timeline.

Like anyone who receives an unfamiliar diagnosis, after the initial shock wears off we become thirsty for knowledge. These days we tend to turn to the internet first for answers. We Google. We search. We immerse ourselves looking for facts and any ray of hope we can find. Now, when you Google “Down syndrome Cleveland,” you will find something new and exciting and, yes, hopeful when you see “Location in the works - Cleveland - GiGi’s Playhouse Down Syndrome Achievement Center” with a link to [www.gigisplayhouse.org/cleveland](http://www.gigisplayhouse.org/cleveland). A link that is sure to change lives in Northeast Ohio for the better for generations to come.

GiGi’s Playhouse is a one-of-a-kind permanent brick and mortar location offering educational, therapeutic and career-building programs free of charge to individuals with Down syndrome, their families and the community at large. Don’t let the name fool you, GiGi’s Play-

house is for all ages from prenatal diagnosis through adulthood. GiGi’s offers over 30 programs with the goal of advancing literacy and math skills, improving gross and fine motor skills, building self-confidence and preparing for the workforce while fostering acceptance, awareness and networking resources for parents, siblings and the community. In a day where inclusion is a hot-button topic in the special needs world, GiGi’s Playhouse is designed to empower kids and adults with Down syndrome and enable them to take the skills they learn at the Playhouse out into the communities in which they live. GiGi’s does not replace school or traditional one-on-one therapies, but gives individuals with Down syndrome an extra dose to promote greater opportunity for participation with their typical peers not only in the classroom, but on sports teams, in the dance or art studio and in the workforce as productive members of society.

Thanks to a dedicated team of family members, GiGi’s Playhouse is coming to northeast Ohio, home to over 900 families with a child with Down syndrome. GiGi’s Playhouse Cleveland will be located in the heart of Lakewood, OH, at 15316 Detroit Rd in the Drugmart Plaza and across from the Lakewood Library. President, Megan Lodge, states “We are thrilled to be part of such an accepting, vibrant and growing community. Lakewood has embraced GiGi’s with open arms and warmly welcomed us to their city.” Access to the greater Cleveland area was key in their decision with easy access from major arteries and public transportation. While 24 locations have opened in the U.S. and Mexico since the inception of GiGi’s Playhouse in 2003, this will be the first in Ohio.

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, GiGi’s relies on the generosity of

private donors, corporate sponsorships and grants. All donations are tax deductible to the greatest extent of the law. The Playhouse will have just one employee, the Site Coordinator, thus volunteers are vital as the heart of the Playhouse. Volunteers that are essential include those who will welcome our guests, help clean toys, snuggle babies and prepare snacks. We also will need Special Educators, Psychological Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Speech and Language Therapists and Behavioral Therapists to run programs. Board and committee positions are also available.

As the Cleveland Startup Committee Leader I personally look forward most to GiGi’s one-on-one literacy and math tutoring for my daughter Maggie because they are designed for how individuals with Down syndrome learn best. The sibling group is also important to me to help Maggie’s younger brother, Jack, know he is not alone.

My husband, John, and I first learned about GiGi’s Playhouse in Chicago where Maggie was born. The first

time we visited the original GiGi’s location in Hoffman Estates, IL, we were hooked. When we decided to move home to Cleveland, we knew one day we wanted to open a Playhouse here.

GiGi’s Playhouse is so unique. It is a place where people can go to see for themselves what Down syndrome is and maybe more importantly what Down syndrome isn’t. The natural networking among parents at the Playhouse is priceless. On your best day or worst day, the Playhouse is a safe haven where you can go and everyone just ‘gets it’.

Construction on GiGi’s Playhouse Cleveland is expected to begin in October with a projected Grand Opening in January 2016. Their “Build-Out Bonanza” campaign aimed at securing building materials, toys, furniture and more is going on right now. Visit [www.gigisplayhouse.org/cleveland](http://www.gigisplayhouse.org/cleveland) to view their Wish List, donate and learn more about this location. Stay informed by signing up for their e-newsletter, following them on Facebook (GiGi’s Playhouse Cleveland) or email [cleveland@gigisplayhouse.org](mailto:cleveland@gigisplayhouse.org).

Superheroes Invade Lakewood

by Kathy Rigdon

Superman, Wonder Woman and Batman were spotted on the streets surrounding Lakewood Park recently when more than 250 runners and walkers took part in the Youth Challenge Superhero Dash. The 30th Annual Race Day took place on Saturday, September 19, at Lakewood Park. The event was dedicated in memory of Dave Hardman, former President of the Youth Challenge Board of Trustees.

Members of the community, Youth Challenge families and friends—many dressed as Superheroes—ran or walked in the 5K and 1 Mile Walk/Roll. Over \$10,000 was raised from the annual event to benefit Youth Challenge.

“The Superhero Dash is a great event for the community, our participants and volunteers,” said Ken Kasler, Youth Challenge Chief of Operations

& Program Oversight. “The YC kids always love dressing up as superheroes and competing in the race. Once again, Lakewood Park proved to be the perfect spot for the race.”

Volunteer groups from Metro-West Kiwanis, Jesuit Volunteer Corps, YP4YC (the Youth Challenge Young Professional group), and other community volunteers pitched in to help make Race Day a great success. Hermes Cleveland managed the race.

American Tank & Fabricating, First Federal of Lakewood, Linda & Doug Hardman, National Associates, Inc., Oatey Co., and Oatey Foundation sponsored the Superhero Dash. Bruegger’s Bagels, Giant Eagle and Nature’s Bin provided food and water for the runners.

For links to photos of the Superhero Dash and race results, visit [youthchallengesports.com](http://youthchallengesports.com).



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Trials For Hope To Hold Fundraiser “Chili For Charity”

by Bill Fink

I recall visiting a homeless camp under a bridge in the Cleveland flats last winter and meeting a young couple whose home consisted of a couple of sleeping bags, blankets, a fire pit and a box to keep their personal belongings. Despite the daily challenges that faced them we were always greeted with a smile and after our visit a sincere thank you for taking the time to talk with them and for the food, toiletries and sometimes socks that we dropped off. Today, that young woman, I will call her “Miss J” lives in subsidized housing with a warm bed, bathroom, and secure living environment. Miss J has a room to keep her sewing machine in and a place to sew, one of her favorite hobbies. She sews duffle bags, which Trials for Hope buys at nominal cost to place food, toiletries, blankets and socks in and

distribute to those people still living in the outdoor elements. I cannot help but think that the visits we made perhaps offered a sense of hope and encouragement to her, helping to bridge the time until she was able to get out from under that bridge.

There are many people still living under the bridges and in tents around our community. Thousands of children and adults struggle every day to eat, attend to hygiene and other basic needs. Often choices have to be made between paying for utilities, food or personal care items. These neighbors of ours include the homeless, seniors on fixed incomes, children trapped in dysfunctional families and others who just are trying to scrape by day by day.

A local grass roots organization, Trials for Hope, founded by Lakewood resident Jonathan Gray, is in its fifth year

collaborating with and being a catalyst to gather and distribute donations of grocery items, blankets, socks, toiletries, toilet paper, and clothing to those in need. These basic items are taken directly to those in need at their homes or schools. Twice a week the journey takes us under the bridges in the West bank of the Cuyahoga River to serve the homeless, or nearby on West 25th and Detroit; to senior centers and drug and alcohol treatment facilities; to community meals and to assist other agencies in our community.

Trials For Hope has been blessed by the many volunteers who donate goods and services, local churches, and the 30 agencies we partner with. They gather, organize, fill, and distribute over 500 food bags every month. In the coming weeks over 1000 ‘holiday bags’ will be made consisting of snacks, socks,

gloves, hats, and toiletries to be distributed during the holiday season. The energy, enthusiasm and willingness of this group to make a difference is amazing, and needs your help! Many small donations whether it be a can of food, a couple of hours of time, or a few dollars adds up incrementally to help us reach out to those in need, where they need it.

You can make a difference by attending our Chili for Charity Fundraiser, prepared by fabulous trained chefs of The Lantern Recovery Center, along with raffles and 50/50’s. 100% of proceeds go to help others in need! The date is Saturday October 17, 5:30 p.m. at Church of the Ascension, 13216 Detroit Road, Lakewood. Tickets are only \$20 (or \$17 and 3 cans of food) and can be purchased at the door. We hope to see you!

If you are unable to join us, but still want to help your neighbors who are in need, you can drop off canned goods at Lakewood Christian Church, at the corner of Cove and Lake.

We also encourage you to join our growing list of individual sponsors by making a monetary donation. Visit Trials For Hope on Facebook or [www.TrialsforHope.com](http://www.TrialsforHope.com) for more information on the fundraiser, how you can get involved, as well as to see updates about how you are helping us reach out to our neighbors.

6th Annual Harvest Pork Chop Dinner & Raffle

by Kathy Corridoni

Have you ever attended the annual Harvest Pork Chop Dinner & Raffle held at Transfiguration Parish in Lakewood? We have a reputation for putting on one of the finest church dinners in the Cleveland area. But this family event is more than a delicious dinner. We will have a Grand Raffle, a Split-the-Pot drawing, the much-anticipated Basket Raffle, door prizes, sideboards, and live entertainment. There is something for everyone!

Transfiguration Parish’s 6th Annual Harvest Pork Chop Dinner & Raffle, our parish’s largest annual fundraiser, will be held on Sunday, October 25th, from noon to 4 p.m. in our parish hall at 12608 Madison Ave. The dinner includes two pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, sauerkraut (optional), green beans, applesauce, dinner roll, dessert, and coffee. Dinner tickets are \$15 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under. Reservations are highly recommended for dine-in and take-out dinners. A limited

number of dinners will be available at the door. Call 216-228-1134 or 216-269-9801 for tickets or reservations by Sunday, October 18th.


The Grand Raffle has a top prize of \$1,000 and five prizes of \$100 each. Grand Raffle tickets are \$5 per ticket or six tickets for \$25. The Split-the-Pot drawing is a 60/40 split to church/winners. Split-the-Pot tickets are \$1 per ticket or six tickets for \$5. Winners do not need to be present. Grand Raffle and Split-the-Pot tickets will be available for purchase at the event or can be purchased prior to the event by calling the Rectory at 216-521-7288 on Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Some of the bigger prizes in our Basket Raffle include a Ganley Ford detailing package valued at approximately \$225, brunch for four at Pier W valued at \$145, two Beck Center theater tickets valued at \$68 along with a \$50 gift certificate to Don’s Lighthouse, a Mexican sombrero with gift cards to

Barrio, Cozumel, Nuevo Acapulco, and Taco Tontos valued at \$120, and an Ohio Clinic Skin Care rejuvenating facial valued at \$90. Tickets for the Basket Raffle are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5.

Admission to the event is free. All are welcome to attend. You won’t want to miss out on all the food, fun, and the chance to win some great prizes. Make plans to join us on Sunday, October 25th!

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Because I Said I Would  
Launches Chapter Program

by Brandi McElhatten

On the third anniversary of “because said I would’s” formation and the death of his father, Founder Alex Sheen announced the nonprofit organization will create chapters around the world focused on making and keeping promises. This new initiative, called The Echo Program, aims to be a positive influence in communities. The organization will establish local groups of members to do the following:

- Make impactful and thought-provoking unified promises to better their community
- Act as a support group for members’ individual promises
- Learn about how promises and humanity are affected by history, psychology, philosophy and culture.

The first three chapters will be located in: Columbus, Ohio; Cleveland, Ohio; and Tampa, Florida. The remaining seven domestic and interna-

tional chapter locations will be selected by strength of the leadership candidates. The application process for local Echo Leaders will be announced in the coming months via [becauseisaidi-would.com](http://becauseisaidi-would.com) and social media.

To lead the worldwide program, Colonel Parker Schenecker will be joining “because I said I would’s” staff starting November 2nd, 2015. The Colonel made a promise after his children were murdered by their mother in 2011 while he was deployed overseas. He sees his new role as a part of fulfilling that promise.

With over 100,000 Facebook followers and supporters in 153 countries, the initial response to the announcement has been tremendous. The nonprofit received over \$20,000 in donations in the first day of fundraising and hopes to surpass the \$100,000 goal for the first ten chapters by early October.

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# Lakewood Is Art

## Illustrated With Woodcuts, Printed By Hand: A New Book For Children, Set In Cleveland And Lakewood Michael Gill’s “A Pocket Full Of Change” At Tregoning & Co.

by Michael Gill

“A Pocket Full Of Change” is a picture book with original rhymes telling the story of a boy on a bicycle who, coin by coin, puts all the money in his pocket on railroad tracks to be crushed by trains. It is also a limited edition artist book with twenty hand-pulled, multicolor woodcut prints. I wrote it, drew the pictures, carved the wood blocks, printed them, set the type, printed the words, and bound 100 copies. Each book is made entirely by hand using archival materials.

The book is full of connections to Lakewood and the West side of Cleveland--much more than the fact that this is where I live. When the boy in the story rides his bike down to the tracks, he passes houses that look like Lakewood houses. They are close together. They have front porches. There are doubles as well as single family homes. Train tracks cross the narrow, residential streets and run along corridors with houses close on both sides--just as the tracks through Cleveland and Lakewood do. Some are specific views in the city, but I’ll leave it to readers to find those.

A couple of specific locations on the West Side of Cleveland are pictured: The intersection of Lorain Avenue and Denison, a view of the Cleveland skyline from the West bank of the Flats, and my great grandfather’s house on West 64th Street.

Finally, a sub-edition of 10 cop-

ies--the “Parent / Teacher / Nanny edition--has “helpful facts and questions to help guide discussion” on each page. The additional text was cast in hot metal type using an antique Linotype machine at Lakewood’s own Madison Press, on Summit Avenue near Detroit. A Linotype machine is akin to a typewriter connected to a metal casting foundry. It revolutionized the newspaper industry by dramatically speeding up the process of setting type.

The images in A Pocket Full of Change are not reproductions, but

original woodcut prints. Each book in the edition of 100 is the orchestration of 142 blocks, printed one by one using Vandercook proofing presses at Zygote Press and the Morgan Conservatory.

Every time I make one of these books, I try new techniques. In this case, I experimented with oak blocks to print the skies. The coarse grain of the oak can make beautiful, graceful, lazy clouds. I also over-printed with shades of yellow and transparent ink to create the effect of light cast from windows, or shining down through clouds, or glow-

ing around the moon.

The book and individual prints will be on exhibit at Tregoning & Company gallery in the 78th Street Studios art complex starting this week with a reception during the monthly Third Friday event. It continues through December 18. I’ll be in the Gallery for an opening reception from 6 to 9 p.m. on October 16. I hope my Lakewood friends will come check it out.

Tregoning & Company is at 1300 West 78th Street, Cleveland. I hope to see you there.

## Beck Center Youth Theater Dreams Big With “A Little Princess”

by Pat Miller

Beck Center Youth Theater presents the first production of their 2015–2016 season, “A Little Princess,” November 5–8, 2015, in the Mackey Theater. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday, November 6 and 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 7 and Sunday, November 8. A special morning matinee open to the community, groups, and schools is 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 5. Tickets are now on sale.

This classic production is adapted by June Walker Rogers from the story Sara Crewe by Frances Hodgson Burnett. In this timeless tale from the same author as “The Secret Garden,” Sara Crewe begins her adventures in Miss Minchin’s

Select Seminary for Young Ladies. When her fortune changes from rich girl to poor orphan, she is challenged by a cruel headmistress, hard labor, and terrible living conditions. Despite all of this, Sara maintains her generosity and imagination, ultimately reversing her destiny.

With a cast of 33 Beck Center students ages 6 to 16, this family-friendly production is directed by Jenna Messina. “I have long been an admirer of Messina’s directing, and I am excited for our students to work with her on such a classic and beautiful story,” remarked Associate Director of Theater Education Jonathan Kronenberger. “I am delighted that we have this opportunity for our

students to share “A Little Princess” with a whole new generation.”

The 2015–2016 season also includes “Happily Forever After,” December 11–20, 2015, “Bright Ideas,” presented by Beck Teen Theater, February 26–March 6, 2016, and “big THE MUSICAL,” May 13–22, 2016. Tickets are \$12 for Adults/ Seniors and \$10 for Children (18 and under) and may be purchased online at [beckcenter.org](http://beckcenter.org) or by calling 216.521.2540 x10. Tickets for “Happily Forever After” go on sale November 28, 2015. Discounted group rates are available and can be scheduled by calling Customer Service Manager Rennie Tisdale at 216.521.2450 x28.

Beck Center is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood. Free onsite parking is available. This production of “A Little Princess” is produced by special arrangement with THE DRAMATIC PUBLISHING COMPANY of Woodstock, Illinois. The 2015–2016 Youth Theater season is made possible by the support of Cuyahoga County residents through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and the Ohio Arts Council.

Beck Center for the Arts is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization that offers professional theater productions on two stages, arts education programming in dance, music, theater, visual arts, early childhood, and creative arts therapies for special needs students, outreach education programming, and gallery exhibits featuring local, regional, and international artists.

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“No, Bob, I Don’t Like All ‘Punk’ As A Blanket Genre”

Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 12

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.

Nite School - Nite School - Saucepan Records/Turbine Piss Records - 5 songs - 7”, download

Cool, driving punk. To the best of my knowledge, this was a one-off project formed by members of Homostupids, 9 Shocks Terror, Brown Sugar, Bad Noids, Pleasure Leftists, and many other fun bands as well. I could go on, but for the sake of space, I won’t. I thought it was excellent. Cool (or maybe red hot) guitar riffs, a straight-on rhythm section, and great (and occasionally disjointed) lyrics. See: “Welcome to Synanon/Brainwash kids/Did you have your emotions

today?” Everything you want in a punk record. I should probably say that there seems to be some confusion over whether it should be spelled “Nite” or “Night,” but since it’s spelled “Nite” on the sleeve, I went with that. Anyhow, I enjoyed this record quite a bit. My favorites were the Cleveland-centric opener “Pleaser” (the opening lyrics are “Walking down East 65th street/ Broken doors, broken windows”) and the great “Day,” which has more good lyrics and a nice thudding rhythm. Oh, and from what I hear, there’s only 100 of these in existence, so if this sounds like something you would enjoy, buy it with haste. 4.5/5

The West Texas Revival Group - Hastily Arranged EP - self-released - 8 songs - Download

This is basically an EP of solo acoustic folk-ish songs. I’m not sure where the ‘group’ part came in. There is some interesting stuff on it, like that

exactly half of the songs seem to be rhetorical questions posed to the listener. One of the songs was called “Am I Okay?” followed three songs later by “Are You Okay?” It seems at times like the titles are an ongoing conversation with the listener. “Why Not?” “Project 2.” “Am I Okay?” “Are You Into The Mountain Goats?” “Beautiful Decay.” Anyway, I would say that the album as a whole was maybe a bit same-y, unnecessary cover of “C.C. Rider” and all, but not bad. The real gem of the album is a song called “Are You Into The Mountain Goats?” which was really entertaining in a weird sort of way, and not at all what I expected. An uptempo kinda spoken word thing that was so bizarre when it popped up in the middle of the album that it was great. That was a highlight. Though maybe doing this would diminish the irony of the name, I think many of the songs would be improved with the addition of a few more players. 3/5

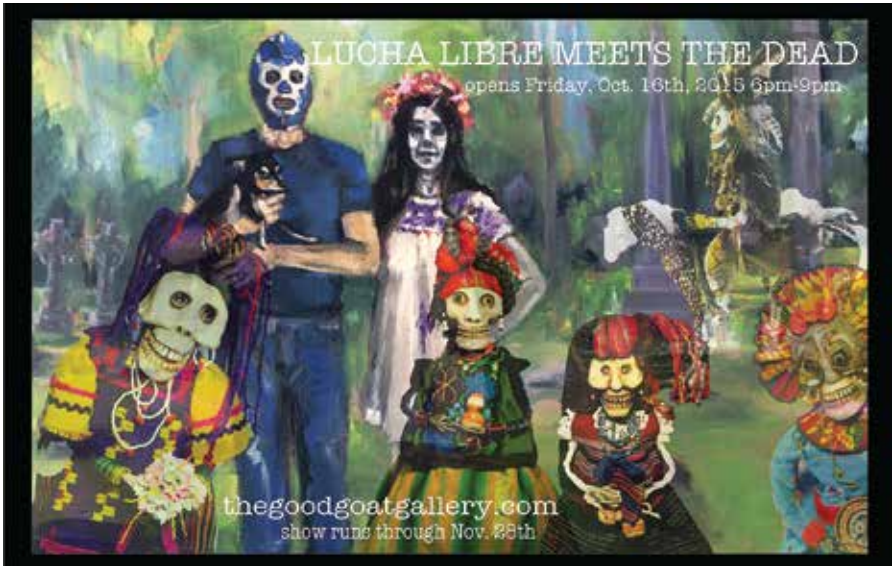
Wolf Teeth - A House//A Home - Tightwolf Records/Ronald Records - 5 songs - Cassette, download

So, I guess this would be called “screamo.” You could say that the vocals were screamed, and it does have heavy, very personal lyrics that you could certainly describe as emo: “There’s a saying; you can sew the skin on a skeleton, but you can’t bring it back to life. No you can’t, and you can’t beat it out of yourself, and bleeding isn’t going to make you feel any better, even if it seems like it could.” Look, I’ll be perfectly honest and say that this isn’t the type of music that I know all that well or that I’m particularly fond of, but that isn’t to say it’s bad. In fact, if you’re into the genre, I’d recommend it. I felt that perhaps it might have been improved by a little more variation, vocals-wise, just to change it up some. But, hey, who am I to say? My favorite was probably “Could Have Been,” which had a pretty neat guitar riff. The production was good, and the songs themselves were musically different enough to be interesting and create a cohesive enough sound overall. Again, not my cup of tea, but if you like very personal, heavy stuff, hey, check these

guys out. 3.5/5  
BOOK REVIEW: “Circumstantial Evidence” by Frank Secich

I feel I should preface this review by saying that I do not ordinarily review books. It just happened that I was given the opportunity and, hey, I’m all about local music, and that’s what this book is about, so here you go. “Circumstantial Evidence” is an autobiography written by Frank Secich, of many great bands from Ohio or with Ohio connections (Blue Ash, Dead Boys, Club Wow, Deadbeat Poets, etc.). There’s plenty of great tales from his time with these bands and others, such as Blue Ash’s time opening for the infamous final Stooges show, captured on side two of the live album “Metallic K.O.,” as well as great stories about touring around the world and living in Sharon, PA and Youngstown, OH. There were funny stories, interesting anecdotes, lots of info, and cool/rare photos, such as outtakes from photo shoots that produced picture sleeves and shots from recording sessions. In terms of the category “autobiographies of esteemed Ohio musicians,” it was a different side of the music scene, refreshing in its way, as it didn’t have the sordid tales of alcohol and drug abuse like, say, Cheetah Chrome’s or Mike Hudson’s, though like these, it was a from the heart, honest take on the life of a musician. I learned many things I didn’t know before about the Ohio music scene. I also really appreciated the inclusion of a full discography, with a lot more info that I didn’t know about. The book also includes full sets of lyrics for songs written about events described within the book, telling the story from a different angle, which was great. If you like learning about Ohio music, power pop, or just enjoy funny stories about Stiv Bators, I’d recommend this book to you. I know I certainly enjoyed it.

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



Lucha Libre Meets The Dead Comes To The Good Goat Gallery

by Nancy Cintron  
Come celebrate autumn with life, color and uniqueness at the good goat gallery, with two Mexican art themes - Lucha Libre and Dia de Muertos.  
Lucha Libre Meets the Dead opens Friday, October 16 with a reception from 6 to 9 p.m. Come in costume, on the day of the opening, as a luchador or Dia de Muertos Catrin(a) esqueleto and receive a free luchador print by artist A. Nancy Cintron (a \$10 value). There will also be a fantastic photo op with a lifesize Dia de Muertos sculpture, by the well known artist, Ana Luisa Sanchez. If you miss the opening fiesta, the show will run until November 28th and will also be online at thegoodgoatgallery.com.

Participating artists: Ana Luisa Sanchez (Mexico), A. Nancy Cintron (Cleveland), Alexandra Soury (France), Anomaly S. Smith (Cleveland), Chad Cochran (Cleveland), Dante Rodriguez (Cleveland), Domenico Scalisi (Italy), Ivan Rage (Cleveland), Keely Reichman (California), Mike Bell (New Jersey), Oliver App (Cleveland), Patti Luna (Cleveland), Raven Toney (Cleveland), Sean Kelly (Cleveland) and more...  
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# Wellness Watch

## Promote Your Business Via The 7th Annual Online Auction

by Valerie Mechenbier

Starting on November 16th, the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce will begin an online auction showcasing items donated by some of the area's best locally owned businesses. The Holiday Bid & Buy online auction allows the Chamber to promote your business while encouraging bidders to shop local this holiday season.

**Give a little and get a lot in return.** By donating to the Holiday Bid & Buy online auction, you can promote your business while making a difference in your community! The Holiday Bid & Buy Auction allows local shoppers – plus a community of over 400,000 cause-minded bidders on the “Bidding For Good” platform – to find great deals while supporting the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and our economic development efforts. Last year's auction attracted bidders from throughout Northeast Ohio and from coast to coast, from Seattle WA to Baltimore MD!

Here's how to participate:

1) **Donate an auction item.** When

you donate to the Holiday Bid & Buy auction, your donated item will be featured with its own bidding page with YOUR business's logo and a direct link to your website, plus a terrific write-up of the item and a photo. Donate an auction item at [www.biddingforgood.com/lakewoodchamber](http://www.biddingforgood.com/lakewoodchamber).

Are you an accountant? an architect? a marketing professional? Don't have a business-to-consumer-related 'good' or 'service' to offer? No problem! We're looking for a variety of items worth \$25 or more. Visit [lakewoodchamber.org/auction-donation-faqs/](http://lakewoodchamber.org/auction-donation-faqs/) for a list of 'what makes a great auction item'. You will be listed as the donor, along with your logo and a link to your website.

2) **Become a sponsor.** 'Star' (\$250), 'Mistletoe' (\$100), and 'Jingle Bell' (\$50) cash sponsorship levels are available where, depending on the level chosen, your organization can be featured in auction e-mail alerts, on the auction home page, on print marketing materials and via social media. Visit [\[chamber.org/sponsor-the-auction/\]\(http://chamber.org/sponsor-the-auction/\) to view sponsorship levels & benefits and a link to pay for your sponsorship online.

Donate an item or become a sponsor by November 16th for maximum exposure. Contact the Chamber office at \[info@lakewoodchamber.org\]\(mailto:info@lakewoodchamber.org\) or call 216-226-2900 with questions about the](http://lakewood-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

auction. New items will be added daily, but the sooner you contribute the more exposure your organization receives. The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce is proud to host this annual online event that markets our local & regional businesses to the community.

## Nature's Bin Presents “Raw Foods And Eating Healthy On The Go”

by Mary Johnson

Join Nature's Bin when they host “Raw Foods and Eating Healthy on the Go” with Don Foose on Thursday, October 15 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. at University of Akron/Lakewood.

You may know Don Foose as one of Cleveland's hardcore, metal music legends but he is also a strict vegetarian, a certified personal trainer and a raw foods advocate. Now Mr. Foose can add author to his long list of accomplishments. In

his recently published book, *Raw Life*, he talks about the benefits of a healthy raw food diet. He shares recipes for raw food meals and elixirs, and he includes great information on juice fasting.

So many of our customers are interested in this topic. We are excited to introduce them to Don and to provide an opportunity to learn about incorporating raw foods into their lives. Mr. Foose will be sharing his experience and insight into raw foods along with ways he has incorporated a raw foods diet into his busy life.

This program is a part of Nature's Bin's “Healthy Living” speaker series. It is free but registration is required. Please visit [naturesbin.com](http://naturesbin.com) to register.


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# Build Lakewood Postcard Misinformation

by Brian Essi

Misinformation is false or inaccurate information, especially that which is deliberately intended to deceive. All 13 points in BL's postcard are false or misleading. The BL postcard sent to Lakewood voters is classic misinformation. Its time for BL to face these facts.

**REBUTTAL OF LEFT SIDE OF POSTCARD:** "Build a new Health Center for Lakewood."

**MISINFORMATION:** "Privately funded - NO COST to taxpayer."

**FACT:** Lakewood Taxpayers Are

Subsidizing Cleveland Clinic Foundation's (CCF's) "Family Health Center."

**1. High Taxpayer Price Tag** for subsidizing CCF sending patients & doctors out of Lakewood to their real inpatient hospitals.

**2. \$26 million in taxpayer money** is used to tear down the hospital buildings and property worth an estimated \$70 million and payment of severance to CCF's employees. So Summers proposes to use/consume over \$90 million in public money and property to subsidize CCF and yet to be named private developers.

**3. Millions of dollars** of taxpayer-owned state-of-the-art equipment and other property at the hospital is given to CCF for FREE—it says so right in the draft Master Agreement.

**4. \$400 million claim against CCF** forgiven--Summers/BL want to release and forgive CCF. Discount claim to 10%--taxpayers paying a \$40 million subsidy to CCF.

**MISINFORMATION:** "Improved Medical Services"

**FACT:** There Will Be Greatly Diminished Medical Services, Doctors And Specialists Will Be Exported Out Of Lakewood.

Unrealistic "Plan."

**Lost Taxes and Rent.** \$2 million in annual Payroll Taxes and Rent will be lost and can NEVER be replaced by Summers' vague plan. Lakewood Hospital is the highest and best use for the land. No number of new businesses can supply the jobs of a 24/7 365 fully-staffed hospital. Summers admits they have no market studies, no estimates of officer workers or retail workers, no interested businesses to relocate and build in heavily congested area far from I-90.

**REBUTTAL OF RIGHT SIDE OF POSTCARD -** "Don't Save Old Lakewood Hospital"

**MISINFORMATION:** Hospital is 'old.'

## Issue 64, The Lakewood Hospital Charter Amendment

by Bill Call

What is it and what does it mean?

There is a lot of disinformation about the proposed charter amendment, issue 64. Here is the language as approved by the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and the Ohio Secretary of State:

A majority affirmative vote is required for passage.

Shall the Second Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood be amended to create an automatic referendum requiring an affirmative vote by a majority vote of the electors of the City of Lakewood at a general or special election for passage, on any ordinance adopted by council that would cause Lakewood Hospital to no longer be a full-time and full-service hospital and medical facility providing, without limitation, inpatient diagnostic, medical, surgical, and psychiatric care for a continuous period longer than twenty-four hours?

The amendment does not require

the City to have a hospital.

The amendment does not save Lakewood Hospital.

The amendment does not make the City responsible for health care in Lakewood.

The amendment does not prohibit the closure of the Hospital.

The amendment does not require a majority of registered voters to approve the closure of the Hospital.

The amendment simply allows for an automatic referendum IF the City Council VOTES to close the Hospital. The current City Charter allows for referendums on issues such as the closure of the Hospital. Making the referendum automatic will simply make the process quicker and more transparent.

If the amendment passes, any decision by Council to close the Hospital will require the approval of a majority of those voting in the automatic referendum.

That's it.

**1. Services Eliminated/Doctors & Specialists Exported.** Hospital Services and outpatient surgeries will be completely eliminated under the Summers/BL plan. Per CCF's Dr. Steven Jones: "there will be no hospital services"—no cardiologists, no neurologists, no surgeons of any kind, no on-site stroke facility, etc.

**2. No Services Are Guaranteed.** There is no "guarantee" of any services after the "deal" is signed---LHA's Chairman Tom Gable and Finance Chair Ken Haber said this in April.

**3. Privatization of Public Money.** CCF and a few handpicked insiders will control the new foundation, which cannot sustain the "new healthcare initiatives" as claimed by BL unless needed traditional programs are abandoned and eliminated. Huron's John Bodine said the new foundation will not move the needle and is insignificant—especially in light of the great loss of the existing hospital charity services provided (historically \$7 million per year).

**FACT: NOT THAT "OLD"**

Many parts of Lakewood Hospital Plant and Equipment Are New and State-Of-The-Art —Additional Renovations Can be Financed and Paid By Our Debt-Free Hospital's Cash Flow—Not Taxpayers. Characterizing it as "OLD" is not accurate.

**MISINFORMATION:** "High Cost"

**FACT: Taxpayers DO NOT PAY FOR Lakewood Hospital.**

Once again, "The Hospital has always been supported by the revenues generated from operations.... no tax-derived revenue sources ever supported the hospital." Jenn Pae, Lakewood Finance Director, September 28, 2015.

**1. CCF is Liable** under the agreements to "Cash-Flow The Hospital." i.e. CCF has to supply cash to match every dollar of debt that might accumulate or be incurred through operations. An original drafter of the agreements agrees that CCF is liable under the 1996 Definitive Agreement and the 2010 "Centers of Excellence" agreement. The loss projections quoted by BL were made by Subsidiary spokesperson who admitted they did not understand the agreements---The estimates were based upon CCF moving a major "Center of Excellence" (Orthopedics) to Avon. BL makes two false assumptions: 1. That CCF is not liable under the agreements

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## Council Handles The Business Of The City

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ing Academy at Cuyahoga Community College. In return the the College will provide training classes to the City with an approximate value of \$3,000. The training will be used for fire officers and fire service instructor development.

Council referred the matter to the Public Safety Committee for Consideration.

Coming to the end of the agenda

items there were several members of the public there to speak on the Lakewood Hospital issue. After another epic public statement section that lasted longer than the agenda part of the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

**To read about the public comment section, please see this story online at [www.lakewoodobserver.com](http://www.lakewoodobserver.com).**



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Forum

# Why Endorsements Matter And Why I Am Voting For Kristine Pagsuyoin For Board Of Education

by Maureen Dostal

One of the reasons I'm supporting Kristine Pagsuyoin for the Lakewood Board of Education on November 3rd is that I trust her knowledge, experience, and forward-thinking perspective in the field of education. In addition, her work with non-profit organizations, focused on making our Lakewood community and schools better for kids and families, signals to me that she will be able to work as an effective team member with current school board members, while remaining an independent thought leader.

As a resident of Lakewood, Kristine has my endorsement and support as well as the endorsement of organizations that matter to me as a voter. Why do endorsements matter? To me, endorsements matter because they communicate to voters that a particular candidate is the most experienced, qualified and trusted person running for office. Each election cycle, candidates are invited to meet with organizations to discuss who they are and why they are running for office. Often the process is quite extensive requiring the candidate to fill out multi-paged questionnaires, participate in forums, and almost always, go before an organization's membership to state their platform. It's an exciting time for a candidate, but it can also be a little rough. Organizations

take endorsements very seriously; after all, they're staking their reputation on a candidate. They want to be sure they get it right. To date, Kristine has been honored with several important endorsements and is currently under consideration by other groups who've asked her to participate in their group's process.

I'm proud to announce that Kristine has been endorsed by the North

Shore AFL-CIO Federation of Labor, the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party, and the Lakewood Democratic Club, former member of the Lakewood Board of Education, Debra Sweeney, and State Senator Michael J. Skindell. I am also impressed that Kristine has not only earned these significant endorsements, but that she has more endorsements than any other candidate running for the school board this

November, including the incumbents.

I will be voting for Kristine Pagsuyoin for the Lakewood Board of Education because she will be an engaged and responsive board member who will be a strong voice for students, parents and teachers. Kristine is experienced, qualified and endorsed. For more information about Kristine's candidacy visit [democracy.com/kristineforlakewoodschools](http://democracy.com/kristineforlakewoodschools).

## What's The Plan?

by Bill Call

Anyone who drives through Lakewood cannot help but notice the nearly 1,800 Save Lakewood Hospital signs on front yards in every neighborhood in the City. What motivated a grassroots movement that sprang from nothing in December of 2014 to a force of nearly 2,500 people by May of 2015?

Friends, neighbors and members of Save Lakewood Hospital have expressed the same set of concerns.

The Hospital has made money for the last 4 years and was expected to make money this year. The losses this year are the direct result of the Mayor's announcement that the Hospital would be closing.

Why do Mayor Summers and

Build Lakewood want to close a profitable Hospital?

The Hospital provides nearly 1,500 direct jobs and many more indirect jobs in the City. What type of development can make up for those lost jobs? Cleveland and Northeast Ohio have a declining population and are experiencing a loss in economic activity. The State of Ohio pledged nearly \$100 million to keep American Greetings in Ohio. The City of Westlake promised millions more. All of this money was pledged to keep about 1,600 jobs.

Why are Mayor Summers and his Build Lakewood supporters so eager to lose 1,500 jobs?

The Cleveland Clinic induced the City Council to make changes in the Hospital lease that allowed the Clinic to move some services to Fairview Hospital and other areas. In exchange for the movement of those services the Clinic promised major investments to make Lakewood Hospital a "Center of Excellence."

A lawsuit has been filed against the Clinic that challenges their conduct and their plans to close the Hospital. During the discovery process documents were found that indicate that the Clinic NEVER intended to make any of those investments. There is some evidence that the plans to "decant" Lakewood Hospital were in the planning stages in private while in public the Clinic was pledging renewed support for Lakewood Hospital.

What did the Mayor and the LHA know about the decanting plan?

What's their plan for the future?

The Mayor has been working on the Hospital closure for years and yet there have been no traffic studies, no economic impact studies and no plans for the Hospital site except for a 62,000 square foot office building.

That's the building the Mayor calls a Family Health Center. However, the Clinic will be closing its building on Detroit and 117th, Madison Avenue, the current family health center across from the Hospital and will demolish the 88,000 square foot office building on Detroit and Belle. That's the elimination of nearly 140,000 square feet of office space. Will the planned 62,000 square foot office space make up for the loss of a Hospital and 140,000 square feet of office space? What's the plan?

Here is a better plan:

- Replace the LHA Board with members committed to health care in Lakewood and not development.
  - Replace the LHF Board with members committed to Lakewood Hospital and not some regional foundation.
  - Replace Mayor Summers with Senator Skindell. We need a Mayor who will fight for Lakewood.
  - The City should join the lawsuit against the Clinic and seek full disclosure of the decanting plan and full reimbursement for the Clinic's mismanagement of the Hospital.
  - Demand that the Clinic sign a release so the City and the Hospital can reissue a request for proposals for Lakewood Hospital.
- What's the plan? Fight for Lakewood.



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# It's Time To Move Forward In Creating A New Health Care Model For Lakewood

by Carol Culley

In the debate about the proposed closing of Lakewood Hospital several misconceptions have arisen. Having been a staff physician at Lakewood Hospital for 38 years and a member of the Lakewood Hospital Association (LHA) for 19 years, I would like to bring some perspective to a number of issues.

In 1996 when the decision was made to lease the hospital to Cleveland Clinic, the environment of government regulation and commercial insurance had made it virtually impossible for the hospital to operate as an independent community hospital. In short, it was likely that the hospital would have had to close soon after that date unless the current lease was adopted. In so many ways this was a win-win situation for both Lakewood and Cleveland Clinic. In today's times, the rapidly changing health care environment is what has led to the current situation.

Mayor Summers has been criticized by some for his support of the proposed closing of the hospital, painted as a conspirator in a foregone decision by Cleveland Clinic, described as secretive about the LHA discussions that were held. But no one spends two

years, thousands of dollars on consultants and literally tens of thousands of hours of time by the volunteer Board of Lakewood Hospital Association to evaluate a foregone conclusion.

The Mayor has a proven track record of running a highly successful business, Summers Rubber Company for 32 years. He understands a profit and loss statement and the implications of industry trends. After joining the LHA, he came to realize quickly the complexity of new health care technology, procedures and legislation and consequently, the challenges they brought to our hospital. He understood this was a complex issue and people would understandably have questions. There never was any presumption by the Mayor, the LHA or the Cleveland Clinic that the original Letter of Intent (LOI) was anything more than an initial conversation starter. Everyone knew, based on the 1996 lease agreement, that City Council was the authority that was to make the final decision.

I believe the Mayor's leadership within the LHA has been courageous and demonstrated foresight. He could have kicked the can down the road and easily passed an underperforming hospital off to a future administration. But please consider that there has been almost three years of decision analysis. To have waited a few years from now until the lease was near expiration, in a medical environment that health care experts only expect to become even more challenging for hospitals like ours, would likely have resulted in growing financial losses and six acres of empty buildings in the middle of downtown Lakewood.

Huron Consulting, the consulting firm retained by City Council, basically confirmed the original findings of the LHA. The only statement of any question was that it might be feasible to maintain a smaller 50- 100 bed inpatient facility in a city of 50,000+

people. Based on market dynamics, that might apply to a rural area without other medical options, but not in an urban area like Lakewood. Historically, Lakewood Hospital never has had more than a 50% market share within the Lakewood community. In practical terms that is in effect a population of 25,000 to support an inpatient facility. Simply, maintaining Lakewood Hospital in its current form is no longer practical.

Huron Consulting indicated that the City could possibly invest \$90-100 million dollars to bring the hospital facility to present day health care standards if it chose. Even though the source of such funding is in no way obvious, the question is not CAN the City come up with such funds, but whether it even SHOULD expend such funds when clearly a better option exists?

Thinking about the challenge from solely a political standpoint, we could force various parties to keep the hospital open no matter the market dynamics or the financial losses. Congressman Dennis Kucinich led a similar charge with St. Michael's Hospital some years ago. However, his and

others efforts did not change the basic economics and market dynamics of the hospital. Unfortunately, St. Michael's continued to struggle and closed soon afterward leaving the surrounding residents with nothing in return.

The proposed new \$34 Million Cleveland Clinic outpatient facility and Emergency Room offer an opportunity to bring expanded primary and specialty care to Lakewood in a setting that offers virtually all of the services that Lakewood residents access at the current hospital. Additionally, the Cleveland Clinic has committed to offering a comparable position to every current hospital employee somewhere in their system

I believe that all of the parties on both sides of this controversy have been trying to act in the best interests of the people of Lakewood. The foresight of the LHA and Mayor Summers and with the added input of many Lakewood citizens has brought us a compelling opportunity that will better position our community for the best possible health care in the future.

The cards are on the table and the opportunity needs to be addressed now. It's time to move forward!

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Forum

Experience, Commitment, Leadership:

# Beegan For Lakewood City Council

by Sean McDermott

Our city has been on an upward trajectory for the past decade and we should be proud of how Lakewood has evolved into a diverse community of choice. But these positive changes in our neighborhoods do not happen in a vacuum; they are the result of years of committed planning and partnerships between our many engaged citizens, community leaders and city government. We are fortunate that one of those leaders is seeking to expand his commitment to service now as a member of Lakewood City Council. I have known Paul Beegan for over 10 years and am honored to support him for election to Lakewood City Council in Ward 2.

Paul and his wife Karen have lived in Lakewood for 19 years and have been homeowners on Summit Avenue in Ward 2 for 16 years. Karen is a kindergarten teacher at Lakewood Catholic Academy (in Ward 2) and together they have three children; Gavin, Caden, and Violet. Paul owns his own architectural practice, Beegan Architectural Design, and two mixed-use buildings on Madison Avenue in Lakewood's Ward 2.



Having myself served as the chair of the LakewoodAlive Board, I am familiar with Paul's service to the organization. Paul first joined LakewoodAlive when it was just a small group of active and concerned citizens in 2003. He was the first member to be selected to join the board of Lakewood Community Progress, Inc. and help merge that organization into LakewoodAlive. During his 9 years on the board of LakewoodAlive, he served as chair of the Downtown Lakewood Design Committee and as the first chair of the Housing Committee. With the design committee, Paul was instrumental in developing the Detroit Avenue Streetscape Master Plan in partnership with the City, which set the stage for downtown Lakewood's revitalization.

Leading the Housing Committee, Paul helped develop the initial framework which has now blossomed into the LakewoodAlive Housing Outreach Program. Also on the housing front, Paul had involvement in the initial effort to birth the City's Housing Forward Strategy which continues to be successfully executed by the City of Lakewood and partners. Professionally, Paul has also been actively involved with the city's housing redevelopment efforts including acting as a design consultant and championing legislation for the redevelopment select two-family housing units.

One important aspect of Paul's leadership at LakewoodAlive was his ability to engage others, including myself, into leadership positions, assuring the sustainability of the organization. Paul's commitment to leadership and civic involvement did not end at LakewoodAlive, he has also served his community at St. Luke Parish by serving six years on the Parish Council and three years as its Chair. He has also served on the Parish

Finance Committee and on its Facilities Committee. Paul was part of the team to help merge the separate parish schools into Lakewood Catholic Academy (LCA) and help unite the catholic community during the difficult process of church closings. Even with the numerous civic commitments, Coach Paul also finds time to coach basketball at LCA.

Paul's former leadership roles would be enough for me to support him as the next councilperson for Ward 2. However, he is currently serving on the board of Fedor Manor and as a member of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce where he will serve on the Economic Development Committee. Additionally, Paul is serving his 3rd year of a gubernatorial appointment to the Ohio Board of Building Appeals.

When I first met Paul, I was taken by his passion for and commitment to Lakewood. I recall him telling me that his mission and calling was to use his talents and passion to help make his community a better place. During the tenure of four mayors and as many city councils, Paul has remained committed to using his talents, passion and experience in service to his community, from which we have all benefited. Lakewood is a better place because of Paul's active civic leadership. His experience in economic development, housing, planning, his small business acumen and infrastructure knowledge will serve the citizens of Lakewood well. I urge you to support Paul Beegan and elect him as Lakewood's next councilperson in Ward 2.

## Re-Elect Sam O'Leary For Ward 2 Council

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issue. In addition to striving for responsive constituent service, I've made the livability and walkability of our neighborhoods a top priority by advocating for improvements to Kauffman Park and Lakewood Park and by introducing legislation to create a park by officially designating St. Charles Green.

I've also worked hard to ensure an objective and thorough review of the due diligence and issues surrounding Lakewood Hospital, acknowledging that the hospital's present circumstances are challenged, and that the status quo is unsustainable, while at the same time advocating on behalf of the City of Lakewood and its residents for an outcome that meets the City's health and economic needs, and holds

all parties accountable to Lakewood residents. Even though this situation presents a great challenge, I know that, come what may, Lakewood will continue to provide health care in a way that is a testament to the generations of Lakewood philanthropists, activists, doctors, nurses, police officers, firefighters and paramedics, social workers and neighbors, who live the remarkable and unique commitment of Lakewood residents to care for one another.

It has truly been an honor to serve Lakewood and Ward 2 on City Council, and I humbly ask for your vote on November 3rd, so that together, we can continue to unlock Lakewood's potential, and make the public safety, housing, and infrastructure investments that will make Lakewood successful in its next century.

## Dan O'Malley Set To Bring Fresh Perspective To Lakewood City Council

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important to him, and currently serves on the boards of Equality Ohio and Cleveland Stonewall Democrats.

O'Malley said the part of campaigning he enjoys most is going door-to-door to meet voters and talk about the most important issues facing Lakewood. "I am continuously amazed by the ideas Lakewood residents have for moving our city forward," he said. "It proves a couple of things: first, people care very deeply about our community and its future, and second, we have a wealth of talent and cre-

ativity living on every block in this city."

The future of Lakewood Hospital and public safety are among the most common issues brought up by residents O'Malley meets every week. "Keeping Lakewood safe is a top priority of mine," O'Malley said. "As a member of council, I will advocate for better resources for our safety forces and crack down on absentee landlords who neglect their properties and tenants."

O'Malley has been endorsed by the Lakewood Association of Fire Fighters and the Fraternal Order of Police

Lodge 25, which represents Lakewood's police officers. He has also received the backing of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party, the Lakewood Democratic Club, and a host of other organizations and labor unions.

Ultimately, O'Malley's goal is to earn the trust of his neighbors and serve as a strong voice for them on council. "There may be times when people disagree with me on issues," he said. "But residents of Ward 4 should know that I will always fight for them, and always be on their side."

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Forum

The Lakewood Republican Club

Endorses Nonpartisan Candidates

by Matthew Markling, Lakewood Republican Club President

The mission of the Lakewood Republican Club includes endorsing candidates who promote and practice honest, transparent, and accountable leadership throughout the City of Lakewood regardless of party affiliation, but with a preference for Republican candidates whenever possible. To that end, the LRC extended an invitation to all candidates in the 2015 mayoral, judicial, city council ward, and school board races to seek an LRC endorsement and respond to the following endorsement questions:

1. Why are you the best candidate for the office you are seeking?
2. How will you guarantee honesty if elected to the office you are seeking?
3. How will you guarantee transparency if elected to the office you are seeking?
4. How will you guarantee accountability if elected to the office you are seeking?
5. Are you pro-Save Lakewood Hospital, pro-Build Lakewood, or undecided and why?
6. Do you agree to the LRC’s non-discrimination policy? If not, why not?

It is important to note that the Lakewood Republican Club is a candidate political action committee. The LRC is not an issues PAC. As a result, the LRC takes no stand on the Lakewood Hospital issue. The LRC only asked the candidates to explain their respective stances on the Lakewood Hospital issue to determine whether the candidates were honest, transparent, and accountable on the most important issue currently facing the City of Lakewood.

Given publishing space limitations, the Lakewood Republican Club will provide a brief summary behind the LRC’s selective, nonpartisan endorsements below.

Michael J. Skindell for Lakewood Mayor

The Lakewood Republican Club was extremely pleased when it learned that both Michael P. Summers and Michael J. Skindell were seeking an LRC endorsement because the LRC understands that its endorsement in this particular race will receive the most scrutiny. While Mr. Summers was granted an extension to submit his endorsement request, Mr. Summers subsequently sent an email to the LRC stating, “As a proudly endorsed democrat, I respectfully decline to seek the Lakewood Republican Club endorsement.”

In contrast, Michael J. Skindell is a lifelong Democrat who has served the residents of Lakewood on the Lakewood City Council, State of Ohio House of Representatives, and State of Ohio Senate and understands that he represents all of Lakewood’s residents, not just Democrats. Mr. Skindell proudly sought the LRC endorsement.

In the Lakewood Mayor nonpartisan race, the Lakewood Republican

Club endorses Michael J. Skindell, who states that he is “running for mayor of Lakewood to save Lakewood Hospital and restore trust at City Hall.” In explaining his criticism of Mr. Summers’ handling of the Lakewood Hospital issue, Mr. Skindell states that, “The backroom deal negotiated by Mayor Summers with the Cleveland Clinic Foundation to close Lakewood Hospital does not serve the interests of our community. Plans were made privately, without community involvement and consultation and then presented as an accomplished matter, before there was an opportunity for a greater public discussion. Lakewood Hospital is the asset of the people, with the Mayor, City Council, and LHA only being temporary stewards of that asset. It is my opinion that those elected officials and trustees who are pushing through the closing of the hospital under such circumstances must consider their fiduciary responsibilities to the citizens of this community and of Lakewood Hospital itself, especially when making a decision of this magnitude.” Mr. Skindell has an unquestionable and proven track record of promoting and practicing honest, transparent, and accountable leadership. Michael J. Skindell deserves to be elected as the Lakewood Mayor.

Patrick Carroll for Lakewood Municipal Court Judge

In the Lakewood Municipal Court Judge nonpartisan race, the Lakewood Republican Club endorses Patrick Carroll. While not seeking an endorsement, Brian M. Taubman did contact the LRC to express his support of the LRC’s advocacy for honest, transparent, and accountable leadership. The LRC endorses Patrick Carroll for Lakewood Municipal Court Judge because he has a proven track record extending more than 25 years of promoting and practicing honest, transparent, and accountable leadership during his tenure on the bench. It cannot be overstated that Judge Carroll is rated excellent by four separate bar associations with Judge4Yourself.com, while Mr. Taubman refused to participate in the Judge4Yourself.com process. Patrick Carroll deserves to be re-elected as the Lakewood Municipal Court Judge.

David W. Anderson for Member of Council, Ward 1

In the Ward 1 nonpartisan race, both David W. Anderson and Patrick J. Metzger sought the Lakewood Republican Club endorsement. While the LRC was very impressed with Patrick J. Metzger’s submission, the LRC endorses David W. Anderson for Ward 1 because Mr. Anderson has a proven track record of promoting and practicing honest, transparent, and accountable leadership during his tenure on City Council. With respect to the criticism that City Council is violating Ohio Sunshine Laws by recessing into executive session improperly, Mr. Anderson acknowledges the concerns but states that he has been given repeated assurances from the law director and private legal counsel that executive sessions

have been proper. Most impressive was Mr. Anderson’s response to the Lakewood Hospital issue where Mr. Anderson eloquently states that, “I find much of the information provided to Council and the community to be unclear, less than thorough and not entirely unbiased. I have and will continue to fight for unvarnished and objective reports which may hopefully lead to a more fact-based outcome that will gain the community’s support.” Mr. Anderson further states that, “I feel the imperfect process over the last couple of years has led many in our community to express a lack of confidence in the option of replacing Lakewood’s full service hospital with a Family Health Center. Many believe this is a backroom deal cloaked in secrecy. While I do not believe that, necessarily, what I do believe is that if residents’ faith and trust in the way the city conducts business erodes, then we have much more to lose than a hospital.” David W. Anderson deserves to be re-elected as Member of Council, Ward 1.

No Endorsements for Members of Council, Wards 2, 3, and 4

In the Ward 2 nonpartisan race, the Lakewood Republican Club makes no endorsement in spite of the fact that Paul R. Beegan sought an LRC endorsement and Sam O’Leary specifically refused to seek an LRC endorsement. Mr. Beegan had a very impressive submission but the LRC cannot endorse him because Mr. Beegan “think[s] that LHA, the city administration, and city council have operated with appropriate honesty, transparency, and accountability.” The LRC does not blame Mr. Beegan for what he does not know, but the LRC cannot support a candidate who sees nothing wrong with the status quo.

In the Ward 3 nonpartisan race, the Lakewood Republican Club makes no endorsement. While neither John Litten nor Mark A. Schneider sought an LRC endorsement, Mr. Schneider did contact the LRC to express his support of the LRC’s advocacy for honest, transparent, and accountable leadership. Mr. Litten provided no response.

In the Ward 4 nonpartisan race, the Lakewood Republican Club makes no endorsement. While Dan O’Malley is

running unopposed, Mr. O’Malley also contacted the LRC to express his support of the LRC’s advocacy for honest, transparent, and accountable leadership.

Linda G. Beebe, Meghan G. George, and Gregory Calleri for Members of the Board of Education

In the Member of the Board of Education nonpartisan race, the Lakewood Republican Club endorses Linda G. Beebe, Meghan G. George, and Gregory Calleri. While Kristine Pagsuyoin specifically refused to seek an LRC endorsement, both Tom Einhouse and Emma Petrie-Barcelona provided no response. Due to a conflict-of-interest, LRC President Matthew Markling abstained from these endorsements.

Linda G. Beebe has served on the Lakewood City School District Board of Education with distinction and has a proven track record of promoting and practicing honest, transparent, and accountable leadership during her tenure on the Board of Education. While there are members of the LRC who strongly question why school board members have interjected themselves into the Lakewood Hospital debate, the LRC is not an issues PAC. The LRC is a candidate PAC. And, right or wrong, Mrs. Beebe takes full accountability for her advocacy on behalf of Build Lakewood. If you look solely at her body of work as a school board member, Linda G. Beebe deserves to be re-elected as a Member of the Board of Education.

Meghan G. George is a proud graduate of the Lakewood High School and a former Harding Middle School paraprofessional who will bring a fresh, new perspective to the school board. Ms. George is currently completing a master’s degree in education administration from the Cleveland State University. Ms. George is also working in the private sector for a firm specializing in risk analysis in employee benefits. Meghan G. George deserves to be elected as a Member of the Board of Education.

Gregory Calleri has lengthy experience on the city’s audit committee, in both teaching and finance, and as a small business owner. Mr. Calleri regularly attends school board meetings and previously ran for the school board. Mr. Calleri will bring an added attention to detail to the school board. Gregory Calleri deserves to be elected as a Member of the Board of Education.

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Lakewood Living

# Which Mortgage Is Right For You?

by Chris Bergin

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[www.HomeValuesInLakewood.Info](http://www.HomeValuesInLakewood.Info).

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may be a logical choice for most people because it has more advantages. Let's take a look at the differences:

- Payments are less with a 30-year mortgage which enables more consumers to qualify for home purchases.
- Generally, you can make additional principal payments to pay off your loan faster without penalty.
- A 15-year loan means you are committed to giving that extra money

to your lender each month, whether you can really afford to at the time or not.

- The higher payments of a 15-year mortgage make little sense if they keep you from building savings or contributing to a 401(k) plan, IRA or college fund.
- The amortization schedule of 30-year fixed is back-heavy, with early-term payments big on interest and light on principal.
- A 15-year fixed is always light on interest which lowers its taxpayer benefits.

- While it's true you gain more of a tax break from a 30-year loan, it shouldn't be the main consideration when deciding on a term. The 30-year borrower pays less in yearly taxes because they pay significantly more in interest.

So it all comes down to choice and circumstances:

- Choose the 15-year loan if you have the financial wherewithal to assume the payments. Your interest savings will be substantial and you'll own your home faster.
- The 30-year loan offers lower payments and greater flexibility. You can always choose to pay more on your mortgage when the money is available.

Your real estate agent, lender, and tax professional can help you navigate your options as you make the best decision based on your personal circumstances.

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## WordStage Literary Concerts Presents "Poe And Fiends" At Wright Chapel

by Tim Tavcar

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## Thirteen Lakewood City Schools Superstars Celebrated At Hall Of Fame

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Qualifiers. Athlete of the Year his senior year, **Chad Higgins '91** was MVP and team captain for the track team and district champ for shot put and discus, and took 11th place in the shot put and discus events at the State of Ohio Track Championships. He remains the school record holder of 168 feet 8 inches for the discus throw. **Kathy Nortz '81** served as a role model in the LHS girls fledgling running program as a top runner, team captain, and LHS Most Valuable Runner, and posted four of the top five times in the team's three-year history. At Ohio University, she was the captain of both the track and cross country teams in her senior year and set an indoor record in the 1500 meter run. **Mark Verdova '75** was a junior and co-captain of the basketball team the last year LHS won the LEL championship, setting several records: most assists in a career, most assists in a single game, and most assists in a season. At Baldwin-Wallace College, he played varsity basketball and golf winning the Mount Union Invitational.

**Len Forkas '77** is CEO and president of Milestone Communications, which develops, owns, and manages wireless towers in the mid-Atlantic region. After his nine-year-old son was confined at home due to treatment for leukemia, Len founded Hopecam, a non-profit that links homebound children undergoing treatment for cancer and other life-threatening illnesses with their schools and classmates. **Glenn Mueller '73** owns RPM LLC, the largest franchise of Domino's Pizza in the U.S., with 185 stores employing more than 4,000 team members in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Indiana. When Katrina hit in 2005, the RPM team was able to reopen stores within 72 hours.

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As principal at LHS, **Vince Barra** never gave up on students and parents, many of them immigrants, and was a strong advocate for staff. His philosophy: "If children cannot learn the way we teach them, then we must teach them the way they learn." As an English teacher at LHS, **Jamie Cure** was known for her very high standards, and her students and colleagues benefited from her dedication to her job. For 30 years, she was the girls tennis coach and the ski club advisor and took several cultural trips with stu-

dents. For 35 years, **Gail Meinke** taught English at LHS. She coached and advised students in cheerleading, Lit magazine, swimming, diving, and National Honor Society. Gail's classroom was a haven and a home away from home for many students. **Charlene Morford** began her teaching career in 1969, as a kindergarten teacher at Harrison Elementary School where she remained until her retirement in 1998. Her knowledge of the Harrison and Birdtown neighborhood and the families that resided there was invaluable, and she became an unofficial member of many of those families.

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