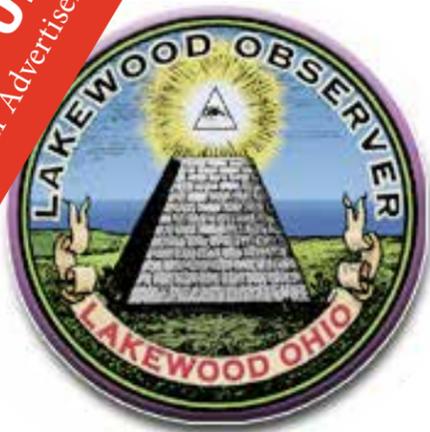


**Free - Take One!**  
Please Patronize Our Advertisers!



Political language... is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable, and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind." **George Orwell**

# THE LAKEWOOD OBSERVER

Proud Member Of The Observer Media Family Of Community Written And Owned Newspapers & Websites

Volume 12, Issue 20, September 27, 2016

## Popular Costumed Canine Event Returns To Lakewood's Kauffman Park Saturday, October 15 The Bark Is Back: 9th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade

by Matt Bixenstine

Every dog has his day and that day is on Saturday, October 15. That's when costumed canines will rule the day in Downtown Lakewood from 12:30 to 4 p.m. during the 9th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade.

Sponsored by Discount Drug Mart and presented by LakewoodAlive, the Spooky Pooch Parade consists of a festival within Kauffman Park (15450 Detroit Avenue), a parade through Lakewood's Downtown business district on Detroit Avenue and an awards presentation. A favorite Halloween tradition for Northeast Ohio dog lovers and their families, this popular community festival represents one of the only events of its kind within the region, providing a tail-wagging good time for canine and human guests alike.

Register your dog now to march in the 2016 Spooky Pooch Parade by visiting SpookyPoochParade.com. Pre-registration is \$10 per dog and day-of registration is \$15 per dog. Multiple dog discounts are available with pre-registration only. Humans

are free. This community event takes place rain or shine, and proceeds from the parade benefit LakewoodAlive.

Festivities get underway with the Spooky Pooch Festival beginning at 12:30 p.m. at Kauffman Park, where parade day-of registration and check-in will be available. Enjoy entertainment, kids games, delicious foods for purchase and dog-related vendors, including rescue groups and other nonprofits offering

canine-oriented goods and services. Kids are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes and visit vendors for some early trick-or-treating.

The much-anticipated dog parade commences at 2 p.m. Dogs of all shapes and sizes dressed in their finest Halloween fashions will strut their stuff along Detroit Avenue. Judges will award prizes beginning at approximately 3:15 p.m. in a number of categories, **continued on page 18**



The 9th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade takes place at Kauffman Park on Saturday, October 15. (Photo Credit: BiG Photography)

## First Federal Lakewood To Help Fund Indoor Track, Rec Facility At LHS

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood City Schools Superintendent Jeff Patterson announced at the Board of Education Sept. 19 meeting that First Federal Lakewood has made a significant commitment of \$692,000 to the Lakewood City Schools. The funds will go toward building an elevated indoor track for student and community use in the new Lakewood High

School athletic wing, which is scheduled to open in Fall 2017. In addition, the bank committed another \$150,000 in matching funds if the school district can raise \$450,000 from other donors. That additional money would go toward building a Community Recreation Facility at Lakewood High School.

"As Lakewood's hometown bank for over 80 years, we're proud to support initiatives that make this a healthy and vibrant community," said Thomas J. Fraser, president and CEO of First Federal Lakewood, a mutual bank owned by its depositors.

Added Superintendent Jeff Patterson: "This proposal matches our 50-year vision of providing more opportunities to bring the community into our buildings. We are extremely grateful to be partnering with First Federal Lakewood on this shared mission." The indoor track is scheduled to be available to students and the community in October 2017.

The 7,000-square-foot Community Recreation Facility is contingent on raising additional funds. First Federal Lakewood will match \$1 for every \$3 raised up to \$150,000. When ready, the facility will be built on top of the current weight room under construction. **continued on page 2**



First Federal Lakewood Senior Vice President Dave Shaw announced the bank's commitment to helping build new Rec facilities at LHS at the Sept. 19 Board of Education meeting.

## Superintendent To Recommend Sale Of Warren Road Property

by Christine Gordillo

Superintendent Jeff Patterson at a joint meeting on September 26 with the Lakewood Board of Education and Lakewood City Council announced that he will recommend to the Board of Education that it sell the property where the Board's administrative offices are at 1470 Warren Road.

Superintendent Patterson also recommended that when the Board property sells, the administrative staff be moved to the former Taft Elementary and that Lakewood City Academy move from Taft to the former Franklin Elementary building. The Board is expected to consider Superintendent Patterson's

recommendation at its October 3 and October 17 meetings.

The selling of Board of Education property is a complex matter that is dictated by state law. The first step is for the Board to adopt a resolution placing the property for sale. From there, notification is sent to the Ohio Department of Education, which then must offer it to sale first to any high-performing charter school in Ohio. If there are no buyers, then the property must be offered next to any start-up charter school in the district, then to any government municipality or offer it at public auction. The entire process before a private sale may be made could take approximately six months.

## Friends Fall Book Sale

by Lisa Calfee

Like that pillowcase full of candy you pour out on the living room rug each Halloween, a Friends of Lakewood Public Library Book Sale is full of new surprises and old favorites. The Fall Friends Book Sale returns Saturday, October 8, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you want to get a jump on the sale, join the Friends and receive entrance to a special, members-only preview sale two days earlier on Thursday, October 6, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. You can join Friends at the door for as little as two dollars. Both sales are located in the Main Library Basement at 15425 Detroit Avenue.

Highlights for the

upcoming sale include a large collection of NEW fiction being housed in the Better Book Room. Books in the Popular Author section of the Bargain Book Room will be sold for half price. It's a great time to stock up on your favorite authors or try something new!

Also available is a framed print of a Marblehead lighthouse, "Moon Shadows" (2000) by Ben Richmond of Port Clinton, OH. A prolific artist, his pieces capture the beauty and history of Lake Erie and are highly sought after by collectors. If you have seen the Ohio Marblehead lighthouse license plate you have seen his work. Richmond designed it at the Ohio Governor's request.

**continued on page 2**

# Lakewood Observer

## Honoring The Fallen: Remembering Terry Scavone



Photo by: Jim O'Bryan

Fire fighters line Detroit Rd. in Terry's honor. He will be deeply missed by many including the entire Lakewood Fire Department where he served for nearly 31 years.



Photo by: Jim O'Bryan

Terry's colleagues from the Lakewood Fire Department give a final salute to one of their own.



Terry Scavone, husband, father, and dedicated member of the Lakewood Fire Department, passed away earlier this month after a battle with cancer. He was 64 years old.

## Superintendent Chat To Focus On School Finances

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood City Schools' first Superintendent Chat of the school year will be a special presentation by Superintendent Jeff Patterson and Treasurer Kent Zeman on the District's current financial condition and how school

funding impacts our students, community, and the District. The event will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 6 pm in the Ranger Café at Lakewood High School. This is a great opportunity to hear how your investment in the public schools is at work!

## First Federal Lakewood To Help Fund Indoor Track, Rec Facility At LHS

continued from page 1

tion at the northeast corner of the high school. The facility will include exercise machines, weights and space for exercise classes.

The Community Recreation Facility will include facilities for education courses on such topics as financial wellness and literacy, entrepreneurship and prevention of elder abuse. The facility would be operated by the school district through its Community Recreation & Education Department

and leadership for such courses would be provided by First Federal Lakewood.

"A specific area of focus for us is enhancing the financial literacy of our community members in all stages of their life – from saving for college or retirement, to starting a business or personal budgeting. Having a greater opportunity to provide ongoing education that will positively impact lives and our community was central to our support of this project," Fraser said.

## Friends Fall Book Sale

continued from page 1

Come browse through a great selection of bestselling authors, classics, poetry, cookbooks, children's books, gardening books, romances, self-help and magazines. There are also CDs for music lovers and DVDs of popular movies for sale. And for any-

one still looking for videocassettes, the Friends have a great collection.

All proceeds benefit the Friends of Lakewood Public Library. The Friends are a great organization, which has supported the Library by providing materials, and funding for programming and services since 1980.

**BENTLEY**  
WEALTH MANAGEMENT OF  
**RAYMOND JAMES®**

**MICHAEL A. BENTLEY**  
Vice President, Investments

Bentley Wealth Management of Raymond James  
159 Crocker Park Blvd, Suite 390 // Westlake, OH 44145  
O 440.801.1629 // C 216.513.0933 // F 440.801.1636  
www.bentleywealthmanagement.com // michael.bentley@raymondjames.com

© 2016 Raymond James & Associates, Inc., member New York Stock Exchange / SIPC. Raymond James® and LIFE WELL PLANNED® are registered trademarks of Raymond James Financial, Inc. 16-BR3AP-0073 TA 04/16

**THE LAKWOOD OBSERVER**

Your Independent Source for Lakewood News & Opinion

Published biweekly with a current circulation of 10,000+ copies. The paper is made available free of charge and can be found at over 130 business locations within the City of Lakewood and on our website. The views and opinions expressed in this publication do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the publisher and staff. Copyright 2016 • AGS/The Lakewood Observer, Inc. All rights reserved. Any reproduction is forbidden without written permission.

The mission of the Lakewood Observer is to attract, articulate, and amplify civic intelligence and community good will in the city of Lakewood and beyond.

**Become an Observer!**

As a product of citizen journalism, The Lakewood Observer is looking for people, ages 3-100, to get involved in the paper and the city. We are looking for volunteer writers, photographers, designers, and illustrators to help with the production of the paper. It does not matter if you are a professional or amateur, our editorial staff will be glad to help you through the process. Register to our website Member Center where you can submit stories, press releases, letters to the editor, photos. No need to register to post online calendar or classified ads.

<b>Upcoming Submission Deadline</b>	<b>Publish Date</b>
October 2, 2016	October 11, 2016
October 16, 2016	October 25, 2016

**www.lakewoodobserver.com – 216.712.7070**  
**14900 Detroit Avenue, Suite 205, Lakewood, OH 44107**

The Lakewood Observer is powered by AGS's:

<b>PUBLISHER</b> Jim O'Bryan	<b>EDITOR IN CHIEF</b> Margaret Brinich	<b>ASSOCIATE EDITOR</b> Betsy Voinovich	<b>ADVERTISING</b> Troy Bratz 216.712.7070
---------------------------------	--	--	--

**ADVISORY BOARD** - Steve Davis, Heidi Hilty, Jeff Endress, Steve Ott, Vince Frantz, Margaret Brinich, Betsy Voinovich

**OBSERVATION DECK BOARD** - Jim O'Bryan, Meg Ostrowski, Heidi Hilty, Vince Frantz, Dan Alaimo, Tom Wagner, Betsy Voinovich

**WEBMASTERS** - Raul Montejo

**ILLUSTRATIONS** - Rob Masek, Jim O'Bryan

**PRODUCTION** - A Graphic Solution, Inc.

**PHOTOGRAPHY** - BIG Photography, Mike Deneen, Christine Gordillo, Steve Meka, Jim O'Bryan, and Elaine Rosenberger.

**CONTRIBUTING WRITERS** - David Anderson, Kathy Augustine, P.J. Bennett, Michael Bentley, Chris Bergin, Matt Bixenstine, Conda Boyd, Jenny Brady, Lisa Calfee, Bill Call, Mike Deneen, Brian Essi, Cassandra Fear, Christine Gordillo, Lisa Hoffman, Amy Kloss, Eric Knapp, John Kompier, Cindy Marx, Valerie Mechenbier, Steve Meka, Pat Miller, Tara Peppard, Tristin Rader, Terri Richards, Kathy Rigdon, Elaine Rosenberger, Amy Smith, Tim Tavcar, John Thebo, Jessica Valsi, Tanya Wagner, and Kevin Young.

**AROUND THE CORNER**  
EATERY  
DRINKERY  
FUNNERY

Book your fundraisers and special events With Us!

Tuesday and Sunday are \$2 Taco Nights  
Best Brunch In Town! Saturdays at 11am & Sunday 9:30am  
Mondays - Buy One, Get One - Black Angus Burgers  
Wednesdays - Try our \$5 Menu!

**18616 Detroit Avenue**  
**216.521.4413 • www.atccafe.com**

## City

# Council Preparing For 2017 Budget Season

by Margaret Brinich

Council President O'Leary called the Monday, September 19th meeting to order and began the meeting with a special moment of silence in honor of State Trooper Kenneth Velez who was struck and killed in the line of duty on I-90 between the McKinley and Warren Rd exits. With all members of council in attendance, the September 6th meeting minutes were disposed of without the necessity of a reading.

### Old Business

**Committee of the Whole (COW), O'Leary (Ward 2):** The COW met immediately prior to the full Council Meeting and focused exclusively on a review of all pending litigation against and/or filed by the City of Lakewood. This was the sole agenda item for COW.

**Finance, Bullock (At-Large):** The focus of Finance Committee has been and continues to be discussing the 2017 budgeting priorities with various members of council bringing their proposed priorities to the committee for review. Finance Committee also reviewed two ordinances that had been referred to committee during the last Council Meeting, i.e. 36-15C and 38-15A. The first of these two ordinances would increase the funding allocated for the City's employee wellness initiative, specifically to purchase FitBits to encourage employee participation in the program. Both proposed ordinances were recommended for passage upon 3rd reading. Finally, Council President O'Leary brought forth two other previously discussed and recommended Finance

related ordinances that were quickly adopted without additional discussion.

**Public Works: Nowlin (At-Large):** The Public Works Committee met and recommended that the full Council authorize the Mayor to participate in the various applicable Ohio Public Works Commission programs to apply for funding for capital projects throughout the city. This resolution was passed unanimously by Council. The committee also discussed initial plans for renovations on the so-called "Skate-House" at Lakewood Park. The administration is working with the Lakewood Historical Society, as they have received a grant to help fund this project.

### New Business

**Citizen's Advisory Committee, O'Leary (Ward 2):** O'Leary appointed Maureen Bach to the CAC.

**2017 Budget Priorities Project, Bullock (At-Large):** Bullock once again outlined the planning process that is taking place in Finance Committee through which members of council are presenting their budget priorities for 2017. This process will finish up at the October 3rd meeting. Councilman O'Leary thanked Bullock for leading this extensive effort to better reflect Council's budget priorities for 2017.

**Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Funding, Police Chief Malley:** Chief Malley requested that Lakewood's D.A.R.E. program be allowed to accept and disperse funds in the amount of \$41,931 from the Ohio Attorney General's office to continue **continued on page 7**

## LakewoodAlive, City Of Lakewood Partner To Host Storefront Renovation 101 Workshop On October 6

by Matt Bixenstine

When a business or building owner succeeds with revitalizing a traditional storefront, the benefits to a neighborhood retail district can be immense, ranging from visual appeal to economic impact to community pride.

LakewoodAlive is pleased to partner with the City of Lakewood to host a Storefront Renovation 101 workshop on Thursday, Oct. 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Mahall's (13200 Madison Avenue in Lakewood). This free workshop for businesses and building owners aims to educate attendees regarding programs and resources available to assist with the storefront renovation process in Lakewood.

The Storefront Renovation 101 workshop seeks to discuss the renovation process from start to finish, affording attendees an honest assessment in order to further businesses and building owners' understanding of the programs available in Lakewood. Key players with varying roles and perspectives on

storefront renovation will offer insight into the process.

Our panelists for Storefront Renovation 101 consist of:

- Paul Beegan, Beegan Architecture
- Frank Scalish, Scalish Construction
- Bryce Sylvester, City of Lakewood
- Colin McEwen, Mahalls

"Ongoing commercial property revitalization has proven advantageous for businesses and neighborhoods alike, and there are resources available in Lakewood to incentivize those who undertake storefront renovation projects," said Allison Urbanek, Housing Outreach Director for LakewoodAlive. "We encourage businesses and building owners to attend our free workshop on October 6th to learn more about the opportunities at their disposal."

This free workshop is intended solely for businesses and building owners. A cash bar will be available at Mahall's. For more information, please contact Allison at [aurbanek@lakewoodalive.org](mailto:aurbanek@lakewoodalive.org) or 216-521-0655.

## Scheduled service checks make life run smoother.

Servicing your home comfort system is like servicing your car. The more you take care of it, the better it runs and the happier you are.



— RECEIVE UP TO —

**\$1,600 IN REBATES  
WITH 9.99% FINANCING\***

with the purchase of a qualifying Lennox® home comfort system.

OR

**UP TO 60 MONTHS  
NO INTEREST FINANCING\*\***



**Slife Heating & Cooling, Inc.**

(216) 221-0310

13729 Madison Avenue  
Lakewood, OH 44107  
[slifevac@sbcglobal.net](mailto:slifevac@sbcglobal.net)

OH Lic #16431  
Offer expires 11/25/2016.

\*On a qualifying system purchase. Lennox system rebate offers range from \$275 to \$1,600. Some restrictions apply. One offer available per qualifying purchase. See your local Lennox Dealer or [www.lennox.com](http://www.lennox.com) for details. \*\*See your local Lennox Dealer or [www.lennox.com](http://www.lennox.com) for details. Some restrictions apply.  
©2016 Lennox Industries Inc. Lennox Dealers include independently owned and operated businesses.

## City

# Draw The Lines, Make The Rules

by Conda Boyd

Democrats do it. Republicans do it. Independents would do it if they could, but they seldom get the chance. In 1812, when Massachusetts Governor Gerry redrew state senate districts to benefit his party, one Boston-area district was dubbed a salamander. Since 2011, our Northwest Ohio district has been called "the snake by the lake." Either way, it's called gerrymandering.

If you're interested in politics, come to the Westshore Unitarian Universalist Church, 20401 Hilliard Blvd in Rocky River on Friday October 7 at 7 p.m. David Daley, editor of Salon magazine and author of "Ratf\*\*ked: The True Story Behind the Secret Plan to Steal America's Democracy," will explain what was different about the latest gerrymander, and what it will take to draw new lines in Ohio and other states.

The Westshore Social Action Committee and the League of Women Voters (LWV) are co-spon-

soring this free lecture. The LWV neither supports nor opposes candidates or political parties, but it does advocate on public policy positions.

Since 1980, LWV-Ohio has advocated for redistricting by bipartisan commission with citizen participation to achieve congressional and state

legislative districts that are compact, contiguous, bounded by a non-intersecting line, and follow local political boundaries as much as possible.

## Westshore Council Of Governments (WCOG) Meeting September 14, 2016

by LWVGC observer Conda Boyd  
(Bay Village)

*This report is not an official statement of the League of Women Voters. Mayor Bobst's office prepares official minutes.*

**Present:** Mayors Bobst (Rocky River), Patton (Fairview Park), and Kennedy (North Olmsted)

**Absent:** Mayors Clough (Westlake), Summers (Lakewood), and Sutherland (Bay Village)

Director of Regional Collaboration Ed Krause, Director of Public Safety & Justice Services Brandy Carney, and Director of Regional Corrections Ken Mills spoke about the value of consolidating police, fire, and EMS

dispatch services within and across city lines. Centralized dispatch, now the national standard, changes the dynamics of responding to and resolving crimes and emergencies. Rather than transferring calls among agencies, all required services are marshaled at once. County Councilman Dave Greenspan noted that decreased response times translate to lower homeowner's insurance.

Rocky River's police facility renovation offers an opportunity to create a shared facility. The county helped fund an eastside consolidation and is open to discussing a westside project. Ms. Carney stated that consolidation always brings cost savings, and dispatch must be the first step. October's WCOG meeting will continue the discussion with police and fire chiefs present.

Officials from Cleveland Hopkins Airport and the Federal Aviation Administration discussed the Metroplex project (described in an accompanying article).

Rocky River Municipal Court has lost grant funding for domestic

violence advocacy services and is seeking a new fee proportional to cities' case numbers. Ms. Carney noted that services are also available through the county's Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center.

Councilman Greenspan announced that the county makes portable cameras available to cities without charge for special events and short-term use. The county will sell foreclosures to a debt collector.

Mayors Patton and Bobst described upcoming recycling and shredding events. The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District awards grants to promote recycling. Their website, CuyahogaRecycles.org, is robust and engaging, with comprehensive information on what, how, and where to recycle and donate items.

Bay Village Law Director Gary Ebert will circulate a new draft Westshore Enforcement Bureau/WCOG agreement. The Republican National Convention agreement was never signed.

*The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m. and adjourned at 11:50 a.m.*

## WCOG Mayors Host Metroplex Project Discussion

by LWVGC observer Conda Boyd  
(Bay Village)

Satellite navigation is coming to Cleveland-Detroit airspace as part of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) NextGen Metroplex project. Most airplanes already navigate with GPS, but their routes are defined by land-based "navigation aids." Satellite navigation will free routes from these physical constraints and enable the FAA to draw new, more efficient highways in the sky. Benefits include fuel, personnel, and time savings; increased safety, flexibility, capacity, and reliability; and reduced carbon dioxide emissions.

Hopkins, Burke Lakefront, and Cuyahoga County airports are included in the project. Arrival flight paths are constrained by existing runways. Departure paths are more flexible, offering the opportunity for planes to get on route more quickly.

The FAA is seeking public input now in order to incorporate community concerns before the design is complete and the environmental impact is assessed. Three community meetings have been held, and comments will be accepted until October 15 through <http://www.faa.gov/nextgen/>

communityengagement/cle/. The FAA will present the completed design for further comments. Implementation is targeted for mid-2018.

FAA Regional Administrator Barry Cooper, co-Project Lead Ron Wood, Cleveland Hopkins Interim Director Fred Szabo, and Community Relations Manager Jacqueline Muhammad sought westside mayors' input at the September 14 Westshore Council of Governments (WCOG) meeting.

Mr. Wood noted that Cleveland's airspace has been stable for a number of years. They will try to minimize low-altitude changes, but departures may fan out more. Whenever possible, residential impact is minimized by making turns over Lake Erie and routing planes over the Cuyahoga Valley and highways.

Legal consultant Dave Matty stated that any move of air traffic toward the western suburbs, "Would be a disaster. Things are quiet now, and that's the way we like it." Planes should turn neither too soon, nor too sharply.

Mayors Bobst and Patton noted that they encourage residents to use Hopkins Airport's complaint process, and airport officials have been responsive to community concerns.

## Rep. Antonio Reacts To Denial Of Ohio's Medicaid Waiver Application

*Waiver would have left 125,000 Ohioans without insurance each year*

by Jessica Valsi

Ohio House Health and Aging Ranking Member and State Representative Nickie J. Antonio (D-Lakewood) released the following statement on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) denial of the state's request to charge premiums for Ohio's Medicaid Program, regardless of age. The federal decision cited concerns that such charges undermine access to coverage and the affordability of care, and do not support the objectives of the Medicaid program.

"On behalf of the thousands of low-income parents, foster care youth and beneficiaries with breast and cervical cancer, I am pleased to hear of the CMS decision to deny Ohio's special demonstration project waiver application, which would have imposed additional premiums for those insured by Medicaid or Medicare," said Antonio. "In the denial letter, CMS officials identified the same concerns that House Democratic lawmakers noted as fundamental flaws in the request



Minority Whip Nickie J. Antonio

to change Ohio's Medicaid program by requiring premiums and excluding individuals from care indefinitely if they failed to pay premiums and all arrears premium payments. I hope this decision is a step toward evidence-based policy solutions that aim to improve the overall health of our state and all of its citizens."

**The Lakewood Observer Serving Lakewood Residents & Businesses Best, For 10 Years**

**In Print & Online**

**And Now In 20 Other Communities!**

**Isn't it time you joined with this history making, award winning project?**



**CALL 216.712.7070 TODAY!**

# **“Lakewood Hospital Is NOT CLOSING”**

**Mayor Michael P. Summer, January, 2015**

A Lie! He Had Been Working On A Plan To “Close Lakewood Hospital” Since 2010

**“WAR IS PEACE.  
FREEDOM IS SLAVERY.  
IGNORANCE IS STRENGTH.”**

**GEORGE ORWELL**

**LAKWOODITES NEED TO WATCH  
OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS.  
NOW MORE THAN EVER!**

**CITY HALL RELEASE  
THE DOCUMENTS  
NOW!**



**Support Lakewoodites' Right To Know The Facts!**

**Support the Lakewood Observer**

**[www.lakewoodobserver.com](http://www.lakewoodobserver.com)**

**Isn't It Time You Joined The Discussion at: [www.lakewoodobserver.com/forum](http://www.lakewoodobserver.com/forum)**

# Lakewood Public Library

## Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

### Thursday, September 29

#### Author Event - "My Life, My Letters & My Loves: Exploring an Ordinary Life" by Alida Henriette Struze

Describing the life of 94-year-old Alida Henriette Struze, this book contains 65 Christmas letters. Each letter provides a peek into Alida's life, as well as a snapshot of history, especially of Cleveland and Lakewood. She also shares a forbidden romance. Joseph Meissner, a Cleveland-based attorney, will introduce Ms. Struze. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

### Saturday, October 1

#### Film - "To Have and Have Not" (1944)

Charter fishing boat captain Humphrey Bogart and inebriated sidekick Walter Brennan dock on Vichy-controlled Martinique with a job of transporting a Free French resistance leader and his wife. Bogart and lounge singer Lauren Bacall begin a romance. While headed back to port, Bogart's vessel takes fire from a patrol cruiser. The police ply Brennan with drinks. Does loyalty succumb to liquor?

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

### Sunday, October 2

#### Performance - Richard McClendon Jr.

Richard McClendon mixes amazement and wonder with magical illusions to give your brain a workout. Richard will amaze, fascinate and deliver mind-blowing wonderment with his magical illusions.

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

### Tuesday, October 4

#### Discussion - Personal Privacy

Does the government get to interfere in personal privacy? Topics will include controversial issues of gene mapping, right to life, right to die, marriage partners, and religion verses discrimination in business practices.

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

### Wednesday, October 5

#### Lakewood Historical Society - East Fourth Street: The Rise, Decline, and Rebirth of an Urban Cleveland Street

Once home to Cleveland's finest theater, two major food markets and numerous five-and-dime stores, 4th Street fell into disrepair. Yet, this historic thoroughfare found new life and today is the coolest place in Cleveland. Speaker Alan Dutka is the author of several books on the most colorful neighborhoods of Cleveland's past.

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

### Thursday, October 6

#### Talk - Humanizing Healthcare

Patients who actively participate in their care in partnership with their health care providers are more likely to have positive outcomes. Dr. Georganne Vartorella and Mary Osburn will talk about trends in research, technology, and explain ways for patients and their families to navigate the system to maximize their health care experiences.

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

### Friends Preview Sale

Join the Friends and receive entrance to special, members-only preview sales on Thursday, October 6 and Thursday, December 1 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Memberships may be purchased at the door for as little as \$2.00.

6:00 p.m. in the Main Friends Book Sale Room

### Saturday, October 8

#### Friends Fall Book Sale

Friends Fall Book sale from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m. in the Main Friends Book Sale Room

### Film - "Bob Roberts" (1992)

Bob Roberts (Tim Robbins) is a conservative Republican candidate for the U. S. Senate, running against incumbent Democrat Brickley Paiste (Gore Vidal). Tim Robbins not only plays the title character, but also wrote and directed the film. Terry Meehan continues his series on political movies, introducing each film with original documentaries, followed by audience reaction and a lively discussion.

6:00 p.m. Main Library Auditorium

### Sunday, October 9

#### Concert - Brian Henke

Brian Henke draws his inspiration from the world around him. An avid hiker, he often brings his guitar along to create a spontaneous response to his outdoor settings. Henke's eight solo albums celebrate nature—the sunset at the Grand Canyon, playful waterfalls, the magic of a fireside, the feeling of the wind.

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

### Tuesday, October 11

#### Discussion - Sports Stadium Financing: A Public Policy Forum

#### Moderated by Pete Krouse

Sometimes a worn out old ball park can be more beloved by the community than the teams that play there. But who should pay for the construction and maintenance of these public places? When do we tear down and start from scratch? These questions and more will be presented by Pete Krouse, a member of The Plain Dealer's editorial board, to a distinguished panel of experts.

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

## Library Pays Tribute To A Dear Friend

by Elaine Rosenberger

Lakewood Public Library was saddened to learn of the death, on August 28, 2016, of longtime Friend of the Library, Mary Frances Boyer.

Born in North Dakota, Mary moved to Lakewood as a child and lived on Maile Avenue. She graduated from Lakewood High School in 1941. Mary met her future husband, James Boyer (LHS 1939), at Franklin Ice Cream Shop in Lakewood. They married on October 23, 1942, had seven children, and lived on Bunts Avenue.

Mary's many fond memories of growing up in Lakewood include taking a wagon with her younger brother, Nick, to the corner store to buy groceries and eating a lot of corn flakes during the Depression.



Mary and Library Director, James Crawford

Mary's varied interests included books, dancing, astrology, and the music of Prince, whom she saw in concert twenty-five times. She began volunteering as a Friend of Lakewood Public Library in 1983 and continued volunteering for thirty-three years, sorting books three days a week and volunteering at every book sale.

## Award-Winning Young Adult Novelist To Speak At Library

by Amy Kloss

Novelist, blogger, mentor and an expert on lobotomies, Mindy McGinnis is also a librarian who claims knowing the Dewey Decimal system by heart as her superpower. She should feel right at home on Thursday, October 13, when she visits the Lakewood Public Library to discuss her gothic historical thriller, "A Madness So Discreet."

McGinnis, a graduate of Otterbein College, has published five young adult novels. She's also an active blogger and a mentor for other writers who need help navigating the publishing world. Hard work and persistence have paid off for McGinnis. Her post-apocalyptic novel,

"Not a Drop to Drink," has been optioned for film by the author of "Twilight," and "A Madness So Discreet" won the 2016 Edgar Award for Young Adult Fiction.

"A Madness So Discreet" opens in a Boston insane asylum in 1890, where teenager Grace Mae has been condemned to live until her baby is born. At that time, asylum inmates were often not mentally disturbed, but were simply inconvenient, embarrassing or unwanted. Grace has been damaged by her own father, but she is not insane. A doctor recognizes the potential in her photographic memory and quick mind and allows her to escape to Ohio, where she assists him in his study

continued on page 13

## Children & Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

### Saturday, October 1 and Sunday, October 2

#### Clay Monster Magnets

#### For students in sixth through twelfth grade

Make creepy monster magnets out of polymer clay and other objects – just be sure you can attend both days! Registration required.

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

### Sunday, October 2

#### 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.

### Mondays, October 3 – November 14

#### Art Explosion

#### For students in fifth through eighth grade

Learn about different artists in this six-week program, then experiment with your own style to show off at a special culminating art show. Registration required.

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Main Library First Floor Multipurpose Room. Art Show takes place Saturday, November 19, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### Saturday, October 8

#### Tail Waggin' Tutors

#### For school-age children

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

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

# Lakewood Schools

## Help LREF Support Lakewood Schools This Fall

by Terri Richards

**Hall of Fame induction ceremony, Thursday September 29, at 7 p.m. at the Civic**

The hometown heroes being inducted into the 2016 Distinguished, Athletic and Staff Halls of Fame are: Liz Maugans '85, Alicia Metcalf Miller '57 (posthumous induction), Kevin Miller '75 and Richard Teare '54 in the Distinguished Alumni category; Nils Antonio '81, Brian Karpel '99, Jon Pressnell 2000 and Coach Neil Skinner (posthumous) in the Athletic category and Carol Anderson (posthumous), Bert Fassett, Gil Fritzsche and Marty Huxtable Harris '58 in the Staff cat-

egory. Dessert reception immediately following the ceremony. Free and open to the public.

**Homecoming Pre-Game Tailgate Party, Friday September 30th**

On sale through our website and at the LHS bookroom! \$25 per person, \$50 for a family of 4 (2 adults, 2 children under age 16), gets you a ticket to see our Rangers play Avon, and food and beverages at the party!

**Homecoming fundraiser raffle to support LREF programs that benefit Lakewood students at the elementary, middle school and high school levels**

The winner of an EAT LOCAL GIFT CARD BUNDLE worth \$1000

will be drawn at halftime at the homecoming game. For \$25, you get a chance to win gift cards for 17 different local places: Aladdins, Alley Cats, Angelos, Beer Engine, Cleveland Vegan, Deagans, Don's Lighthouse, Forage, Georgetown, KB Confections, Mars Bar, Melt, Merwins Wharf, Pier W, Sarita, Taco Tontos and Yuzu. Only a limi-

ted amount of tickets will be sold so chances of winning this fabulous package are awesome! Need not be present to win. Tickets onsale through our website, [www.lakewoodrangers.com](http://www.lakewoodrangers.com) (go to the Ranger shop page) or at our office, Rm. 202 Garfield School. For more information on any of these events, please contact LREF at 216-529-4033.

## Spirit Parade Set For Sept. 30

by Christine Gordillo

The annual Lakewood City Schools' Spirit Parade will kick off Homecoming Weekend on Friday, Sept. 30. The parade will step off from Lakewood Park at 5:30 pm and march its way through Lakewood to the North Lot at Lakewood High

School. The parade is a great showcase of the district's sports teams, clubs and organizations from elementary, middle and high school. The Rangers football game vs. Avon will cap off the evening at First Federal of Lakewood Stadium with kickoff at 7 pm.

## LCA To Be Recognized At National Philanthropy Day Celebration

by Tanya Wagner

Lakewood Catholic Academy will be presented with the Youth Group in Philanthropy Award at the National Philanthropy Day celebration on November 4, 2016 at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel. If you're downtown the evening of November 4th, you'll see the Terminal Tower lit blue and gold in honor of the event, which has become a cherished annual tradition in the lives of area philanthropists and fundraisers. Approximately 500 attendees enjoy the opportunity to hear inspiring stories of the dedication and spirit of the award recipients and the mission-driven work that they support.

Each year the Association of Fundraising Professionals Greater Cleveland Chapter's members nominate and select award recipients in 7 categories. This year's recipients and nominators are:

**Philanthropist Leadership Award:** Kathy C. & James R. Pender (Co-nominated by: Jack Stinedurf, Beech Brook & Leanne Dewyer, Playhouse Square);

**Corporate Leadership Award:** Citizens Bank (Nominated by: Michael Bennett, Cleveland Leadership Center);

**Foundation Leadership Award:** Richard J. Fasenmyer Foundation (Nominated by: Carrie Henning, Cleveland Clinic);

**Outstanding Fundraising Volunteer Award:** Michael Goler (Nominated by: Laura Frye, Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center);

**Youth in Philanthropy Award:** Marcia Brown (Nominated by: Sue Starrett, Shaker Schools Foundation);

**Youth Group in Philanthropy Award:** Lakewood Catholic Academy (Nominated by: Nikki Mohar, Lakewood Catholic Academy);

**Outstanding Fundraising Professional Award:** Karen Kannenberg, CFRE (Nominated by: Joan Palumbo, The Free Medical Clinic of Greater Cleveland).

Interested in attending the event and celebrating with the LCA students? Visit <http://www.afpcleveland.org/npd> for information and tickets.

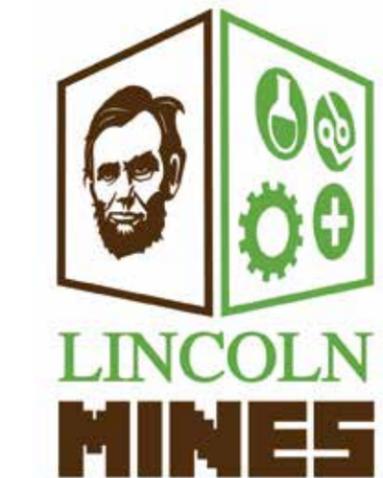
## Lincoln Mines Returns November 12th

by Amy Smith

Lincoln MINES returns to Lakewood on Saturday, November 12, 2016. Lincoln MINES takes popular video games and transforms them into hands on learning experiences. Attendees will experience 5 hours of activities for one admission price. Last year this event entertained over 600 attendees with Hands on Gaming, Minecraft Kids Talks, Crafts, Science and so much more.

Lincoln MINES provides several areas for learning about Minecraft and gaming. Kids Talks create a forum for novices to experts to talk Minecraft. Combat, Transportation and Mods are a few of the Kids Talks topics for kids led by kids. Minecraft Play sessions create four unique hands on play experiences for the Minecraft PC Edition. Each gaming session focuses on essential skills for successful game play.

The fun expands beyond the Minecraft theme. Hands on experience continues with science stations, make and take crafts, LEGO building and learn to code sessions. Games Done Legit Gaming Rooms provide access to current and throwback video games. The Dance Party gives you a space to get your groove on. You can shake rattle and roll your way to a



good time.

The event is presented by the Lincoln Elementary PTA. Funds raised directly support PTA programs like teacher grants, extracurricular clubs, technology upgrades, field trips, assemblies and so much more.

The event is Saturday, Nov 12, 2016 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Harding Middle School (16601 Madison Ave) in Lakewood, Ohio.

Tickets are on sale now. Go to [www.lincolnmines.com](http://www.lincolnmines.com) to purchase and learn more. Purchase Student Tickets by September 30th and save \$5. Student Tickets (5-17 years) are \$15 and \$8 for Adults. Children under 5 are free.

## Council Preparing For 2017 Budget Season

continued from page 3

the program in the schools. As accepting the funds was a time sensitive matter, the request was fast-tracked and adopted at first reading by a unanimous vote of council.

**Shoreline Protection, Director Beno:** The Winton Place Condominiums has requested assistance with shoreline protection for the property's northern border with Lake Erie. This request is similar to other concerns recently reviewed regarding erosion for lakefront properties and was referred to Public Works Committee for further discussion.

Liquor Permits, O'Malley (Ward 4): A liquor permit change was requested and approved for East End Market.

There was no one signed up for public comment at the meeting, so O'Leary asked the administration for any announcements. Fire Chief Gilman had the sad duty of announcing the passing of a 31-year active duty fireman with Lakewood, Terry Scavone. Councilman O'Leary expressed Council's condolences to the Scavone family and to the Lakewood Fire Department for the loss of such a valued friend and colleague.

With no further announcements, the meeting was adjourned.

**\*\*\*NOW YOU CAN\*\*\***  
**Rent A Husband**  
**Handy Man Services**

**Painting**  
**Gutter Cleaning \$80-\$85**  
**Drywall, Plastering**  
**Electrical/Plumbing**  
**Window Repair**  
**Porch/Steps Repair**  
**Garage Door Repair**  
**Deck/Home Pressure**  
**Washing**

And all those jobs and repairs that you never had the time or talent to do yourself!  
 (Building code violation correctors)  
 Call: **Rich Toth at 440-777-8353**

**18514 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, OH 44107**  
**phone: 216-521-7684**  
**fax: 216-521-9518**

**West End Tavern presents:**

**"Saturday Bloody Mary Bar"**  
 Create Your Own - 11 a.m.  
**Serving Breakfast/Lunch**  
 featuring our famous  
**Gourmet Meatloaf Stack and Savory Pot Roast**  
**Voted Best Hamburger On The Northcoast!**

**"Sunday Brunch"**  
 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
**A 20-Year Lakewood Tradition**  
**Eggs Benedict • Eggs Sardoux • Stuffed French Toast • Pot Roast Hash**  
**Omelets • Fritatas • and more!**  
 featuring our famous  
**"Mega Mimosas"**

# Lakewood Schools

## Trio of National Merit Semifinalists Leads LHS Academic All-Stars List

by Christine Gordillo

Each September brings announcements of stellar academic achievements accomplished by high school students in the previous school year. And each September, Lakewood High School has always been well represented, this year is no different. Our latest academic stars include three National Merit Semifinalists, two National Merit Commended Scholars and 67 AP Scholars, including six National AP Scholars.

Leading the way is LHS' three National Merit Semifinalists: seniors Ian Bell, Rachel Daso and William Horschke. More than 1.6 million students in over 22,000 high schools entered the National Merit Scholarship Corporation competition, with 16,000 top scorers named Semifinalists. Students enter the competition by taking the PSAT their junior year. Semifinalists represent less than 1% of U. S. high school seniors and are the highest scoring entrants in their state. Lakewood High's four Semifinalists are now eligible to continue on in the competition in hopes of being named a Finalist and receiving one of more than 7,500 scholarships to be awarded in the spring.



Front row, from left: National Merit Semifinalists Rachel Daso, Ian Bell and William Horschke. Back row: National Merit Commended Scholars Evan Suttell and Rhianna Zuby.

In addition to LHS' four Semifinalists, seniors Evan Suttell and Rhianna Zuby were named National Merit Commended Scholars for placing among the top 5% of PSAT participants. Although these Scholars will not continue in the Scholarship competition, students named Commended Scholars have demonstrated

outstanding academic potential by their strong performance in this highly competitive program.

In addition to LHS' National Merit honorees, a number of members from the Classes of 2016 and 2017 have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the Advanced Placement Exams taken each spring.

**National AP Scholar**, an award earned by averaging at least a 4 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams:

**Class of 2016:** Amanda Cabot, Zeke Dalisky, Robert Fehrenbach, Zakat Inak, Jonathan Pizzo and James Toner.

**AP Scholars with Distinction**, an award earned by averaging at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these

exams:

**Class of 2016:** Evan Aldrich, Claire Black, Emily Brown, Amanda Cabot, Zeke Dalisky, Robert Fehrenbach, Alexander Figueroa, Adam Giffels, Alex Grunder, Nicole Harris, Zakat Inak, Jonathan Lasko, Justice Marks, Fox Milenski, David Miller, Jonathan Pizzo, James Toner, Alexandra Tubbs

**Class of 2017:** Ian Bell, Rachel Daso, Zachary Dudzik, Lauren Klann, Muayad Shahin, Evan Suttell

**AP Scholars with Honor** earn their recognition by averaging at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams:

**Class of 2016:** Benjamin Bulchik, Christin Donahoe, Leslie Kopan, Evan Levis, Katelyn Martin, Abigail Norman, Sage Petrone, Abraham Roos

**Class of 2017:** Kent Adams, Maya Ariza, Henry Bish, Ryan Detwiler, William Horschke, Kelley Reis, Micah Swartz, Rhianna Zuby

**AP Scholars**, is an award earned by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are:

**Class of 2016:** Gabriel Antos, Rose Beisel-Linn, Juliet Belardo, Olivia Berger, Haylee Campbell, Timothy Einhouse, Aoife Fox, Atticus Kenny, Grace Lavelle, Tess Marjanovic, Kathleen McHugh, Caroline Northrop, Alexandria Olsen, Makito Otsuka, Catherine Schleckman, Predrag Troca, Corahgan Whipple, Daniel Williams

**Class of 2017:** Hanna Chodzin, Veronica Kress, Lauren Lowell, Ethan Nieves-Stames, Hannah Salo, Caleigh Sheehan, Abigail Stone, Stephen Zanghi

**Class of 2018:** Damien Jouriles

**Where only the best will do**



**15613 Detroit Ave., Lakewood**  
**www.menscutslakewood.com**  
**(440) 799-8887**  
 M - W 12-8, Th 11-7, Fri - Sat 9-5, Sun closed



## Come join us for our CANDIDATES FORUM



Take this opportunity to meet the candidates, learn more about their platforms, and ask questions. Commissioner and House, Judges and Local Candidates have been invited.

Open to the public • Light refreshments will be served.

**Dates & Times:**

- North Olmsted**, 4800 Clague Rd. - **Sept. 21 at 3 p.m.** in 3rd Floor Community Room
- Bay Village**, 605 Bradley Rd. - **Oct. 6 at 12 p.m.** in Main Lobby
- North Ridgeville**, 38600 Center Ridge Rd. - **Oct. 11 at 2 p.m.** in Assisted Living Dining Room
- Fairview**, 20770 Lorain Rd. - **Oct. 12 at 1 p.m.** in South Dining Room
- Lakewood**, 13900 Detroit Ave. - **Oct. 25 at 2 p.m.** in Assisted Living Building, 4th Floor Community Room

**O'Neill Healthcare**

For more information call (440) 808-5500 or visit [ONeillHC.com](http://ONeillHC.com)

## Sports

### Ranger Rally Falls Short

# Lakewood Falls 28-27 In Thriller

by Mike Deneen

What started out as a lopsided game turned into a nail-biter between the Lakewood and North Olmsted football teams. Lakewood stormed back from a 28-0 first half deficit to nearly pull off one of the biggest comebacks in program history. The Rangers showed tremendous heart and effort, but were unable to notch their first win of the season.

The game started very poorly for Lakewood, which played without key defensive starters Kevin Musai (injured) and Blake Setta (one game suspension). The Eagles quickly exploited the Ranger defense, scoring touchdowns on each of its first four offensive possessions. To make matters worse, the Ranger offense failed to sustain any drives, resulting in a 28-0 North Olmsted lead halfway through the second quarter. The Eagles dominated every aspect of the game, with senior running back Christopher Jones scoring three touchdowns with over 100 rushing yards in the first half. It seemed a mere formality that North Olmsted would extend the lead to thirty points, thereby enacting the OHSAA "running clock" rule and allowing the Homecoming crowd to go home early to watch the Indians baseball game on television.

However, the Rangers settled down



Coach Ribar speaks to the team after the heartbreaking 28-27 loss to North Olmsted.

on both sides of the ball. The defense stopped North Olmsted on its final two drives of the first half, keeping the margin within 30. The Rangers received the second half kickoff, and the offense put together one of its best drives of the season. They drove 63 yards on 15 plays, capped by a five yard touchdown run from Joe Byczek. The drive took over six minutes, but it cut the lead to 28-7. Eagle fans realized that the running clock was not going to kick in, but they still felt comfortable with the lead.

North Olmsted failed to move the ball on its next drive, then attempted

a fake punt from its own 25 yard line. Ranger senior Sean Wiggins snuffed out the attempt, giving the Rangers great field position at the Eagle 29 yard line. Six plays later, senior running back Quentin Palmer ran in a six yard touchdown to cut the lead to 28-14 with 1:35 left in the third quarter. Ranger fans were beginning to sense a momentum change, as Palmer began wearing down the North Olmsted defense during the second half. Junior defensive lineman Jared Naida stepped on the next Eagle possession, getting a big sack and helping senior Tommy Paul to stop another fake punt attempt. That turnover gave the ball to Lakewood at the North Olmsted 45 yard line. After a couple of hard Quentin Palmer runs, quarterback Austin Mahar hit Sean Wiggins with a 29 yard touchdown pass. Junior kicker Attila Nagy made his third extra point kick of the night, cutting the lead to 28-21 with 8:40 left in the game. With each score, Ranger fans and players gained more confidence, and the energy level rose with each play. The Eagle fans that previously expected the "running clock" were now just hoping to escape with a win.

After giving up a few first downs, the Ranger defense held on the next drive, forcing a North Olmsted punt. The Eagles made a beautiful punt, forcing the Rangers to start the next

drive from their own 5 yard line. Ranger quarterback Mahar faced an Elway-size challenge, trying to move 95 yards to tie the game with only 3:37 left on the clock. Lakewood quickly moved down the field, first with a 37 yard pass from Mahar to Wiggins on a key third down. Three plays later, Mahar threw a pass to Palmer, who carried the ball (and some Eagle defenders) 38 yards to the North Olmsted three yard line. On the next play, Palmer scored a three yard touchdown, making the score 28-27 with 1:55 left in the game. Ranger fans went berserk, jumping and screaming louder than any point during the season.

Rather than attempt an extra point to tie the game, Coach Mike Ribar chose to run a two point conversion play to take the lead. It was a bold call, but understandable since Lakewood was riding a wave of momentum. Mahar took the snap, then attempted a Tebow-style "jump pass" into the endzone, but the play was broken up. The Rangers trailed 28-27, but weren't dead yet. They attempted an onside kick, but the Eagles recovered it at the 50 yard line. The Ranger defense came up big again, forcing another punt with less than a minute to go.

The Rangers had one last chance to take the lead. They started their final drive at their own 40 yard line with 23 seconds left to go in the game. They hit their first pass play to Wiggins, moving the ball into Eagle territory with 16 seconds left. Fans were on the edge of their seats, waiting to see if the Rangers had another big play left. Mahar completed his next pass, but the attempted lateral was fumbled and North Olmsted got the ball back with 11 seconds to go. They held on for the win, giving Eagle fans a sigh of relief.

Lakewood fell to 0-5 with the loss, and now looks to Friday's home game against Avon. The 7 p.m. kickoff is part of Lakewood High School's Homecoming celebration, which will include the annual Homecoming Parade. Avon will be the first of back-to-back home games, as the Rangers will host Westlake on October 7 at First Federal Lakewood Stadium.

## Outdoor Hoops Return At Lakewood Schools

by Mike Deneen

The recent reconstruction at Grant, Roosevelt, and Lincoln Schools didn't just deliver shiny new buildings. Their new playgrounds included something not seen at Lakewood Schools for many years -- outdoor basketball hoops. Kids around Lakewood have welcomed the addition of a half court hoop at each of these locations. Previous to the reconstruction, Lakewood Park and Wagar Park were the only locations in town that offered public outdoor hoops.

"Kids need a place to play for free. Some kids can't afford the Y pass," said Christian Macano, a student at Lakewood High School. Eleana Murphy, an 8th grader at Garfield, agreed. "There's really nowhere for kids my age to go." To learn more about the issue of outdoor basketball hoops in Lakewood, visit the Lakewood Outdoor Basketball Committee (LOBC) website at [www.lobc.org](http://www.lobc.org).



These three youngsters enjoy playing basketball at Lincoln's new hoop.

## Carabel Beauty Salon & Store

Add some personality to your ponytail with a new hair color, whisper trim with bangs, hair jewelry or a new scrunchie.

Call for an appointment for best service.  
Free Private Parking. Check with Id or cash

15309 Madison Avenue • 216.226.8616



Roman Fountain is one of the most well-known and loved pizzeria in Lakewood, Ohio. Roman Fountain has been serving up pizza since the mid 1950's with award winning pizza, calzone, stromboli, subs, pasta, wings, and salads.

Whether carryout or delivery, we provide your family with the freshest of toppings (over 25 to choose from) on our pizza. With dough and sauce made daily from our own recipe and freshly grated blend of mozzarella & provolone cheese, we provide a great pizza for you and your family

At Roman Fountain you can find all your favorites:

- Pizza
- Calzones
- Stromboli
- Salads
- Pasta
- Subs
- Wings
- Appetizers
- Desserts
- Dinners

To see our menu or coupons please go to  
[www.romanfountain.com](http://www.romanfountain.com)  
Or stop by at  
15603 Detroit Ave  
Near the corner of Lakeland Ave

Call us at 216-221-6633

# Lakewood Cares

## Soggy Superheroes Dash Through Lakewood

by Kathy Rigdon

Over 250 runners, walkers and rollers (participants in wheelchairs and hand cycles) braved the rain and helped raise funds for children with physical disabilities in the Youth Challenge Superhero Dash. The 31st Annual Race Day took place on Saturday, September 17, at Lakewood Park. The event was dedicated in memory of Dave Hardman, former President of the Youth Challenge Board of Trustees.

Runners along with Youth Challenge families and friends—many dressed as Superheroes—ran or walked in the 5K and 1 Mile Walk/Roll. Over \$10,000 was raised to support the free programs Youth Challenge offers to hundreds of young people in Northeast Ohio.



Runners, walkers and rollers get ready to compete in the Youth Challenge Superhero Dash.

“The Superhero Dash is a great event for the community, our participants and volunteers,” said Ken

Kasler, Youth Challenge Chief of Operations & Program Oversight. “The YC kids always love dressing up

as superheroes and competing in the race, even in the rain.”

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

American Tank & Fabricating, First Federal Lakewood, Linda & Doug Hardman, The Krueger Group, Medial Mutual, National Associates, Inc., and Oatey Foundation sponsored the Superhero Dash. Vitamix, Giant Eagle and Nature’s Bin provided food and water for the runners at the finish line.

Visit [youthchallengesports.com](http://youthchallengesports.com) to see Superhero Dash photos and race results.

## Free Produce Distribution Returns To St. Edward

by Mike Deneen

St. Edward High School brought back its free produce distribution program, as over two tons of fruit and veggies were given away last Wednesday. St. Edward students, faculty, alumni, and friends bagged and distributed the items in front of the school. Seventy-seven families were served, and the school hopes to grow that number at next month’s event.

The program was launched last

spring. Richard Kubrak, Director of Service and Outreach at the school, approached the Lakewood Community Services Center (LCSC) seeking another way to help those in need here in Lakewood. LCSC indicated that a free produce distribution would benefit families and people facing financial difficulties. St. Edward then partnered with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, which provides the produce.

September’s distribution included: 680 pounds of apples; a half ton of beets; 952 pounds of cauliflower; 1,000 pounds of onions; 930 pounds of tomatoes; and 1,200 pounds of sweet potatoes. 25 volunteers handled the event. There are two more distributions scheduled for 2016: Wednesday, October 19, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, November 16, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Please help spread the word!



Students bagging the produce during September’s distribution.



Making life simple...  
Catering from  
Italian Creations

**216-226-2282**

16104 Hilliard Road • Lakewood  
[www.ItalianCreation.com](http://www.ItalianCreation.com)

Italian and Classical American Cuisine

**HOME ALONE  
PET SITTING, INC.**



In Home Pet Care  
While You Are Away  
Experienced

Veterinarian Technician

Bonded & Insured  
216-548-1543  
[d.hokin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:d.hokin@sbcglobal.net)  
[homealonepetsittinginc.com](http://homealonepetsittinginc.com)

## Utilities Resource Fair

by Kathy Augustine

Cuyahoga Job and Family Services and the Home Heating and Weatherization Task Force will be hosting a Utilities Resource Fair, at Lakewood United Methodist Church at 15700

Detroit Ave, Lakewood, Ohio 44107, on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The free event will provide information and resources to the community, such as Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), Percentage of Income Program (PIPP Plus) and Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP). Customers can apply for county benefits programs such as Medicaid, Child Care and

Food Assistance.

There will be free Utilities Assistance Programs Training Workshops--at noon, open to the Public, on Prevention, Retention, Contingency (PRC) and related supports; and at 1 p.m. for Providers on HEAP, PIPP, etc. Registration is online for the workshops at [www.cjfs.cuyahogacounty.us](http://www.cjfs.cuyahogacounty.us).

For information, call 216-987-7010 or visit [www.cjfs.cuyahogacounty.us](http://www.cjfs.cuyahogacounty.us).

**CHUCK IT**  
CONTAINERS

LET'S TALK TRASH:

- DUMPSTER ON WHEELS
- NO DAMAGE TO YARD OR CONCRETE
- FLAT RATE!
- 15 YD CAPACITY

Reserve a trailer at  
[www.chuckitcontainers.com](http://www.chuckitcontainers.com)  
or call Chuck at  
**216-441-3333**

MOVE IT. FILL IT. CHUCK-IT.



**SDA Community Service Center**

**We've re-opened!**

Providing free gently used adult & children's clothing and shoes, household items, books, videos, and toys

**Tuesdays 9:00am - 12:30pm**

**Thursdays 5:00pm - 7:00pm**

**1382 Arthur Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107**

behind Taco Bell, in the school gym

Please bring bags to carry the items you choose

## Lakewood Cares

# LEAF Community Harvest Fest Will Be Held October 13 At Lakewood Library

### Seeking food and craft vendors for the evening

by Lisa Hofmann

Celebrate autumn and our local harvest at LEAF Community's Annual Harvest Festival. This year, LEAF's signature event will be held on Thursday, October 13, from 5:30-8 p.m. Join us on the porch of Lakewood Library, Detroit Avenue.

Your whole family can enjoy this free event. The evolving details of the evening include:

**Food:** Bring your appetite! Cleveland Vegan will be vending dishes to eat on the spot. Or nosh on a variety of soups and stews, homemade from mainly local produce, locally made breads, and other foods, available with a nominal donation to support LEAF.

**Live music:** Local musicians and LEAF favorite The Sonderbombs will provide the soundtrack to our festival fun.

**Pie bake-off:** Show off your baking

skills by entering our pie contest (or use your pie-tasting skills, if you prefer.)

**Face painting and kids' activities**

**Vendors:** Local food and craft vendors will have fresh produce, homemade breads/desserts, crafts, dry goods, and prepared foods for purchase.

**CSA pick up:** LEAF's usual Thursday evening CSA pick up will still be going on.

Interested in vending at the Harvest Fest? We're seeking local food and



craft vendors. LEAF is 100% powered by volunteers; let us know if you are able to volunteer at the event. Email leafcommunity@gmail.com if you're interested in vending or volunteering.

## WordStage Literary Concerts Opens Its 2016-17 Season With A One Act Comedy By George Bernard Shaw

by Tim Tavcar

Shaw stated that, "Nothing in the theatre is staler than the situation of husband, wife and lover, or the fun of knockabout farce. I have taken both, and got an original play out of them, as anybody else can if only he will look about him for his material instead of plagiarizing Othello and the thousand plays that have proceeded on Othello's romantic assumptions and false point of honor."

To open its 2016-17 Season at the Wright Chapel in The Lakewood Presbyterian Church, WordStage Literary Concerts has chosen a wonderfully witty one act play, Mr. Shaw's "How He Lied to Her Husband."

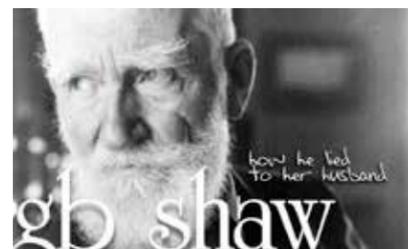
Shaw composed this comedy of manners and mores of the British "Leisure Class" over a period of four days while he was vacationing in Scotland in 1904. In its preface he described it as "a

sample of what can be done with even the most hackneyed stage framework by filling it in with an observed touch of actual humanity instead of with doctrinaire romanticism." The play has often been interpreted as a kind of satirical commentary on Shaw's own highly successful earlier play "Candida" (which one of the characters gets tickets to see).

Our performance will be accompanied and enhanced by music for solo piano composed by Shaw's personal favorite, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Our Cast: Bryan Ritchey, Deborah Magid, Tim Tavcar, and featuring Patrick Wickliffe, piano.

The performance will take place on Friday Evening, September 30, 2016 at 7:30 pm in the Wright Chapel at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church - 14502 Detroit Avenue at Marlowe in Downtown Lakewood.



Admission is by a suggested donation of \$10.00 - but WordStage is retaining its policy of "Pay What You Can," so please feel free to contribute whatever amount is comfortable.

For more information, please visit our web site at www.wordstageoh.com or call us at 216-712-6926.

**Hair Color & Gloss**  
**\$29.95\***  
 Single Process Retouch & Gloss

---

**Hair Color**  
**\$39.95\***  
 Single Process Full Hair Color

---

**Mini Highlight**  
**\$39.95**  
 10-12 Foil Highlights

\* Hair Color only. Extra long or thick hair may be an additional charge. Consult stylist.

By Appointment  
 with Anita  
**216-502-8292**

**Carol Lynn's Salon Plus**  
**15516 Madison Ave., Lakewood**



Grace Lutheran Children and members release Messages to God in their annual Rally Day celebration!

## Grace Lutheran Church Celebrates Rally Day

by Jenny Brady

Grace Lutheran Church, located at 13030 Madison Avenue across from Madison Park, kicked off Children's and Youth Bible studies with their annual Rally Day. Rally Day is a tradition started from the early 1900's to welcome back families from summer and to kick off a new year of Bible study.

The children of Grace Lutheran started off their Bible Study lessons of

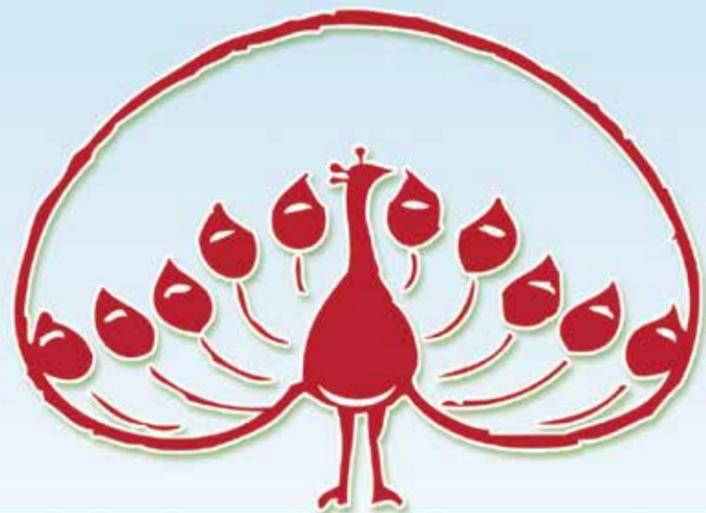
"It's all about Jesus" with messages to God with a balloon release. Members of the congregation helped with the balloon release.

Grace Lutheran Church holds Kids church the first 3 Saturdays of the month and weekly Sunday Bible study for children and adults. Grace Preschool classes are held in the basement.

Grace Lutheran Church welcomes all members of our community to join us in learning all about Jesus!

## Dear Valued Customers of India Garden and Namaste,

Thank you Lakewood for your support and patronage in making India Garden and Namaste India Garden your favorite Indian Cuisine Restaurants in Northern Ohio.



<p><b>INDIA GARDEN</b>                  Lunch Buffet \$10.95                  18405 Detroit Ave.                  216-221-0676                  Open Daily                  Lunch 11am - 2:30pm                  Sat. &amp; Sun. 11:30am - 3:00pm                  Dinner 5pm - 10pm</p>	<p><b>NAMASTE INDIA GARDEN</b>                  Southern Indian Cuisine                  14412 Detroit Ave.                  216-221-4800                  Hours: Monday - Closed                  Tuesday - Sunday                  11:30am - 9:30pm</p>
--	---

**Ask About Gift Certificates And Catering**

## Lakewood Is Art

# Beck Center Presents Regional Premiere By Pulitzer Prize Winning Playwright

by Pat Miller

Beck Center for the Arts continues its eclectic 2016-2017 theater season with "Body Awareness" by Annie Baker, October 7 through November 6, 2016 in the Studio Theater. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are now on sale. Buy early and save with promo code **BAKER** to receive \$5 off each adult/senior ticket purchased by October 6. **This production contains strong language and content.**

It's Body Awareness Week on campus and Phyllis, the organizer, and her partner, Joyce, are hosting a guest artist in their home. Their family is quickly divided as Frank, a photographer famous for his female nude portraits, settles in. Phyllis is disgusted by his work, but Joyce

is rather intrigued by the whole thing. Meanwhile, Joyce's grown son Jared continues to deny his symptoms related to Asperger's Syndrome. Tensions rise as Jared turns to Frank for advice. *The New York Times* calls this Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle nominee "an engaging new comedy by a young playwright with a probing, understated voice."

Beck Center is pleased to welcome David Vegh as he makes his Studio Theater debut directing this smart and generous comedy. He is currently the Assistant Professor in the Department of Theater at Case Western Reserve University. As a member of the Actors' Equity Association (AEA) and SAG-AFTRA, Vegh has appeared onscreen in "Saving Private Ryan," "Dexter," "Grey's

Anatomy," and more. "I tend to like plays that walk a very fine line between comedy and drama," remarked Vegh. "If I can laugh until it hurts, and then be moved to the point of tears, that's my kind of show. That, to me, is life."

"Body Awareness" features a talented cast of four actors ready to bring Baker's play to life. Julia Kolibab and Anne McEvoy appear as partners Phyllis and Joyce, along with Richie Gagen as Joyce's son, Jared. Rick Montgomery Jr. joins the cast as Frank, a guest artist spending Body Awareness Week with the family. Equity actors Kolibab and Montgomery appear courtesy of the AEA, the union of actors and stage managers.

Tickets are \$31 for adults, \$27 for seniors (65 and older), and \$12 for

students with a valid I.D. A \$3 service fee per ticket will be applied at time of purchase. Preview Night on Thursday, October 6 is \$10 with general admission seating. Group discounts are available for parties of four or more. Purchase tickets online at [beckcenter.org](http://beckcenter.org) or call Customer Service at 216.521.2540 x10. Beck Center for the Arts is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, just ten minutes west of downtown Cleveland. Free onsite parking is available.

This production of "Body Awareness" is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. It is generously sponsored the residents of Cuyahoga County through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and the Ohio Arts Council.

## Food Songs About Buildings And More

# Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 33

*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.*

**Matteo Mannequin - Matteo Mannequin - Nervous Room Records - 6 songs - Cassette**

Matteo Mannequin is the side-project (or main project? I don't know how these things work) of Tonawandas frontman Matt Hallaran. It's very different from The Tons O' Wandas, however. "Up All Night" is a Devo-esque tune, though I don't know any Devo song where the guitar is that distorted. "Space Geek" is a weird electropunk new waver, with a guitar lead alternating between menacing and maniacal. Most of the songs here fall somewhere in the realm of those two. The tape really got good for me on the last two tracks, "Inside The Nervous Room" and "Paranoid Coupling," the latter of which seems to end too soon, but then repeats slowed down twice. I think that's what I was hearing, anyway. It's pretty retro-sounding, but in a good way. I believe it was recorded in 4-track analog, so maybe

by Buzz Kompier

that's part of it. Sorta Devo, sorta Gary Numan, very new wave, sometimes punk, usually sorta strange. 4/5

*(from what I hear, Nervous Room is working on getting a site up and running— for now, you can just message them through their Facebook page)*

**New Planet Trampoline - The Free CD - Stow House Records - 1 song - CD**

Following up on their long-desired "Dark Rides & Grim Visions" album from earlier this year, now our hometown heroes may or may not have followed up with this. I don't want to spoil any of the numerous surprises maybe contained within, so this is gonna be a short review. What I will say is that you should listen to this CD, if it can be listened to. One band member may have described this to me as "kind of a lark," and, well, he was correct. There's bits of new New Planet Trampoline music, and lots of other things. It's an experience from start to finish. Recommended, but I'm not sure for who. It's the king's bathroom, man. Or is it?

*(you'll have to catch New Planet Trampoline live to score this one— if it exists...?)*

**Sister Smirk - Ruff Tape - Peanut Butter Records - 8 songs - Cassette, download**

You probably know Sister Smirk better as Roseanna Safos, given that that's the name she uses when she plays in bands, usually as the drummer. This, however, is her own thing. A solo release. Another descriptive phrase that isn't a complete sentence because it feels like there should be three. There's 8 songs of lo-fi, generally acoustic pop here. Some are very inspired by '50s/'60s early rock 'n' roll, some would be called power pop if they were electric, and some are weird. My favorites are the opening track "I Can't Wait," "Debbie Matilda" (upon which Jason Look and Drew Ritchey, who were both in Prisoners and are now at the helms of Part Time Lover and Cheap Clone, respectively— both bands in which Roseanna drums— make an appearance), and "Temporary." There's strange bedroom pop, there's lo-fi, one song is a cappella pseudo rap, one predominantly features the accordion— something for everyone, is what I'm getting at. It's very catchy, very pop. I enjoyed it. 4/5

*(pbrecs.bandcamp.com)*

**The Venus Flytraps - The Venus Flytraps - Quality Time Records - 4 songs - Cassette, download**

Here's the debut release from this band, featuring members of other bands on Quality Time Records, plus some new people. There's some catchy, upbeat tunes and some whose tempo is more of a creep. It's sorta indie rock, sorta neo-garage, sorta rock 'n' roll—in other words, if you're a Quality Time Records fan so far, you won't be disappointed. The lead guitar work on the tape is above-average, and I do like the trading off female/male vocals. My favorite, to pick from one of the four tracks here, would probably be B Side leadoff "Possession." It's a good start, and I'm looking forward to hearing more from this group. I do get the feeling that they're probably better live, but having not seen them yet, I can't say. 3.5/5

*(qualitytimerecords.bandcamp.com)*

*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.*

"A triumph of campy, outrageous FUN" — Cleveland SCENE  
 "Played to perfection...HILARIOUS" — Cleveland Jewish News

**Ruthless!**

SEP 16 - OCT 16 • MACKKEY THEATER  
 Book and Lyrics by JOEL PALEY • Music by MARVIN LAIRD

GROUP RATES | STUDENT TICKETS: \$15 (with valid I.D.) | Contains adult language and content  
 Presented through special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.

Beck Center for the Arts  
 beckcenter.org | 216.521.2540 x10  
 17801 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107  
 Just minutes from downtown Cleveland. FREE parking!

The Olmsted Historical Society Invites You To  
 The Frostville Museum's  
**PUMPKINVILLE IN THE VALLEY**  
 A Fall Family Fun - Filled Day  
 Sunday, October 2nd, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Spring Mist Farms' Horse-drawn wagon Rides (\$6.00 Adults, \$4.00 children, Under 2 free) 11:30 - 3:30  
 Pony Rides (\$3.00) 11:30 - 3:30  
 Angel Bug Balloon Twisters 12:30 - 3:30  
 Cleveland Animal Protective League  
 Homemade Baked Goods on Sale  
 Walking Tacos, Brats, Hot Dogs, Chips, Apple Cider, Pop, Popcorn & Ice Cream on sale.

Corn Roast by N. Olmsted Kiwanis  
 Pumpkin Craft & Face Painting (\$2.00)  
 Music by the Smokin Fez Monkeys 1:30-3:30  
 Pumpkin Patch by Windy Way Farm  
 Pumpkins for sale  
 Obstacle Course - 40 feet of fun & excitement 11:30 - 3:30  
 Fun games with Prizes N. Olmsted Key Club  
 Vintage photos by N. Olmsted Kiwanis

Historic Homes, Church, War Room, Display Barn & General Store open  
 Proceeds used to build the Frostville Village Schoolhouse  
 Metroparks - Rocky River Reservation  
 Cedar Point & Lewis Roads, North Olmsted

## Business News

# Lakewood Culture Club Powered By PechaKucha Event Set For September 29th

by Valerie Mechenbier

The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce presents “The Lakewood Culture Club” powered by PechaKucha – an amazing evening of fast-paced talks on workplace culture in Lakewood. The event will be an informal and fun gathering where community and business leaders will share their ideas, thoughts & philosophies about workplace culture in the PechaKucha 20x20 format. Presenters include Lakewood High School Principal Keith Ahearn, University Tees Co-Founder Nick Dadas, Startup Business Developer Mike Bel-

sito, and more.

PechaKucha Night, “the art of concise presentations,” is now held in over 900 cities including Cleveland. “Powered by PechaKucha” events are one-off events that are separate from regular city-based PechaKucha Nights, and are usually held as part of festivals and conferences, but can also act as standalone events. These events, such as the Lakewood Culture Club, include presentations that use the PechaKucha 20 images x 20 seconds format. Find out more at [www.PechaKucha.org](http://www.PechaKucha.org).

The Lakewood Culture Club

powered by PechaKucha event will be held at 6:30pm on Thursday, September 29th at Around the Corner, 18616 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood. The event is free but pre-registration is recommended. To register and to view the entire list of presenters visit [www.lakewoodchamber.org](http://www.lakewoodchamber.org).

The Lakewood Culture Club powered by PechaKucha is sponsored by The University of Akron Lakewood.



## Fear's Confections Celebrates 2 Years In Lakewood

by Cassandra Fear

When launching my home business nearly 6.5 years ago, people would ask me, “If you could open a storefront in the area, where would it be?” I would always tell them Lakewood, because of the walkability and the tight-knit community. I honestly never thought that 4.5 years later I’d be celebrating my grand opening, and that now we are just weeks away from celebrating 2 years in our Madison Avenue storefront.

Fear’s 2nd Lakewood “Birthiversary” celebration will be on Saturday, October 1st, starting at 11am. We will be hosting another all-day scavenger hunt across neighboring businesses for chances to win an amazing raffle basket with goodies from local businesses. From 1-3pm Balloon Bender Dave will be joining us again to make amazing balloon creatures for kids of all ages. The Cleveland Craft Coal-



tion, along with some other local businesses and artists will be setting up a “spooky-themed” vendor market inside both Fear’s Confections and Ice Cream Joy as well as in our back lot from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

These events will be taking place rain or shine, so we encourage everyone to come out and celebrate with us, grab some sweets, have some fun, and support local!

## Holiday Tradition #4

by Jon Thibo

Labor Day kicks off the fall season and New Years Eve closes it up. In between, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas unite families and friends creating long standing traditions. Growing up, our Thanksgiving table centerpiece was a large, candy filled gingerbread house. Over the next few days all the candy was picked off. Mysteriously candy would reappear the next day.

This tradition inspired me to start baking gingerbread and sharing with family and friends. We are now Gingerbread Homes LLC. We are a licensed, small batch, artisan bakery. All we bake is gingerbread. We make small batches using fresh ingredients and hand press and hand cut each piece into house sizes from ornament size to extra large.

After Halloween, our products will be sold at:

*Fears Confections* – 15208 Madison Avenue, Lakewood

*Urban Bulk Foods* – 14021 Madison Avenue, Lakewood

*Mardi Gras Cake and Candy Supplies* – 24144 Lorain Road, North Olmsted

*Beckers Donuts and Bakery* – 24523 Sprague Road location, Columbia Station

In the coming weeks we plan to share recipes for our gingerbread dough, royal icing, and something new! Aquafaba – royal icing made with bean water instead of eggs for our vegan customers. All of our ingredients are purchased from local business owners. Buy local!

Stay tuned.

*Jon Thibo is the Owner/Operator of Gingerbread Homes LLC.*



STEM’s beautifully renovated Birdtown storefront was a trendsetter 3 years ago when they opened. Now the store serves as an anchor in the growing neighborhood.

## STEM Handmade Soap Celebrates 3rd Anniversary

by Steve Meka

STEM Handmade Soap opened its doors in Lakewood’s historic Birdtown neighborhood three years ago. A lot has changed in three years. They opened with limited hours and carried 8 different scents of all natural bath and skincare products. Today, STEM soaps is open every day except Monday, carries over 20 different scents and ensures every guest has a memorable experience.

The customer response to STEM all natural products has exceeded expectations. STEM soaps are crafted from all-natural ingredients that are 100% healthy for use on all skin types and designed to lock in moisture. Loaded with all manner of good stuff from Mother Nature, natural soaps often go far beyond simple cleaning of the skin and can actually serve as powerful supplementary treatments. From eczema to acne and a variety of other skin conditions, to switch to a wholly natural and wonderfully safe alternative really can make all the difference. With a glorious list of natural ingredients, essential oils and nourishing natural extracts, natural soaps deliver a rich dose of antioxidants in order to ensure the skin is as capable and well-protected as it can possibly be. Natural soaps are as kind to the environment as they are to your skin. Last but not least, natural soaps can be nothing less than a work of art that’s a pleasure to buy and a real joy to use.

STEM not only makes all of their products by hand, they make them right on the premises using nothing but all natural skin-loving ingredients. Compare the ingredients in any of the high-end bath and body products you have in your home. See for yourself how your skin responds to all natural products from STEM.

Owners Dave Willett and Steve Meka are grateful to the residents of Lakewood and the greater Cleveland area. “Your love of our product and continued support is why we do what we do. As long as you keep getting dirty and need to moisturize your skin, we will keep providing an outstanding natural solution that is just right for you, fun and within your budget!”

## Award-Winning Young Adult Novelist To Speak At Library

continued from page 6

of criminal psychology. McGinnis cites Stephen King as an influence on her work, and “A Madness So Discreet” has the twisted psychological terror of the best of the horror genre. The book is also a murder mystery that explores the nature of power and control and questions whether we are all insane in our own way.

Meet Mindy McGinnis, the author of this dark tale, on October 13 at 7 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. Books will be available for sale and signing.

## Forum

# For 64 And For Lakewood's Future

by David Anderson

Like many of you, I believe in the values of fighting for Lakewood, of fairness in regards to the proper use of taxpayer assets and providing residents with the services necessary for a healthy and active city. This is why I fought to ensure that the Cleveland Clinic provide Lakewood with 21st Century health care in the form of a state of the art Family Health Center and fully accredited 24/7 Emergency Room to serve residents long into the future.

As I see it, my job as a Council Member is not to simply trust what I am being told but, rather, to verify. It was no secret that I did not support the Cleveland Clinic's original offer in January of 2015. (In fact, I held out my support for a new agreement until the final deal was reached in December of 2015 after all sticking points were negotiated.) I argued for and, with the support of my Council colleagues, secured a major law firm and a leading industry analyst to support Council throughout our fact finding, public hearing and negotiating process. I did not make many friends at the Cleveland Clinic by helping Council take these steps and demanding answers to tough questions during some of the more than 40 public hearings on this matter held throughout 2015. But, you know what, that's okay. I did my job and Council performed its due diligence.

So, after more than 40 public meetings, about 20 regular Council sessions, a year of consultation with a leading law firm and a nationally recognized health care industry consultant and no identification of another entity to operate Lakewood Hospital in replacement of the Cleveland Clinic, City Council decided unanimously that the time was right to utilize the assets remaining within Lakewood Hospital to pivot away from a service model that was failing in Lakewood and toward 21st Century health care via a Family Health Center and a new fully accredited 24/7 Emergency Room that will serve residents well into the future. In addition, the City of Lakewood will receive \$20 million in transition costs and \$32.4 million will go toward a Lakewood community health foundation that can focus on specific health needs in our homes and neighborhoods to complement the health care being provided in the Family Health Center. In addition, the Cleveland Clinic is investing \$34 million into the Family Health Center and the 24/7 Emergency Room, \$8 million toward the new Lakewood health foundation as well as \$7 to cover additional transition costs.

Regarding the proper use of Lakewood taxpayer assets, I strongly believe City Council fought for and struck a fair deal. Just prior to the new agreement, the Lakewood Hospital Association's net assets were valued at \$128 million. The negotiated deal accounts for all of the \$128 million which does not include the additional \$49 million Cleveland Clinic investment described above. Remember, again, that a \$90 million investment was needed to make the old Lakewood Hospital facility safe and competitive. City Council's decision ensures that this facility will not be a financial liability going forward but that the 100-year-old hospital

will be replaced with a state of the art Family Health Center and 24/7 Emergency Room, paid for, owned and operated by the Cleveland Clinic. However, again, this deal is about much more than dollars and cents. It is mostly about providing Lakewood residents with access to world class 21st Century health care right here in Lakewood well into the future.

Just this past June, a resident made a comment to Council that she just wanted her municipal hospital back and that Council and the mayor has let her down in this regard. Well, we should remember that Lakewood Hospital ceased to be a municipal hospital in the late 1980's when a deal was struck for University Hospitals to operate the facility. Then, in the mid 1990's, the Cleveland Clinic replaced UH and signed a 30-year lease with the Lakewood Hospital Association to conduct hospital operations. A number of important points were apparent by the time the issue of Lakewood Hospital's future reached Council for consideration in January of 2015: (1) two out of three beds in Lakewood Hospital were empty every night; (2) hospital operations were losing money monthly;

(3) the Lakewood Hospital Association was forecasted by Council's own industry consultant to be bankrupt well before the end of its 30-year lease with the Cleveland Clinic; (4) many revenue generating hospital service lines were transitioned to other Clinic facilities; and (5) the hospital structure and parking garage, again, needed \$90 million in capital needs and repairs to make the overall facility safe and competitive.

The challenge was real and City Council made the absolute best decision for Lakewood in allowing for the new deal and ensuring 21st Century health care in Lakewood. But, those who wish to hold onto a failing health care delivery system claim that the Cleveland Clinic can be forced to reopen Lakewood Hospital (I guess to staff empty beds and lose more money), return all service lines and reverse the multiple real estate transactions and other contracts executed since December of 2015 by voting against November's referendum. Let me be clear, Lakewood Hospital cannot reopen. Lakewood entered into multiple contracts upon which the City of Lakewood has and will continue to perform. Not support-

ing the referendum will add delay and legal costs to an already executed agreement. What the referendum does offer, though, is an opportunity for Lakewood residents to place an exclamation mark on City Council's decision to move forward toward 21st Century health care and access to world class health care right here in Lakewood well into the future.

Lakewood is certainly a city with momentum. Our housing stock is improving, growing and appreciating. Our children no longer learn in century old buildings but, rather, new, modern facilities. City Hall is balancing budgets, providing quality services and managing effective safety forces with excellent response times all while not asking for an increase in payroll taxes since 1981. Let's keep the momentum going by voting for 21st Century health care and state of the art facilities in Lakewood. I urge residents to vote FOR Issue 64 and for Lakewood's future.

*Yours in service,*

*David W. Anderson*

*Member of Council, Ward One*

*David.Anderson@lakewoodoh.net  
216-789-6463*

## Why The Councilwoman Who Questioned Is Standing Firm FOR Issue 64

by Cindy Marx

When City Council began a year of meetings in 2015 about a proposal to transform Lakewood Hospital to an outpatient medical center, I was concerned. I preferred to keep Lakewood Hospital as an inpatient facility and to retain the jobs and economic activity it provided. I work for an independent physician and I am a strong supporter of independent physician practice. However, the climate of healthcare is changing at a furious pace. I felt that my relationship to healthcare offered a great sensitivity to this important decision presented to Council.

As a member of Lakewood City Council, I considered it my duty to ask tough questions, to dig for information, to challenge assumptions, and push negotiators to find a way to save the hospital, improve the proposed plan, or both.

And question I did. Throughout Council's many hearings over many months, I posed questions not only to city and local hospital officials, but also to Cleveland Clinic executives. Many of these questions came from you, Lakewood residents, whom I listened to at length in order to accurately represent your concerns.

At times I felt that my nickname should be the "Questioning Councilwoman."

I had ample opportunity to pose questions and challenge the hospital plan, since Council studied the issue at length: 52 hearings over 12 months, 58 experts, multiple reports, and dozens of citizen speakers. We met for hundreds of hours and reviewed thousands of pages of analysis. In fact, City Council studied the hospital issue more thoroughly than any other issue in modern memory.

After all that time and study, I came to realize an important fact: Council's work didn't mean we didn't want a hos-

pital but was an effort to help a hospital in financial crisis, whose funds, without action, would run out in a few short years.

Council's work wasn't contentment with painful changes in health care, but an effort to continue medical services for a community whose hospital would soon be closing on its own.

And my vote for the plan was not approval of the Cleveland Clinic, but a choice to get the most for Lakewood patients and taxpayers in a difficult situation.

City Council began its deliberation with sharply different views, but we ended together: with unanimous support for the hospital transformation plan.

Why this unity? Why did I support the plan after I asked so many tough questions?

I voted for the plan because it was right decision: the only option to keep high-quality health care services in our City for years to come while protecting taxpayer money.

If we'd delayed action, the hospital would have closed on its own, leaving us with an empty building, no health care services, and no way to replace lost economic activity. By acting swiftly, Council minimized operating losses, negotiated a stronger agreement, and delivered more benefits to Lakewood patients and taxpayers.

Here's a list of those benefits:

1. The **Cleveland Clinic will pay** for and build a new, state-of-the-art outpatient medical center with uninterrupted emergency care available 24/7/365. Emergency services are guaranteed: the Clinic is required to deliver emergency care as long as they operate the outpatient center. Given the new medical center's \$34 million price tag, we know they plan to deliver health care to Lakewood residents

for years to come.

2. **Our health care experience likely won't change.** We'll still have:

- primary care and specialty outpatient programs, like geriatrics, cardiac care, and diabetes care; and

- almost all of the same medical services (94 percent) needed by patients at the old hospital will be available at the same convenient downtown location.

3. The **Clinic will pay** Lakewood \$19.6 million for transition costs and to help Lakewood redevelop the old site, and \$32.4 million is being put into a new Lakewood foundation to improve our community's health.

4. All of this is accomplished at **zero cost to taxpayers.** In fact, the transition payments will protect Lakewood taxpayers from increases for more than five years—allowing the City time to redevelop and replace lost economic activity.

What was the alternative?: **lose everything, and the community keeps nothing as the hospital closes on its own** in two to three years. City Council looked for new health systems to run Lakewood Hospital but MetroHealth refused, no other offers were received, and no other interested health systems were found. (An important point: a Tennessee-based hospital-flipper whose primary mission is to build outpatient specialty surgery centers attempted to buy an outpatient building in Westlake with an outpatient surgery facility but never made an offer for our inpatient hospital in Lakewood.)

Lakewood Hospital was an important part of our community's history, and no one wanted to see it close. But rather than just let it close and leave us with nothing, I fought for the best possible agreement that guarantees high-quality healthcare services and uninterrupted emergency care 24/7/365 for Lakewood residents, with no additional cost to taxpayers. I urge Lakewood residents to **vote FOR Issue 64.**

# Forum

## Is The City's Community Bulletin, Issue No. 5 Misleading?

by Bill Call

Citizens of Lakewood have received Community Bulletins in their water bill that contain information about the new Master Agreement between the City and the Cleveland Clinic. Is that information accurate?

Let's examine the statements made in Issue No. 5.

The following is the relevant content of Issue No. 5 followed by my comments.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD...will receive:

*\$19.7 million in cash, including \$7 million in rehab demo fund, \$8.2 million for sale of Columbia Rd facility, \$2.88 million in lease payments through June 2018 and \$1.7 million in land sale to Cleveland Clinic.*

**My response:** The Clinic has agreed to pay \$7 million in rehab/demo funds, however, the Clinic will only pay if the CITY EXPENDS 100% OF ALL OF THE HOSPITALS \$84 MILLION IN CASH AND INVESTMENTS. (SOURCE?) Since the City anticipates having money left over to fund a new Foundation then the City must also anticipate that the Clinic WILL NOT pay the \$7 million.

The City will receive \$8.2 million for the Columbia Road property over a number of years. However, the property was appraised at nearly \$15 million and the City had an offer from another interested party for a lot more than \$8.2 million. The Columbia Road facility was also home to a business that once generated substantial profits for the Hospital. Why did the City give the Clinic such a sweet deal?

The City will receive \$2.88 million in lease payments. However, the Master Agreement states that the lease payments are considered WIND DOWN COSTS and that all wind down costs will be paid by the LHA. Since ALL of LHA assets are City assets the City will pay itself the \$2.88 million in lease payments.

*Between \$40 million and \$80 million in potential development at the former Hospital site.*

**My response:** Well, I am a little suspicious of an estimate of \$40 to \$80 million. That's a big range.

The City has been planning the Hospitals closure for 5 years and they still have no plans for the Hospital site. The City has agreed to preserve the Curtis Building and to give the Clinic the use of the current ER parking lot. The land that is left will be shoe horned between the Hospital façade to the North and the parking lot to the South. How much development will actually take place in the little space that is left?

*Full ownership of the Community Health Center on Belle, nine rental homes, the Curtis Block and ownership of the Hospital site.*

**My response:** The City already owns all of those things. This is worth repeating. The LHA was just the tenant.

The 1996 Lease and Definitive Agreement were quite clear:

ALL OF THE ASSETS OF ANY KIND INCLUDING CASH, INVESTMENTS, BUILDINGS,

IMPROVEMENTS, EQUIPMENT, LICENSES AND EVERYTHING ELSE WERE TO BE RETURNED TO THE CITY AT THE END OF THE LEASE TERM.

The original agreement also required the LHA and Clinic to return the Hospital in substantially the same condition as an ongoing concern. Did they do that? No.

LAKEWOOD HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

*Is contributing \$24.2 million toward the community wellness foundation... and \$7 million toward rehab and demolition and \$8.2 million for the sale of Columbia Road.*

**My response:** The LHA is contributing nothing. All of the assets of the Hospital belong to the City. LHA is just the tenant.

CLEVELAND CLINIC  
*Will invest \$36 million of its own money for the development of the land and building at the southwest corner of Belle and Detroit for a 3 story 62,000 square foot medical office building will a full service emergency department.*

**My response:** That is true. However, the new building will be about 33% smaller than the current office building at that site. One floor will house the Clinic's Family Residency program, the second floor will house the LGBT Clinic and the first floor will house the emergency department, lab, pharmacy and medical offices.

The City will have to pay for the

demolition of the current parking garage and the City will have to pay \$2.5 million to build a new parking facility for the Clinic.

*The Clinic is contributing \$8 million to the new community wellness foundation, assuming \$7 million in transition costs and paying \$2.88 million in lease payments.*

**My response:** The Clinic owes at least \$10 million in lease payments.

The Clinic will not pay \$7 million in transition costs unless 100% of the Hospital's assets are depleted.

Since the lease payments are considered wind down costs the \$2.88 million will be paid for by the City and NOT by the Clinic.

What they are NOT telling you:  
From the Master Agreement Section 3.3 (d):

"All of LHA's property of every nature and description, and any and all personal property, equipment and fixtures at the Hospital, shall be transferred to the Clinic." WITHOUT COMPENSATION TO THE CITY.

AND

The agreement includes a restrictive covenant on the current Hospital Site that states that no Care System Provider will be permitted to operate or manage health care on that site. We already know that the Mayor and the Clinic worked to exclude other health care providers from the process. Now we know that they also want to prohibit other health providers from operating in the City. The Mayor

has said that he "only wants to deal with the Clinic" and that he "wants the Clinic to succeed,"!aka make money.

The only way to insure that the Clinic "makes money" is to keep out the competition.

AND  
According to the Master agreement the Hospital had profit of nearly \$6 million in 2014.

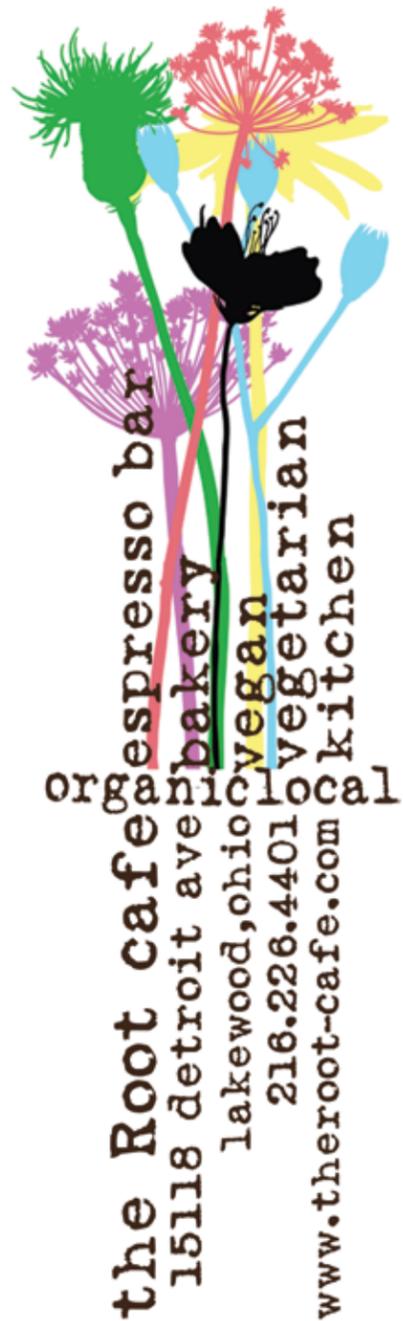
FINAL THOUGHTS  
One of the items not included in the transfer of assets is the City's beneficial interest in the Lakewood Hospital Foundation. The assets had a value of \$33.5 million at the end of 2014.

The Lakewood Hospital Foundation has been repurposed to support healthcare and development throughout Northeast Ohio. Why is an important City asset being converted to a new regional institution?

At 12/31/2014 the Hospital had cash and long term investments of \$84 million. That does not include the value of real estate, equipment, fixtures and licenses valued at \$42 million and the City's beneficial interest in the Lakewood Hospital Foundation valued at \$33.5 million.

That accounting does not include the value of 1,500 high paying medical jobs in a region where the only growth industry is the medical industry.

What does the City really receive for the Hospital and its assets? What did the City really lose?



## Open House

### at CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Come see for yourself

- EXPLORE academic options
- LEARN about the enrollment and financial aid steps
- TOUR the campus

Visit any of the following locations:

Eastern Campus

ESS President's Lobby, 2nd Floor  
4250 Richmond Road  
Highland Hills

Metropolitan Campus

Mainstage Theatre  
2900 Community College Ave.  
Cleveland

Western Campus

Student Services Building  
11000 Pleasant Valley Road  
Parma

Westshore Campus

WSHCS Building Atrium  
31001 Clemens Road  
Westlake

Brunswick University Center

3605 Center Road  
Brunswick

Saturday,  
Oct. 15, 2016

10 a.m. - noon

For more information or to register for an open house, visit [www.tri-c.edu/openhouse](http://www.tri-c.edu/openhouse).

16-0985

## Forum

# Vote Against Issue 64: The Loss Of Our Hospital & Our Most Charitable Foundation

by Tara Peppard

Friends ask me why I am still involved in Save Lakewood Hospital. As a mother of two teenage boys, I am involved because I know the importance of healthcare. Not only am I concerned about the well-being of my children, I am also concerned about the well-being of my community. Lakewood Hospital touched countless lives. There was great care and love to millions for over a century. How many babies do you know who were born in our hospital? How many lives were touched by the Grace Unit? Our hospital was an icon of hope for all that is good in medicine and all that is good for a community. A sign still hanging in one of the middle schools states "*Lakewood Hospital, Over A Century of Touching Lives and Partnership in Education.*" The impact of this loss is catastrophic, to both our economy and our social welfare. It didn't have to happen. The closing of the hospital was built upon fabrication, greed and guile.

Passively accepting this injustice that hurts so many and profits so few is not right. 3400 signatures were obtained in early January to place a referendum on the ballot. *Referendums* provide the electorate the right to vote on issues referred to them by direct decision, such as our hospital closing. Lakewood city government had not just the opportunity, but also the legal and moral obligation to place this referendum on the March ballot or to hold a special election. Instead, it was pushed off until this November. However, all operations to dismantle the hospital went into effect immediately, beginning with the removal of tens of millions of dollars worth of hospital beds and licenses. This has serious economic and moral consequences. This is not good government. The blatant destruction is incomprehensible.

The consequent loss of the Lakewood Hospital Foundation (LHF), a charity of over \$33M dollars, is one of the gravest areas of impact. Charity has always been a part of our hospital. Gifts to LHF were used for the sole benefit of Lakewood Hospital, helping individuals and families in OUR community. Where is the outcry? LHF provided \$7M in charitable contri-

butions annually to our underserved. We must preserve this good and repudiate the driving "non-profit greed" that permeates this issue. LHF has been "repurposed" to support development and health initiatives in places like Avon, Twinsburg, Brunswick and Mentor.

The hospital loss hurts our entire community, sending residents to out-of-town hospitals when they suffer serious problems such as heart attack or stroke. City Hall says, "Fairview is just a few miles away" but ignores the fact that the density of our population

has now left Fairview woefully overburdened and over crowded. Carefully read the terms of the new master agreement. **There are absolutely no guarantees that our ER will remain in operation.** Do not accept this as great for our city. Nothing, absolutely nothing, compares to an ER attached to a fully functioning acute care in-patient hospital.

This issue it is NOT OVER. The information that has come to light as a result of the discovery process in a pending lawsuit and through public records requests is astounding. Our hospital was viable. It

was strategically decanted under the very parties duly sworn to protect and preserve it. It was the greatest economic engine in our city, generating a \$280 million dollar annual impact to our economy. Other parties were indeed interested in running it. **Come November, let your voice be heard.** Do your due diligence to remove the restrictive covenant that limits healthcare in Lakewood and demand a genuine "RFP" process for the best possible deal with your vote AGAINST ISSUE 64.

Please visit [www.savelakewoodhospital.org](http://www.savelakewoodhospital.org) to learn more.

## Why You Should Vote Against 64

by PJ Bennett

*"The ER at Lakewood continues to be a community asset and will remain that way if it is supported by the community."*

This is a direct quote made by Fire Chief Scott Gilman on the Lakewood Observer's Observation Deck on Friday, Sept. 9, 2016.

*"...if it is supported by the community."  
"...if..."*

So, it is up to us, the residents, to support the ER?

Now, how do we do that?

Gilman makes the ER sound like a local storefront that we should patronize.

Are we to drop-in at that facility on Belle Ave. for every bump and bruise we get, so as to show our support?

Notice that Gilman makes no mention of Cleveland Clinic/EMS supporting the ER.

Which of course, we know won't happen, because EMS has direct orders to take patients to facilities that are connected to hospitals.

And, since Lakewood does not have a hospital, EMS will not transport anyone there.

As Charlie Brown would say, "*Oh, good grief!*"

Now, for all you folks who still believe that Lakewood has a fully-functioning ER, like the back of your water bill tries to convince you of, let me tell you otherwise.

Recently, one Lakewood resident was transported by EMS to Fairview Hospital, only to find that FGH was so filled to the gills, that despite having a life-threatening situation, the wait time would be hours.

The solution? To life-flight this individual to Cleveland Clinic's Main Campus.

Wow. First, this person has been transported over Cleveland's patchy roads to a HOSPITAL (something that Lakewood used to have), only to be air-lifted elsewhere. Forget about stabilization. Sure, maybe the vitals were stable, but think about the person's overall system.

Have you ever ridden lying down in the back of a van? There's that speed up, slow down, braking, speed up, jarring, go around the corner thing that makes for an uncomfortable ride.

Now, let's add physical trauma to that mix; it's enough to make the system go haywire.

(And, what is the cost for a helicopter ride? Who is responsible for that cost?)

A few months ago, a Lakewood man was sitting in his car while parked at the curb directly across from Lakewood Hospital. A driver plowed into him, causing an injury to his forearm. He told EMS that he wanted to go to Lakewood Hospital. "We were told to not take anyone there anymore," was the response he received.

He was taken to FGH.

"Healthcare is changing."

We have all heard that ad nauseum.

The thing is, the nature of diseases has not. Nor, the need for on-the-spot, not-a minute-to lose, life-saving techniques.

Interestingly, the Save Lakewood Hospital group has been referred to as a bunch of old people - several times; and yet, many in the group are younger than the Mayor, several of his supporters and a member of city council.

My point is not to call out the fact that they are all 60-something, but rather that their body parts are aging right along with the rest of us. The odds of something serious happening are shortening.

In a recent conversation with an SLH supporter, I related that I personally knew of two physicians, who were vegetarians, non-smokers and firm believers in exercise.

One collapsed while jogging. The other was found dead on his treadmill.

Both were in their 50's.

The last I heard, the one who collapsed while jogging was being moved to the country of his birth, where relatives would provide for his needs. He was permanently bedridden and totally incapable of caring for himself.

Shock waves had reverberated throughout the medical community as the news of the catastrophic outcomes of these renown, highly-respected physicians spread.

In the time it takes to snap your fingers, you or someone dear to you, can have collapsed and be in dire need of aid. It is not all about nutrition and exercise. It really isn't.

Council-At-Large Cindy Marx has publicly lamented in an accusatory

tone, that not everyone used Lakewood Hospital.

That's right, Cindy. We didn't. We couldn't. Because with every insurance plan, even Medicare, there is a Providers Directory that lists those physicians and facilities that are covered by that plan. To go outside that provider list results in paying substantially more, since they are non-covered.

When my husband suffered an aneurysm in 1998, Lakewood Hospital was not a participating facility. However, due to a social worker's intervention and the emergency nature of his trauma, the bill was reduced from being in the six figures, to something more manageable. (We still qualified for a tax break that year.)

So now, the hospital is gone. The plan is to consolidate physicians into one location only. Choice is gone.

Either use a Cleveland Clinic provider, or drive to another town.

I used to walk less than one mile to see my allergist. Now, I have the displeasure of driving to Middleburg Hts, where he relocated after essentially being forced out of Lakewood. (He did not sell his soul to the Cleveland Clinic; he is an independent.)

So, I urge you to Vote AGAINST 64. The deal that the Mayor and city council made for the City of Lakewood is a bad one, in many ways. The only ones to gain will be the developers.

Do you really want your local government and a money-hungry corporate business to make decisions about your healthcare? Everyone deserves a CHOICE!

You have nothing to lose by Voting AGAINST 64, because well.... there is nothing left to lose. There is no hospital. There is no real ER.

And, don't forget that "if" by Gilman. There is absolutely no promise that the so-called ER will remain open.

He is making it 'your' responsibility to support it.

What you have to gain by Voting AGAINST 64, is the reopening of negotiations to provide a better deal for Lakewood's 51,000 residents and those in neighboring areas.

Vote AGAINST 64.

*PJ Bennett has lived in Lakewood for 44 years.*

### St. James Anglican Catholic Church



1861 East 55th St.  
at Payne Ave. in Cleveland  
Sung Mass 10:30 a.m. Sundays  
Consult our website for additional  
information and services  
[www.saintjamescleveland.com](http://www.saintjamescleveland.com)  
216-431-3252

## Forum

# Open Letter To Lakewood Residents

### Lakewood Friends and Family,

There are many in Lakewood concerned about not having a full-service hospital in the city. There are others upset about the loss of Lakewood's largest employer and the millions in lost tax revenue. However, this didn't move me to get involved. However, when I saw what was really happening behind the scenes... I quickly became an activist for this cause.

When it came to closing the Lakewood Hospital, the Cleveland Clinic saw an opportunity to save money and increase profits. For them, there are simply too many Medicare and Medicaid recipients in and near Lakewood. Too many senior citizens and single mothers. Too many people working two or even three jobs to make ends meet without any healthcare benefits. Too many underinsured young people, just starting out on their own (and I was one of them.) **The Cleveland Clinic views these groups as liabilities.** They'd much rather move the capacities of Lakewood Hospital to Fairview and Avon, where they are likely to increase Clinic profit margins.

While working for Senator Bernie Sanders, during his presidential bid, this is what we fought against. The rich and the powerful seeking higher profits at the expense of those who can least afford it. When, in actuality, our diversity is our strength.

What is happening, here in our community, is symptomatic of a larger problem. **PROFITS** are coming before **PEOPLE**. We are moving away from more accessible healthcare; in the com-

plete opposite direction of the equal access, single-payer healthcare that the rest of the developed world enjoys.

This year, Lakewood City Council has placed an issue (Issue 64) on the November ballot to affirm their decision to close Lakewood Hospital. Astonishingly, the Cleveland Clinic went even further and added a non-compete clause to Issue 64. If the issue passes, it would effectively **BAN any future hospital facility** to prevent future Clinic competition and further limit Lakewood's healthcare options. YET AGAIN, the Clinic puts profits

before patients.

To add insult to injury, their main argument has been...

*"It's over, suck it up; we lost the hospital... Now, vote to affirm it." ...This is akin to a school bully taking your lunch money, and the teacher telling you, "Make sure you tell that bully thank you, on your way out!"*

**This is why I am voting AGAINST ISSUE 64 this November 8th.** For me, Issue 64 is not about getting a hospital back; I do not know if we will get our lunch money back from the school bully... but I **WILL NOT** thank him for

taking it!

**For us, now, this is about standing up and saying ENOUGH is ENOUGH.** We do not want to be bullied now or ever again, in this way. I do not approve of what has happened here in my city. I do not like the manner in which this was done. We do not want to repeat this saga in the future. Thus, I am voting AGAINST Issue 64.

**In solidarity,**  
**Tristan Rader**  
**Operations Director, Cuyahoga County Progressive Caucus**  
**Lakewood Resident**

## “Build Lakewood” Insiders’ PAC Hurt Healthcare And Costs Taxpayers Over \$184 Million-Vote Against 64

by Brian Essi

In the last Lakewood Observer, Jim Kenny, a spokesman for “Build Lakewood” recently rebranded as an insiders’ fake “progress” Political Action Committee (PAC) published some seriously false claims. The Rebranded PAC is the same group of insiders who last year took \$50,000 in charitable money from the hospital and spread the same kind lies to “win” by cheating. Here is a point by point rebuttal of the claims made by the PAC:

**Insiders’ Lie #1:** Issue 64 is “No costs to taxpayers.”

**Facts:** The total cost to taxpayers is \$184M right out of the gate. The Master Agreement has caused \$107M

in taxpayers’ healthcare assets to leave Lakewood, it will cost taxpayers \$22M in income taxes over the next 11 years, and the Master Agreement gave away \$55M in capital improvements to taxpayers’ assets—previously guaranteed by the Cleveland Clinic.

**Insiders’ Lie #2:** “Your healthcare experience won’t need to change.”

**Facts:** Healthcare has changed for 19,000 hospital Emergency Room patient visits per year that used to go to Lakewood Hospital before it closed. \$7 million per year in charity care (\$77 million for the balance of the Lease) is gone. The wealthy insiders care more about money than working class people in need of healthcare. The Insiders PAC and the Cleveland Clinic are shipping in overworked medical residents while the experienced doctors have been forced out of Lakewood by the destructive Master Agreement.

**Insiders’ Lie #3:** “Better yet, a vote for requires the Clinic pays Lakewood an additional \$19.6 million for transition costs and to help the City of Lakewood redevelop the old site”

**Facts:** The Clinic pays nothing for transition costs—ZERO. The only money paid by the Clinic to the city is \$1.6M for 1.8 acres of land on the east side of Belle, but taxpayers foot the bill for \$3.6M in demolition costs and a

\$2.5M gift to the Clinic for their parking lot—A net taxpayer loss of \$4.6M to gift city land to the Clinic. Its Nuts! Only \$8M is paid for Columbia Road (a taxpayer asset) that was valued at \$13M---Cost to taxpayers for sale of Columbia Road--\$5 million loss to taxpayers.

**Insiders’ Lie #4:** “Meanwhile \$32 million is being deposited into a new Lakewood foundation dedicated to improving our community’s health.”

**Facts:** The “new” foundation is not going to be controlled by Lakewood—it will be controlled by the Clinic and the same old insiders who destroyed the hospital using charitable money for their own goals, not the goals of Lakewood’s citizens. The “private” foundation won’t be fully funded until 2026---true value of the funding is only \$16.5M, at a cost to taxpayers of \$184M (see above).

**Insiders Spin:** “When you see the unvarnished facts, I believe you’ll recognize that the choice is clear. We need to keep quality healthcare in Lakewood.”

**Facts:** The Master Agreement destroys Lakewood’s public healthcare assets and seriously degrades healthcare in Lakewood.

Stop the Insiders and their lies.  
Vote AGAINST 64.

### Bad Government 10:

## Summers Admits “Life Is On The Line” And “Community Is Better Served” By A Hospital

by Brian Essi

At his press conference last week in front of firetrucks standing shoulder to shoulder with Fire Chief Scott Gilman, Summers said:

1. “When Life is on the Line, Let’s Make Sure We Know the Truth.”

2. “We did lose a Valuable Service that served this community for 100 years.”

3. “They (The Against 64 group) believe that the community is better served by a local inpatient care. I don’t dispute that.”

So there you have it from Summers’ own lips—there is no dispute that what Save Lakewood Hospital is working for would better serve the community.

Lives are on the line and a hospital would better serve our community and save lives. Summers said it.

Chief Gilman said at the press conference: “It takes longer to get to the hospital” now that the hospital is closed.

So why did Summers hold his press conference when there is no dis-

pute that lives are at stake?

Summers said at the press conference: “I am deeply disturbed by the allegations and untruths spread by people in our community who are politically motivated and who are trying to scare others by attacking our emergency service system here in Lakewood.” But Summers failed to be specific about any alleged “untruths” or even the “people” allegedly spreading them. Perhaps that’s because nobody is “attacking our emergency service system in Lakewood.” By Summers’ own words, it can’t be the Against 64 group or Save Lakewood Hospital, because Summers admits that they are proposing something that “*better serves our Community*” and saves the “*lives that are on the line.*”

So Summers held a press conference to set up a lie (a straw man) that he could knock down.

So it is Summers spreading politically motivated lies trying to scare people when “Life is on the Line.”

How sad.

And certainly, very bad government.

## Issue 64 Is Not Progress

by Kevin Young

On the November 8th General Election ballot, Lakewood voters will have their first and only opportunity for a direct vote on the deal that closed Lakewood Hospital. It will appear as Issue 64 with options for or AGAINST Ordinance #49-15.

Issue 64 is NOT progress. The ordinance that closed Lakewood Hospital and transfers \$80 million in publicly owned assets to the private non-profit Cleveland Clinic guarantees a second-class future. Issue 64 puts lives at risk due to delayed medical treatment; offers no plan to replace nearly 1,000 lost healthcare jobs;

weakens our local economy by closing our largest employer; restricts Lakewood’s healthcare market into the future; provides no guarantee Lakewood will keep an ER; limits liability of those responsible and our ability to collect damages.

With all of the positive things happening in Lakewood, we shouldn’t be about settling for less. Our city has an obligation to protect lives, an opportunity to restore jobs and a duty to keep Lakewood strong.

This November, don’t give away public property to fill private pockets. Vote AGAINST Issue 64. Say “No thanks. We deserve a better deal.”

## Lakewood Living

# Cheers To The Front Porch Concert Series

by Michael Bentley

In the words of Sophia from the "Golden Girls," "picture this"....

It's the middle of March and I'm sitting in my office thinking to myself, "How in the heck can I get more involved in the community?" My wife and I both grew up in Lakewood, and had lived in West Park a number of years. We liked it, but, when we had children we decided to move back to Lakewood because of the charm and culture we wanted our kids to have that we witnessed growing up. Yes, it's different, but more or less, it's the same. I say

that with compliments. The culture and people are similar; but the homes, the businesses, and Downtown Lakewood make it so much more beautiful than it was when we grew up. People aren't just coming for the bars anymore. They're coming to eat, bike, shop, and live.

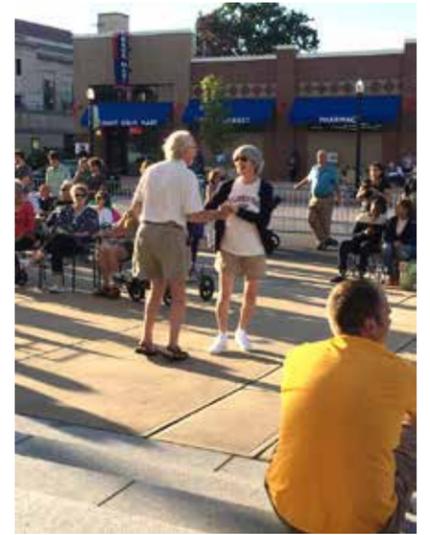
So, I start running down the various things I can do. Now, selfishly, I wanted to also promote my business; but, it was extremely important to me that I get involved with something I care about. At that moment, I'm looking around my office, and saw a picture of my two boys, who are the absolute light of my wife's and my lives. All I can picture is them, in our family room (if you live in our neighborhood, you've probably heard the music or walked by and said "these people are nuts"), begging for "Uptown Funk" and the four of us singing and dancing with the kids' drum and guitar, over and over and over. BOOM! It hit me. I sent a message on Facebook to LakewoodAlive inquiring about sponsoring the Front Porch Concert Series. Shortly thereafter, I'm sitting and hashing out a plan with their impeccable leader, Ian Andrews, on how to promote the series, and learning more about the organization to make sure I believed in what they stood for (economic development in Downtown Lakewood, home beautification, Light Up Lakewood, etc.).

My wife and I took our toddler boys up to the concerts just about every Friday, save for a couple when we were out of

town for the weekend. It amazed me how many in our community showed up! The first week, we had a table set up to promote Bentley Wealth Management, and gave out bubbles while the kids and adults danced the night away to Havana Nights Orchestra. Another week, I ran into Dr. Picard, whom I've known since I was at Lincoln Elementary with his second oldest son, for the first time in nearly 20 years, and got to catch up while one of his younger sons was jamming away with the Vance Music Studio Kids Bands. I caught up with Sergeant Kevin Fischer weekly, and it was particularly memorable watching him help a young lady, who had had a bad day, get her car open while the keys were locked inside. I got to meet many of YOU; my neighbors, my friends and family, my clients, up there weekly. We got particularly lucky this summer that we didn't have much rain on Friday nights and the whole Downtown Lakewood area could hear the beautiful notes coming from guitars, keyboards, standing bass, and yes, even Ernie Krivda's saxophone.

While many of you probably remember seeing my business' name attached to the social media blitz and press releases LakewoodAlive put out weekly this summer, I came away extremely grateful. I've had many people come to me asking if I could work with them on financial planning; others saying, "Oh, you're the guy who does the concerts" (I wish I had musical bone in my body, I can't even keep a beat); or asking how I felt it was working out from a sponsorship standpoint. Yes, the sponsorship I did with LakewoodAlive worked to get you all aware of me and maybe even sick of me at the same time, but this came down to what was important to me. They cared about that. LakewoodAlive knew how much my kids enjoyed music, and how much they enjoyed those concerts every week. They cared about how it became a ritual for my family, and many of yours, to be up there weekly dancing the night away. Ian, Allison, Matt, Lisa, and Mark at LakewoodAlive deeply care about our community. I've volunteered, I've helped with planning some of the larger events they put on, and I drank in their awesome beer garden at Meltdown!

I'd like to raise a glass to our community, our city, and LakewoodAlive for making this year the most successful Front Porch Concert Series, yet. Thank



A happy couple dancing to the groove of Havana Nights Orchestra.

you. In a society where it feels like so many extra-curricular activities are getting taken away from children and communities, we are lucky to live in a town that cares about the arts. We are a community of diverse, artistic, strong-willed, but accepting people. No matter our differences, we always come together in the end as a community. The Front Porch Concert Series is only one example. LakewoodAlive puts on Summer Meltdown, Spooky Pooch, The Lakewood Wine & Craft Beer Festival, Light Up Lakewood, they do the flower boxes on Detroit during the spring/summer, they do volunteer projects for yard clean up, house painting etc. I've already told Ian and the team that I'm back as the title sponsor for next year for the Front Porch Concert Series. I'm doing it because of our community, because of our children, because of the arts. If you see me around, say hello, have a conversation with me. I grew up here, I'm raising my kids here, and I want to make sure my family and I give back to this beautiful lady we call home. Lakewood.

*The opinions expressed are those of the writer, but not necessarily those of Raymond James and Associates, and subject to change at any time. Material is provided for informational purposes only. Raymond James is not affiliated with and does not endorse LakewoodAlive.*

*This article is provided by Michael Bentley, Vice President, Investments of Raymond James & Associates, Inc. Member New York Stock Exchange/SIPC 159 Crocker Park Blvd, Suite 390, Westlake, OH 44145. He may be reached at 440.801.1629.*

**AGS PRINTWEAR**  
div. of A. Graphic Solution, Inc.

Custom Imprinted Apparel  
Corporate Logowear  
Spiritwear

**216.410.3232**

agstshirts@earthlink.net  
www.agsprintwear.com  
14900 Detroit Ave., Suite 310  
Lakewood, Ohio 44107 USA

**The Yardist Lawn & Garden Service LLC**  
yardistlawn@gmail.com

**440.315.6478**

lawn care • pruning  
sodding & seeding  
edging & aeration  
flower beds & gardens  
hedge & shrub trimming

Improve your curb appeal!

Like us on Facebook!

Member of Lakewood Chamber of Commerce

**PARTIES 'R' US**

INDOOR KIDS CTR.  
OFFERING: PUPPET SHOWS  
CHARACTERS, INFLATABLES,  
PLUSH ANIMAL RIDES ETC...  
BOOK A PARTY OR COME TO PLAY  
AFFORDABLE & ALL-INCLUSIVE

13389 SMITH RD.  
MIDDLEBURG HTS. OH  
440-552-5151  
PARTIESRUSCLEVELAND.COM  
NEXT TO LAZER TAG

**Fedor Manor**  
Apartments  
Affordable Senior Housing Community

When you walk through the door,  
you know you are home.

Seniors  
Make us your NEW home this Fall!

12400 Madison Ave. • Lakewood, Ohio  
216-226-7575  
TTY 1-800-750-0750

www.fedormanorapartments.com

## The Bark Is Back: 9th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade

Continued from page 1

including Best Dog & Child, Best, Dog & Adult, Best Dog & Group, Spookiest Pooch and Best in Show.

"We're as excited as a dog greeting you at the door about having our Spooky Pooch Parade return for a ninth consecutive year," said Ian Andrews, Executive Director of LakewoodAlive. "Not only does this crowd-pleasing community event showcase our city's vibrancy, but it's also a great deal of fun for everyone who participates."

For more information regarding the Spooky Pooch Parade, including to register your dog to participate in the parade or to apply to be a vendor, please visit SpookyPoochParade.com.

The Spooky Pooch Parade is generously supported by the following sponsors: Discount Drug Mart (title sponsor), City of Lakewood, First Federal Lakewood, Inn The Doghouse, Lakewood Animal Hospital, Pet's General Store and Renewal by Andersen Window Replacement.

# Lakewood Living

## Lakewood Real Estate Remains Red Hot

by Chris Bergin

The Lakewood Real Estate Market remains one of the hottest, if not the hottest, market on Cleveland's west side!

As of September 20th there were 86 Single Family Homes for sale in the Lakewood market. Although historically low, this is much higher than the 45-55 homes we were carrying through the spring market. In addition, 77

properties were under contract, sale pending, as of the 20th.

Since January there have been 396 closed transactions for Single Family Homes. Sales are up 10.3% over the same period last year (359 closed sales) and Lakewood is on track to match, if not exceed, the total sales in 2015.

Let's take a look at how 2016 is matching up to 2015 in other significant

statistical categories.

The Cumulative Days on Market, the true number of days it took a home to sell, improved by 12 days. Last year it took, from start to finish, 76 days on average to sell. This year it is down to 64 days. Impressive, considering it is taking the average lender more time to close a buyer's loan than in 2015.

In 2015 the Closed Price to List Price Ratio was an impressive 98%

2016 is aiming for perfection, ringing in at 99.4% thru September 20th. Several months this year are averaging sales 100% or more of list price!

It is not surprising that sellers are feeling bullish on the market. 2016 has seen the Average List Price jump 10.7%, growing from \$174,100 in 2015 to an average of \$192,800 this year. The Average Sales Price has improved another 4.7% this year, improving from \$165,300 last year to \$173,100 thus far in 2016. Perhaps most impressively is that over \$68M in real estate has transferred hands in 2016, up \$9M over the same period last year! And this is only for Single Family Homes! This is a whopping 15% growth over last year.

What's in store for the Lakewood market moving forward? No one knows for sure, but there are no indications of a slowdown locally. Lakewood remains a destination of choice for buyers. If inventory remains tight, with high buyer demand and still historically low interest rates, expect many happy sellers in Lakewood for months to come! Keep up with market activity and home values at [www.HomeValuesInLakewood.Info](http://www.HomeValuesInLakewood.Info).

Chris Bergin is a licensed real estate agent with Berkshire Hathaway Lucien Realty in Lakewood and can be reached at [Chris@ChrisBergin.com](mailto:Chris@ChrisBergin.com).

## LakewoodAlive To Host October Workshops Regarding Wooden Steps, Heating Systems And Bathroom Remodeling

by Matt Bixenstine

Free Home Educational Workshops Take Place on October 1, October 8 and October 22

October is generally considered the month for haunts and changing leaves, but this year it will also be the month for home improvement. LakewoodAlive will host a trio of free "Knowing Your Home" workshops next month when "Wooden Step Repair & Replacement," "Heating System 101" and "Bathroom Remodeling" take place on October 1, October 8 and October 22, respectively.

The latest installments of LakewoodAlive's popular home educational series seek to empower area homeowners with the necessary knowledge and confidence to tackle home repairs and improvement projects. Each workshop is spearheaded by an industry expert who is well-qualified to guide attendees through the process of completing a particular home maintenance task.

**Knowing Your Home: Wooden Step Repair & Replacement**

**When:** Saturday, October 1, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon)

**Where:** A private residence at 1460 Westwood Avenue in Lakewood

**What:** Led by John Turner, this workshop will feature an on-site presentation providing a step-by-step approach to both repairing and replacing wooden steps, enabling participants to better decide which option is right for them. Participants will gain insight into the design and implementation of a step replacement.

**Knowing Your Home: Heating System 101**

**When:** Saturday, October 8, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon)

**Where:** Slife Heating & Cooling –

13729 Madison Avenue in Lakewood

**What:** Join Dave Slife for a workshop to discuss the heating system options at homeowners' disposal. This workshop will help attendees evaluate the status of their system prior to the return of Old Man Winter.

**Knowing Your Home: Bathroom Remodeling**

**When:** Saturday, October 22, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon)

**Where:** Cleveland Lumber – 9410 Madison Avenue in Cleveland

**What:** If your home's bathroom is ready for a makeover, then this is the workshop for you. We'll delve into remodeling best practices, helping you achieve the bathroom you want on time and on budget.

Visit [Lakewoodalive.org](http://Lakewoodalive.org) for more information and to reserve your free spot at our workshops.

Now in its third year, LakewoodAlive's "Knowing Your Home" series draws hundreds of attendees annually. Our workshop series

is supported by: Citizens Bank, City of Lakewood, Cleveland Lumber Company, Fifth Third Bank, First Federal Lakewood, PNC Bank, Remax Beyond 2000, Third Federal Savings & Loan and The University of Akron Lakewood.

In lieu of being charged to attend this workshop, participants are asked to either consider making a donation to LakewoodAlive or bringing canned foods or other non-perishable items for donation to the Lakewood Community Services Center. We appreciate your support.

Lakewood's #1 choice for interior and exterior painting

**Neubert PAINTING**

Serving Northeast Ohio Homeowners since 1975

**Quality Painting.**  
THAT'S ALL WE DO!

Call us at 216-529-0360 for a Free Consultation!  
[neubertpainting.com](http://neubertpainting.com)

Celebrating 3 Years in Historic Birdtown!

**STEM**  
HANDMADE SOAP  
**Anniversary Celebration!**

**Saturday & Sunday**  
**October 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Fun Give-aways, Refreshments & All Your Favorite STEM Products!**

**100% NATURAL SKIN CARE**  
Bath Soap • Hand & Body Lotion • Body Butter • Liquid Hand Soap  
Face Oil • Lip Balm • Bath Bombs • Sugar Scrub • Plus More!

**SOAP MAKING CLASSES**

**STEM**  
HANDMADE SOAPS

12405 Madison Avenue • Lakewood, OH 44107  
216-505-5531 • [www.stemsoaps.com](http://www.stemsoaps.com)

f t

**BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY**  
HomeServices

Lucien Realty

Your Lakewood Specialist

**Chris Bergin**  
216.244.7175  
[Chris@ChrisBergin.com](mailto:Chris@ChrisBergin.com)

People You Know, Names You Trust.

Find out what homes are selling for in YOUR neighborhood!

GET YOUR FREE HOME VALUE REPORT NOW!

Visit [www.HomeValuesInLakewood.Info](http://www.HomeValuesInLakewood.Info) for your FREE report!

# The Back Page



**W M**  
**E**  
**D ONNELLY**

**HEATING & COOLING**

SALES ■ SERVICE ■ INSTALLATION

SERVING LAKEWOOD SINCE 1922

**CALL US TODAY!**  
**216-521-7000**  
24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE

**\$15 OFF** any service call  
**\$125 OFF** any furnace or A/C installation

**ALLURE PAINTING**  
INTERIOR/EXTERIOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL

Quality interior and exterior painting for over a decade

**OWNER ON SITE • FREE ESTIMATES**  
Now scheduling exterior house painting!

216-287-7468 / 216-228-0138 office • [www.allurepainting.net](http://www.allurepainting.net)

This paper is written, produced, and delivered by residents of Lakewood. Your Neighbors, Family, and Friends. Isn't it time you joined with us?

**NUNZIO'S Pizzeria** Visit Sicily Without Leaving Home

SINCE 1990 • 26 YEARS IN BUSINESS!

Fresh Authentic Italian Cuisine  
Pizza • Pasta • Sandwiches • Salads • Wings

U.S. COMMERCE ASSOCIATION  
BEST OF CLEVELAND FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE YEARS 2009 & 2010

NOW SERVING 3 LOCATIONS!  
Lakewood • Fairview Park  
Rocky River

**OPEN:**  
Monday - Saturday  
4pm - 3:30am  
Deliveries until 3:15am

Sunday  
2pm - 1:30am  
Deliveries until 1:15am

PIZZA	Small 6 cut - 9"	Medium 8 cut - 12"	Large 12 cut - 16"	Party Tray Half Sheet
Plain	\$7.00	\$8.50	\$11.00	\$12.00
1 Item	\$7.50	\$9.25	\$12.00	\$13.50
2 Items	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$13.00	\$15.00
3 Items	\$8.50	\$10.75	\$14.00	\$16.50
4 Items	\$9.00	\$11.50	\$15.00	\$18.00
Deluxe	\$9.50	\$12.25	\$16.00	\$19.50
Extra Items	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$1.00	\$1.50
Ext. Cheese/Spec. Topp	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$2.50	\$3.50

Available Items: Pepperoni, Sausage, Mushrooms, Onion, Green & Red Peppers, Anchovies, Ham, Bacon, Fresh Garlic, Black, Olives, Hot Peppers, Ground Meat, Pineapple, Jalapeño Peppers  
SPECIAL TOPPINGS: Artichoke Hearts, Tomato, Broccoli, Chicken

**17615 Detroit Ave. • 216-228-2900**  
[www.nunziospizza.net](http://www.nunziospizza.net)

**COX Business**

**YOUR OFFICE IS NO LONGER THE CENTER OF YOUR BUSINESS. YOU ARE.**

IP Centrex is more than a phone system. It's an advanced, cloud-based platform that seamlessly unifies all your communications from your office lines to your mobile devices without complex equipment. Get more features and more flexibility, all with no up-front hardware costs to your business.

**WHAT CAN UNIFIED COMMUNICATIONS WITH IP CENTREX DO FOR YOU?**

- ▶ **MOVE ACTIVE CALLS** between devices so you can go freely about your day
- ▶ **INCREASE YOUR AVAILABILITY** with instant messaging and presence capabilities on any device
- ▶ **IMPROVE PROFESSIONALISM** with a single business line caller ID

Services not available in all areas. Other restrictions apply. © 2016 Cox Communications, Inc. All rights reserved.

CALL (877) 404-2533 OR VISIT [COXBUSINESS.COM/IPCENTREX](http://COXBUSINESS.COM/IPCENTREX)

**Rozi's**

Hours  
Mon. - Thurs.  
7:30am - 7pm  
Fri. Sat.  
7:30am - 9pm  
Sunday  
12am - 5pm  
Café service ends 15 minutes prior to closing.

14900 Detroit Ave. • 216.221.1119

New Gift Catalog now-online and in the store. Holiday Season is quickly approaching. Be sure to check out our new award winning Gift Basket Selections

[www.rozis.com](http://www.rozis.com)  
**WE SHIP WORLDWIDE**

Thank-you for making Rozi's Wine House, Inc. Northeast Ohio's #1 Ranked Wine Store (Cleveland & Scene Magazines)

**Rozi's Front Porch**

NOW OPEN!  
Choose a select bottle (or glass) of wine or draft beer from from the Café Menu OR Browse Cleveland's #1 Rated Wine Store and choose any bottle of wine or beer from the shelves and take it back to the porch to enjoy.