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## Get Out And Vote On Tuesday, November 3rd

by Margaret Brinich, Editor-In-Chief, Lakewood Observer

The big day is finally almost here for Lakewood voters. After a long, admittedly, rather bumpy road, Lakewood voters will be asked to make some big decisions when they hit the polls on Tuesday, November 3rd. I'm not here to tell you who to vote for or which issues should or should not get passed. Your passionate fellow Lakewoodites have done plenty of that over the past several months in the Lakewood Observer and they continue to

do so in this issue's Forum section. Instead, I would implore you simply to VOTE.

The ballot is a rather lengthy one for an "off-year" election (i.e. no major federal or state races in play) with nine seats up for grabs for Lakewood's elected officials plus one ballot issue specific to Lakewood. So please take the time to be informed on the issues, the candidates, know your options, and then cast your ballot based on what you think is best for you, your family, your city. Because, no

matter what the outcome is, once the votes are tallied at the end of the day, these will become your elected officials, your decisions on the issues, your city's future.

Polls will be open on Tuesday, November 3rd from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Be sure to check your polling location, as a number of them have changed due to the school construction

projects (<http://lakewoodobserver.com/read/2015/09/01/county-board-of-elections-makes-some-changes-to-preincts-polling>).

## Fall And Winter Events In Uptown Lakewood

by Carolyn Klosowsky

### Trick-or-Treat in Uptown Lakewood

Wear your costumes and get tricks or treats at the shops on Madison Avenue on Halloween night from 5-8 p.m. Fun for kids of all ages!

### Scarecrow Festival

The 3rd Annual Scarecrow Festival in Uptown Lakewood is up and running. Meander down Madison Avenue and see the creative scarecrows and vote for your favorite. Place your ballot at Great Finds, Angelo's Pizza, Buckeye Beer Engine, Cottage of Flowers, Griffin Cider Works, and Lakewood Hardware.

This great event is sponsored by Uptown Lakewood and The Kiwanis Club of Lakewood, and prizes are awarded for scarecrows in several categories. Don't delay- Voting ends on October 25th.

### Third Thursday Event

Join Uptown Lakewood for their Third Thursday Event on Madison Avenue. Every third Thursday evening of the month, merchants and shop owners come together to offer entertainment, special services, complimentary beverages, and deals and specials-All while you shop, wine and dine, and browse the unique shops on Madison Avenue.

### Upcoming - Candy Cane Lane

Save the Date: Candy Cane Lane will be held on Friday, December 4th, 6-9 p.m. Stay tuned for details.

Visit <http://uptownlakewood.com/> to see what's new in Uptown Lakewood and be kept up to date.

Come and join us in Uptown Lakewood and see what's happening this fall. It's All Right Here!

## Ranger Marching Band In Concert November 6

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood Ranger Marching Band will perform all of its halftime selections and pregame show selections in an indoor concert on Friday, November 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lakewood Civic Auditorium. If you were unable to catch a football game and hear the band's performances, now's

your chance.

Selections include the Lakewood High Fight Song, Alma Mater, Star Spangled Banner, music from Queen, the Beatles and much more! There will also be a special drumline feature, always a favorite. It will be a great night of entertainment and it's all free!

## Fake Newspaper Tries To Fool Voters

By Jim O'Bryan  
Publisher

Yesterday I got a call about a newspaper hitting the street.

The person on the other end was telling me Summers was putting out a newspaper with help from Ed FitzGerald that would make people think it was a real paper.

My friends, Lakewood has become a bastion of free speech, and civic discourse. The LO provides space for all sides, all you need to do is put your real name on it.

Does the mayor need to lie and spin so badly that he would work with EX-Mayor Edward FitzGerald on a paper of complete fabrications to fool the city?

That would be political suicide, no mayor would be that stupid. Then I picked up 5 copies. I had to laugh, at least Ed FitzGerald had a job.

However, my Editor-in-Chief, a young mother who believes in this city and this project got upset. Here is her post from the Deck:

### FitzGerald/Summers Has Come To Shut You Down

For a split second I was upset, until I realized there were no names listed. Now I think annoyed, offended, and thankful (yes, that is correct,



Even the headline is a lie! Issue 64 takes that decision from the Mayor and Council and allows the residents a voice. Ed FitzGerald paper is wrong, of course.

thankful) are better words to describe this attempt at a

"news" paper. If that is what they (whoever "they" is) were going for...although I'm hoping they didn't think they could actually pass this off as journalism and that I'm just overreacting).

But whatever the intent

of this piece is, I'm glad they did it. Here is why.

Anyone who has ever taken the time to put together an article for the oldest citizen journalism project in the country, aka The Lakewood Observer, knows the blood, sweat, and tears that go into each and every issue of the newspaper. Putting together a paper every 2 weeks for the past 10 years plus, is no walk

in the park, but the citizens of Lakewood have stepped up to the task and helped us do so issue after issue.

A project like this can't be bought and sold. It can't materialize out of thin air. No, it takes years of cultivating relationships, building partnerships, and, yes, letting "the other side" have their say too

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## Celebrating Investment In Former Boarding House

by Colin McEwen

In 2012, the city of Lakewood bought two boarding houses that had become troubled properties in the community.

The second of those properties, a nearly

4,000-square-foot home at 1436 Grace Avenue, was unveiled to the community at a special Open House on Tuesday night.

The city partnered with LakewoodAlive and the

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## Window Painters Take On Halloween



For the 11th year in a row Lakewood students and families have painted windows around town. This year the contest was canceled until the Beck Center and Lakewood Observer joined forces! Above Ross Beverage and Westwood Cleaners put paint to glass. On the right, a family puts their art on a window at the Root Cafe.



# Observations

## Summers Win At All Cost Splitting The City Apart

**Jim O'Bryan**  
publisher

It's been 12 years since Ken Warren, Steve Davis and I sat down to start this project after seeing this city torn apart during the West End Civil War.

We sat and talked about many ways to make the city better and all three of us came up with the framework of the Observer Project. It would have REAL NAMES, because the city had been ripped apart by civic and elected officials using fake names and spewing utter lies on websites that held no one accountable. It would have ACCOUNTABILITY, the kind of accountability that comes from using real names, and paying attention to slander and libel laws. After all, laws were designed to protect us, and those who avoid them have nothing but mischief and criminality behind them.

Look at the definitions of Cyber Bullying, Cyber Stalking and Cyber Terrorism that we posted on the Deck. <http://www.lakewoodobserver.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=7&t=14033>. All of them concerned people using fake names and hiding behind fake names and deleted posts.

As we watched a city on the verge of tearing itself apart we realized it was the confusion and running from the truth that caused the hard feelings and the anger. We can all identify with people trying to find out the truth as an election that could change their lives forever neared, while elected

leaders and civic leaders who knew the truth worked overtime to mislead, confuse and outright lie about something that residents deserved the truth on.

Here we are 12 years later and many of the same people from the WestEnd Debacle are trying to shove things down our throats, with a win-at-any-cost mentality, that comes with sports and immature people.

When 12-years-old bully it is sad, when the lost twisted soul at the edge of 17 becomes a stalker, they need help and guidance. But what do we think when the bullies and stalkers are in the 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s?

Adults that have lost any and all sense of what is right, who only caring about winning, being carried along by people desperate to belong, to be liked and to be part of the group. They scream "Build" when there is no money, no plan and nothing but borderline punks now running the show.

Lakewoodites, all of you. We have spent millions and millions supporting our schools and libraries. Proving we are dedicated to education, not lies. That we are dedicated to learning, not bullying. That we are for forward progressive thinking. Not the same old BS 60-year-olds telling us how to live the next 50 years. Lakewoodites are too smart to believe the Bullshit from City Hall.

VOTE NOVEMBER 3 FOR ACCOUNTABILITY & HONESTY.

## Fake Newspaper Tries To Fool Voters

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-no matter how much you agree or disagree.

It has been more than 6 years since I joined this project as Editor-In-Chief and admittedly, it can be exhausting, overwhelming, tedious, timeconsuming, and at 1 o'clock in the morning when I'm arguing

about what articles are going to have to get cut with O'Bryan, it can even cause me to question my own sanity. But then I see things like this - and no, it's not about Save Lakewood Hospital or Build Lakewood

or Summers vs. Skindell - and I am reminded why I, why we all, need to keep playing our part in The Lakewood Observer project.

So to whoever put together the "Lakewood Neighborhood News" (news being a rather loose term here), thank you. Thank you for the reminder that Lakewood is full of amazing individuals who are dedicated to making their city all that it can be and who allow The Lakewood Observer to serve as their voice to make their vision a reality.

## Fall Leaf Collection To Begin On Monday, November 2nd

by Melissa Garrett

The City of Lakewood will begin collecting loose leaves on Monday, November 2, 2015 and will continue until approximately Friday, December 11, 2015, weather permitting. Prior to November 2nd and after December 11th, leaves will be collected only when they are placed in paper yard/leaf bags and set out along with regular refuse and recycling.

Due to the excessive amount of leaves on Clifton Boulevard and Lake Avenue, these streets will be collected separately. Collection crews will start working at the east end of Clifton Boulevard and Lake Avenue and work west until completed. Collection pick-up for these streets is scheduled to begin on November 2nd with additional pick-ups beginning November 16th and November 30th.

After crews have completed Clifton and Lake, they will collect leaves citywide starting from the west end and working east. The number of citywide collections will be weather dependent. Residents

should place their leaves out as soon as possible to ensure collection. Signs will be posted on side streets to notify residents of upcoming collections.

For daily leaf collection schedule updates, visit [www.onelakewood.com](http://www.onelakewood.com).

In order to make the leaf collection process as effective as possible, the City asks residents to please rake leaves onto tree lawns as close to the curb as possible. Raking leaves into the street will slow the collection process and may cause basement flooding. Please don't contaminate the leaves with trash or other yard waste.

There will be no leaf collection on November 26 and 27 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. If you have any questions, please call (216) 529-6810 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For further information, contact the Division of Streets & Forestry at (216) 529-6810.

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# City News

## Lakewood Moves Towards More Public Art

by Christopher Bindel

The October 19, 2015 Council meeting was called to order at 7:32 P.M. by Council President and Ward IV Councilwoman Mary Louise Madigan.

Councilwoman Madigan started the meeting by reading a report from the Committee of the Whole regarding legislation to create a Public Arts Task Force and what she called the Administration's "ambitious and tremendous plan for public art in the City of Lakewood." She said the first area of concentration would be the newly built Solstice Steps in Lakewood Park. The Task Force would be made up of five people, three of which will be Council appointees, while the remaining two will be mayoral appointees. One of the

Council appointees will be a current member of a Lakewood arts organization. This Task Force will have the job of deciding where to have public art, and what pieces to commission.

Council adopted the resolution.

Finance Director Jennifer Pae then introduced an ordinance to Council that will have wide ranging effects on Lakewood's tax code. The ordinance is the result of Ohio Subtitle House Bill 5 (HB5), which was passed by the Senate in December of 2015. The bill requires municipal corporations to adopt the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 718 by January 1, 2016. Municipalities are prohibited from enforcing

any ordinance or resolution that conflicts with ORC 718. The purpose of HB5 was to simplify tax codes across the state by creating greater uniformity for ease of both compliance and enforcement. Director Pae said, "We believe this bill to be revenue neutral; however, numerous administrative burdens exist."

Director Pae indicated that the ordinance submitted to Council will continue to be a work in progress. Considering the complexity and ambiguity of the bill, as well as a number of constitutional issues, clarification from the courts will be required in the process of moving forward.

Council referred the ordinance to the Finance Committee for discussion.

Next, Director of Human Resources, Jean Yousefi, introduced a revision to the Salary Ordinance which will take effect in January of 2016. The two changes in the ordinance are a 2% increase in salaries and a progressive career structure in the Department of Planning and Development. The new structure would start with Planner I working up to Planner II and eventually Senior Planner.

Council referred the ordinance to the Finance Committee.

Having reached the end of the agenda items at 7:48 P.M. Council then moved on to another very lengthy public comment section which concentrated almost exclusively on the issues surrounding the future of Lakewood Hospital.

After everyone had had their chance to speak and some responses were received, Council President Madigan adjourned the meeting at 9:01 P.M.

## Westshore Council Of Governments (WCOG) Meeting, October 14, 2015

by LWV observer Janice Patterson (Westlake/North Olmsted chapter)

This report is not an official statement of the League of Women Voters. Mayor Sutherland's office prepares official minutes, which are posted on Bay Village's website.

**Present:** Mayors Sutherland (Bay Village), Clough (Westlake), Kennedy (North Olmsted), Patton (Fairview Park) and Summers (Lakewood). Mayor Bobst (Rocky River) was absent. Fiscal Officer Renee Mahoney and Cuyahoga County District 1 Councilperson David Greenspan also attended.

Minutes from the September meeting were approved and Westshore Enforcement Bureau (WEB) financials for September were received. The mayors provided the following reports:

**RTA (Clough):** Dr. Valarie J. McCall, a member of the board of trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, was elected chair of the 2015-16 executive board of the American Public Transportation Association at the association's October meeting. (Dr. McCall is chief of governmental and international affairs for Cleveland's Mayor Frank Jackson.)

**NOACA (Summers):** The North-

east Ohio Area Coordinating Agency has approved a 3-year contract with a Cleveland firm to provide state-level advocacy on matters of interest to the agency.

**Land Bank (Kennedy):** no report, meets quarterly, with next meeting in November.

**Cuyahoga County Planning Commission (Patton):** The commission's budget was reviewed at its last meeting, showing revenues on target but expenditures exceeding the general fund budget. CCPC has 17 full-time employees.

**Other discussions** were on Westshore Regional Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) employment matters and reactions to the September presentation by Gateway Group on healthcare benefits.

Councilperson Greenspan briefed the mayors about the proposed

county budget that was introduced at the October 13 County Council meeting. He highlighted the policy changes presented by County Executive Armond Budish in making the submittal. Greenspan described several upcoming changes in the county's physical facilities for emergency management services. He noted that the Health and Human Services levy will be up for renewal at the March 2016 primary election, possibly with an eight-year term rather than the current 4-year term.

The next WCOG meeting will be moved to the third Wednesday of November (November 18) since the Bay Village City Hall will be closed on the regular meeting day of November 11. WCOG meetings begin at 9:30 AM. In 2016 WCOG meetings will be hosted by Mayor Pam Bobst at Rocky River City Hall.



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## City News

# Lakewood Residents Invited To Get First Look At Solstice Steps

by Colin McEwen

To mark the official opening of the Summer Solstice Steps at Lakewood Park, the city of Lakewood is hosting a special event to celebrate from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 30.

The Solstice Steps Celebration will feature food trucks and live music provided by bands from the Lakewood City Schools and St. Edward High School. Mayor Michael Summers will kick off the event with remarks, and the ceremony will conclude with a reading from Lakewood's resident poet laureate Bill Knittel.

The event will feature some fun for children, too. Members of Lakewood City Council will be on hand to pass out candy. Costumes are encouraged, but not required, attire.

The \$2 million project to reinvent Lakewood's access to Lake Erie is nearly complete. The Solstice Steps 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 fenced-in grass slope was transformed into cascading stone stairs with grass landings to be planted between each step.

"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 enhancement to our community's green space allows 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.

Tentative schedule of events:

- 5 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. – St. Edward's Marching Band, led by Angelo Korytky, Director

- 5:20 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. – Lakewood High School Chamber Choir, led by Peter Hampton, Director

- 5:35 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – LHS Chamber Orchestra, led by Beth Hankins, Director

- 6:10 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. – Lakewood Middle Schools, The Capellas, Lisa Richards, Director

- 6:20 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Sunset (6:24 p.m.)

The bands will perform at the bottom of the steps near the lake, facing the park, with food trucks Barrio and Sweet Spot parked along the western edge of the Solstice Steps.

The event is weather dependent; rain or high winds may cancel the event.

## Residents Asked To 'Reach For The Sky' At Tree Planting Event At Madison Park

by Colin McEwen

Want to put some roots down in Lakewood?

Lakewood residents and tree enthusiasts are encouraged to attend a special tree planting and tree celebration event at Madison Park from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 31.

As the city's aging trees begin to die — many of them planted around the same time, 100 years ago — many of the warm and inviting canopies have disappeared.

The city's forestry department

and Keep Lakewood Beautiful helped develop a comprehensive strategy to improve the tree canopy and add diversity to the variety of species around the city.

The city's plan includes an effort to prepare the city for climate change, add diversity to the urban forest, withstand pest infestations and storms, and add in trees with more fall colors. More trees also means less storm water runoff.

The goal is to increase the tree canopy by 10 percent, to 38.5 percent by the year 2035.

"Residents can leave an important legacy, putting roots down in Lakewood," said Chris Perry, the city's

unit manager in the division of forestry. "We need residents' help to grow our urban tree canopy."

"Diversity is going to be the driver to achieving a more sustainable urban forest," he added.

All adults and children are welcome the event at Madison Park on Oct. 31. Those attending are encouraged to come dressed for the weather and ready to learn how to plant trees from our resident tree professionals and to then actually do it by helping plant trees at this hands-on event.

Keep Lakewood Beautiful is also encouraging residents to support the Gift-A-Tree initiative.

## City Installing Deer Protection For Young Trees In Lakewood

by Colin McEwen

As the urban deer population has increased in Lakewood and throughout Cuyahoga County, so has the damage caused to trees. Especially young trees.

City workers are installing wire fence protection around the trunks of young trees located in areas prone to deer damage — at several spots around Lakewood.

"The city is being proactive about protecting our investment as we grow the next generation of trees in

Lakewood to develop, maintain and increase our urban tree canopy," said Chris Perry, the city's public works project manager.

In some cases, the wire fence deer protection will need to stay around the tree trunks for up to five years; residents are encouraged not remove the fences. City crews will remove the deer protection at the appropriate time.

The city has used the deer protection material at city parks for the past two years.

## Manor Park Pedestrian Crosswalk Project Expected To Begin In November

by Colin McEwen

Work to install a new high-tech Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon near the intersection of Detroit and Manor Park avenues is slated to begin in November.

The city of Lakewood has received funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation to pay for the project, however the state agency's contractor fell behind its expected summer start date.

The pedestrian hybrid beacon — also known as a HAWK — is a new traffic control device approved by the Federal Highway Administration. The HAWK signal is designed to stop traffic only as needed when pedestrians are present.

The pedestrian crossing, the first of its kind in Northeast Ohio, promotes walkability and safety, said Lakewood Mayor Michael Summers.

"The installation of this pedestrian hybrid beacon is a result of this administration continuing to listen to the community and identifying and pursuing options that make sense for our walkable neighborhoods,"

said Lakewood Mayor Michael Summers. "This progressive project is a great example of that. We need to keep adapting to the needs of our residents."

A 2011 traffic study found that the intersection did not meet the volume requirements for a traffic signal. However, the city of Lakewood received grant funding — to the tune of \$65,000 — to pay for the new traffic control device.

Unlike a yellow flashing beacon, the pedestrian hybrid beacon signals the motorists to stop for a pedestrian. Unlike a standard traffic signal, the pedestrian hybrid beacon will allow motorists to proceed through the crosswalk if clear of pedestrians during the flashing red phase. Each vehicle must stop before proceeding through the crosswalk.

The pedestrian hybrid beacon installation is expected to begin in November. Temporary message boards will be in place on Detroit Avenue during construction that will direct the public to an instructional HAWK usage video.

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## The Judge's Bench

# Compensating Victims Of Crime

by Patrick Carroll

When someone is found guilty of a crime, the most common penalties are a fine and in some cases, a jail sentence. Drug or alcohol treatment, community work service and other penalties could also be imposed. When there is an injured victim, however, none of these penalties help the victim. In addition to these penalties, the judge can order restitution to be paid to the victim for medical bills, cost of property repair or replacement and other expenses.

Restitution is the making good or compensating the victim for loss, damage, or injury. If someone is caught breaking into your car, you might feel good that the person was arrested and convicted, but who pays for the damage to the car?

The purpose of the court is to not only protect the community from future crime, but also consider the rights of the victim. Thus, if someone cashes a stolen check or illegally uses your debit card, the judge can order the amount taken to be paid back to the victim.

In the Lakewood Court, when a crime victim suffers injury or property

damage, a victim impact statement will usually be ordered before the defendant is sentenced to find out if the victim incurred any out of pocket expenses. The victim will be contacted by the probation department and asked to submit bills for medical or repair expenses. If the defendant disputes the amount of the expense, the judge will hold a hearing to decide the amount. The prosecutor represents the victim at the hearing. The amount to be paid to the victim is part of the sentence in the criminal case.

**What type of loss is covered?** The court can order payment to the victim for economic loss, which includes:

- Any economic detriment suffered by a victim directly related to the offense,
- Loss of income due to injury,
- Property loss,
- Medical costs,
- Funeral expenses, and
- Other monetary loss not excluded.

Non-economic loss, such as emotional distress, is not included.

**Can I get restitution in a traffic case?** Usually not for a minor traffic collision. Ohio State Law prohibits a judge from ordering restitution if the traffic offense is a minor misdemeanor. A minor misdemeanor is a traffic offense when only a fine can be ordered. Most traffic accidents are minor misdemeanors.

**What about more serious traffic cases?** A judge can order restitution for more serious traffic offenses such as drunk driving, driving with a suspended license or hit/skip, if the defendant did not have insurance. If the defendant had insurance, Ohio law limits the amount that can be ordered to the victim to up to \$5,000.

**What about non-traffic offenses?** The \$5,000 limitation only applies to traffic cases. For non-traffic offenses, such as assault, theft and damage to property, the judge can order the full amount of the loss.

**What happens if the defendant was not caught?** The judge can only order restitution as part of the criminal sentence after the defendant has been convicted of the offense. You're still not out. You can recover medical and other expenses through the Ohio Attorney General's Office if the crime was reported and you cooperated with the police. The recovery is limited to certain items and does not include stolen, damaged, or lost property.

**What happens if the defendant does not pay?** If it is brought to the judge's attention that the defendant did not pay the court ordered restitution, the judge will hold a hearing. The defendant could be ordered to jail if the defendant refused to pay, but not if he



was unable to pay. Often, the judge will order a payment plan to be monitored by the probation office.

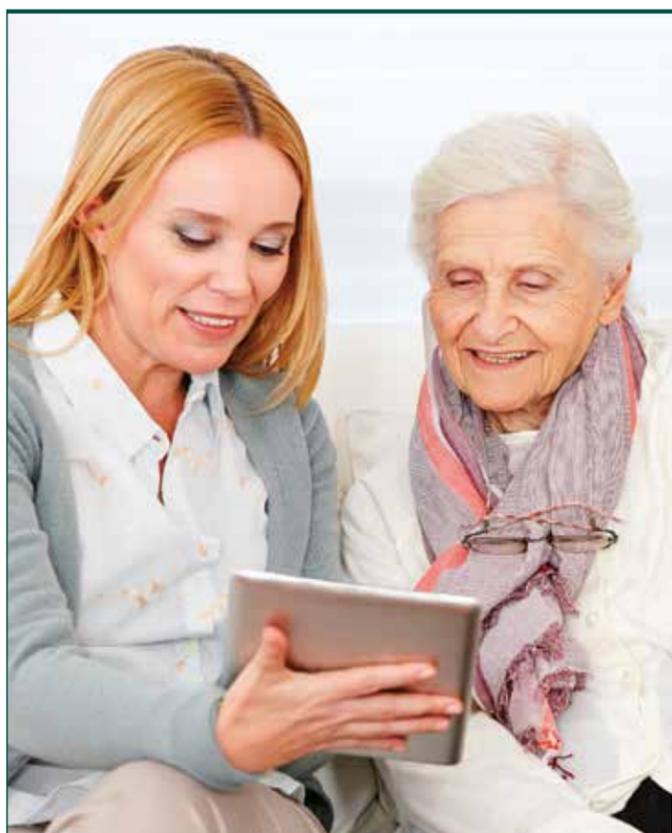
**Is jail the only way to get the defendant to pay restitution?** No. Because the purpose of the restitution order is to compensate the victim, the judge may automatically convert the restitution order into a civil judgment in favor of the victim. Much like a civil lawsuit, the clerk of court will issue a certificate of judgment that allows the victim to go after the defendant on their own and attach the defendant's bank account, garnish the defendant's wages, or pursue any other lawful way to collect on the judgment.

**Do I have to go through the criminal case to collect from the defendant?** No. Sometimes a victim will get their own attorney. If the court orders restitution, the victim can still file a lawsuit against the defendant. This may happen when the amount of loss in a drunk driving case is greater than the \$5,000 limit placed on the judge in the criminal case. A victim cannot get double recovery. If the victim receives some payment from either a civil lawsuit or court ordered restitution, that amount must be deducted from any other amount recovered for the same loss.



photo by Jim O'Bryan

Municipal Court Judge Patrick Carroll says goodbye to Josie Kramer, an intern who was an exchange student from Germany. She was so impressed by her weeks in Lakewood Court and Police that she hopes to go into legal work when she graduates!



## Continuing Education for Healthcare Professionals Helping Clients Plan & Implement Successful Long Term Care Wednesday, November 4

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## LPL Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

**Thursday, October 29**

**Meet the Author: "On Liberty Street"**

by Margaret Ford-Taylor

Filled with subtle wisdom and simple humor, this often hilarious debut novel from the former director of Karamu House is a fun ride, following a year in the life of Ardelia Rose Watson Cunningham through her private correspondence. To this septuagenarian grandmother of four, every inch of life is important. With her letters—to Malachi, an eight-year-old African pen pal, to neighbors and friends of long and intimate standing, to judges and CEO's of major corporations and other strangers—she collects relationships and dissects and directs events. To know her is to love her. Unless, of course, your name is Lilah Pitts. Margaret Ford-Taylor is a celebrated playwright, actress, and author. (You might remember her as Aunt Eda in Denzel Washington's *Antwone Fisher*). Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

**Saturday October 31**

**"Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story" (2007)**

directed by Jake Kasdan

As deeply flawed as they may be, we have a soft spot in our hearts for the sub-genre of the rock and roll biopic. This spoof, starring John C. Reilly, combines all the excesses of our favorite rock films—sex, drugs and pretentiousness—and may just be the most illuminating picture on the subject. "You can't be married to two people, Dewey!" "What about if you're famous?"

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

**Sunday, November 1**

**Hollywood Slim Band**

A proud member of the Cleveland blues family, the Hollywood Slim Band has been entertaining crowds with their swing, jazz and blues for nearly forty years and they're still adding new arrangements to their repertoire. With tender three-part vocal harmonies and decades of playing together, they add their own touch to the music of Howlin' Wolf, Little Walter Jacobs, Louis Jordan, Ray Charles and The Nat King Cole Trio. A homegrown spirit matched with loving instrumental mastery gives this band a vintage, rockin' sound, inspired by the founding brothers' love of Chicago blues and forties-era small combo jazz.

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

**Wednesday, November 4**

**Lakewood Historical Society: "Kelley's Island"**

by John Sabol

Three and a half miles from the mainland, Kelleys Island was settled in 1833 by brothers Datus and Irad Kelley. It began to attract tourists, lured by the cool breezes and the promise of Shangri-La. Author John Sabol is a Cleveland native, writer, and historian whose family history has been linked to Kelleys Island since 1928. A member of the Kelleys Island Historical Association, John and his wife own a home on the island's south shore. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

**Thursday, November 5**

**Meet the Author: "Great Lakes Folklore: Legends of the Five Sisters"**

by Charles Cassady Jr.

Over the years, the Great Lakes have carried Native Americans, explorers, immigrants, bandits, miners, warriors and entrepreneurs and have inspired tales of life on and around the water. What secrets do the Five Sisters, hold deep? Relive the astonishing career of the "Success," possibly the most widely despised ship ever. Meet the nefarious Lake Erie monster. Learn the true story of Oliver Hazard Perry and the Battle of Lake Erie. This voyage into the haunting stories, strange men, ghostly ships and mostly true tales of the Great Lakes is worth reading again and again. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

**Saturday, November 7**

**"Blade Runner: The Final Cut" (1982/2007)**

directed by Ridley Scott

After years of toiling in the ghetto of science fiction, theologian Philip K. Dick made some money selling "Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?" To Hollywood. Dick knew that they were not faithfully adapting his story, but he rationalized it by saying that the two versions would somehow intersect to form a truer version. Little did he know that there would be multiple cuts of the same film released over the years and the debate would continue raging. In a film noir future Los Angeles, Harrison Ford is a cop hunting down a bunch of escaped replicants who think that they have a right to live. Ridley Scott is a visual genius, but he invalidates the auteur theory once and for all by having no idea what his masterpiece is about. In fact, out of all the fan theories generated by *Blade Runner*, he's the only one who is definitely wrong.

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

**Sunday, November 8**

**Killer Verse: Poems of Murder and Mayhem**

As witnessed by the number of books, films and news programs dedicated to the gruesome and the gory, we are mesmerized by spine tingling stories of infamous murderers and their victims. From the anthology *Killer Verse*, edited by Harold Schechter and Kurt Brown, WordStage presents poems of significant historical, psychological and literary interest and underscores them with music from some of the great classical masters of macabre music—Saint-Saëns, Chopin, Tartini, Liszt and more. The villains and victims range from Cain and Abel to Bluebeard and his wives, to Lizzie Borden and Jack the Ripper and many more murderous miscreants. The literary forms they inhabit are just as varied, from colorful melodramatic ballads to hard boiled noir, from startlingly lighthearted riffs to profound poetic musings. Authors featured in this criminally entertaining program include Robert Browning, Thomas Hardy, W.H. Auden, Mark Doty, Kenneth Patchen and Ravi Shankar.

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A few of our recent finishers of "Read and Grow: 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten."

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by Julie Strunk

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## LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

**Saturday, November 7**

**No-Sew T-Shirt Totes**

For students in sixth through twelfth grade

Do you have a favorite old t-shirt that's too small or worn out to wear? Turn it into a cool tote without sewing a stitch! Show up with your t-shirt and we'll show you how. Registration required.

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

**Sunday, November 8**

**Lakewood Lego® League**

For youth in kindergarten through fifth grade (caregivers welcome)

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

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

**Saturdays & Sundays**

**Family Weekend Wonders**

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

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# Lakewood Public Library

## Celebrate The Great Lakes With Back-To-Back Programs At The Library

by Elaine Rosenberger

Living on the north coast, we are understandably proud of Lake Erie, its history and lore. This month we are doubly fortunate, because November brings two Great Lakes programs to the Library.

On Wednesday, November 4, the Lakewood Historical Society presents a program on Kelleys Island and its colorful history. Settled by Datus and Irad Kelley in 1833, Kelleys Island became known for its cedar, limestone, wineries, fishing, and tourism. Author John Sabol will discuss his book, Kelleys Island. Part of the Images of America series, Kelleys Island combines vintage photos of the island with anecdotes about its rich history. Sabol is a member of the Kelleys Island Historical Association, and his family ties to Kelleys Island go back to 1928.

The Great Lakes theme continues on Thursday, November 5, when author Charles Cassady, Jr. discusses his book, Great Lakes Folklore: Legends of the Five Sisters. Cassady grew up reading the Great Lakes tales of maritime reporter Dwight Boyer, and Cassady has collected legends from all five great lakes. Relive the astonishing career of the "Success," possibly the most reviled ship of all time. Meet

the nefarious Lake Erie monster. Discover the true story of Oliver Hazard Perry and the Battle of Lake Erie and decide whether one of Perry's own men tried to assassinate him. Cassady's tales involve shipwrecks, sunken treasures,

battles, and even a few ghosts.

John Sabol's Kelleys Island Lakewood Historical Society program takes place on Wednesday, November 4 at 7 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. Charles Cassady, Jr.'s Meet

the Author appearance takes place on Thursday, November 5 at 7 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. Admission to both programs is free and open to all. Books will be available for sale and signing after each event.

### WordStage Performs Killer Verse:

## Poems Of Murder And Mayhem

by Lisa Calfee

If you don't get enough spine-tingling creepiness this Halloween, join us on Sunday, November 8 for our Sunday With The Friends program at Lakewood Public Library as we welcome WordStage for a Chamber Music Theater performance inspired by the anthology "Killer Verse: Poems of Murder and Mayhem," edited by Harold Schechter and Kurt Brown.

WordStage is a talented ensemble of local dramatists, writers and musicians who combine their skills to present creative and unique performances on a wide variety of subjects. Tim Tavcar, an actor, director, singer and choral conductor is the Producing Artistic Director and founder of the group.

According to their website, www.wordstageoh.com, "Using letters, diaries,

recorded conversations and contemporary chronicles underscored with musical compositions of the era, a WordStage performance will entertain, inform and educate audiences who have a love of literature, the humanities and the performing arts in their purest form."

Their latest endeavor is a killer combination of poetry, literature, drama and music based on the book "Killer Verse: Poems of Murder and Mayhem. The anthology is a collection

of poems about the villains and victims of murders; from Cain and Abel and Jack the Ripper to Lizzie Borden and Mafia hit men. A live performance of the most macabre music from the classical masters Saint-Saens, Chopin, Tartini and Liszt will give the atmosphere an added level of suspense.

This free Sunday With The Friends program begins at 2 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium on Sunday, November 8.

## From T-Shirt To Bag Without Sewing A Stitch!

by Kathryn Tatnall

Hey teens! What do you do with your old t-shirts that no longer fit? What about the one that mom

has deemed "unwearable" simply because the bottom or sleeves are tattered and torn? You think that lends it character, but no matter how much you argue mom wants that shirt in the rag bag.

If you are not ready to give up your favorite Totoro shirt, we can teach you to make that shirt into a bag without sewing a stitch. All you need is an old t-shirt with a printed character or logo you can't live without on the front. You provide the shirt and we will provide the instructions to make your t-shirt into something that mom won't mind you holding on to for years to come. The program will be held on Saturday, November 7th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose room. Space is limited and registration required. You may register online, in person, or you can call, 216-226-8275 ext. 140.

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# Lakewood Schools

## GFS Partners With West Shore Career-Tech

by Lynn Foran

Alexander Graham Bell once said, “when one door closes another one opens” and this indeed was this outcome for a West Shore Career-Tech program this year. In March, long-time community partner Bonne Bell closed its Westlake operation. And with that closing, a West Shore community-based training program lost its workplace training location.

As a temporary solution, Rae-Ann Suburban Nursing Facility, which already partners with West Shore, graciously offered to provide a location to complete the school year. However, West Shore administrators knew they needed to find a new partner to continue to provide diverse work site experiences for students.

The door has been opened for West Shore Career-Tech at Gordon Food Service located at 1363 W.117th Street. Students arrive at the store at 8 a.m. and head back to their home school at 10 a.m. While at GFS, their work-learning



West Shore Career-Tech students with teachers, aides, and GFS store personnel.

responsibilities include light duty work, facing and fronting shelved items, parking lot attending, cleaning, and maintaining the box bins. At the same time, they are

learning safety practices, building social skills, time management, teamwork, and other employability skills. Program teacher Kelly Dow shared, “Students are working on customer service skills by asking customers if they need assistance and then taking them to the appropriate location in the aisle. Each Friday the students write about their week reflecting on who they worked with, what they did, what their favorite job was and why, what is something they can work on, etc.”

Diane Kastelic, Vocational Special Education Coordinator said, “West Shore’s community-based training programs are designed to support iden-

tified special needs students in learning and practicing work skills in a real-life community setting with the support of teachers and actual staff from the worksite. GFS has become a wonderful partner for West Shore.”

Theresa Hirko, GFS Shift Leader who has spent 15 years working with people with disabilities, commented, “I have always wanted to be part of an effort that incorporates students with work skills training. West Shore Career-Tech approached us with the idea of using our store as a work training site. GFS has very high expectations for their retail stores and we are frequently visited by secret shoppers. With that in mind, I wanted to ensure that we could maintain our level of excellence while not overtaxing the students in their learning environment.”

The partnership is working. Students are learning and feeling good about their contributions. GFS is receiving positive feedback from their customers. One customer even said it makes him want to shop at the store more often.

Serving over 1,700 high school students across Bay Village, Lakewood, Rocky River, and Westlake school districts, West Shore Career-Technical District provides relevant, real-world academic and technical experience preparing students for further education, professional programs, and/or immediate employment. To learn more, find us [www.lakewoodcityschools.org/west-shore](http://www.lakewoodcityschools.org/west-shore).

## Students Paint Windows



photo by Katie Stallbaum

Riley Stallbaum poses next to the window she painted at Lossman Motors. She is one of 45 students decorating windows in the 11th Annual Window Painting Contest! Thank you to each and everyone, check out winners next issue!

## Dancing Wheels Rolls Into Horace Mann



Dancing Wheels, the oldest physically integrated dance company in the country, performed for the Horace Mann community recently. The show fit well with the school’s theme this year of Accepting Differences. It was also a reward for the students for a successful first quarter!

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# Lakewood Schools

## Cammock Named Rangers Head Basketball Coach

by Christine Gordillo

The Board of Education at its October 19 meeting approved the hiring of Lakewood High social studies teacher Alex Cammock as the next head coach for the boys' varsity basketball team. He replaces Phil Argento, Sr., who recently resigned after eight years with the team.

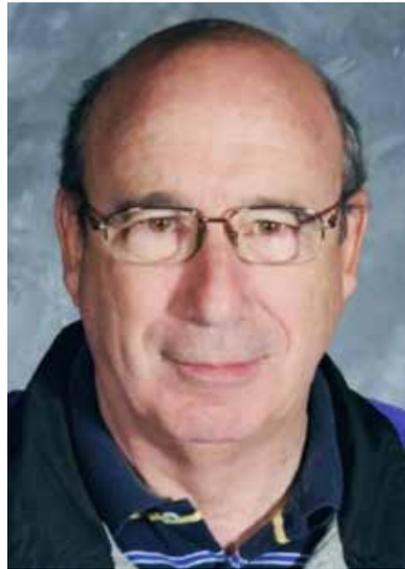
Cammock has a deep history with Lakewood City Schools and Lakewood Athletics. He attended Lakewood Schools from kindergarten through his graduation in 2002 from Lakewood High. He has been an assistant coach to Coach Argento the past four years and served as the head JV coach for the three years prior to joining Argento on the varsity bench. He coached the freshmen team for a season and also coached at the middle school level.

Basketball is not Cammock's only coaching experience. He is currently assistant coach for the varsity baseball team and was head JV baseball coach for six seasons.

Cammock received his bachelor's in Education from Ohio University and is a graduate of the First Ring Leadership Academy. He joined the District upon his graduation from OU as a coach and substitute teacher. He was hired full time as a social studies teacher at Harding Middle School in 2008 before moving to LHS this school year.

Cammock's mentor could not be more pleased that the program he built will now be in Cammock's hands.

"Alex will take the program and enhance it and make it better," said Argento. "I feel good leaving it in his



Phil Argento, Sr.

hands."

Cammock is grateful not only for the program Argento has developed, but for the relationship they have built together.

"I am excited to be part of the tremendous coaching team at Lakewood High School. Truly remarkable company," Cammock said. "(Argento's) encouragement and endorsement speak volumes and I am lucky to have had such a great mentor and gained a great friend in the process. He left an unbelievable legacy at Lakewood High School and me being hired following his tenure is remarkable."

Argento, who remains with the District as its Attendance Officer, began his coaching tenure at Lakewood with the 2007-2008 school year. In his eight years, he took a program that was



Alex Cammock

in transition and had little stability and eventually guided the varsity team to its first outright conference title in 40 years in the 2013-2014 season.

Yet, the conference champion-

ship does not rank as Argento's biggest accomplishment in his mind. The most satisfying part of his tenure with the Rangers was "growing a program," he said. Basketball is now available on varying skill levels for Lakewood youth beginning in first grade. He is proud of a program that is "inclusive to as many kids and giving them a chance to play basketball." Argento credits District administration for the cooperation he received to "build a program from the first grade up."

Cammock has been a significant part of that program building and he intends to continue the momentum.

"I look forward to continuing helping young people grow and creating an enthusiastic, involved student body in our schools. I look forward to running a program of which the community can be proud. I very much look forward to using athletics as a tool for bringing the students, parents and community together."

## Cuyahoga County Prosecutor, Tim McGinty, To Address Western Communities' Democrats

by Jane Reilly

Cuyahoga County Prosecutor, Tim McGinty, will speak at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 5, in Fairview Park City Hall's Dunson Room. McGinty will address the changes he has brought to the Prosecutor's Office and discuss the highlights of his tenure. City Hall is located at 20777 Lorain Road, with

entrance and parking in the rear of the building. The event is being co-sponsored by Bay Village, Lakewood, Fairview Park, North Olmsted, Rocky River, and Westlake Democratic Clubs, the Westside Democrats and Stonewall Democrats. For further information, please contact fairviewparkdemocrats@yahoo.com.

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# Sports

## LHS Girls Soccer Wins Playoff Opener

by Mike Deneen

The Lakewood High School girls soccer team won its OHSAA tournament opener on October 22 at Garfield Middle School. The Rangers defeated Shaker Heights 2-1 in overtime, advancing to the next round of tournament. Senior forward Mallory Shaw scored the winning goal in her final home game for Lakewood.

It was a great evening for soccer, as the warm autumn afternoon cooled modestly when the sun set. There was an enthusiastic crowd in the stands, particularly in the student section. The LHS boys soccer team team came out to support their female counterparts.

The game was an intense defensive battle, as both teams were scoreless in the first half. Kelly White and Christin Donahoe were among the staunchest Ranger defenders, helping goalkeeper Rachel Lowell keep the Red Raiders off the scoreboard. Ranger coach Costa Kolarides attributed the Rangers slow offensive start to both Shaker's defense and his team's nerves. "We were a little nervous, but then settled down and were fine."

Lakewood finally broke the defensive stalemate with 11:48 left in the

second half. Senior Maggie Kemp had a throw-in from the left sideline, and fed the ball near the front of Shaker's goal. Sophomore Maya Costanzo put the ball into the net with a header, giving the Rangers a 1-0 lead.

The game appeared to be in hand for Lakewood, as they led in the final minute

of play, and had possession in the Shaker zone. However, a turnover gave the ball to the Raiders, who scored the equalizer with 41 seconds left on a very nice counter attack. Regulation time ended with a 1-1 tie, and a sudden death overtime period was next.

Shaker had the momentum at the end of regulation, but coach Kolarides

was able to regroup his team before the overtime. "They showed a lot of resiliency," he said after the game. Lakewood dominated possession early in the overtime, and Shaw hit the game winning goal just over three minutes gone in the extra period.

"I knew right when I kicked it that it was going in," said Shaw. She was very proud of the way her team responded after giving up the tying goal late in the game. "I was happy we kept our heads up."

## Rangers Run Fast At McQuaid

by Stephanie Toole

The LHS boys' and girls' cross country teams traveled to Rochester, NY, Saturday, October 3rd to compete in the second largest interscholastic cross country meet in nation, The McQuaid Jesuit Invitational, with almost 8,000 runners representing 245 schools. The boys' team came away runners-up in the AAA Unseeded Large School Race, losing out on the title by only 5 points.

In a field of 17 teams, Henry Bish led the Rangers with his 7th place finish in 16:09 over the 3-mile course. He was followed by Ty'Saun Blevins (14th, 16:25), Jacob Gregory (25th, 16:40), Micah Swartz (31st, 16:46), Gunnar Stockman (34th, 16:48), Joe Burtzloff (36th, 16:49), Evan Budzar (41st, 17:01), and Nic Binfield (46th, 17:03).

The JV team competed in the Boys Varsity "B" Race for Large Schools, and finished 9th out of 22 schools. The JV squad was led by freshman Joseph Toole (44th, 17:33) among the 316 runners.

The girls team results included a 10th-place (out of 34) finish for the varsity team and 14th (out of 36) for the JV team. The races were highlighted by nine out of 14 girls achieving a season Personal Record (PR) at the meet. Senior Mallory Shaw led all runners with a time of 20:51. Freshman Sophie Sanders was the top JV runner with a time of 21:55.



Pictured left to right. Front Row: Nic Binfield, Henry Bish, Gunnar Stockman Back Row: Joe Burtzloff, Micah Swartz, Jacob Gregory, Ty'Saun Blevins, Evan Budzar

## Henry Bish Runner-Up At SWC Championships

by Stephanie Toole

The Ranger cross country teams wrapped up their regular season racing at the Southwest Conference Championship Meet on October 17. The boys' team finished 3rd and was led by Henry Bish, the conference individual runner-up.

Bish's 2nd-place finish earned him 1st Team All Conference honors. Ty'Saun Blevins (10th place) earned 2nd Team All Conference. Earning Honorable Mention All Conference were Joe Burtzloff (20th) and Micah Swartz (24th). Rounding out the scoring for the Rangers was Gunnar Stockman (27th).

Nic Binfield won the JV race,



Juniors Henry Bish- 1st Team All SWC Conference and Ty'Saun Blevins- 2nd Team All SWC Conference

helping the Rangers place first in the Open division. Also scoring for the JV team were Ethan Nieves-Stames (3rd), Jimmy Toner (5th), Julius Alvarez (9th) and Josh Owen (14th).

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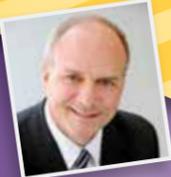
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# Business News

## “The Gorilla” Is In Your Neighborhood...

by Jim Cox

*And is glad to be here!!!*

As we move closer to winding down this first season of The Gorilla in Lakewood’s Birdtown neighborhood, I want to take this opportunity to thank all the new friends we have made. The building is closed up now and the Gorilla has been put to bed for the winter but we

are still catering our Smoked BBQ done by the Chef. We offer delicious smoked beef brisket, pulled pork, turkey breast, and chicken with amazing toppings and sides. Check out the full menu at [www.thegorillalakewood.com](http://www.thegorillalakewood.com).

Gorilla catering will be available year-round. Use The Gorilla to cater your Brown’s parties, holiday parties,

work events, or any celebration. Call 216-221-0195 leave a message and Chef Jim will return the call within by the next business day.

We plan to reopen The Gorilla with our full menu of soft serve ice cream and hotdogs, along with the BBQ, early in 2016.

I can’t thank everyone enough

for the support -- from our loyal customers (little and big), surrounding businesses, and all the City’s service organizations and city workers. It continues to be a wonderful opportunity to serve this Lakewood neighborhood!!!

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*With warmest regards.*

*Chef Jim Cox*

## Rocky River Training Studio Expanding To Lakewood

by Lisa DeSico-Boyd

Achieve Fitness Studio located on Detroit road in Rocky River is excited to announce that is will be moving to a larger space over the bridge in Lakewood at the end of this year.

The personal training studio offers 30 & 60 minute personal training packages and a few small group training classes in its current 1,488 square foot studio. At the new Lakewood location,

which is 2,634 square feet, the training studio will be offering personal training and a variety of classes such as Yoga, Zumba, Zumba Gold, Barre, Boxing, Rowing, Weight Training, TRX Suspension Training and Kettlebell classes.

Achieve Fitness Studio trains clients of all fitness levels. Their clients range from eight to eighty-five years of age. “Moving into this new space,



we’ll be able to offer classes for everyone!” explains Lisa DeSico-Boyd, owner of Achieve. “I’m so excited to be able to offer all these types of classes to accommodate all levels of fitness buffs.” She continues, “I’m also happy to add senior fitness classes to our older population. We currently train a great amount of seniors and to offer the Zumba Gold and senior yoga classes will be nice for them to do as well.”

If you’re looking to lose weight, build muscle, condition for a sport,

maintain what you have or to live a healthy lifestyle, Achieve Fitness Studio will help you reach your fitness goals.

The new location will be at 18262 Detroit Road in Lakewood. Stay tuned for Open House dates. For more information, please call the studio at 855-937-4262 or email Lisa at [lisadesico@ruready2bfit.com](mailto:lisadesico@ruready2bfit.com). Visit [ruready2bfit.com](http://ruready2bfit.com) for more information on the studio, its trainers and fitness services.

## ‘Googie Style’- New To The Lakewood Scene

by Dave Crider and Margaret Daole

Googie Style. What does it mean? Just ask anyone who grew up during the 50’s, when the ‘Atomic Age’ began with wild designs, colors, and architecture, the Jetsons, the Sputnik Era, and Bright Space Age Signs were the entire Rave.

Today, people call it early Mid Century Modern. If you really want to escape the dreary world of the Big Box or Mall shopping snooze, or want to see a terrific example of the time period, just walk through the doors of ‘Googie Style’ on Madison Avenue for a full ‘eye-popping’ experience of bright Mid Century décor, art and unusual collectibles. The brilliant green walls at Googie Style are loaded with a mixture of zany original artwork that has been called the “Funn-est free 30 minutes in Lakewood!” However, getting out of this store without buying something for yourself or a friend is the real challenge. Mid Century Lane and Drexel tables, exotic Scandinavian chairs, ultra-chic chandeliers, industrial pulley lights, vintage kitchen and fancy linens, wild MCM lamps, folk art, costume jewelry, Designer and custom-made furniture, up-cycled small occasional chests and tables, vintage barware, Tiki décor, and Murano Glass mixed in with huge turn of the century Theatre art and lithograph posters, all while Tiki Music spins on the vintage turntable. The unforgettable experi-



Stop into Googie Style to check out their Mid-Century Modern style!

ence of visiting Googie Style, though, is meeting us, the passionate owners, “Malibu” Dave and Margaret...we are doing what we love, and it shows. The Googie Style store is located at 14203 Madison Avenue.

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# Lakewood Cares

## North Coast Health Helping Individuals With Health Care Coverage

by Ellen Ospelt

Do you have questions about the Affordable Care Act (ACA)? Or questions on what insurance coverage may be available to you or your family? Did you apply last year, and have questions about re-enrollment?

North Coast Health (NCH), a faith-based free and charitable medical clinic in Lakewood, offers application assistance. Certified Application Counselors (CAC's) are available to answer questions and assist with applications for Medicaid and Marketplace plans.

To ready yourself, and your family, for the ACA's Marketplace Open Enrollment, here is some important information:

- The goal of the ACA is to make health care more affordable, available and of a higher quality, for individuals, families, and seniors

- Open enrollment (the time a person is able to enroll in a health insurance plan through the ACA's Marketplace) begins November 1st and continues through January 31, 2016

- If you can afford health care coverage, but choose not to apply, you may be required to pay a fee, or may need to apply for a health care exemption

For Medicaid enrollment:

- Through the ACA, Ohio has expanded Medicaid coverage to indi-

viduals whose income is at or below 138% of the federal poverty level. If you qualify, you may be eligible for several programs within Medicaid, and NCH is available to assist with enrollment and to answer questions on eligibility.

North Coast Health's Certified Application Counselors are available by appointment at 16110 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood Ohio. You do not need to be a patient of North Coast

Health to receive help with an application. To schedule an appointment with an Application Counselor, call 216.228.7878. NCH is available to assist, throughout the year, for individuals eligible for Medicaid or needing support with any changes to Marketplace applications. To find out more information on the Affordable Care Act, and Marketplace plans, visit [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

**About North Coast Health**

North Coast Health is a faith-based charitable clinic that provides and optimizes access to health care for the medically underserved. North Coast Health is recognized as a Patient Centered Medical Home, Level 3, through National Committee for Quality Assurance and has attained the highest possible 4-star Charity Navigator rating for the third consecutive year for sound fiscal management. More info at [www.northcoasthealth.org](http://www.northcoasthealth.org).

## Celebrating Investment In Former Boarding House

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Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization to completely transform the 117-year-old former boarding house. A similar project was completed earlier this year at 1446 Mars Avenue — also a former boarding house.

“Government action, private sector ingenuity, and marketplace trends have aligned for this great outcome,” said Lakewood Mayor Michael Summers. “This is a remarkable transformation from a major destabilizing threat to this historic neighborhood, to what is now a crown jewel.”

Owners Jim and Lillian Valli

bought the home in February 2014 and worked with All Phase General Construction to convert the former 14-bedroom boarding house into a single-family home. The Valli's vision for a historic rehabilitation was enhanced when pocket doors were discovered inside a wall on the first floor along with beautiful arches once hidden in a faux grant stairway wall.

These gems, along with beautiful hardwood floors, historic features and a new witches hat and turret have brought new life to a home once slated for demolition. The home, which sold for \$1, had to be raised nearly 18 inches in the middle of the structure, as a primary basement beam was sagging, pulling the house inward.

Dozens of members of the community stopped by the home for a tour

during the Open House, marveling at the restoration.

“I could not be more thrilled to see 1436 Grace Avenue undergo such a dramatic transformation,” said LakewoodAlive Executive Director Ian Andrews. “None of this would have been possible without the incredible partnership of the city of Lakewood, Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization, All Phase General Contractors, Cleveland Restoration Society and First Federal Lakewood. Additionally, this house serves as an example of how a turn-of-the-century home can support modern design while maintaining its historic integrity.”

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# Lakewood Cares

## LakewoodAlive Forum Focuses On Refugee Community “From Refugee To Neighbor: Continuing The Conversation”

by Ken Brand

LakewoodAlive will host a free community forum on Wednesday, November 12 from 7-8:30p.m. at Lakewood Public Library (15425 Detroit Avenue) featuring a conversation about the growing refugee community in Lakewood. The Greater Cleveland region is one of five resettlement communities in the country. In the past few years, Lakewood has welcomed 800 refugees to the community.

As part of Refugee Response and the Refugee Services Collaborative of Greater Cleveland's ongoing series of community conversations, both sponsored by grants from Community West Foundation, LakewoodAlive invites guests to understand the difference between a refugee and an immigrant; Hear of the transformation refugees are having on the community and public school system; and gain an overview of where refugees are coming from and what caused them to flee their homeland.

David Dombrowiak, President and CEO of the Community West

Foundation will moderate the conversation. Panelists include:

- Mayor Michael Summers, City of Lakewood
- Emma Petrie Barcelona, Board President, Lakewood City Schools
- Darren Hamm, Executive Director, Refugee Response
- Thomas Kate, Program Coordinator, Refugee Response
- Tom Mrosko, Director Migration and Refugee Services, Catholic Charities

Audience members will be encouraged to join the conversation and ask the panelists questions.

Ian Andrews, Executive Director of LakewoodAlive said, “We are thrilled to host this important local and global conversation. As the refugee crisis continues to evolve, in the Middle East, Asia and Europe, this discussion is timelier than ever before. Lakewood is a welcoming community and cultural education is critical to understanding and friendship.”

## Adopt-A-Pet: Laurel

by Mike Deneen

Meet Laurel (Collar #215)! This pretty girl is a 3-year-old silver tabby with gorgeous pale green eyes and some charming white markings on her mouth and chest. She's curious, loving,

sweet and ready for her furever home!

For more info on Laurel 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).



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## Lakewood Is Art

### CPT/Y-Haven Return To Lakewood Congregational Church On November 15 With Play Created & Acted By Homeless Men

by Robin Suttell

For the residents of the Greater Cleveland YMCA's Y-Haven program, facing one's personal demons on the path to recovery and sobriety takes an open and creative turn on stage. These formerly homeless men living in the YMCA's transitional home and comprehensive treatment center for drug and alcohol addiction, have reached into their hearts to share their journeys with the public, turning their collective experiences of recovery into an original play.

Produced through a special program with the Cleveland Public Theatre (CPT), the CPT/Y-Haven Theatre Project, Y-Haven residents wrote and will perform in an original, one-act play, "Walk a Mile." "The unique, moving performance comes to Lakewood Congregational Church (LCC), 1375 W. Clifton Blvd., on November 15, at 3 p.m., in the social hall.

A 15-minute, moderated question-and-answer session with the Y-Haven actors follows the one-hour performance. The free, public event, sponsored by LCC and its neighbor, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, includes a freewill donation to support Y-Haven.

Since 1998, CPT and Y-Haven have forged a strong, creative relationship through this project, which intro-



Photo by Steve Wagner.

CPT / Y-Haven Theatre Project.

duces theatre arts to homeless men recovering from substance abuse and mental health challenges. Each year, residents work with CPT artists to create an original performance based on the participants' personal experiences. The process assists in their recovery by developing skills fostering their transition to sobriety, employment, housing and independence. Work with the men through journaling and improvisational exercises leads the group to the theme of each year's performance.

notes CPT Director of Education Chris Seibert. "This program supports newly learned skills for sober and independent living and honors the unique and important perspective men in recovery bring to the Cleveland community."

"Walk a Mile" focuses on two brothers who reunited to reopen the family business, their father's shoe store, in the heart of their struggling community. But, when a key financial investor reveals his true nature, the brothers are unwittingly pitted against each other and learn more not only about their relationship with each other but also the effect of the legacy of their father's work, discipline, secrets and lies. "Walk a Mile" was developed under the direction of CPT Education Coordinator Adam Seeholzer and CPT Artist Darius Stubbs, with set, props and costumes by Inda Blatch-Geib.

For more information about CPT's Y-Haven Theatre Project, contact Director of Education Chris Seibert at 216-631-2727 x 201.

"Each year, the CPT/Y-Haven Theatre Project is met with enthusiasm and full houses at select locations throughout the greater Cleveland community,"



### Local Art Galore At Girl's Best Trend Boutique

by Jen Buchanan

Looking for something unique, special and best of all, locally made? Look no further than Girl's Best Trend Boutique. Located at 15725 Madison Ave., this shop has a little bit of everything. "GBT" currently boasts over 60 of the coolest, most talented artisans in Northeast Ohio. First opened in October of 2013 on the corner of Madison and Atkins, GBT was gaining a following, but needed to be in a busier, more visible area. Last November the shop was relocated to its new locale right at the Madison and Hilliard intersection. The new shop with its ornate iron door and perfect front window for displays welcomes you in to the

warm and inviting space. There are always good tunes playing while you peruse all the fabulous locally made goodness. Everything from candles, glassware, bath and body, handbags, scarves, clothing, painting, photography and prints. Plenty of jewelry, tee shirts and even things for baby. Of course there are plenty of Lakewood, Cleveland and Ohio pride items. Come and visit and get your local shop on! Shop Local. Shop Small.

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# Lakewood Is Art

## Where Are My Business Cards?

# Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 13

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.*

**Chomp - Bruise Control - Mirror Universe Tapes - 8 songs - Cassette, download**

Going into this review, I'd just like to say that no matter how Chomp is on record (or tape, as the case may be here), it won't be the same as live. You can take this as you will, but I will say that I think they are one of the loudest bands I've ever seen. I had no control over the bruising of my eardrums. See

what I did there? Anyway. Chomp play a noisy type of punk, fueled by crunching bass and heavy-hitting drums. Joe Boyer, the singer (and guitarist, but that's irrelevant to this particular sentence), has a pretty interesting vocal range that goes between, say, Green Day and screaming. I was entertained. You could say something similar about the songs, which go between a melodic style of punk and something much more chaotic than that. "Precious Little Stature" reminded me of Nirvana, in a way. Something about the riff. The lyrics are pretty good. See: "I don't think...whatever." Lots of wordplay, too. Just look at the title of the album. Oh, and because I didn't talk about it earlier, I should mention that I liked

the guitar playing as well. My favorites were the opener, "The Whip And The Rein," "Rile," and "Precious Little Stature." Anyway, if you like noisy and aggressive (but still melodic) punk, you should check 'em out. 4/5

**The Nico Missile - The Big Red Button - Quality Time Records - 15 songs - LP, download**

This record is great! I believe since their last vinyl release, they've expanded to a full band, which really beefs up the sound. Musically, I suppose you'd call it punk, but with strong elements of glam rock and pop infused as well. See the nearly-bluesy stomp of the opening track, "Cool Girls," the ultra-catchy glam-pop of "Let's Go Make Love" and "Her Satellite," the '60s-esque sunshine pop of "If I Didn't Wanna," and the echoed out (which is like "fuzzed out," but with echo instead, get it?) "Third Rock From The Sun." Very tight musicianship as well, good drumming, snarling, fuzzy guitar leads, all that good stuff. Good lyrics too, mostly on the subject of romancing, but I suppose that could be open to interpretation. For an example: "Lady Mondegreen, won't you give me a slip of your tongue tonight?" My favorites, aside from the aforementioned cuts, were "Taking The High Road," "Victim Of Romance," and "Designed Youth." I'd recommend it for any fans of '70s

glam punk, '60s garage rock, or anything near those genres. I don't know, I can't make up your minds for you. 4.5/5 **Splat - Splat - Saucepan Records - 8 songs - 7", download**

Some pretty great punk. Catchy, singalong tunes (I would be singing, if not for the lack of a lyric sheet. (Ok, so technically there are lyrics for the opening song, but that's beside the point.)). I liked it! Side A was great all the way through, and Side B, though not quite as strong, was pretty good too. Sample lyrics: "Why can't I do anything? Hate my life, hate everything." Musically, I think it'll appeal to both the hardcore fans and those who like more melodically oriented stuff. Not saying hardcore can't be melodic, just trying to elaborate... oh, never mind, I'm just going to dig myself into a deeper hole. I think "Negmo" works great as an opening track and "Killer TV" (which switches from a fast charger into a slow instrumental bit and then back before you've hardly processed it) works great as a closer. Cool stuff. 4/5

*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.*

# Screw Factory Artists' Fall Open House Show, Saturday, November 7

by Tony D'Alessandro

Join the Screw Factory Artists on Saturday, November 7th from noon-6 p.m. for the annual Fall Open Studio event. Over 40 artists and makers will be exhibiting and selling works spanning Fine Arts, jewelry, leather goods, ceramics, glass and more. The open studio events have grown quickly over the past eight years.

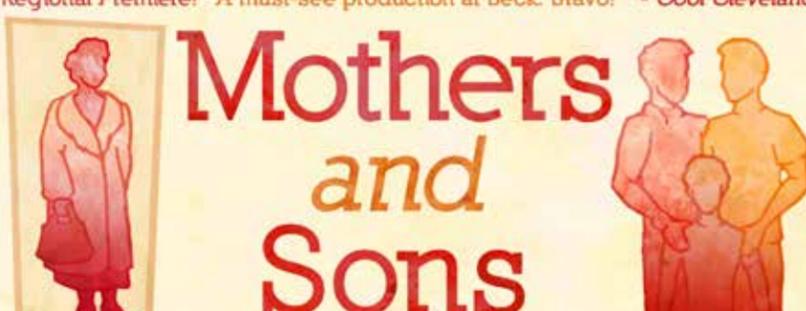
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## Forum

# Keep Sam O'Leary

by Thomas Wagner

Sam O'Leary is precisely the kind of councilperson Lakewood needs right now. He's young enough – at 26 – to see our City's future while old enough – from a 3rd generation Lakewood family; born here, educated here and still living here – to appreciate where we have come from. As the Ward

2 councilman during a period of critical and emotional issues, Sam O'Leary has shown us precisely the qualities we need for Lakewood's governance right now, and in the future.

**Openness** – Sam is open to hearing all sides, all opinions, on any given issue. He makes an effort to understand the perspectives that other

people have. Not everyone has the ability to communicate with people who have different opinions – Sam does.

**Respectful** – Ask those who have worked with him; Sam respects you, your thoughts and opinions even if they may be controversial or adverse to his own, and at a time when courtesy and respectfulness are endangered political commodities.

**Studied** – Sam's an intelligent guy. After LHS he went to George Washington University and CSU/Marshall Law

School. He works for a law firm that specializes in municipal law. Public decision-making requires the skills and the time to investigate, to hear from all perspectives, ask questions, consider the answers, and ask some more questions. That's Sam O'Leary.

**Transparent** – Transparency has become a buzz word these days. Sam recognizes that the best decisions for a community are those that are made through a process that shares information with all the stakeholders. At the end of the day, not everyone may agree with the decision that is made, but the rationale for the decision will be clear.

**Creative** – Community concerns that folks raise today are not new – but effective solutions now require thinking beyond the traditional approaches. Sam looks at things with fresh eyes and energy. If Sam is – as some people describe him – an “old soul,” he is definitely one who thinks “out of the box.”

**Inclusive** – Lakewood residents and businesses represent a large variety of cultures, income levels, and interests. Sam went to Lakewood Public Schools from K through 12. Sam knows that including everyone in public discussions is not only respectful, but will build a stronger community going forward.

I love Lakewood – lived here for over 30 years – and I think Sam O'Leary has demonstrated his leadership qualities as he has represented his ward, and our City, over the past two years. But I am biased: I have known Sam and his family since he was born, so don't just take my word on his character as gospel – Sam himself wouldn't do that. Reach out to him via email or Facebook and he will welcome the opportunity to meet you. We have some tough decisions to make and, whichever way we turn, we will need leaders with the qualities Sam has demonstrated during the 2 years he has served on Council. On November 3rd, vote to keep Sam O'Leary as Lakewood's Councilman for Ward 2.

*Thomas C. Wagner is a 30 year Lakewood resident, an attorney with offices in Lakewood and a member of the 2015 Charter Review Commission.*

# Michael Skindell, A Proven Leader For Lakewood

by Nickie Antonio

I am supporting State Senator Michael Skindell for Lakewood Mayor. During the more than 15 years I have known and worked with Michael he has been an impassioned advocate for seniors, our children, and the hardworking men and women of Northeast Ohio. He has taken up crusades to ensure dignity, fairness and justice is extended to all the people he represents.

Senator Skindell has been a champion for quality, affordable

health care for all. In the legislature he was successful in extending health care coverage to more of Ohio's children and making sure that those with disabilities are also protected. He has worked across party lines to accomplish these achievements.

Michael Skindell has exercised fiscal responsibility when it comes to spending taxpayers' dollars. As a Lakewood councilperson he worked to pass five balanced budgets. In the legislature, he has exercised leadership on the Finance Committee

and helped craft a state budget that received historic, near unanimous support.

As Mayor, I believe Michael will bring an open, common sense approach to City Hall. He is a proven leader with an unquestioned progressive vision for the future. I believe he will work to preserve what is great about Lakewood and ensure that government is responsive and there to serve the people as his number 1 priority.

*Nickie J. Antonio State Representative, House District 13*

# Build Lakewood/Summers Supporters Have A Change Of Heart

by Meg Ostrowski

In 2009-2010, I wanted to dream big during the Lakewood City Schools Phase III process by suggesting that the district only required six elementary buildings if you put them in the right location. (You can learn more at <http://www.lakewoodobserver.com/read/2009/09/09/field-of-dreams-gets-a-wake>.) I was dismissed. Most notably by members of the Lakewood Board of Education, members of The 50 Year Committee and those that favored maintaining Lincoln Elementary. I was told that the loss of two school communities was too much to ask and redeveloping land to build a new school was too complex and risky of an idea to consider. That idea would have opened up land in both downtown and a desirable northwest neighborhood for commercial and

residential development. Of course, it did not include millions in assets for a new wellness foundation.

Now years later, BUILD LAKEWOOD and MAYOR SUMMERS supporters, which include Lakewood Board of Education members and citizens mentioned above, appear to have had a change of heart. They tell us closing our hospital will be nothing more than an inconvenience, despite the significant loss to us all. They are publicly supporting the re-election of the Mayor who; asked the BOE in February 2014 to consider the possibility of a new recreation center; announced in January 2015 that a plan to close our hospital was “GOOD NEWS;” and suggested that we “DREAM BIG” regarding redevelopment of the city-owned property that it currently occupies. All the while an Active Living Task Force, chaired by

a leader of The 50 Year Committee and member of the Summers campaign committee, was working diligently to address recreation in Lakewood. The irony and coincidence of this would be amusing if it weren't so concerning. It causes me to wonder how long they have been dreaming and why when a money pot for a new wellness foundation appeared in the plan to close the hospital, their willingness to accept loss and embrace complexity and risk grew. Without a change in leadership, we may never know.

Please join me in WITHHOLDING your votes from Mayor Mike Summers and Lakewood Board of Education members Linda Beebe, Tom Einhouse and Emma Petrie-Barcelona. Let's replace them with leaders who don't just go along to get along.



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## Forum

# Vote YES On Issue 64

by Bonnie Sikes

Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it. If you revisit what happened in 2010 when the Cleveland Clinic Foundation (CCF) decided to move two departments to Fairview in exchange for the "Vision for Tomorrow" you will see that the same drama is playing out in 2015. The players are a little different, but the script is the same.

When City Council voted to transfer pediatrics and trauma care to Fairview hospital at the request of the CCF there were some quotes during that meeting that are worth repeating.

One council person, Monique Smith did not wholeheartedly follow the others on council led by Kevin Butler. She expressed frustration at not getting information. She also expressed doubts that she felt on a gut level.

Smith indicated that she felt questions were not responded to as

thoroughly as she had hoped. "I think we asked for more information than we got and I don't feel like I can vote for this and feel good about it." She expressed concerns about the loss of services, saying that it could draw patients out of Lakewood, sending them to Fairview Hospital instead. She indicated that she seemed to be hearing that next time things will be done better but was wondering why not do them better now.

Council got it wrong 5 years ago by relying on the promises made by the Clinic and once again we are traveling down that same road orchestrated by the Clinic.

Bullock and Powers brought up a couple of excellent ideas. Bullock wanted to provide guidelines to the two members of council who served on the Lakewood Hospital Association (LHA) in order to represent the views of the citizens of Lakewood.

Bullock asked that a future Resolution be considered to instruct Council's board members to adhere to strategic goals. They would have Council's specific marching papers to supplement their own.

To my knowledge Council has no guidelines in place so it appears that Bullock's suggestion went no further.

Because there was no public resolution to guide council members who were members of the LHA, there was no map for them to follow that reflected the views of the citizens of Lakewood. Lacking any guidelines from Council, Bullock and Madigan followed what THEY believed, not what the citizens of Lakewood wanted.

Powers wanted City Council to be a proactive group with the LHA, by requesting annual meetings in order to ask challenging questions.

Powers indicated that: the process made it evident that Council needed

to continue making sure that appointments to the Board were Council appointees and that there was now in place a promise to meet at least annually, an opportunity to call meetings and ask questions, for Council to ask tough questions.

To my knowledge there were no times when the entire Lakewood City Council met with the LHA during the time period from June, 2010 until December, 2014.

So, City Council agreed to eliminate two departments in exchange for the Pillars of Excellence and then relied on the Clinic to follow through with their promises of the Vision for Tomorrow. Unfortunately council did not follow up to find out exactly how and if the Pillars were being built.

Because of the inaction of Council to guide its representatives on the LHA board and in addition, holding no meetings to ask tough questions of the LHA, Council has failed to focus and follow up on the promises made by the Clinic. The Clinic is a corporation concerned with market share and that is to be expected. But I also expect the elected mayors and city council members to protect the interests of our citizens. I find it rather disconcerting when our elected officials not only join, but advance the interests of the corporation over the health and safety of the citizens of Lakewood.

As a result of the naive trust in the CCF by our elected officials, citizens are compelled to monitor City Council regarding Lakewood Hospital. This is why we must vote **YES on Issue 64**. Passing Issue 64 allows the citizens in a future election to either ratify or deny City Council's actions regarding Lakewood Hospital.

I would like to close with a quote from then Councilman Summers, spoken during that meeting in 2010:

**"There was a role, an opportunity and a duty to remind citizens of Lakewood to signify a preference for its own Hospital, and in effect create a ground swell of promotion for this asset."**

How about we all abide by these words and join together to save Lakewood Hospital??

# If We Lose Our Emergency Department

by Betsy Voinovich

The first time we used Lakewood Hospital's Emergency Department was when my then 5-year-old daughter got into her dad's "Quik Cement" in the garage, and used it as eye makeup. "Mama, look!" I put down my rake and saw her bright eyes looking out at me from this tan-colored powder. "Honey, what is that?" I came over and saw the name, and the warnings, on the small cement bag and tried not to panic.

"Okay baby, we're going to wash up." But I'd scared her and as I carefully dabbed off all the powder I could get to and started to wash out her eyes, she started to howl. I called my pediatrician and the nurse asked me if I was rinsing my daughter's eyes. I said yes, she said, "Did you stop to talk to me?" I said yes and she said, keep doing it while we're talking. I told her that I lived five streets from the hospital and she said to bring her in and they would be waiting.

I pulled up to the Emergency Department in about four minutes. My daughter went immediately into a room where a contraption was used to hold her eyes open while the doctor went to work, cleaning her eyes with a solution designed to illuminate any particles. There were tiny chunks, and then they were clean. My daughter's eyes were saved that afternoon.

Would the new proposed "Emergency Room" have the special eye contraption and the solution for her eyes? I don't know.

I keep saying Emergency Department because that's what it's called when Emergency services are attached to a hospital where procedures like emergency surgeries can be performed.

When you are terrified that someone you love is in bad trouble, that's what you need.

The worst thing that is being said about this new potential health facility is that it will have a "24-hour, 7-day-a-week state-of-the-art Emergency Room."

The serious emergencies in family's lives are ones the new "state-of-the-art" free-standing facility, by definition, cannot handle.

If someone in your house is having a stroke, a heart attack, or going into shock because of blood loss, you shouldn't go to the new "Emergency Room." If someone is in a car accident or has a bad fall, has a ruptured appendix, or is going into labor which may or may not require a C-section, they shouldn't go to the new "Emergency Room."

A good friend took his girlfriend to the Emergency Department at Lakewood because she had a terrible headache and couldn't remember her phone number. A CT-scan showed a brain tumor. She had emergency brain surgery within the hour. This was in February, this year, 2015. After that she was in Intensive Care and then Rehabilitation. An Emergency Department feeds directly into the hospital's departments; no time is wasted or lost. She regained normal function in two weeks.

When my other daughter swallowed a coin and we didn't know whether it was lodged in her throat and she might need a tracheotomy, we took her to Lakewood's Emergency Department.

There are a lot of families in Lakewood. Little kids swallow things all the time. Would the new proposed facility be able to do an emergency tracheotomy? I don't know. I don't think so, but I don't know. While my child is turning blue is not the time to try to figure it out.

Recently (Oct 7, 2015) at the West-erly, Mayor Summers was asked if someone could get an appendectomy at the new facility. He said he didn't know but they'd be good at stitching people up and treating sprains.

If this new facility opens, and Lakewoodites think it's an "Emergency Room" like the Emergency Department we have now, they could make the possibly fatal mistake of taking a loved one to a facility of strictly limited capability,

which might delay by crucial minutes or hours urgently needed treatment, while the appropriate facility is located and then transportation is arranged and then finally happens. We already have seen that it's possible that "Fairview is FULL" or that no ambulances are available.

There is a 2014 University of California study of more than 16 million admissions from 1999 to 2010 that shows that patients who were admitted to facilities located in the vicinity of an Emergency Department that had recently closed, experienced 5% higher odds of dying than patients who were not near a recently closed Emergency Department. Odds of dying were even higher for patients with time-sensitive conditions, especially heart attack (15% higher), stroke (10%) and sepsis (8%). <https://www.ucsf.edu/news/2014/07/116461/higher-chance-hospital-death-found-areas-where-emergency-departments-have-closed>, <http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/33/8/1323.full>

We're being asked to tear down a full-service 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT and have it replaced by a clinic that treats cuts, breaks and bruises, and this is being called a "State-of-the-art Emergency Room."

If this new facility opens, to be safe, we will ALWAYS need to call for an ambulance when we have -- or we think--since we're not doctors and don't necessarily know--we have a serious emergency and trust the paramedics to make the decision to drive our loved ones whatever distance to whatever facility that can take care of them. The peace of mind that we have always had living in Lakewood, close to a hospital, will be gone.

The proposed facility will not be able to handle any serious emergencies. Thinking that it will is not only incorrect, it is dangerous to you and your loved ones.



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## Forum

# Lakewood Hospital: PEOPLE, MONEY & THINGS In Order Of Priority

by Meg Ostrowski

Despite the sniping and mean-spirited distraction of a few, I have continued to listen intently to both sides of the hospital debate. Four months later and more knowledgeable on the issues, I stand by my earlier article, "Lakewood Hospital: Taking Sides" and would change only one word. You can find it at <http://lakewoodobserver.com/read/2015/06/23/lakewood-hospital-taking-sides>.

Since then, I have at times cringed and rolled my eyes at propaganda and prayed for a reasonable two-sided discussion. I sought out the best places to find this but alas, there have been few. The unfortunate lack of a SUMMERS vs. SKINDELL debate on this critical subject is disheartening. However, after attending an informational meeting at Winton Place where both presented; listening in on an LHA sponsored Tele-Town Hall; viewing the NEOMG candidate video debates; and reading articles, forums, citizen group and campaign literature, I started to notice some patterns.

Most arguments on the SKINDELL/SAVE LAKEWOOD HOSPITAL side lead with a moral obligation of taking care of PEOPLE and keeping our city's economy strong for the benefit of ALL residents, two well understood ideas. Most arguments on the SUMMERS/BUILD LAKEWOOD side lead with preserving MONEY for loosely defined purposes and the excitement of new unknown THINGS, two ambiguous "dreams" with LIMITED benefits and beneficiaries. All of this is NOT to say that SAVE isn't concerned about finances and BUILD doesn't care about folks. On the contrary, SAVE is concerned about MONEY and has done extensive financial analysis to make their case. They understand the hospital may need to be right-sized and upgraded among other adjustments and compromises. BUILD wants a new wellness foundation that would presumably benefit PEOPLE and assures that despite the loss of our hospital, PEOPLE who need one for a job or ser-

vices will simply be inconvenienced by having to travel outside of Lakewood but otherwise suffer no negative impact.

SUMMERS/BUILD has unanimously conceded to the "healthcare is changing" narrative (despite expansion at Fairview, upgrades at St. John's and a new hospital in Avon) and deemed themselves powerless to save our hospital in a highly competitive market. SKINDELL/SAVE has a willingness to fight for a hospital (which Huron Consulting determined a viable option for Lakewood), set a stage free of legal conflict so that alternatives can be explored and exhaust all options in an open, transparent process before accepting a Family Health Center and freestanding ER. This cornerstone of the BUILD plan is a reduction and consolidation of existing healthcare services in a new

building that frees up land for retail, commercial and residential development. That scheme will remain an option if the hospital cannot be saved but it can never make up for the losses in revenue and economic activity a hospital generates and therefore puts us at risk for increased taxes, reduced city services and decreasing property values.

As a side note, SUMMERS has said publicly that the money he's been squirreling away; the anticipated windfall from the recent property assessments; construction jobs during redevelopment; small businesses adding a few jobs at a time, over time; and housing will sustain us through a hospital loss. That may be true in the short term but once the dust settles and the economic impact of losing 1000+ good paying jobs catches up with us a few years down the road, we are likely to run into

BIG trouble. Residents and businesses will see it and feel it. Home values will reflect it and it could be all downhill from there. While SUMMERS insists that we must accept his long-term solution for healthcare delivery, I worry that his economic solutions are shortsighted and fear they will NOT be enough.

Regardless of these observations and premonitions, I recognize that neither side has total control over the situation due to many variables. But at the end of the day, in good conscience, I remain behind the team that puts ALL PEOPLE before MONEY and THINGS. This is an approach I can live with, whatever the outcome.

Please join me in voting for Michael J. Skindell for Lakewood Mayor. Together we can SAVE LAKEWOOD HOSPITAL and BUILD a strong future for Lakewood.

## Save Lakewood Hospital? A Last Message From Dad

by Gary Rice

**Fellow Lakewoodites all:**

Many of you knew my dear late father, Robert Rice, a retired Lakewood Schools educator, Lakewood Schools Staff Hall of Fame member, and an active community volunteer for both students and seniors.

On January 14th, the day before that "Letter Of Intent" concerning Lakewood Hospital's future came out, Dad suddenly collapsed on the floor of his bedroom here in Lakewood. For many years, Dad and my family received excellent care from Lakewood Hospital, and indeed, even on that day, Lakewood's paramedics were quickly on the scene; although for my 94-year-old Dad, his time was sadly passing.

Dad and I have both strongly supported Lakewood's public institutions. We played music for the library's re-dedication when it re-opened. We were active with our new schools. We've been active with the Observer Project. We've played our music at the hospital too, and we've often supported numerous civic and cultural activities, whenever we could do so.

We've also tried to support City Hall as well, and I feel that we've generally had a very positive relationship with several mayors, including Mayor Summers. Lakewood Hospital's concerns did not begin with his administration, but now that the ball is in his court, all of us need to help him to see a better way to approach this issue, and I believe that we also need to let the Cleveland Clinic know how strongly we feel about keeping as much of a real hospital as possible in our city; whether they run it, (hopefully, at least until our agreement with them

expires), or another hospital organization takes it over someday.

Dad and I had both looked at this developing hospital situation over the years from a fairly personal perspective, since we've both needed more and more hospital services as the years have gone by. For those reasons alone, we both concluded that, for whatever reason, reducing more services at Lakewood Hospital was a very questionable idea. We simply have too big of a city here to go without having at least a basic hospital; covering a wide range of services.

Unlike others who may know, neither Dad nor I could figure out who or what exactly was to blame for Lakewood Hospital's so-called "problems." We felt that they had been increasing for years. Not too long ago, I seem to remember that Lakewood was hoping to expand the hospital all the way over to the corner of Marlowe and Detroit, but that did not happen. Whatever the reasons were for what we felt to be going on, we believed that the loss of more Lakewood Hospital services would be a severe blow to this community, potentially endangering everyone from neighborhood children to needful senior citizens; not to mention accident victims of any age who might unfortunately run into mishaps in our highly populated community.

One thing about health care: It is a very democratic issue; affecting all of us at one point or another. Anyone, who for whatever reason, may previously have wanted to support getting rid of Lakewood Hospital, needs to put themselves in my Dad's place on January 14th; lying on the floor of THEIR bedroom. In Dad's situation, sadly, it was his time, but when it comes



Gary, with his Dad, Robert Rice

your own turn to taste carpet, your very survival may well depend on the expert medical resources that you will have close by in order to address your immediate needs.

I'm sure that was Dad's opinion, and it is my own, as well.

In all fairness, I have some very good friends who are in favor of getting rid of the present hospital. Their concerns range from a concern about running the risk of losing an emergency room for our city, to another concern that the present situation that we find ourselves in is prohibitively expensive.

With those concerns in mind however, I still do believe that we need to think very carefully before we start tearing down Lakewood Hospital. At the very least, so long as the building stands, we will still have some negotiating strength for Lakewood's medical future. Once it's gone, we will have nothing left to bargain with. That's why Dad and I supported Lakewood Hospital. Saving the hospital is an alternative that may indeed be risky, and perhaps even expensive in the short term, but sometimes in life, risk and investment can produce rewards.

Let's save our hospital.



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## Forum

# My Opinion On The Lakewood Hospital Issue

by *Debbie Tsiros*

As a long time resident of Lakewood, Ohio, I feel I must write to stress how important it is not to cave under the pressure of the Cleveland Clinic or our elected representatives who have ties with the Cleveland Clinic to close Lakewood Hospital. To replace it with a "Wellness" Center is ludicrous. To allow the Clinic to set conditions or have any control over any part of our city is ridiculous. There is nothing good about the Cleveland Clinic proposal for the City of Lakewood; the only good is for the good of the Cleveland Clinic and people who have a vested interest in this deal going through.

Cleveland Clinic is run like a business. Businesses want to move out competition. If Avon Hospital wasn't being built this would not even be an issue. Their marketing propaganda is making this "state-of-the-art Wellness/Family Health Center/Emergency Room" sound better than it actually

is. Don't kid yourself. It will just be another glorified Medical Office Building. You will need to go elsewhere for inpatient health care. The Wellness Center/Emergency Room (did I also hear Rec Center, new Park?) is just a bribe to detract from what they are really doing; closing competition and taking over our assets which are worth much more than they would be paying.

I work in Avon, Ohio, right across the street from where the Cleveland Clinic is building their new addition for inpatient hospital rooms. Keep in mind that when it was just the new "State-of-the-art Wellness/Family Health Center with Emergency Room" (the kind that they want to replace Lakewood Hospital with) people drove in to their appointment and they drove right back out. Now that they are building their inpatient hospital the area is booming. Drive out to the Nagel Rd. exit on 90W in Avon and see all of the new construction and business boom-

ing that HAVING a hospital attracts: A motel, conference center, Day Care, Retirement Facility, Get Go, restaurants, etc.

Close our hospital and the surrounding office/medical buildings will lose tenants and we will be left with vacant buildings; restaurants and local businesses will also feel the impact and lose business; our City will lose its hospital, hospital jobs and revenue. If you go to the new Emergency Room and need to be admitted, you will need to be transported to another Clinic hospital like Fairview or Avon. If I were critically ill I would not want to have to be transported to another hospital. In addition you will be charged for the trip, increasing the Clinic's profitability. Again good for their business. If, as they say, Lakewood, who has a bigger population than Avon, does not need an inpatient hospital, why does Avon? Because it is a part of the Clinic's master plan.

We need to bring the services, doctors and resources back to Lakewood Hospital. If you leased a furnished house would you be able to take out the furnishings and end your lease early? Keep in mind that Lakewood Hospital's profitability numbers were greatly impacted due to the removal of services, departments and equipment that the Clinic moved to its other hospitals. It is not in as bad of shape physically as they would have you think.

I implore each and every one of the people of the City of Lakewood to do the right thing and not get bulldozed into doing something that will be devastating to Lakewood now and in the years to come.

Lakewood is thriving right now. To let this hospital deal go down as presented will be horrendous for the future of the City of Lakewood. We need to keep our Hospital open! We need to protect our city!

## A Huge Thank You To "Those People"

*Dear Tom Bullock, Rebecca M. Patton, Colin McEwen, Pam Smith, Ron Petrie, Jeffrey K. Rohrs, Linda Beebe, Bob and Phyllis Dykes, Joel & Bonnie Egerton, William Gaydos, Kathy Haber, Tracy & Christine Jemison, Jim Kenny, Mary Osburn, Anne & Jack Palomaki, Scott & Holly Reba, Jenny Barnett Rohrs, Dru Siley, Vicki & Dan Smigelski, Craig & Shannon Strachan, Missy & Darren Toms, Rick & Lori Uldricks, Terry & Candace Vincent, and David Stein:*

I want to thank each and every one of you. Some of you I know, but many I do not. However, I know that you are not afraid to speak up. I have sat in public meeting after public meeting, and witnessed multiple social media postings where you and others have been referred to as "those people" because you happen to have a different opinion and view regarding the future of Lakewood Hospital.

You and others have been accused of creating propaganda, and that your actions are criminal because of your opinions and views. And recently we been told that "BLOOD OF YOUR VICTIMS WILL BE ON YOUR HANDS," and if we are not quiet there will be "serious personal consequences."

Back in July I got a message from a friend, who shared with me message from another friend whom I've known for over 30 years that said "Jenn Pae's heart's in the right place, but if she hits this during working hours, I see all kinds of conflict of interest alarms going off."

That was the first behind the scenes message for me to shut up. I have not been campaigning, or saying what I am saying because I just want to keep my job, as many have claimed both publically and anonymously. Thanks for your concern, but I'll be just fine regardless of how this all turns out.

I have been doing my job as

Finance Director to this City to provide my professional perspective and analysis of the hospital transition. I cannot stand by when inaccurate information continues to be disseminated. Not doing so would be dereliction of duty. You don't have to agree with me, and it is your right to question what I am saying, but I refuse to be silent.

I have been very adamant in saying that I believe City Council should be allowed to do the jobs they were elected to do, and that there are substantial risks and costs involved if the hospital properties become the responsibility of City government. The current taxpayer lawsuit and Issue 64 attempt to do the opposite, and I view them both as substantial threats to Lakewood.

I also believe the following regarding the future of Lakewood Hospital and this community:

- Invest in a health care model for the community that focuses on keeping people healthy and out of the hospital.

- Allow your elected city representatives to learn the issues and deliberate through the legislative process as permitted by law, and negotiate the best deal possible for the community.

- Preserve the remaining the assets of the private, non-profit Lakewood Hospital Association to create a community foundation focused on wellness for the City.

- Understand the competitive healthcare market, and that the desire by other healthcare systems and physician practices to take over a tired, inpatient facility is just not in their best and long-term interest.

- Know that investment in the commercial center of the City will spur additional investment. Property values will continue to grow with the opening of new schools, the desirability of the community and its housing choices, and other recent investments throughout our City.

- Understand that City finances

will be impacted in the short-term, and this is a serious concern for all. However, there are remedies to be negotiated, and the City's fiscal strength can weather a short-term loss especially since income tax revenues are increasing even with Lakewood Hospital contracting due to other growth in the community.

- Share information. Let's educate, discuss, and be respectful to all.

Thanks again to all of "those people." Let's continue to advocate for the future we envision for this great community that we all call home in the face the challenges at hand, and most importantly: refuse to be silent despite the attempts of those wanting to personally discredit us because of our opinions and views.

*Sincerely,*

*Jenn Pae*

*Finance Director City of Lakewood*

## There Is More To Lakewood Than The Hospital Issue

by *Ruth Gillett*

Speculation about the future of Lakewood Hospital is the hottest topic in town - long time neighbors and friends are at odds, allegations have been made that the Clinic intentionally disinvested the facility, and mistrust of the decision making process is pervasive.

Clearly, this issue will not be resolved quickly. Residents are seeking more information, more transparency, and more input into what sort of health care delivery model would best meet residents needs.

Meanwhile, everyday, city employees deliver city services to Lakewood residents. Garbage is picked up. A recy-

cling program is expanded. Streets are resurfaced throughout the city. Police and fire crews respond quickly and professionally to all calls. Infrastructure improvements at Lakewood and Madison Parks are completed. Shoreline conservation is being explored. And, most importantly, these activities are taking place within the framework of a fiscally sound, balanced budget.

Lakewood is attracting a new generation of residents who value good schools, excellent parks, shopping, safety and livability.

There is little question that the current Mayor's leadership and management knowledge are largely

responsible for the city's progress over the past four years.

The opponent to the current mayor has demonstrated a strong ability to advocate passionately for an issue he believes in. Effective advocacy is a hard learned skill. On the other hand, the opponent has not demonstrated the ability to manage a complex, multi-issue organization, like a City.

I am going to vote for the skill set needed to maintain Lakewood's progress and stability. I trust the leadership demonstrated over the past four years to guide a resolution to the hospital issue that will honor the interests of Lakewood's residents.

# Forum

## Judge Carroll Treats Defendants Fairly

by Kevin Spellacy

As a former Prosecutor and Law Director for the City of Lakewood and someone who now represents individuals before Judge Carroll, I am compelled to respond to misleading statements made by his opponent.

Perhaps due to lack of experience in Lakewood Municipal Court, Judge Carroll's opponent has written in both campaign literature as well as letters to the Lakewood Observer that:

1. The Lakewood Court, i.e. Judge Carroll, does not have a drug court or diversion program;
2. He asserts he will terminate the \$500.00 retainer required by the court to have a jury trial;
3. He asserts, "I believe the way Lakewood Municipal Court is currently operating has given up looking at individual situations and circumstances."

This individual asserts the Lakewood Court (Judge Carroll) does not have a drug court or effective diversion program. What he fails to understand, hasn't taken the time to learn, or maybe lacks the experience to know is that Lakewood Court, in conjunction with the Law Department, does have an effective diversion program. The current diversion program, operated by Judge Carroll and the Law Department of the City of Lakewood, does allow for diversion with alcohol-related offenses and low-level drug offenses for diversion.

Diversion programs are governed by state law and are created by the Law Department or Prosecutor, not the Court. While a diversion program is

run through the Court, it is the Prosecutor, not the Court who controls the program.

Diversion programs created by a court have been declared illegal as a violation of the separation of powers of the three (3) branches of government. Thus, when he says, "Lakewood needs a more inclusive diversionary program," he does not understand that the Law Department or Prosecutor, not the Court, sets the limits on the scope of the program.

When he says, "Currently, Lakewood doesn't offer this program," he fails to explain or does not understand that it is the Lakewood Law Department, not the Lakewood Court that makes this decision.

In addition to the diversion program, on a case by case basis there is a special type of diversion called intervention in lieu of conviction. This program, which the Lakewood Court uses, requires a minimum of one (1) year supervision with treatment. Similar to diversion, it can be used with the consent and approval of the Prosecutor.

When a person fails to comply with the diversion program, he has

the right to withdraw any previously entered plea of guilty or no contest and go back into the criminal docket. This may delay the outcome of the case, and ultimately, treatment of the Defendant.

With a conviction, most often, court ordered treatment is used as a condition of probation/community control supervision to get the Defendant into a treatment program. Jail is used when a Defendant is not able to stop using as a means of preventing a defendant from continuing to use drugs, and in the long run, may save the Defendant's life.

In addition, the Lakewood Court is an active partner with the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, which provides drug treatment through its jail reduction treatment program. A jail sentence is coupled with participation in the jail reduction program which suspends the balance of the jail sentence in order to place a defendant in a treatment facility. Treatment may be in-patient or an intensive out-patient program, depending on the needs of the individual. It also requires aftercare and attendance at AA, NA or recovery meetings. The Lakewood Court has been successfully using this program for years.

Judge Carroll's opponent goes on to say, "I will terminate the \$500.00 retainer required by the Court to have a jury trial." The fact of the matter is this statement is untrue. Defendants in criminal cases can be assessed the cost of a jury if convicted, but are never assessed jury costs if they win. The statement that, "I will terminate the \$500.00 retainer required by the Court to have a jury trial," is just plain misleading.

Lastly, he states, "I believe the way Lakewood Municipal Court is currently operating has given up looking at individual situations and circumstances." Maybe he doesn't understand what the Court's Probation Department does or hasn't been present for sentencings of individuals before Judge Carroll.

Judge Carroll and the Probation Department spend a great deal of time designing probation plans that meet the individual needs of the Defendant and assess the safety of our community. Lakewood has one of the best Probation Departments in the state.

Clearly, Judge Carroll's opponent's total lack of experience in Lakewood Court has led to his misinformed, misleading and inaccurate statements.

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## Forum

# Letter In Support Of Greg Calleri For School Board

by Jane Granzier

**Dear Lakewood Observer,**

While my children don't attend Lakewood Schools, I remain interested in the upcoming school board election. As a tax payer, home owner and part of the greater community, I want what is best for all the children of our city. Secondly, I don't want my taxes increasing or the value of my home decreasing because our schools aren't keeping pace academically.

I have followed the school board race closely because my neighbor, Greg Calleri, is a candidate this year. In the course of our discussions he's made me aware that our school's "Excellent" rating is not the most

accurate reflection of our current state. In fact, our schools are ranked 352 of 611 schools in Ohio. Our graduation rate is in the bottom half of the state. Don't take my word for it – go to the state's website – it's all there in black and white on the state report card. No amount of spin can change the facts. The current board is also imperiling important programs like music and gifted, even though these remain a priority in the community. By The current Board's own estimation, we are facing a \$14 million shortfall over the next 4 years and yet our spending is in the top 15% of the state! Although the updated 5 year forecast is typically submitted by the

treasurer to the board in October, as of the last school board meeting on Monday, October 20th, it had not been presented. Greg inquired as to why it was late but has not received a response. I wonder why?

Greg informed me that certain administrators received raises and the board is planning on spending more money on another new reading/writing program (over \$62,000 for professional development). I also learned that our district decided to give all middle schoolers Chromebooks – the district paid \$260 per student and parents were told that insurance was \$100 a year per student. Chromebooks at nearby St.

Joseph's Academy were only \$200 per student and insurance was only \$38 per year. If our board had only done some simple research, or asked some questions about why the current reading/writing program was insufficient, we could have saved enough to retain our music teachers. These are pretty simple ideas yet it does not appear that any of the current board members acted on them. Multiply this by all the decisions made on a monthly or yearly basis and you begin to see the bigger picture.

Why is all this happening? Why are we, as voters, allowing it to happen? If you owned or were a stockholder in a large company, with hundreds of employees, multiple facilities and an annual budget of over \$70 million, would you hire someone to run that company even if he or she had no real financial background? I wouldn't. I would hire someone like Greg Calleri. He knows what questions to ask, how to find creative solutions, he knows finance and he knows how to run a successful business. He has been a member of the City of Lakewood's audit committee for 3 years and knows how to budget and how to save money without cutting programs. Greg is extremely dedicated – he has walked most of the city, with help from some friends and neighbors – and has visited approximately 10,000 houses. He is passionate about what he believes in yet is capable of working with others to build consensus. I urge you to educate yourself – visit his website at [www.calleriforschoolboard.info](http://www.calleriforschoolboard.info) or follow him on Facebook at Calleri for School Board. There you can access videos of him discussing important issues with current school board members and learn more about his candidacy as well. I am certain that, if elected, he will be just as dedicated as he has been in running his candidacy. He will not, as some current board members have stated, accept that our schools can't get any better. Instead of excuses, he will work diligently to find solutions. I have known Greg for over 14 years and he has always given anything he does 110%.

# Why I'm Voting For Kristine Pagsuyoin For The Lakewood Board Of Education

by April Stoltz

When we vote for and elect a person to office, we are asking them to represent us. There are a lot of different "Us's" out there. What I look for in a candidate is someone who is authentically inclusive. Someone who doesn't just say and believe that everyone needs to be respected and heard, but actually does it. Someone who in both word and deed lives that out in their day-to-day life. Kristine Pagsuyoin is just that kind of person.

I really got to know Kristine when she was a member of the Lakewood Family Collaborative. I was a member of the Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission. We worked together to organize the very first "Welcome To Lakewood" event. I was impressed with her commitment and follow through. Her level of organization and understanding of both marketing and administra-

tive tasks was critical to the success of the event.

She has gifted Lakewood with her knowledge and leadership talents in many ways including volunteering four years with the Lakewood Family Collaborative and two years as president of the Lakewood Council on PTA's. She has a real understanding of the issues and challenges we face. Another plus in my book is that her two children attend Lakewood schools so she also gets what's happening for students right now as well as understanding the parent perspective.

I believe that sharing our passion and talents is what we are called to do in this life. To me, the human experience is about nothing more or less than building beloved community. Kristine has a passion for education; for helping people and institutions be the best they are

meant to be. She has worked tirelessly to improve and enhance the school experience; for our children, the amazing teachers who teach them, and the parents of those children. She understands that everyone in these three groups needs to be listened to.

The greatness of any institution starts with the heart and staying true to the mission of serving the people. I believe Kristine Pagsuyoin will represent us with these values, knowing our schools hold great power in shaping the lives of our children and therefore our shared future. I see her as both a team player and a critical thinker. For all these reasons, I think she has earned a rightful place in representing our families and teachers on this school board.

In closing, I urge the Lakewood electors to vote for Kristine Pagsuyoin and bring the next generation of city leadership into the policy decisions being made today for the future of our children and our shared community.

*April Stoltz is a Lakewood resident who is active on many issues.*

# Lakewood Teachers Association Endorses 3 For Board Of Education

by Joseph Zombek

After considerable deliberation, the Lakewood Teachers Association (LTA) is proud to announce its endorsement of Mrs. Linda Beebe, Mr. Tom Einhouse, and Ms. Emma Petrie-Barcelona for the three open seats on the Board of Education for the Lakewood City Schools. The LTA reached this decision only after carefully considering the significant strengths brought by each of the 6 candidates in the field, which also includes Mr. Gregory Calleri, Ms. Meghan George, and Ms. Kristine Pagsuyoin.

The LTA believes that Mrs. Beebe, Mr. Einhouse, and Ms. Petrie-Bar-

celona demonstrate a particularly strong awareness of the perspectives of Lakewood parents, students, and teachers, and that their previous experience on the Board of Education provides much-needed stability as the Lakewood City Schools work through at time of physical and academic transition. The LTA therefore believes that each of these individuals deserves another term to continue the work that they have done in moving the District through these challenging times. The LTA would like to thank all six candidates for their gracious participation in this endorsement process.

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# Lakewood Living

## Big Turn Out For “Hens In Lakewood” Coop Tour

by Annie Stahlheber

Sunday, September 20th was a brilliant, sunny, afternoon and perfect weather for the Hens in Lakewood Coop Tour. Over 150 people showed up to see first-hand how the city of Lakewood’s hen pilot project is working. Nine of the eleven families who are in the hens pilot had a great time educating the visitors who came to their yards about all things hens.

Common questions were:

1) Why do you want them? To have your own eggs from hens fed and treated well.

2) Don’t you need a rooster to have eggs? No. You only need a rooster if you want a fertilized egg.

3) What breeds do you have? There are many breeds perfect for our climate including Buff Orpington, Plymouth Barred Rock, Australorp, Golden Comet, Golden Laced Wyandotte, and others.

4) Do they have names? Yes. Most of our families have named their hens.

5) Are they noisy? No. Only occasionally for a brief moment when the hen finally lays her egg.

6) Are they difficult to care for? No. Some basic knowledge, however, is essential.

7) What do they eat? Chicken food and table scraps.



Curious visitors flock around the Stahlheber Burgoyne coop.

8) Do you have to heat the coop? No. It’s all about choosing the right breeds for our weather.

There were a number of visitors who joined the tour by bike and even a few from other nearby suburbs who would like to change their city ordinances to allow backyard hen-keeping. All of the visitors were excited to see the progress of Lakewood’s pilot up close. One of the most positive outcomes were the conversations the pilot

families had with neighbors. Jan Dre-galla said, “I met two neighbors that I had never met before.” I had seven neighbors on my street stop by to visit my hens and see our set-up. Hens really are an amazing way for a street to get to know each other as they become a source of interest for young and old alike. In fact, another frequently asked question was if children like the hens and if they help out. Yes, they love them and yes they do help out! My daughters and their friends love to feed and pet the chickens. Many people were surprised to see that hens have very unique personalities and how different they look. Each pilot family has at least 2 to 3 breeds and some are quite beautiful. Some visitors commented on the different color eggs they lay including light blue and rosy brown. Coop tour visitors noticed how quiet and clean the hens are and how there is very little odor. Each family has a slightly different style of coop and run. Cory Webber said, “I received so many compliments about the construction of my coop; I was on cloud nine all day!” Time and again friends, neighbors and visitors shared how much they appreciated the families opening their yards to share the progress of the pilot project. And finally, many visitors expressed an interest in having their own hens and wanted to know more about when they

would be able to do that.

In November 2014, City Council passed a resolution creating this pilot project to test-drive how responsible backyard hen ownership would work in Lakewood. The resolution allows for a maximum of 12 families with no more than 6 hens. Each coop and run must be built according to city standards, meeting setback requirements and each prospective hen owner must take a course in backyard hen raising. The Lakewood Hen pilot project lasts till the end of June 2016. There are 11 families in the pilot. If a permanent ordinance is not passed by the end of June 2016, they will no longer be able to keep their hens. So, the next step is getting an ordinance passed by City Council that would permanently allow responsible backyard hen ownership, and also offer the opportunity for other Lakewood residents. The important thing about a pilot is the ability to learn from these 11 families, and draft a law based on best practices and real experience. Anyone who is interested in backyard hen-keeping and/or who would like to be part of the next steps in achieving a permanent ordinance, please join the Hens in Lakewood Facebook group [www.facebook.com/LakewoodOhioHens](http://www.facebook.com/LakewoodOhioHens) or email us at [lakewoodhens@gmail.com](mailto:lakewoodhens@gmail.com).



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# Lakewood Living

## September Real Estate Stats

by Chris Bergin

The Northern Ohio Regional Multiple Listing Service just released the September stats for our 18-County service area.

New Listings were up over 10% from September 14 to this September, and up 7% YTD. Sold Listings jumped nearly 19% from last September and remain up 14.8% YTD! Not surpris-

ingly, Volume Sold is up significantly as well, up 18.4% YTD.

The Average Sales Price reported in at \$151,960, up nearly 7% compared to last September. The ASP is up a modest 3.2% YTD, increasing from \$142,460 to \$146,962. The Average Market Time remains steady at 91 days in 2014 and 90 days YTD 2015.

Condos continue a slow road to

recovery. New Listings remain relatively flat, yet Sold Listings are up nearly 10% YTD, improving from 3,3389 to 3,662. The Volume Sold has improved by 12.5%, indicating that condo sales prices are finally on the rebound. The Average Sales Price has improved as well, with a modest 2.5% growth. The ASP has improved from \$120,916 to \$123,986. Market Time

has improved as well, from 117 days on average down to 105.

Locally, Lakewood continues to post another solid year. As of October 22, there were only 83 Single Family Homes for sale. Despite the low inventory, Sold Listings are up 4.3% YTD, from 344 at the end of last September to 359 this year. The Average Sales Price continues to improve as well, jumping more than 7%! The ASP thru 9 months has improved from \$154,246 to a healthy \$165,651.

Market time continues to improve as well, dropping from an average of 82 days last year to 74 days in 2015. Many homes continue to sell quickly, at or over list price. Stories of multiple offers persist in the marketplace as well. Year to Date Volume Sold has jumped from \$53M to \$59M. Local real estate activity can be tracked with a free account at [www.HomeValuesInLakewood.Info](http://www.HomeValuesInLakewood.Info).

The Lakewood Condo market continues to improve slowly. While sales have jumped a whopping 56% from x84 sales last year to 131 this year, the Average Sales Price has only improved 2.5%, increasing from \$80,600 to \$82,900. Market time has improved slightly as well, with an average of 104 days to sell.

Overall, like the City itself, the Lakewood real estate market remains extremely active and one of the best options for buyers to call home!

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## Terry's Landscaping Tips For Fall: October

by Terry Stiles

- October Checklist
- Day lilies, Hostas
- Aeration
- De-thatch
- Overseeding
- Bulbs, Bonemeal
- Snow Equipment
- Salt
- Calcium
- Plowing Contractor

As Fall makes its presence known a few topics to be concerned with come to mind.

For the lawn, de-thatching will help the intake of fertilizer by the root system. Either mechanically or by hand which when done correctly is no small undertaking, should produce a sizable amount of thatch that can be put in the compost pile for next year.

A healthy lawn will have less than .5 inches of thatch. Once done you shouldn't need to do it again for a couple of years. This assumes that clippings are collected during the growing season. For protection against summer sun, raise the mower to shade the roots and water before noon. Watering will be covered in the Spring articles.

The easiest way to determine the depth of thatch and roots, for that matter, is to dig a plug about 4 inches in diameter with a triangulated top that can be replaced after inspection.

Do this in all lawn panels to get a better picture of your lawn's health.

Aeration is useful to relieve compaction in soil and should produce at least one inch plugs, preferably this is done in two directions. Leave the plugs in the grass or

remove them with a rake, your choice.

The most important thing besides cleaning the walks and drives is, and this cannot be stressed enough, if you have a sprinkler system, to mark the heads before mechanical de-thatching or aeration.

After de-thatching and aeration are complete, if over-seeding is needed, light top dressing and Fall fertilizing may be done. Commercial fertilizer combinations referred to as "weed and feed" will prevent the newly seeded lawn from germinating.

Leaves should be removed from lawns and beds as they accumulate and if collected with a mower or vac, being shredded will decompose faster.

As an additive to compost, leaves from different trees have different p.h. levels so in the Spring a soil test is a good idea.

A lot of conversation around fertilized grass clippings and their affect on compost is going on now and that is a discussion I will not be commenting on at this time.

Bulbs can be planted now and bone-meal should be added to the planting area, just follow instructions and you will be fine.

By now you have heard the "S" word, it will snow so you should be prepared for it. Checking shovels, taking snow blowers to get checked out, mixing (if needed) fresh gas and getting markers for your drive and lawn should be on the short list. Local garden centers and hardware stores are good sources for salt, calcium and lime.

If you have a contractor in mind for primary or back-up plowing, soon is better to schedule service and timing of plowing.



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