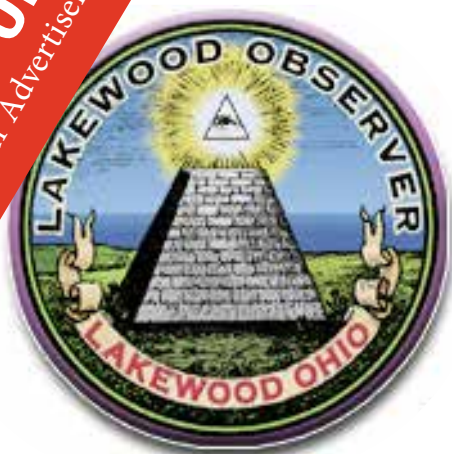


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As Encounters Continue In Lakewood

Preventing Coyote Conflicts In Your Backyard

by Kara Vlach-Lasher

Coyotes are cautious animals that are common throughout Cuyahoga County and all of Ohio. Coyotes have coexisted amongst us in Lakewood for years, rarely

being noticed. Today, there are at least three alpha pairs, and their groups, living in Lakewood. An alpha pair lives in the Madison Park vicinity, another pair lives in the South West Corner, and the third pair

in the Lakewood Park vicinity. Coyotes are located in dense urban populations all across the United States including Chicago, Los Angeles and even New York City.

Recently, many residents

have reported seeing coyotes near Lakewood Park. In February, a West Highland White Terrier named Brody, living near Lakewood Park was chased and bitten while outside at 6:45 am, in a fenced yard. Thankfully, owners Barbara and Mark Mehle did exactly what they were supposed to do. They ran off the coyote by yelling and waving their arms above their heads.

Three other small-dog attacks have occurred in this area. These attacks started in late January. The dogs were all small breed dogs; each survived with bite injuries.

These recent encounters are the exception, not the rule from Lakewood's experience.

Merely seeing a coyote is normally not a cause for concern. During the winter months, there may be an uptick in sightings due to an increase in coyote activity; January through March is mating season.

And although terrifying for the Mehles, the pursuit of their small dog is natural coyote behavior. Attacks on humans are extremely rare. Coyotes instinctively avoid people and are adept at avoiding human contact. According to Lakewood's Animal Shelter Supervisor, Elaine Hearn, **there has never been a coyote attack on a human in our area.**

Although these recent encounters are the exception, not the rule from Lakewood's experience, everyone should be informed about how to protect their pets and how to behave should one encounter a coyote.

First, it may be helpful to discuss some basic facts about coyotes.

Basic Coyote Facts

Coyotes are particularly skilled at living in proximity to people. Coyotes residing in urban environments are typically nocturnal, unlike their counterparts in natural surroundings. This is most likely behavior adapted to avoid human contact. According to the Urban Coyote Research Program, a research project dedicated to the study of coyotes in the metropolitan areas of Chicago, Illinois, coyotes in urban environments switch their activity to be more active at night when human activity is minimal. They can be most active at dawn and dusk.

Urban areas provide a bounty of natural food sources for coyotes, who primarily hunt small mammals such as mice, rats, and rabbits. They will also eat fruit and berries.

Coyotes may prey on small unattended domestic pets, such as cats and small dogs, if

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Tristan Rader For City Council At-Large - Let's Make Lakewood Better, Together

by Tristan Rader

Lakewood at its best is a place that welcomes and connects new and old residents, alike, to something bigger. I'm running for city council at-large to help everyone share in this promise of an engaged vibrant community. Our city welcomed me when I needed a place to stay after returning from mission work several years ago. A friend in Lakewood took me in, and soon I truly had found a place where I wanted to stay. Although I was born in Cleveland, Lakewood has won my heart and is my home.

The people of Lakewood make this community special. There's much else to love, of course; the lake, strong schools, our award winning library, and having so much of life within walking distance. But our city's diversity and values are Lakewood's greatest assets.

Ours is one of the most progressive cities in the state,

and it deserves leadership that puts those values into practice locally.

As a Lakewood resident, I've benefited greatly from the friendships and opportunities here. While working for the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, I also co-founded a start-up in Lakewood. I'm blessed with an exceptional wife, and a cozy house near Kauffman Park. It's important to me to give back to this community so that more people can fully share in the same promise. Though I was honored to help the Food Bank manage a historic expansion in recent years, it demonstrated the serious needs that are often overlooked.

When Senator Bernie Sanders announced his campaign for president, I took to heart his call to get involved in public life at all levels. After working full-time on Sanders' primary campaign, I helped create a new focus for the local energy we had inspired, co-founding the Cuyahoga



Tristan Rader, Candidate for Lakewood City Council At-Large

County Progressive Caucus. Now engaging nearly 2,500 members throughout the county, I am proud that CCPC is headquartered right here in Lakewood.

The months since have been busy for the Progressive Caucus, organizing or co-sponsoring resistance to an assault from Washington on our basic American values. But we have a responsibility to live up to our ideals on a local level, also. We can make a positive difference

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Rotary Foundation Awards Over \$59,000 In Grants

by Lynn Donaldson

Over \$59,000 in grants from the Lakewood-Rocky River Rotary Foundation will be used to provide scholarships, recognize student achievement, purchase dictionaries for third graders, and help fund worthy programs by community organizations.

The awards focused on three main areas - community health and wellness, food and nutrition, and programs that encourage and foster youth leadership.

The Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River will award \$12,000 in scholarships to high school seniors, and presented \$6,000 to student winners in the club's annual speech, music and art competition at the Beck Center on March 27.

The Beck Center received \$2,500 for arts scholarships, and \$1,860 was used to continue the club's commitment to provide a dictionary each year to every third grader in

Lakewood and Rocky River.

Seed money grants went to North Coast Health Ministry (\$5,000) for a diabetic retinopathy machine, and Girls with Sole (\$2,500) to fund its summer camp initiative.

American Youth Foundation scholarships totaling \$3,850 were awarded to Lakewood and Rocky River high school to send students to leadership camp this summer.

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Driver Pulled From Burning Car At Lake And Nicholson



Police and Fire received a call at 2:45 a.m. on a foggy, rainy night in Lakewood and put the fire out in under 10 minutes. One person sent to Metro Hospital. Without brave people willing to pull the driver out of a burning car, this could have ended differently. Great work Lakewood Police and Fire! Bryan won a LO T-shirt for this photo!

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What You Need To Know: Immigration, Refugees And The Muslim Ban 2.0

by Laurie Kincer

If you're wondering what the national political news means to you, it's time to connect with your neighbors at the next meeting of Action Together Lakewood Area (ATLA) on Sunday, April 9, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Jammy Buggars, 15625 Detroit Ave, Lakewood.

Local experts from ACLU People Power and other leading organizations will clarify the issues surrounding proposed changes in immigration, refugees, and the Muslim ban. They will help sort out what's fact, what's fiction, and what you can do about it.

The meeting is free and open to all; no food or drink purchase is necessary.

On Sunday, April 23, those wishing to dig deeper and contribute to

upcoming projects are again invited to join ATLA at Jammy Buggars from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. to work in friendly focus teams.

For updates, find us on Facebook (Action Together Lakewood Area) and Twitter (@ATLKWD).

Action Together Lakewood Area, a part of Action Together Ohio, began in December 2016 to connect, educate, and take action toward progressive political change in Ohio. We aim to create a state of well-informed citizens who regularly act in the pursuit of equality, social and environmental health, security and freedom for all individuals regardless of age, race, ethnicity, religion, ability, immigration status, and sexual orientation or identity.

Laurie Kincer is a member of Action Together Lakewood Area, formed after 2016 presidential election; a Lakewood resident since 1986; children's librarian at the Lakewood Public Library (1998-2001) and currently coordinator of the William N. Skirball Writers' Center at the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library.

Join The Lakewood Division Of Aging For A Tour Of Playhouse Square

by DeDe MacNamee-Gold

Take advantage of a totally unique, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore the "Behind the scenes" area of Playhouse Square. Get back stage, check out the orchestra pits, the set storage areas and dressing rooms. Find out what it takes to make your theater favorites come to life.

With five fully restored theaters, built in 1921 and 1922, Playhouse Square is the largest theater restoration project in the world. Learn how these gems were saved from the wrecking ball.

The Lakewood Division of Aging is offering this unique event on Monday, April 17 for all seniors 60 years of age or older. The tour costs \$6 with a suggested donation for transportation of \$3. Why not plan on coming for lunch prior to the 1:00 PM departure?

The guide will be sensitive to mobility issues, and there will be a lot of walking and some stairs on this 1 1/2 hour tour.

For more information call Lakewood Division of Aging Activities Office 216-529-5005

Get Yourself Screened And Maintain Your Good Health

by Barry Wemyss

This is your chance to take your health and wellness in your own hands. On Wednesday, April 12th, the Lakewood Division of Aging will be hosting St. John Medical Center for a free health screening series. Professional staff from St. John Medical will be offering blood pressure checks, blood glucose screens, cholesterol screens and bone-density tests. This free service will be offered from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Lawther Center, 16024 Madison Ave. This service will be free of charge for seniors, 60 years of age or older. Please call the Division of Aging Activities Office at 216-529-5005 for more information.

Why not plan on staying for lunch and bingo afterwards? Call our Nutrition Office at 216-529-5000 by Wednesday, April 5th to make a meal reservation.

Barry Wemyss is the Volunteer Services Supervisor for the City of Lakewood, Department of Human Services, Division Of Aging. He is a Lakewood resident, and a husband and father of a Harding student and an LHS student.

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ity Outreach received \$2,500 for its food programs. Cornucopia Inc. (Nature's Bin) was awarded \$2,000 for vocational training. Lakewood Community Services Center received \$2,000 for its jobs program. Barton Center was awarded \$1,886; Matthew's Lending Library, \$1,862; Lakewood Meals on Wheels, \$1,500; and North Coast Health Ministry, \$1,500.

Grants of \$1,000 each were awarded to Custom Fit Kids, HUGS Foundation, Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corp., Lakewood Commission on Aging (Lakewood Foundation), Rocky River Assistance Program, Bridge Avenue School, The Singing Angels, and Youth Challenge.

Rocky River Senior Center received \$600 to assist with transportation expenses, and \$500 grants were awarded to H2O (Help to Others), Lakewood Education Foundation, Harrison Elementary School, Recovery Resources, and River Sprouts, Inc.

The Foundation's assets grow each year as the result of gifts, donations and bequests by members and friends of the club.

The local club was chartered in 1926. Rotary International is the world's first service club organization, with more than 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs in more than 160 countries worldwide. Rotary, along with its partners, has reduced polio cases by 99 percent worldwide since its first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.



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Lakewood City Council Meeting - March 20, 2017

Meeting Highlights

University Tees Economic Grant Approved

by Bethany Francis

Adopted Resolution 8923-17 detailed entering into an economic grant agreement with University Tees, issued in the form of annual rebates not to exceed \$100,000. Jeff Frederico, the Director of Finance for University Tees, spoke of the company's mission to Develop People and Change Lives (DPCL), explaining, "the more you invest in a person, it's a win for the person, the company, and the community." Frederico expressed University Tees love of Lakewood and their gratitude for the ability to expand through the grant. Frederico stated the company is growing so rapidly that securing more space is vital for future growth, and this grant will not only provide space but will also encourage new employees to move to the city of Lakewood. The council expressed excitement for the development and requested scheduling a tour of the Screw Factory (13000 Athens Avenue) University Tees facility.

Finance Committee Report:

At the latest Finance Committee meeting, Councilmember Bullock introduced two new ordinances. The first, Ordinance 45-16A, would add three memberships to the list of associations to which the city belongs and pays dues. The organizations include a purchasing co-operative, an HR professional association, and a water infrastructure association, with dues totaling \$25, \$50, and \$1,000, respectively. The Committee recommended adoption upon the legislation's third reading (it was currently on its second reading), and Council deferred it to the following city council meeting.

The second ordinance, Ordinance 16-17, is a Transfer and Advances Ordinance, an "internal accounting mechanism by which the city's funds pay each other back," Councilmember Bullock explained. He clarified that the moving funds supported the Office on Aging, worker's compensation, debt service funds for waste water treatments, and energy efficiency in

the building. The legislation was adopted.

Public Safety Committee Report:
2016 Crime Report

For the most recent Public Safety Committee meeting, Police Chief Timothy Malley reported on law enforcement in Lakewood in 2016. Malley reported that the amount robberies and burglaries was the lowest in Lakewood in over 15 years. However, there was a significant increase in the number of opioid overdoses within city limits. O'Malley reminded the public that both reports are posted on the city's website and encouraged the community to read them.

Medical Marijuana Moratorium

The Public Safety Committee had a healthy discussion regarding Resolution 8916-17, legislation that would extend the medical marijuana moratorium in Lakewood for 6 months. Councilmember O'Malley explained that the city was approached with a potential dispensary operator who was concerned that the moratorium would prohibit him from obtaining a license to operate a dispensary in Lakewood. With the potential dispensary in mind, the committee discussed zoning regulations, fee structures, the impact on public safety, and the impact on the current opioid crisis. Ultimately, the Council's recommendation was to amend the resolution to be a 3 month moratorium, amending the former 6 month span. The vote passed two to one, with O'Malley's vote dissenting.

O'Malley explained that he voted against the moratorium for two reasons: first, because he does not want to lose a financial opportunity for Lakewood (such as the aforementioned), and second, if bringing medical marijuana to Lakewood is something the council, administration, and people of Lakewood desire, it makes sense to move forward and align with the desires of the community. President O'Leary echoed O'Malley, stating, "if Lakewood decides collectively

that it is something that we want and something that our community could facilitate and do well, then we will have done ourselves a disservice by extending the moratorium further." He added his concern for the speculated small number of dispensary operating licenses and desired not to miss an opportunity for a dispensary in the future.

Councilmember Bullock explained that the rationale for extending the medical marijuana moratorium was to provide more time for research into the issues. Councilmember Marx added her commitment to investigating potential issues by the three month deadline to see if a dispensary would benefit Lakewood. She encouraged community members to come out and voice their support or disapproval of medical marijuana in Lakewood. Councilmember Litten explained that the three months would be devoted to researching fees and potential business site issues, questions Mayor Summer posed. He asked the mayor to comment, but he declined.

Vice President Anderson expressed his support of a fixed time, as there is a concrete timeline to report back to the community and the Council and Administration themselves. He remarked that the three month moratorium will be closer to when the Department of Commerce by the State of Ohio will answer questions such as how to register as a licensed dispensary, what the cost of the license is, and how many dispensary licenses will be allowed in Ohio. He empathized with potential business owners struggling to obtain a retail license without any idea of how to register. In the end, the three month medical marijuana moratorium passed 7-2, with O'Leary and O'Malley dissenting.

Community Health Needs Assessment

Councilmember Marx expressed her concern for securing health care for the growing senior population in Lakewood. She expressed the desire to use the Cleveland Clinic Community Health Needs

Assessment, visiting with the county health department to best discover a strategic plan for taking care of community health care needs. In addition, she reported that Mayor Summers met with the administration and the County Board of Health to discuss lead paint in older Lakewood homes and how to resolve these issues to make Lakewood a healthier place to live.

City Support for the Affordable Care Act

Councilmember O'Malley provided a resolution affirming strong support for Medicare, Medicaid, and Affordable Care Act. He expressed his disdain for the United States Congress for trying to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) without a replacement plan for the 14 million affected. O'Malley admitted the ACA is not perfect, but he insisted it aids a significant number of Americans. Resolution 8924-17, a formal resolution opposed attacks to ACA, passed unanimously.

Collective Bargaining Agreement for Dispatchers

Law Director Butler produced Resolution 8925-17, a 3-year collective bargaining agreement for Ohio Labor Council Dispatcher Unit. The Union ratified the agreement, with dispatchers' pay in line with the recently passed firefighter and paramedic benefits (a three percent raise the first year, two percent the two following years, and two years of health insurance). Council adopted the resolution.

Public Works Committe Report

Director Beno proposed AT&T easements on city property in order to place cabinets for their gigapower service program. AT&T would expand the easement in the northeast corner of Madison Park, the northwest corner of the Winterhurst Property parking lot, and at Warren Road between the Board of Education Building and Boston Market. Beno explained that these are the most visually appealing options for what the boxes require. Councilmember Bullock said that there is a streetscape plan for a \$50,000 grant from the county,

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LakewoodAlive’s Paint Lakewood Program Kicks Off 2017 Season

by Matt Bixenstine

Calling Lakewood homeowners and residents: Now’s the perfect time to add a splash of color to your home’s exterior.

LakewoodAlive announces the return of its Paint Lakewood Program for the 2017 season. This innovative program is designed to help make it more affordable for qualified Lakewood homeowners and residents to beautify their homes through exterior painting.

Paint Lakewood will provide a grant of up to \$3,500 to Lakewood homeowners and residents for exterior paint, supplies and professional labor costs to paint their home. The program has been designed to offer a grant on a sliding scale to help reduce the cost of a whole house paint.

The Paint Lakewood Program’s primary goal involves revitalizing Lakewood’s neighborhoods while reducing lead hazards by educating residents on lead safety issues.

“We’re pleased to be able to once again offer Lakewood homeowners and residents the opportunity to participate in our Paint Lakewood Program,” said Allison Urbanek, LakewoodAlive’s Housing Outreach Director. “This program serves as an invaluable tool for helping low-to-moderate income

residents improve their homes through affordable exterior painting.”

Qualified Paint Lakewood Program applicants must meet HUD-established income guidelines, and other restrictions do apply. Visit LakewoodAlive.org for more information or contact Lisa LaRochelle, LakewoodAlive’s Staff Program Assistant, at 216-521-0655.

Pictured at right: Before and after photos from a home that was painted as part of the Paint Lakewood Program.



As Encounters Continue In Lakewood Preventing Coyote Conflicts In Your Backyard

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given the opportunity. They occasionally scavenge unsecured garbage, pet food and compost. It is important to note this is not aberrant behavior, but a normal behavior for these animals.

It can be prevented by reducing food sources, not feeding the coyotes directly so the animals don’t lose their natural fear of humans, and taking essential measures to protect your pets.

People and wildlife can coexist peacefully, especially when the population is knowledgeable about how to help avoid conflicts.

Remove Food Attractants

Incidents can occur with coyotes who have grown accustomed to people due to being fed by humans (deliberately or not). Never intentionally feed a coyote. Many people unintentionally feed coyotes by leaving pet food or garbage out at night or having large bird feeders. Coyotes are usually not interested in the bird food, but bird feeders often attract rodents, especially squirrels, which then attract coyotes.

People should avoid feeding their pets outside. The lure of this food also can attract coyotes and other unwelcome wildlife into your yard. If you must feed outside, remove the food bowl as soon as your pet has finished their meal.

If you compost, do not compost meat, dairy or fish scraps and use an enclosed bin. Clean up fallen fruit around trees and around your outdoor grill area after each use. Keep your garbage lids closed and assure they are fitting tightly. Periodically clean cans to reduce residual odors.

How to Protect Your Pets

Cats and small dogs especially are vulnerable to coyote confrontations. Keep your cats indoors. Pets should never be left outside unattended and dogs should always be kept on a leash (six-foot long or shorter), particularly in public areas. Since the coyotes are active dusk through dawn, leaving your small dog out unattended, particularly in the Lakewood Park area at these times is not advised, even in a fenced in area. According to the Humane Society of the United States, in order to be “coyote-proof,” a fence would have to be at least eight feet tall and made of a material that coyotes cannot climb.

What do I do if I encounter a Coyote?

Conflicts can occur with coyotes who are protecting their mate during breeding season (January - March) or their pups and den during pup season (April – August). Hazing is the term used for methods to drive off a coyote from an area or discourage undesired behavior. Hazing helps maintain a coyote’s natural fear of humans. The simplest method of hazing is being

large and loud. Wave your arms above your head and yell “GO AWAY, COYOTE” in a low, deep voice. If you have on a coat, you could open your coat to make yourself appear larger. Making noise in any way possible is the best way to induce the coyote to run away. You could yell, use whistles, bells, air horns, or whatever is your noisemaker of choice. Squirt water guns with vinegar water, or throw tennis balls, sticks or other small objects toward (not at) the coyote to dissuade the animal. If you are in your yard, use your garden hose to spray the animal. Banging pots and pans can be helpful.

While walking your dog, especially during the dusk to dawn time-frame, there are several tools you could carry with you that can be used to deter coyotes: squirt guns, whistles, soda cans filled with coins to shake, or tennis balls to throw. Never run from a coyote. Running may induce a predator response and tempt the coyote to follow you and your pet. Remember to become large and loud and yell, “GO AWAY, COYOTE.”

If you or your pet has an encounter with a coyote, please report it to Lakewood Animal Control at 216-529-5020. An encounter would be anything more than a sighting or visual observation.

The Mayor and other city officials have met to determine the best course of action for intervention. They are working with animal control officers to implement an immediate response to best mitigate the problem as well as to develop a long-term coyote management and coexistence plan.

Please share this information with your neighbors and friends. If you are interested in learning more, there is a link to more coyote-related information on the animal control page of the city’s website. Please visit <http://www.onelakewood.com/community-vision/safety/#animal-control>

Kara A. Vlach Lasher is on the Lakewood Animal Safety and Welfare Advisory Board.

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From The Statehouse

Senator Skindell Introduces The Retail And Restaurant Employee Rights Act

by Michael Skindell

State Senator Michael Skindell (D-Lakewood) has introduced Senate Bill 101 to provide struggling employees with predictive scheduling and fair treatment in the workplace. Ohioans are known for their hard work ethic and dedication to their jobs. The Retail and Employee Rights Act is necessary to pay Ohio workers the same respect that they put into building a stronger and greater Ohio.

In today's post-recession economy, many large retailers are employing part-time workers at relatively low wages, forcing many employees to work multiple jobs. At the same time, retail employers are utilizing "just in-time" scheduling practices and changing schedules the "day of" an employee's work shift. These practices

make it difficult for the employees to hold that crucial second job. Employees can only work for multiple employers if they have predictability in scheduling and are treated fairly. The bill also covers workers in fast-food restaurant franchises.

"Predictive scheduling protects our most vulnerable workers, those who need to rely on more than one job – either part-time or full-time – to make ends meet," said Deb Kline, Director at Cleveland Jobs With Justice. "It is impossible for a low wage earner to seek more than one place of employment unless they know the hours their employers are going to require them to work. Erratic scheduling also negatively impacts workers in need of childcare or those who have become caretakers of aging or

disabled family members. Cleveland Jobs with Justice hopes that the Ohio Legislature will take action now to protect our workers by passing predictive scheduling."

Senate Bill 101 outlines provisions employers must follow in order to make schedules predictable for their employees. Employers will be required to post their employees' schedules publically at least 14 days in advance. If employers cancel a worker's shift close to it taking place, that employee will be paid some compensation for setting aside their time for work. In addition, the legislation

outlines pay for on-call shifts. The legislation also includes provisions requiring part-time and full-time employees to be treated more equally regarding hourly wages, access to time off, and eligibility for promotions.

"The proposed legislation would provide hours and retention protections for fair and predictable scheduling and treatment of part-time employees of some chain stores and fast food restaurants. It is imperative that we work toward increasing economic security and providing strong worker protections at the state level," said Senator Skindell.

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concerned an easement might be in the middle of it. Discussion of entering the agreement with AT&T was referred to the committee for further deliberation.

Severe Weather Awareness Week

Through Resolution 8926-17, Fire Chief Gilman proposed March 19-25 2017 as Severe Weather Awareness Week. He wanted Lakewood to take advantage of the opportunity for a statewide tornado drill in order to test the emergency system. It passed.

Additional Comment

While there was no public comment, Councilmember Anderson, an avid cyclist, shared that starting March 21, 2017, state legislation passed instructing motor vehicles to provide three feet of room for cyclists when passing them on the road. Additionally, President O'Leary expressed excitement in the Downtown Development RFO, with eight expressions of interest for downtown development.

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Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

Wednesday, April 5

Author Event - “Make a Joyful Noise” by Mendi Joi Wilson

Do you love poetry? Have you ever been discouraged, felt lost or disrespected? “Make a Joyful Noise” is a book of inspirational poems to warm your heart, mind, body and soul. It was written to encourage, to inspire, to share love and to provide hope for people of all ages through faith, honor, feelings, relationships and self-worth. “Make a Joyful Noise” is created with Psalm 100:1 as its base. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Thursday, April 6

Author Event - “The Buried Book” by D. M. Pulley

When Althea Leary abandons her nine-year-old son, Jasper, he’s left on his uncle’s farm with nothing but a change of clothes and a Bible. Desperate to see his mother again, he embarks on a treacherous search that will take him to the squalid hideaways of Detroit and back again, through tawdry taverns, peep shows and gambling houses. As he’s drawn deeper into an adult world of corruption, scandal and murder, Jasper uncovers the shocking past still chasing his mother—and now it’s chasing him too. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Friday, April 7

Documentary - “Chuck Berry Hail! Hail! Rock ‘n’ Roll” (1987)

Presented by My Mind’s Eye Records

The “Poet of Rock ‘n’ Roll,” Chuck Berry, turned ninety in October, and celebrated by releasing his first album in almost forty years. For his sixtieth birthday party (October 18, 1986) he played a concert in his hometown, St. Louis, Missouri and made a lively musical documentary. In addition to Berry, we are treated to interviews with Bo Diddley, Little Richard, Roy Orbison, The Everly Brothers and comparative youngsters Eric Clapton, Linda Ronstadt, Keith Richards and Bruce Springsteen. This blue-ribbon concert footage lensed at St. Louis’ Fox Theatre, shows off Berry at his best.

6:30 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Saturday, April 8

Film - “Strangers on a Train” (1951)

Presented by Terry Meehan

Guy Haines (Farley Granger) boards a train and meets Bruno Antony (Robert Walker), a charming stranger who is just a little too friendly. They discuss their personal lives and discover that each is having a problem with one person: Bruno with his father and Guy with his estranged wife. Bruno then gets a crazy-brilliant idea: Let’s exchange murders! Terry Meehan continues his series on Hitchcock in the Fifties, introducing each film with an original video presentation, followed by audience reaction and a lively discussion.

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

Sunday, April 9

Concert - Wallace Coleman

Many believe that our true calling reaches out to us like a signal. Wallace Coleman describes that as a young boy in school: “I was sittin’ in class, and I could hear Howlin’ Wolf just as clear in my head.” The signal was The Blues, and the sound he loved best was the harmonica. Coleman’s latest album, “Live from Sao Paulo to Severance” is an international affair—half of the tracks were recorded in Brazil and the other half recorded from Cleveland’s Severance Hall. Coleman would like to think you’ll follow his signal to the Library to hear him play.

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

Monday, April 10

Film - “The Broken Tower” (2011)

Presented by RA Washington

A look at the dreams, unapologetic love of men, manic highs and depressive, death-haunted lows of early twentieth century rebellious, self-destructive visionary poet Hart Crane from his early years as the son of a wealthy Cleveland businessman through his sojourns in New York, Cuba and Paris. “The Broken Tower” is a black-and-white film made by actor James Franco as his Master’s thesis for his MFA in filmmaking from New York University.

6:30 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Tuesday, April 11

Talk - Tragedy & Triumph - The 1920 Cleveland Indians

Presentation by Dennis R. Sutcliffe

For over seven years, retired executive, local historian, wit and master storyteller Dennis R. Sutcliffe has been rekindling forgotten Cleveland memories. This time it’s 1920, the jazz age is in full swing, prohibition is the law of the land and the New York Yankees have just signed Babe Ruth. The Cleveland Indians have set their sights on a World Series title, but to get there, they will need to overcome an unspeakable tragedy.

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

Wednesday, April 12

Lakewood Historical Society

Talk - Travels of a Lakewood Lady, 1871 to the 1920s

Presented by Lisa Alleman

From the Great Chicago Fire to the assassination of President William McKinley, Lakewood’s Emma Beach visited some of the great scenes of American history. Margaret Manor Butler interviewed Emma and described her and her family in “The Lakewood Story.” Educator Lisa Alleman of the Lakewood Historical Society will talk about Emma’s life with emphasis on her travels.

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

Thursday, April 13

Author Event - “Postcards from Stanland: Journeys in Central Asia” by David H. Mould - Presented by Asian Services in Action, Inc.

Across the vast steppe and mountain ranges, to fabled Silk Road cities, the Soviet rust belt

and the futuristic architecture of Astana, Kazakhstan’s capital, David Mould takes you to a remote, diverse and strategically vital region, the former Soviet republics of Central Asia. That jumble of countries whose names end in “stan”: Stanland. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Saturday, April 15

Film - “Frankie and Johnny” (1991)

Presented by Barbara Steffek-Hill

Shakespeare-quoting, incurable romantic Johnny (Al Pacino) develops a passion for cooking while doing time for forgery. Upon release, he finds a job in the Big Apple. After Johnny sets eyes on cynical waitress Frankie (Michelle Pfeiffer), he falls like a California redwood. Barbara Steffek-Hill presents a series of classic and contemporary films from her personal favorites.

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

Monday, April 17

Documentary - “Dirty Country” (2007)

Larry Pierce, the focus of “Dirty Country,” is a family man and a small-town factory worker who, since 1993, has released a slew of dirty country albums at truck stops around the U.S. Without the resources to kickstart his music career, Pierce played his dirty ditties on the side. That is, until he is forced into early retirement from his factory job and thrust into the spotlight.

6:30 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Tuesday, April 18

Workshop – Genealogy

How far back would you like to trace your family tree? Genealogist Deborah Abbott will show you how to unlock the secrets held by census reports, military records, birth certificates and death notices in this hands-on workshop. Call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127 to register.

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

Tuesday, April 18

Discussion - Foster Care Forum: Is the System in Northeast Ohio Broken? - Presented by Case Western Reserve University, the Plain Dealer and the League of Women Voters, Moderated by Phillip Morris of the Cleveland Plain Dealer

Foster care is a system meant to create a safe home for children, but in Northeast Ohio this is not always the case. The panel, moderated by Phillip Morris, columnist at the Cleveland Plain Dealer, will discuss why the need for foster families has risen and how to solve some of the problems with the system. With the recent opioid crisis there has been an increase in the number of children in need of care. Ohio has the lowest funding of any state for Child Protective Services, and budget shortfalls have left aid workers overwhelmed.

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

Tuesday, April 18

Knit & Lit Book Club

Come share your passion for great literature and show off your knitting, crochet, counted cross-stitch, embroidery and quilting works-in-progress. Tonight we will discuss “Memory of Water: A Novel” by Emmi Itäranta.

7:00 p.m. Main Library Meeting Room

Children & Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Saturday, April 8

Tail Waggin’ Tutors

For school-age children

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

Sew Your Own Library Tote

For anyone age 8 and up

Create your own unique and stylish tote bag in this hands-on, no experience necessary craft program. Registration required.

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Main Library Homework Room

Sunday, April 9

Sensory Story Time

For you and your 3-7 year old child

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

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

Tuesday, April 11

Poetry Game Night

For students in sixth through twelfth grade

A night full of awesome games to create hilarious and unpredictable poems.

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Main Library First Floor Multipurpose Room.

Wednesday, April 19

Art Connection

For students in kindergarten through fifth grade

Create an art piece to show off to friends and family! Registration required.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Main Library Activity Room.

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“Hart Crane”: A Literary Concert
Performed By WordStage

by Lisa Calfee

Hart Crane (1899-1932) struggled his entire life against despair. On a personal level, he lost the fight, giving in to alcoholism and suicide. His poetry tells a different story.

On Sunday April 30, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., Tim Tavcar, the artistic director

of WordStage, invites you to explore the work and vision of Hart Crane through letters, poetry and music. This Sunday With The Friends program will be held in the Library's Main Basement Auditorium at 15425 Detroit Avenue.

Hart Crane was the only son

of a Cleveland candy magnate. His tumultuous relationship with his parents had him moving back and forth from Cleveland -- where he worked in his father's candy store, in a World War I munitions factory and as a reporter for the Plain Dealer -- to New York City.

In New York he pursued a literary career and began his major work, “The Bridge,” being inspired by his apartment's perfect view of the bustling Brooklyn Bridge and by T.S. Eliot's seminal epic, “The Waste Land.”

It was the message of despair in “The Waste Land” that Crane opposed. With feet squarely planted in the hopeful American Romanticism of Whitman and Emerson, he strove to create an optimistic vision of a modern, industrialized America in “The Bridge.”

How could an artist whose poetry was punctuated with the goal of rekindling hope in a despairing world have



Hart Crane

come to such a tragic end? Join us for an hour on Sunday, April 30, 2017 as WordStage sheds some light on the life and work of the complex, fascinating and uniquely American poet, Hart Crane.



Drumplay will perform at LPL on Friday, April 14.

Drumplay To Perform Special
Friday Night Concert

by Elaine Rosenberger

As part of the Library's celebration of National Poetry Month, Drumplay will appear in concert on Friday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.

Drumplay's music combines Afro-Cuban, Brazilian and Middle Eastern influences. Drumplay also incorporates spoken word into its percussion-focused music. With their “rhythmprovisation” musi-

cal style, no two performances are ever the same. During their concert, Drumplay will pay tribute to the life of the late Cuyahoga County Poet Laureate, Daniel Thompson, who died in 2004. Thompson was renowned as a poet, an advocate for the homeless and as a civil rights activist. Drumplay's concert takes place at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. Admission is free and open to all.

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Rotary Honors Speech, Music, Visual Arts Contest Winners

by Lynn Donaldson

Winners of Rotary's annual Speech, Music, and Visual Arts Contest were honored at an awards ceremony March 27 at the Beck Center for the Arts.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River, the competition showcases the incredible talents of students attending one of five high schools – Lakewood, Lutheran West, Magnificat, Rocky River, and St. Edward.

Speech contest first place winner is Elizabeth Pearlman from Lakewood High School, who will compete at the Rotary District 6630 Speech Contest on April 8 in Aurora.

Also honored were Brian Donahoe, second place, and Zachary Howe, third place, both from Lakewood High School.

Speech contest semi-finals were March 18 at the Beck Center and the finals were at the Rotary club's March 20 meeting. Speeches must be of original content and be based on "The Four-Way Test of Rotary" which asks, "Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships?" and "Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

This is the 72nd year for the club's speech competition.

Music contest first place winner is Margo Alibeckoff, alto saxophone, Rocky River, performing "Concertino da Camera – Movement I" by Ibert. Ian Scabel, Lutheran West, tuba, placed second, performing "Air and Bourree" by Bach. Zach Dudzik, Lakewood, string bass, placed third, performing "Bass Concerto Number I" by Bottesini. Vocalist Nadine El Dabh, Rocky River, performed "Sure on This Shining Night" by Lauridsen.

The music competition follows the judging standards set by the Ohio Music Education Association.

Visual arts winners were Max Peralta, first place, St. Edward High School, for his self-portrait; Ryan Hrusch, second place, St. Edward, for his ceramic piece, "American Fuel;" and Greyley Cook, Lakewood, for his



Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River Four-Way Test Speech Contest winners were honored at the Beck Center for the Arts on March 27. From left: Marjorie Corrigan, contest coordinator; Zachary Howe, third place; Brian Donahoe, second place; Elizabeth Pearlman, first place; and Mark Bacon, club president.

piece entitled, "Opaque."

Honorable mentions went to Amayah Coburn, Lakewood; Calvin Dolatowski, Lakewood; and Emma Vogil, Magnificat.

Over 93 pieces, of numerous styles

employing various media, were submitted by all five schools. A jury of artists selected outstanding works of art that met the contest requirements. From this gallery, judges chose the award winners.

Selected entries from the visual arts contest are on display in the Rotary Student Art Show in the Jean Bulicek Galleria at the Beck Center now through April. This exhibit is free and open to the public during regular gallery hours.

"This annual event is a wonderful way to acknowledge the talents of our youth," stated Ed Gallagher, Beck Center director of education, "and the quality work of the participants truly shows that the arts and creativity are alive and well in our community." This is the twentieth year that the Beck Center has collaborated with the Rotary club for this competition.

All winners received congratulations and prize money from Mark Bacon, Rotary club president. "Our club has a long history of recognizing, encouraging and supporting the youth of our community in many areas of endeavor," he told the audience. "We celebrate each participant's talent, hard work and persistence."

Support for the event was provided by FFL Investments Services at First Federal of Lakewood.

LHS Pair Take Top Awards In Writing Contest

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High students took the top two spots in the Hiram College Emerging Writers Nonfiction Contest and several other students earned Honorable Mention and Finalist honors. Congratulations to junior Zachary Howe, who was awarded first place and junior Isabel Ostrowski, who took second place.

Both Howe and Ostrowski will read their submissions aloud at an April 4 dinner at the college recognizing all the honored young writers. The essay writers were to focus on the theme of community.

Other juniors earning recognition for their writing are Jing Feng with an Honorable Mention and finalists Brian Donahoe, Lauren

Hildum and Veronica Lee. Also submitting essays for the contest were juniors Shuruq Abuzahriyeh, Caitlin Cimino, Kazimir Klein, Madyson Lewellyn, Faiza Manaa and Elizabeth Skourlis.

The contest is open to all Ohio high school sophomores and juniors. Cash prizes include \$300 for first, \$200 for second and \$100 for third.

District's IT Specialist Forkins In Staff Spotlight

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood City Schools IT network specialist Ron Forkins, the District's April Staff Spotlight honoree, says working for the Lakewood Schools is the best job he ever had.

"I get to save the day and be superman," he says. "When I show up and fix things, I make people happy."

Forkins joined Lakewood Schools

10 years ago as a computer technician. Before that, he worked in the private sector in IT. He worked at several point-of-sale companies, which came in handy as he tackled a major project for the Nutrition Services Department last spring and into the new school year installing point-of-sale systems in our school building cafeterias.

"Ron was a tremendous help and support with the implementation of the Point of Sale System," said Nutrition Services director Nancy Early who nominated Forkins. Early had the backing of all her staff as well in nominating Ron. She and her staff were particularly impressed with Forkins helping the students input their personal IDs into the system's pin pad. Forkins continues work with staff with any ongoing questions about the system. By all accounts, the transition to the new system went off without a hitch.

For his part, Forkins enjoyed the project because of the satisfaction he got helping cafeteria staff learn new computer skills. "For some, it was their first taste of the PC world," he said.

The point-of-sale project is just one of a myriad of responsibilities Forkins tackles each day as he helps maintain



IT Specialist Ron Forkins, Lakewood City Schools' April Staff Spotlight honoree.

the District's vast technology network and equipment. It's a job he says is never routine, but District staff knows, you can routinely count on Forkins.

His boss, Paul Hieronymous agrees: "Ron is a leader within our teach team. He works very hard to meet all staff members needs in a timely fashion, treating each issue as if it were his own. He is a mentor to our newer staff members and helps the team whenever asked. Ron is a great representation of the technology team."

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District Students Shine In NE Ohio Science Fair

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood City Schools' eighth- and ninth-graders excelled at the annual Northeast Ohio Science and Engineering Fair held March 6-9 at Cleveland State, led by five second-place winners for the District and several special award winners.

Freshman Stephanie (Aaron) Shaffer won second place in the Health/Medicine category and also earned special awards from the American Statistical Association - Cleveland Chapter; The Cleveland Clinic - Award for Scientific Enthusiasm; and The Cleveland Clinic - Dept. of Quantitative Health Sciences. Freshman William Rosenberger also took second place in Health/Medicine.

Middle schoolers earning second place include Garfield eighth-graders Katy Spilsbury in Health/Medicine, Sydney Heckeler in Behavioral Science and Alexis Coniku, also in Behavioral Science. Spilsbury also won a special award from the Cleveland Regional Council of Science Teachers.

Third-place finishers include high school students Kim Banak (Chemistry), who also won a special award from the American Statistical Association - Cleveland Chapter; Emma Hirsch (Physics), also a special award from the American Statistical Association - Cleveland Chapter; Mackenzie Davis (Chemistry); Alice King (Physics). Eighth grader Hayley Welsh also earned a third place in Chemistry.

Finally, the District had a couple of Honorable Mention winners as well: Freshmen Sophia Miranda (Chemistry), who also won a special award from the American Statistical Association - Cleveland Chapter and Logan Camp (Physics).

Established in 1953, the Northeastern Ohio Science and Engineering Fair is a four-day event that brings together nearly 500 students from over 80 schools in the area to set up their science fair displays, discuss their projects with 260+ judges and compete for more than \$20,000 in prizes. One of the most rewarding aspects of NEOSEF is the opportunity for the students to discuss their research with professional scientists and engineers from the local area.

At the fair students compete in nine categories which are subdivided by grade levels. NEOSEF awards one first place, and multiple second places, third places and honorable mentions per subdivision. Students also compete for over 300 Special Awards totaling more than \$15,000 that are donated by companies, societies and organizations.

LHS Boys Soccer Team Gives Back!

by Rick Harvey

The Lakewood High School Boys Soccer Team is a special group of young men. Besides kicking a ball around the field and cheering on teammates, the players are actively involved in giving back to the Lakewood community.

Late last month, they presented to LHS Principal Keith Ahearn and Leslie Favre Krogman (LHS Alumni and Lakewood Rec Dept Coordinator) two bins of travel-size personal care items, benefiting the LHS Dignity Closet Program at the school's medical center. All LHS students have access to pick up items they are in need of.

The team continues to show great Ranger Pride, both on and off the field!



The LHS Boys Soccer Team, along with Leslie Favre Krogman, Lakewood Rec Dept Coordinator, and Keith Ahearn, LHS Principal.

Go Rangers!

Rick Harvey has been a Lakewood Resident since 1992, proudly raising 3 kids in the Lakewood City School System.

Lakewood Women's Classic 45+ Softball League

by Rick Wallenhorst

Sign up and enjoy the fun in a new women's league where there are no standings, no scorekeeper, and no playoffs. Single games will be played on Monday evenings in the Metroparks beginning in early June for eight weeks. Players are placed by position and skill level, with a minimum of 10 players per team. There are no team registrations. Instead, players register individually for \$35 per player. The fee covers games, ball, and t-shirt.

The registration deadline is April 21. Register online at www.lakewood-recreation.com, over the telephone at 216-529-4082, or in person at 1456 Warren Road. Anyone who wants to be placed on the same team as a friend should state that when registering. For more information, contact Rick Wallenhorst at 216-529-4082 or richard.wallenhorst@lakewoodcityschools.org.

Lakewood Music Boosters Hosts "Sing & Serve"!

by Tiffany Fox

SAVE THE DATE! On Friday, May 19th, the Lakewood Music Boosters will host their "Sing & Serve" at Around The Corner from 6-10 p.m.

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Grant 3rd Graders Love Lakewood Project -
Kauffman Park

by Cecilia, Grade 3 - Grant Elementary

My name is Cecilia and I'm in Mrs. Masgras' third grade class at Grant school. Our independent project for the third quarter was the history of Lakewood. At first, I freaked out because we needed to type a paper, build a model, and present it within two weeks. To add to the stress, I had a million other things to do and go along with my daily life. To top it off, VIPs (the mayor, people from the council, etc.), parents, Ms. Lynch's class, and the second floor of the school were coming! For this project, first we each chose a place. Some of these places included Kauffman Park, Lakewood Park, Melt, Lion and Blue, KB Confections, the Lakewood and Madison libraries, The Sweet Spot, the Beck Center, and many other cherished places. After that, we gathered research to type a paper. Then we built a model. Next we turned it in on March 22. Finally we presented it on March 24. Out of all of these, I thought the model would be the easiest. Turns out I was wrong. I loved the process except the stress. Looking back though, I realize it was worth it to see the project unfold and to share it with the others. This project was amazing!

My project was Kauffman Park. It took me two days to build the model, and twelve days to write my paper. I turned it in two days early. My favorite thing I learned was that it used to be the French-Andrews Fruit Farm. It was owned by Collins French and Edwin Andrews. Another example of Kauffman Park's history is that it had a Little Links putt-putt course. This is later in the invisible timeline of Kauffman park. For baseball lovers, I wrote about why the baseball stadium is called the Jimmie Foxx stadium. Then I had a brain freeze for the conclusion. I thought and

thought. After a while, I figured out the perfect way to end my piece. In the end, the paper was 7 pages long. I was elated to finally get it done! Now it was time for the model. First we bought the supplies. Next I planned the model. My mom made suggestions. Finally I built it. When I brought it into school, everyone clustered around me to look at it! Finally it was time to present. First on the 24th, Mr. Patterson came. He walked around the room, and looked at each of the presentations. We had our papers in our hands and our models on our desks. Mrs. Masgras was walking around the room, clipboard in hand and ready to grade. When Mr. Patterson or Mrs. Masgras weren't at our tables, we

were allowed to get up and walk around the room to see other people's projects. I first visited the Malley's Chocolates presentation, then I visited the Lakewood Library presentation. Two days later, came the big day, when we presented to everyone else. First came two adults and Ms. Lynch's class. They looked around for a bit. Then the rest was a blur. The VIPs, the second floor, and parents came and left. Susan Wagner gave me flowers. I shook the mayor's hand. He read my paper. Many people gave me compliments on my project. After most people left, the person who did Winking Lizard put out the rest of the popcorn and we ate it. Then it was time to go home. That was one day I will never forget.



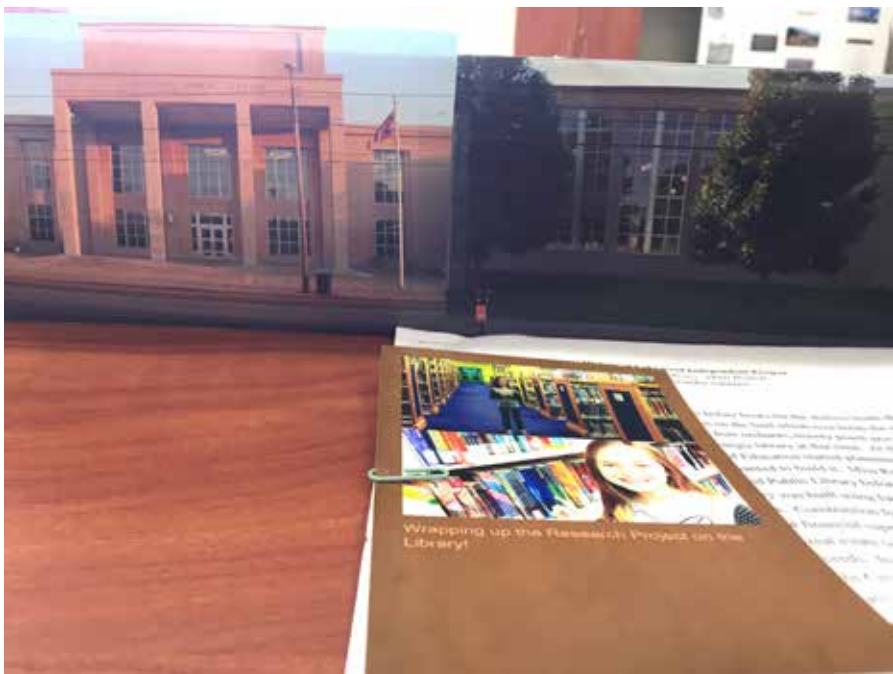
Mayor Summers reads over Ceci's project.

Grant 3rd Graders Love Lakewood Project -
The Lakewood Public Library

by Alexandra A, Grade 3 - Grant Elementary

On March 24 at Grant Elementary School Mrs. Masgras' class officially showed their Lakewood independent projects to lots of people including Mayor Summers and some other people from the city. The independent projects started around the beginning of March. So first what you had to do is pick a location that you know. Second whatever location you got you had to make a 1 to 2 page essay about the history, present and maybe the possible hopes for the future. Third you had to make a model of the location that you picked and make it look a lot like the real place that you picked.

The location that I picked was the Lakewood Public Library. I picked the Lakewood Public Library because it's very popular and I love the library because it has books and movies that everyone loves. And also because it's kid friendly. Some



The Lakewood Public Library by Alexandra A.

examples of some other ones that people picked and maybe you heard of are Sweet Designs, Winking Lizard, GameStop, Souper Market and my mom's favorite,

GV Art Design and many more. There were many different locations.

Finally when it was time to present on Friday March 24 in the morning we set up our locations and waited for the classes to come. Then the first class came in which were the kindergartens. They went to different people to learn about their location, then to the next and the same thing happened with the rest of the classes. Then it was finally time in the afternoon for the parents, the city council people and the people that work or own the location that you picked to come in and look at your location. So when the person that worked at the library, Mrs. Strunk, came in and looked at my project and read my paper she said "Maybe you could have this on display." And I was so happy I was going to have both my model and paper on display. And the same thing happened with some other people.

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What Did You Say To Me?:

Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 46

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.

Archie & The Bunkers - Live At Third Man Records - Third Man Records - 2 songs - 7"

The right way to take in Archie & The Bunkers is live, so I appreciate that there is now a live Archie record. This record is recorded pretty darn well (as are most of these Third Man live records, I take it), so that's cool. "She's A Rockin' Machine" is a decent garage rock tune. It's previously unreleased as well, so there's a bonus for all you Archie collectors out there. Although I know that it is an unpopular opinion, I think it would be improved with the addition of a guitarist. That isn't a dig at Cullen's organ playing skills, which improve even more with every passing record, I'm just saying. Still an alright song. "Mystery Lover," on the flip side, is my pick here. A more menacing sounding organ riff really makes it. It might be one of their best songs, and this is a quite good performance of it (topping the one on the "Mystery Lover" 12", I'd say). Though I like this record, it really

just makes me want a full Archie & The Bunkers live LP. When's that coming out? 3.9/5

(thirdmanrecords.com or if you want the exclusive limited edition blue vinyl version, it's available exclusively at My Mind's Eye or from the band)

Tim Joyce - A Living Man - self-released - 13 songs - CD

Tim Joyce Trio - Come Closer - self-released - 8 songs - CD

Let's start with "A Living Man." It's kinda folk, kinda country, kinda rock. Tim Joyce's vocals have a certain nasal quality that is reminiscent of Neil Young at some points. The drums are produced in a way that doesn't completely suit the music. Here's my problem with CDs: they allow for too much music. This one is 54 minutes long. I think, in general (obviously, there are exceptions), records shouldn't go longer than about 35 minutes. Some people will say that's way too long. I wish that there was a standout track, any particular thing about this that I liked, but there isn't. Maybe it's just me. "Come Closer," on the other hand, is a vast improvement. By getting rid of drums and actually getting the group of people playing

down to a consistent three, he made it better. There are some catchy songs on this one. All are of an acoustic, somewhat folksy nature. On one track, I think he makes wind noises with his mouth, which is sorta funny. On another, he sings a significant amount of "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow," yet there is no Goffin/King credit to be found. It also helps that there's only 8 songs, which keeps it down to that golden 35 minutes. Also, the packaging is a little more indicative of the contents. If any of this sounds like your bag, "Come Closer" is definitely the one you should listen to. I'd give a 2/5 to "A Living Man" and a 3/5 to "Come Closer," which I guess averages out to 2.5/5

(timjoyceprojects@gmail.com)

Various Artists - House Music Project Vol. 1 - self-released - 10 songs - Cassette

Though this is a tape of various artists, I do believe all these acts feature one particular guy. You may know him as Mike from Bad Noids or Buff from Real Regular or whatever it is he's going by these days. Side A of this tape is an utter mess. I don't know what song is what, but

there was banging on pots and pans, a song that was very Folded Shirt inspired, and at least one dumb punk rocker. Side B was easier to follow, but no less dumb. I guess this is kind of a companion piece to the "Bad Noids Radio" tape that came out last year. I was gonna say you should check this out if Real Regular wasn't inane enough for you, but never mind, because Real Regular is here too, with their international super hit "Father Christmas," aka "Dance." If you're into stuff that's real dumb and weird or you're a collector of Cleveland nonsense, check this out. Otherwise, you should probably just get the new Bad Noids 7" and start petitioning for someone to release that Real Regular EP that's been "coming soon" for over a year. 3.2/5

(Beats me. I got it from feelitrecordingshop.com but it seems to be all sold out from there. Try asking around town.)

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.

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Lakewood Cares

Lakewood Women’s Club Celebrates 55 Years

by Ingrid White

From 1962 to 2017 the Lakewood Women’s Club has shaped & contributed to the Lakewood community. Past achievements include the sponsorship of the Women’s pavilion in Lakewood Park. Over \$30,000 in scholarship money has been awarded on merit to high school women seniors to pursue further studies. Since 1995 over \$200,000 has been awarded to support vital community organizations in Lakewood including the Beck’s Center, Live Well Lakewood, Meals

on Wheels, the HUGS Foundation & Trinity Church community outreach programs to name a few.

The Lakewood Women’s Club is committed to continuing its support & funding of these vital services in our community.

Membership offers the opportunity to actively participate in these programs and engage in fundraising to support our social community role in Lakewood. Membership furthers friendships of all women in Lakewood through leadership, openness & accep-

tance of each other. On Saturday May 4th, 2017 we are launching & celebrating the women honoring women event to coincide with our 55 years since we were founded. This event will be hosted at Vosh.

If you would like to join our organization call our membership chair Ingrid White @ 216-228-7003. For more information on our membership & programs go to our website www.lakewoodwomensclub.com.

Community Baptisms Offered At Faith Lakewood

by Mark Rollenhagen

“Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” -- Acts 8:36

On the eve of Easter Sunday, Faith Lutheran Church will offer baptism to anyone who desires it for themselves or their child.

The baptisms offered at the Easter Vigil service on April 15 are especially intended for those who desire baptism but aren’t presently part of a Christian community.

The community baptism service will begin at 7 p.m. and last about 45 minutes to an hour, with scripture, simple songs and the baptisms. A celebration with Easter Sundaes and other

desserts and refreshments will follow. All are welcome to attend and participate in worship.

People who would like to be baptized or would like their children baptized, must contact Pastor Mark Rollenhagen in advance by calling Faith at 216-226-6500 or e-mailing him at pastor@faithlakewood.org. They also must arrive at the church by 6:30 p.m. for a half-hour conversation about baptism before the service begins.

Offering the promise of God’s grace through the act of baptism is at the core of the Christian faith. It is an action that binds people to Christ, to God, forever.

The Lutheran understanding is that baptism is God’s work and not dependent on the actions, qualifications or worthiness of the person being baptized. That’s why Lutherans baptize infants.

The baptism rite includes statements of faith in the triune God --Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and commitments by those being baptized or their parents or loved ones, as well as commitments by the Christians gathered for the service.

Faith is located at 16511 Hilliard Road (across from Harding Middle School) in Lakewood and online at faithlakewood.org.

Mark Rollenhagen is the pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Lakewood, and Our Savior’s Rocky River Lutheran Church, which together are known as Good Soil Lutheran Ministries.

Keeping Kids Safe In Parking Lots

by Lorilynn Wolf

Have you had a scare in a parking lot or driveway? You are juggling bags of groceries, responding to a text or maybe getting your baby out of the car seat. You are distracted for a second – the amount of time it takes your toddler or preschooler to run away from your vehicle and into a busy area. Many of us can relate to this occurrence that happens all too often. In fact, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, on average, 96 fatalities and 2,000 injuries in children occur every year due to being backed over.



Attendees at the Kids Parking Lot Safety Awareness Program will receive one of these handy magnets for their cars.

The Connecting for Kids Parking Lot Safety Awareness Program aims to help change this statistic by offering families free safety kits to educate children about the dangers of running away from a car without holding an adult’s hand. The key part of this program is a free magnet that families can put on their car where the child exits. These magnets give children a visual place to put their hand to wait until an adult can safely take their hand and lead them to the next destination.

Be one of the first to obtain these kits at the **Connecting for Kids Meet and Greet held on Wednesday, April 12, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Don Umerley Civic Center, 21016 Hilliard Blvd. in Rocky River.**

The Meet and Greet is a free, public event where families can learn about local resources, therapies, after-school programs and summer camps for their child who is struggling (with or without a formal diagnosis). Participants can visit with representatives from more than 70 organizations to discuss services and explore program options.

Along with the magnet, the Parking Lot Safety Awareness Program also features:

- A parent guide for teaching children parking lot safety strategies by using S.T.A.R. (Stop, Touch, Attention and

Ready).

- A Parking Lot Safety S.T.A.R. certificate a child can hang in his/her room or on a refrigerator.

- A children’s social story with step-by-step visual instructions for staying safe.

Starting on April 13, visit www.connectingforkids.org/ParkingSafety to fill out the form to receive the magnet and to download supporting materials.

The Parking Lot Safety Awareness Program is sponsored by the Knight Chisholm Insurance Agency.

The Meet and Greet event is sponsored by Abilities First, LLC, Building Blocks Therapy/Galvin Therapy Center, The Child & Family Counseling Center of Westlake, Meghan Barlow and Associates, Milestones Autism Resources, North Coast Education Services, Spectrum Resource Center & School, and State Support Team – Region 3. Desserts are donated by Buca di Beppo® and coffee donated by Starbucks Coffee Company.

For more information and to register, visit www.connectingforkids.org/meetandgreet. For questions about the event, please contact Laurie Demchak at lauriedemchak@connectingforkids.org or 440-250-5563.

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Lakewood Cares

Beer Engine Fundraiser For The LCAC Both Successful And Fun!

by Jeff Worron

On behalf of Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation (LCAC), I am honored to thank the Beer Engine, their wonderful staff and the hundreds of supporters of the LCAC here in Lakewood who worked together to raise \$8,580 during the Beer Engine's 10th anniversary charity fundraiser for the LCAC that was held from March 13th through March 19th.

Beer Engine owners, Robert and Garin Wright, designated 10% of ALL their proceeds for the entire week go toward helping the LCAC and those they serve here in Lakewood! And, as if that was not enough, their amazing staff, led by GM Peter Stancato, encouraged their patrons to purchase more than 100 paper mugs and paper beer kegs to dec-

orate their walls. The Beer Engine then donated 100% of the proceeds of the \$1.00 and \$5.00 beer mugs and \$25.00 beer kegs to the LCAC as well.

Also, I could not be more proud of LCAC volunteer board members Alison Breckel and Brett Miller for leading this effort on behalf of the LCAC as well as board members Larry Baldanza, John Hunter, Dave Rothhaas, Chris Crawford, Ellen Todia, Charles Ballou, Celia Dorsch, Dave Breudigam, John Hunter (as well as past board members Mary Ellen Shramek, Karen Anderson and Ellen Gallagher) and their families and friends, for showing their support of the Beer Engine and the LCAC by repeatedly (and I do mean repeatedly) having a great time sampling the tasty menu

and the delicious beer selection that was created for the anniversary week.

As many of you well know, the goal of the LCAC for over 27 years now has been to create fun city-wide events that allows us all to work together as a caring community to provide at least 300 families all the "fixings" for a full holiday meal at Thanksgiving and another 300 at Christmas! While a majority of our canned foods are donated by the schools, business, churches and other groups here in Lakewood via food drives, making the full holiday food baskets happen still requires the LCAC to raise approximately \$25,000 each year to pay for 600 turkeys, 600 bags of potatoes, 600 pies and the remaining items that a family needs to have a great holiday meal.

Plus, each spring, the LCAC does a spring cleaning drive to provide approximately 200 families and seniors with cleaning supplies that they would otherwise struggle to afford.

That's why this effort by the Beer Engine and you, the community, was so amazing!

The kind and generous donation from the Beer Engine, and the much appreciated donations from you the Lakewood community, will not only pay for ALL of the supplies for the Spring Cleaning Drive, but for almost

ALL of the turkeys for the Thanksgiving Food Drive as well.

If I could, I would like to thank each and every one of you in person. And there is no better way to do that than by inviting you to join me and the LCAC for the Spring Cleaning Distribution on May 13th at 9:00 am in the back parking lot of the Masonic Temple locate at 15300 Detroit Ave.

See you there!

Jeff Worron is the President of the LCAC all-volunteer board.



Join The Epilepsy Association For Their Rockin' The Keys For A Cause Dueling Piano Event

by Alison Foutz

Supporters of the epilepsy community in Northeast Ohio will come together to raise funds and awareness at the 2nd Annual Rockin' the Keys for a Cause: a dueling piano themed event to benefit the Epilepsy Association. This laid back, after work event will be held at Vosh in Lakewood on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 from 6:00 PM-9:00 PM. The goal of Rockin' the Keys is to raise over \$30,000 to support the Epilepsy Association's programs and services.

Rockin' the Keys is sponsored by Grant Thornton, LLP; U.S. Bank; MP Star Financial, Inc.; Supernus Pharmaceuticals; HW & Co.; and Schneider Saddlery Co., Inc. Individual tickets are \$85 and include free parking, cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and live

entertainment from the "T" and Rich Dueling Piano Show! Tickets can be purchased online at www.epilepsyinfo.org or at the door the day of the event.

The dueling pianos will be the ongoing entertainment throughout the evening while attendees take part in several games like bidding to win a "bucket of booze," trying the odds at the 50/50 heads or tails bead game, and requesting songs through donations to the dueling pianos! All proceeds from this event will support the Epilepsy Association and stay in Northeast Ohio to provide a wide array of epilepsy services to those who struggle with seizures disorders in our local community. Visit the Epilepsy Association website to learn more or purchase tickets: www.epilepsyinfo.org.

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Business

Lakewood Resident Sean Koran Is Promoted To McGown & Markling Director

by Chris Cape

Lakewood’s very own Sean Koran has been promoted to Director of the statewide law firm of McGown & Markling Co., L.P.A. Mr. Koran is a proud Lakewood resident who regularly counsels public entities, officials, and employees on a wide range of legal areas such as education law, special education, labor and employment, contracts, policies, real property taxation, pupil services, construction, and Ohio Sunshine Laws.

A few of the people who know Mr. Koran the best – his law firm colleagues – would like to share some thoughts on this exciting news.

“We are extremely proud to announce the promotion of Sean to Director,” says Managing Director Matthew John Markling, who is another proud Lakewood resident and a former President of the Lakewood City School District Board of Education. “Sean is a true asset to our law firm. Coming from a family of educators, he brings an invaluable perspective to the legal issues facing our clients. Sean’s passion for education is self-evident and he serves our clients as a tireless advocate.”

“When I started this law firm with Matt Markling over 15 years ago, we had a clear vision of what characteristics we

wanted to see in a McGown & Markling attorney: the highest integrity, great legal skill, and an unwavering focus on our clients’ needs. Sean is the embodiment of those characteristics,” says Co-Founding Director Susan McGown.

Director Susan G. Clark adds, “I am consistently impressed by the quality of Sean’s work and responsiveness to client needs. This promotion is well deserved”

And here are a few words from new Director Sean Koran himself, who says, “I am excited to become a Director with McGown & Markling. My colleagues share my desire to provide our clients with the best possible legal representation and I look forward to continuing our valuable work together.”

It’s not all work for Mr. Koran. In his free time, Mr. Koran enjoys running (he is a former collegiate track and field

and cross-country athlete after all) and spending time with his wife Jenni and their two dogs, as well as working on home improvement projects in his century-old Lakewood home. He is also an avid fan of The Ohio State Buckeyes and all Cleveland sports.

More information about Sean Koran and the statewide law firm of McGown & Markling can be found at www.mcgowmarkling.com.

Trends We Are Seeing In Weather Related Claims And Auto Claims

by Mary Bodnar

2016 was a mild weather year if you take some of the extreme storms that we had in Lakewood out of the mix. However, though many insurance companies across the eastern portion of the United States experienced more claims than in 2015, 2016 was still better than 2015 and prior. Just so you can wrap your head around what “a lot” of claims really means, companies like Auto Owners Insurance, for example, had over 500,000 claims in 2016. That’s number of claims, not number of dollars! And more than 71,000 of those claims were weather related.

Weather related incidents include hail, wind, tornadoes, with the worst one in neighboring Kokomo, IN. Farther away, Hurricane Matthew delivered over 6,400 claims in FL, GA, NC & SC alone. Even though wildfires are not considered weather events, Tennessee wildfires caused over 200 claims and the majority of those claims were considered “total losses.”

The Claims Divisions in all of our insurance carriers for Gordon Tower Insurance becomes the “Face of the Company” so their ability to put lives back together and deliver on our promises is of the utmost importance. This is why it is our utmost concern to only consider companies with outstanding claims handling. Companies like Auto Owners have continued to expand their auto physical damage area by staffing auto appraisers and in-house appraisers throughout the regions. Claims handlers also are integral in storm deployment and handle day-to-day auto appraisals for the various branches. They need to be available to assist customers in storm affected areas, thereby providing services using a mobile office allowing them to respond in a more efficient manner. This is a great bonus to be able to offer additional assistance to clients in dire need.

Unfortunately, losses are increasing for all insurance carriers. Not all

are related to weather, of course. For example, did you know that, according to Safeco, 1 in 4 car crashes are due to cell phone use? Actually, I think it’s higher than that. We call it distracted driving. Don’t even get me started – I can go off on a full tangent on that one. The number of miles driven in 2015 has gone up 3.5% from 2014, while it sounds insignificant, it is the largest annual increase in 25 years! More time on the road means higher probability of auto accidents for drivers. The total number of new cars purchased is up 5.7% from 2014; as you know, it costs more to fix new cars and trucks. Newer cars have advanced technology and therefore, are more expensive to fix. Safeco reports 12.7% increase in total loss auto claims between 2013 and 2015, which mirrors the entire insurance industry, alas. Lastly, 32.1% is the rise in the average cost of bodily injury claims between 2005 – 2013. This is due in part to increased accident severity (scary!), increased costs to repair cars and trucks and the exorbitant cost of medical care, when people are injured in an auto accident.

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Lakewood Activists

Showing Up For Racial Justice

by Tim Collingwood

Do you look at the news and feel misrepresented? Do you see Trump, Conway, Sessions, Bannon, DeVos, Tillerson, and not see your America? Do you want to show up for the most under-represented and disenfranchised in your community who need you during this troubling time? Since November 8th, have you noticed racism more and have you wondered what you can actually do about this growing racism? There is a growing organization of people devoted to tackling these issues head on-- the Showing Up For Racial Justice, Northeast Ohio Chapter. Showing Up For Racial Justice provides a space for us to build relationships, skills, and political analysis to act for change while supporting and collaborating with local and national racial justice organizing efforts.

I have been living in Lakewood for three years, and I began to feel a sense of urgency to do something about the racism I was observing around me, in addition to working through the racism I had internalized myself, which I've come to realize over time. Living in the western end of Lakewood, I have seen many things that have disturbed me, like chalk-on-concrete "Trump" on sidewalks, Lakewood police officers only pulling over Lakewood residents of color on Detroit Avenue, increased cop presence on the eastern end near the Lakewood- Cleveland border versus the western end, and reading about

a Lakewood resident of the Muslim faith attacked.

For those of us who are white, it is easy for us to avoid the growing injustice in our communities, but we must look in the mirror if we are to truly end racism in this country. There is a place where we can unlearn the racism we have been taught and show up for people of color who need us to, now more than ever. If you have been to the Women's March on Cleveland, the Immigration Solidarity demonstrations, stood up against the Dakota Access Pipeline, and protested outside of Senator Portman's office, there is a place to continue. If you haven't attended any of these demonstrations, this is also a great place to start.

This organization is Showing Up For Racial Justice, the Northeast Ohio chapter. We meet the first Thursday of every month at West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church in Rocky River, which is right next door to Lakewood. At the meetings, we learn about anti-racist history, we discuss and work on dismantling the racism we were taught, we show up for actions that people of color-led groups like Black Lives Matter Cleveland, Hispanas Organizadas de Lake y Ashtabula Ohio, The Council on American-Islamic Relations, and Indigenous activists in Cleveland. You may have seen us when we did a

banner drop on Detroit and Warren a couple of months ago. We also have a few working groups, like our Cleveland Community Police Commission working group, where we amplify the voices of people of color wanting to see police reform in the city of Cleveland; the Use of Force working group where we track use of force in most Greater Cleveland area police departments, including Lakewood's; the Research working group where we look up and look into people and organizations to serve the work we are doing and the work we want to get done; the canvassing group where we set up actions to continue engaging the public; and the book discussion group where we read literature focused on racial justice in neighborhood groups to build community. We approach all we do from a place of love, and you don't have to be a seasoned activist to be involved with Showing Up For Racial Justice, you just have to be a person who wants to get more involved in these pressing issues.

If you want to do something tangible about racism in these troubling times, I encourage you to join up with us and invite you to attend one of our monthly meetings. All are welcome at our meetings. We welcome all levels of understanding and backgrounds. If you are a person of color, and want to check out what we are doing, and hold us accountable to the work we are doing, you are welcome. If you

want to visit our website, please check us out at surjneo.org. Together we can make America better by confronting our wounds and making our nation's future a more inclusive one.

Tim Collingwood is a Lakewood resident of the past year, who writes blogs for Tumblr, and has written blogs for Turner Classic Movies, and was the Akron Classic Movie Examiner. He would like to write about issues pertaining to social justice issues and how they are affecting the Lakewood community. He believes in the power of citizen journalism, and as a reader of Lakewood Observer, he likes that he gets it.



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Forum

Lucky To Be Local

by J. William Ross

From Woodstock, while eating an incredibly yummy barbecued meal from a pie tin, I realized how fortunate I am to live in this time and place. Not in the existential sense (though that could be the premise for my next article) but in the geographic one.

You see, I have lived near the corner of Madison and Chesterland for almost six years now. And since my arrival, I have witnessed some serious changes to the neighborhood. I've seen Sullivan's close, re-open, close again, change names and management, then finally open as The BottleHouse Brewery. I've seen the opening of yoga studios, furniture stores, thrift stores, toy stores, resale shops, and more. I've seen Mahall's transform into an awesome venue for shows while keeping their lanes. I've seen Bella Dubby molt into Taco Tonto's. I've seen an ugly building get demolished almost overnight. And I've seen the recent construction of Woodstock, where the food doesn't just taste good, it feels good to eat.

I used to play open mic's at Trio's. It was a nice local bar that brought in nice local people. It was purchased by Robert Togliatti, who decided to give it a complete overhaul. The only thing that looks familiar is the bar. Everything else is brand new and well thought out. The lighting, the wood paneling, the menu, the food selection, and the tall tables all work together to give this spot an air of professionalism. Nothing in this eatery seems thrown together. But as well crafted as its atmo-

sphere and food are, it's also "come as you are" casual. I like that.

I was able to witness the metamorphosis from Trio's to Woodstock. And the more I heard about what was being done, the more excited I became. Not just to eat there, but to have a cool addition to the neighborhood. It was exciting to watch the demolition and reconstruction of the brick wall that used to face Madison Avenue. What was brick and mortar is now retractable glass. And the addition of a terrace was a welcome upgrade.

I used to shoot pool. A lot. I used to bring my own personal cue to Mahall's. Not only did they have some of the finest retro bowling lanes this side of 117th, but about a dozen sturdy professional-sized pool tables as well. Relics from...the sixties? And their billiards room was barren. Which I liked because I could concentrate on my shots. Billiards has been going out of style for a long time. I have witnessed the closing of almost all of the local pool halls so I knew the days when I could walk down the street to shoot some stick were limited. When the remodeling began, I hoped that they would hang on to one table. They turned the room into a venue for what is happening now instead of...the sixties, complete with a stage for bands and presentations, a dance floor, and a retractable wall that faces Madison. They also updated their bar. The atmosphere is hip without ostentation and the brew is divine. At least they left the lanes alone.

Now, I am within short walking distance of The Bottle House Brewery,

which, by the way, you are missing out on if you haven't been to. Previous incarnations of this location seemed a bit forced. I never quite understood how a steakhouse was going to thrive there or another sports bar for that matter. They came and went. But when Bottle House showed up, I knew that they were the right match. It's not due solely to the fine details that they put into crafting a local delicious brew. Nor is it solely the fact that they showcase their craft proudly front and center, in barrels of ale and mead. At times there are two people behind the bar: a bartender and a barista.

But that's not why I knew they were a good fit in my neighborhood. It was when I saw the new sign go up outside. It may not stand out as awe-inspiring. But before Bottle House came, there was a plastic banner hanging over the front door to let onlookers know the name of the establishment. When Bottle House arrived, they pulled that plastic banner down, with one hand I assume, and put up a well-constructed sign with a nice font and big, legible letters. After this, they must have realized that something was askew,

because they had this sign taken down to have some repair work done to the bricks surrounding it. That, along with all of the aforementioned details, was what stood out to me: taking pride in every detail.

The concept of the butterfly comes to mind when thinking about my neighborhood. Three of the main establishments have taken it upon themselves to put a genuine effort into transforming from acceptable to exceptional, two decided to include serious demolition. Six years ago, when my neighborhood was considered acceptable, the complete demolition of a building may have indicated a downward trend. But after witnessing first-hand how much pride and effort the surrounding businesses have put into creating unique experiences, I can't wait to see what will be constructed in its place.

J. William Ross is a long time Lakewoodite who has recently decided to get his writing career under way. He hasn't written an article since college, but remembers the process being very enjoyable. His interests include international affairs, music, and replacing corporate fast food locations with movie theaters.

Tristan Rader For City Council At-Large - Let's Make Lakewood Better, Together

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in Lakewood, for those who aren't getting an equal welcome, especially now.

As a city council member, I will do everything in my power to deliver on our messages of welcome for all, with real actions. I will work to ensure that development and prosperity don't mean gentrification and that Lakewood promotes a diverse economy, and maintains a diverse housing stock with places for all age groups and income levels. I will push back against privatization, and defend first-rate public services and good local jobs. I will champion our community spaces and parks.

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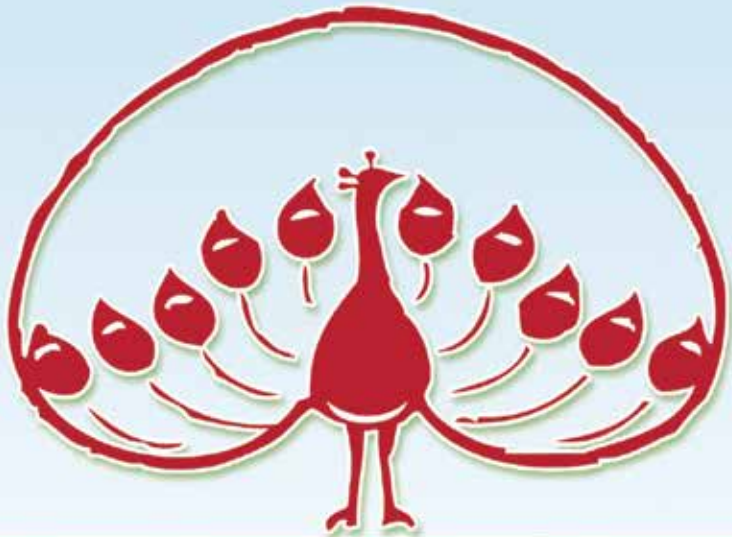
make sure every voice is considered. Together we can bring out the best in Lakewood: a welcoming, safe city of shared opportunity.

Learn more and get involved at tristanrader.com

Tristan Rader worked in the non-profit sector including starting the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and founding a non-profit in Africa. In 2015 he finished his MPA at Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State and continued his studies at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government - Executive Education program. He then joined Sen. Sanders' staff and worked on his presidential bid. After returning home he managed a Congressional campaign and became one of the founding directors of Cuyahoga County Progressive Caucus where he currently serves as Operations Director. He also works for MoveOn.org as a Campaign Organizer.

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Forum

Movie Review Of “Beauty And The Beast”

by Bob Rittenhouse

The recent movie “Beauty and the Beast,” is a classic love story about a beautiful young village maiden, Belle, and a cursed prince, who became a large, frightening, hairy beast living in a huge, cursed, cold, and forbidding castle. This 2017 Walt Disney Pictures and Mandeville Films 129 minute film features combinations of cartoon characters mingled with live humans, extravagant background music, and excellent solos by cartoon characters and human actors. The movie’s plot is based on a 1700’s French fairy tale, “La Belle et al Bete.” The film has interwoven plots of wonderfully created digitized colors, suspenseful chases, and interactions of the various characters. Many adventures and dangerous threats to the main characters, such as the maiden’s father who gets imprisoned in the castle by the Beast after being chased by some vicious wolves, keep the audience in suspense. A very sturdy and fast white horse is one of the interesting characters, who is ridden toward and escaping from the castle. Belle (Emma Watson of Harry Potter fame) gets threatened by dangerous wolves, but gets rescued by the Beast (Dan Stevens of Secret of the Tomb and TV fame) Though injured in the battle protecting her, he gets care for his injuries by Belle.. She is also courted by a village self-centered ruffian-type of bully, Gaston, who is determined to marry her with all kinds of sly behaviors including threatening to kill her father. Gaston even ties him to a tree where he might

be devoured by the wolves. She continues to rebuff Gaston throughout the movie. Earlier in the movie, she had exchanged herself in the castle prison for her father, who she greatly loves, and is determined to save him from the castle prison. When the father tries to explain the Beast to the village people, Gaston gets him imprisoned in a jail-like wagon, where he is to be sent to an insane asylum. Belle ends up in the same wagon. Meanwhile, the villain is off to the castle with the village people to try to kill the Beast.

There is an exciting battle between the various village people trying to also kill the Beast. They hear the castle is haunted, which leads to their being frightened in the battle. The battle includes characters such as a clock, candlelabra, harpsichord, teapot and her son, a cup, and a clothes closet among others. One of the most intriguing scenes, which had occurred in the 1991 Beauty and the Beast movie, was an elaborate dance between the lovely young maiden with a beautiful yellow gown, and the Beast in an 1800’s like attractive military-like costume. Over time they come to understand, appreciate, and have affection for each other. There is climatic scene at the end. The movie is a very good revision of the excellent 1991 rendition. A friend and I had snuck in the 1991 movie at the former Garfield theater behind the Rockside Road shopping center. In a rare occurrence at movies, the audience applauded the movie. Recommended for age 5 on up.

A Tale Of Two Phone Calls

by Bob Soltys

While stopped at the traffic light at Clifton Boulevard and Summit Avenue on March 8, I noticed the top of a utility pole swinging an arc of twenty degrees across the sidewalk with the high wind that day. When I got home, I called the Illuminating Company to ask them nicely to do something about it.

After spending several minutes wading through yet another corporate American voicemail tree due to “high call volume” – corporate speak for “we don’t want to hire enough people to take care of your call” – I finally got to talk to someone whose primary concern was documenting the system and making sure I wasn’t a prank caller. This despite all the voices I heard around him talking about high winds.

“Oh, and sir – the swaying pole is in front of a school and next to a bus stop.” The customer “service” agent’s next statement: “Please hold.” Not!

The dispatcher answered the Lakewood Police non-emergency number in less than twenty seconds, and told me “Police and fire are on the

scene, sir.” Thank you.

The contrasting responses of corporate America and of those who protect and serve show that the rank and file in government understand their job is to serve the people, while corporate America’s concern remains covering its own interests and protecting its wallet.

Bravo to the fine men and women of the Lakewood Police and Fire Departments. And to the worker bees at the Illuminating Company who got the power back on well in advance of the predicted “By 8 a.m. tomorrow morning.”

However, corporate America’s prescribed canned playbook response underscores the importance of us commoners standing up to corporations and their endless quest for their precious profits.

Next time some corporate scion rails against government, ask yourself? “Who cared on March 8?”

Thank you.

Bob Soltys is a photographer, penman, former Navy officer, letter revivalist and the co-author of A Lucky Life.

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Lakewood Living

Lakewood Rec’s Unique Egg Hunt Set For April 15

by Matt Demaline

Grab your bathing suits, towels, baskets and goggles for Lakewood Recreation’s annual Underwater Egg Hunt. This year’s event will be held Saturday, April 15 at the Lakewood High School Pool beginning at 11 a.m.

Children are split up into age groups for the hunt. All children ages 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult in the pool; no separate registration fee is required for the adults accompanying younger children. Eggs can be redeemed for prizes after the hunt.

Don’t be fooled by the name; not all the eggs sink. Approximately half of the 400 eggs float at the surface.

From The Archives Of The Lakewood Historical Society

Hall Family Farm



by Jess Yenni, Curator at Lakewood Historical Society

Today, we eat fruits and vegetables that are imported to the United States from all over the world. But years ago, Lakewood was home to farms that stretched from Detroit Avenue to Lake Erie. The advent of the Dummy Railroad allowed many children to earn extra money for their families by picking produce at these farms. The railroad charged a special 5 cent rate for berry pickers. The children in this photograph were picking berries at the Hall Family Farm.

The other 200 or so eggs are spread out on the pool bottom, varying in depth from 3.5 feet deep to 9 feet deep. There are a variety of activities in the pool for the children to participate in when not diving for eggs. There are pool toys out for the little ones, water basketball and, always a favorite, the high dive.

Pre-register and save - \$5 registration available only through April 13. If not pre-registered, admission fee is \$7 at the door. Registration is available online at www.lakewoodrecreation.com. We look forward to seeing everyone for this year’s hunt.

Matt Demaline is the Aquatic



Photo by: Nancy Pizir

Lakewood Recreation’s 2017 Underwater Egg Hunt to be held Saturday, April 15.

Manager for the Lakewood Community Recreation and Education Department, and a lifelong Lakewood resident.

North Coast Needlers Quilt Show

by Mary Krauss

North Coast Needlers Quilt Guild presents its 15th biennial quilt show, “My Favorite Chix are Quilters!” Over 250 quilts will be featured, ranging from traditional and contemporary to modern and art quilts, offering something for everyone to enjoy. Many of our members are award-winning quilters!

Quilts will be exhibited in the airy rotunda of Westlake High School, 27830 Hilliard Boulevard, Westlake, on Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23. Show hours are 10-5 both days. A beautiful red and white guild-made quilt will be raffled off on Sunday afternoon.



“Red Pop” raffle quilt drawing on afternoon of Sunday, April 23.

Expanding on the show’s theme will be a series of challenge quilts, “Chix Run Wild” and a block contest display. The contest blocks will be crafted into a “Chix For Kids” quilt for this year’s donation recipient, Northeast Ohio Adoption Services. A special show event is “Adopt a Chix,” with proceeds from the “adoption” of stuffed “Chix” also donated to Northeast Ohio Adoption Services to further their work placing children with loving families.

Rounding out the show will be a boutique offering handcrafted items for sale, a quilt-side cafe, and a vendor mall featuring local and regional dealers. Admission donation is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, ages 10 and under free. More information can be found on the North Coast Needlers website www.ncnquilt.com.

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Lakewood Living

LakewoodAlive To Host “Knowing Your Home” Workshops On Masonry, Curb Appeal In Early April

by Matt Bixenstine

Masonry Basics on April 6; Front Yard Curb Appeal on April 8

A pair of free workshops hosted by LakewoodAlive in early April will afford area homeowners the opportunity to learn two useful skill sets from industry experts.

“Knowing Your Home: Masonry Basics” takes place on Thursday, April 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. at 1st Choice Roofing Company (11309 Franklin Boulevard in Cleveland). Two days later, on Saturday, April 8, LakewoodAlive invites attendees to the Lakewood Public Library Auditorium (15425 Detroit Avenue) for “Knowing Your Home: Front Yard Curb Appeal” from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

For “Masonry Basics,” LakewoodAlive has partnered with 1st Choice Roofing and Nehls Masonry L.L.C. to provide a basic understanding of masonry maintenance and repairs. Frank Nehls will offer a hands-on demonstration tackling the basics of tuckpointing, pointing and repointing masonry bricks and block in foundations and chimneys. A mason for nearly three decades, Frank will equip attendees with insight for determining whether a job qualifies as a DIY opportunity or requires professional assistance.

The “Front Yard Curb Appeal” workshop features a presentation from Bob Rensel on creating a beautiful front yard landscape that complements your house and is easy to maintain. Well-designed landscapes not only increase your home’s value, but also enhance the health and well-being of your community. Bob, a retired horticulturist from the Cleveland Botanical Garden, will discuss selecting the right plants for your yard and how to arrange and care for them. This workshop will also cover handling overgrown plants, how to fertilize and when to prune.

Visit LakewoodAlive.org to reserve your free spot at “Masonry Basics” and “Front Yard Curb Appeal.”

“Members of our community have been requesting these topics, and we’re excited to be able to deliver them with our fourth and fifth workshops of the 2017 ‘Knowing Your Home’ series,” said Allison Urbanek, LakewoodAlive’s Housing Outreach Director.

Now in its fourth year, LakewoodAlive’s “Knowing Your Home” series draws hundreds of attendees annually. Our workshop series is generously supported by: Citizens Bank, City of Lakewood, Cleveland Lumber Company, Fifth Third Bank, First Federal Lakewood, PNC, Remax Beyond 2000, The University of Akron Lakewood and Third Federal Savings & Loan.

In lieu of being charged for these events, participants are encouraged 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.

LakewoodAlive Unveils 2017 Schedule Of Community Events

by Matt Bixenstine

Front Porch Concert Series, Summer Meltdown, Spooky Pooch Parade, Chocolate Walk and Light Up Lakewood drew 35,000+ attendees last year

Mark your calendars for plenty of fun in Lakewood this year. LakewoodAlive announces its schedule of community events for 2017 – a collection of five events spanning 15 dates that will afford attendees ample opportunities to celebrate Lakewood’s vibrancy.

The Front Porch Concert Series, Lakewood Summer Meltdown, Spooky Pooch Parade, Lakewood Chocolate Walk and Light Up Lakewood encompass a diverse slate of events that truly offers something for everyone. Collectively, this quintet of LakewoodAlive events drew more than 35,000 attendees to Downtown Lakewood during 2016.

The event schedule kicks off on Friday, July 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. with the first of 11 performances comprising the Front Porch Concert Series presented by Bentley Wealth Management of Raymond James. Like a crowd-pleasing encore performance, this summer series delights its audience, as it features a wide array of free, live music on the front porch of Lakewood Public Library for 11 consecutive Friday evenings. Each week showcases a different style of music while Lakewoodites and visitors enjoy an entertaining evening at an open-air venue. Attendees are encouraged to bring family, friends, snacks, blankets and chairs.

Sponsored by Melt Bar & Grilled, the Lakewood Summer Meltdown on Saturday, July 8, from 4 to 10 p.m. represents one of the region’s most highly-anticipated street parties that drew 10,000 attendees from across Northeast Ohio to the heart of Lakewood last year. This fixture on our city’s summer calendar takes place on Detroit Avenue in Downtown Lakewood between Marlowe and Elmwood Avenues and includes a 5K race, 1 Mile Kids Fun Run, street festival, outdoor activities, games, food vendors, beer garden, live music and more.

Dogs will rule the day on Saturday, October 21, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. during the 10th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade, which consists of a festival in Kauffman Park, 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 community festival represents one of the only events of its kind in the region, providing a tail-wagging good time for canine and human guests alike.

On Thursday evening, October 26, Downtown Lakewood will turn downright chocolatey, and even those with a discerning sweet tooth will go home happy. The Lakewood Chocolate Walk is a delectable and decadent evening all about chocolate, with participants visiting a variety of shops and eateries serving as “Sweet Stops” that each provide a unique chocolate treat. This fundraising event supports the Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance and LakewoodAlive’s programming.

The spirit of the season will come to life with holiday cheer when Light Up Lakewood presented by First Federal Lakewood takes place on Saturday, December 2, within the city’s seasonally-illuminated downtown district. A signature event on LakewoodAlive’s calendar, this free, family-friendly festival along Detroit Avenue features a holiday parade, lighting ceremony, winter fireworks, live music, ice carvings, hot chocolate, food trucks, children’s games and much more.

“We’re excited to announce our schedule of community events for 2017,” said Ian Andrews, Executive Director of LakewoodAlive. “Our wide range of community offerings has something for everyone, improving quality of life for our residents and upholding our mission to foster and sustain vibrant neighborhoods in Lakewood.”

For more information regarding LakewoodAlive’s calendar of community events for 2017, visit LakewoodAlive.org.

LakewoodAlive 2017 Schedule Of Community Events

Event	Date	Location
Front Porch Concert Series	July 7 – Sept. 15*	LPL
Lakewood Summer Meltdown	July 8	Downtown Lakewood
Spooky Pooch Parade	October 21	Kauffman Park
Lakewood Chocolate Walk	October 26	Downtown Lakewood
Light Up Lakewood	December 2	Downtown Lakewood

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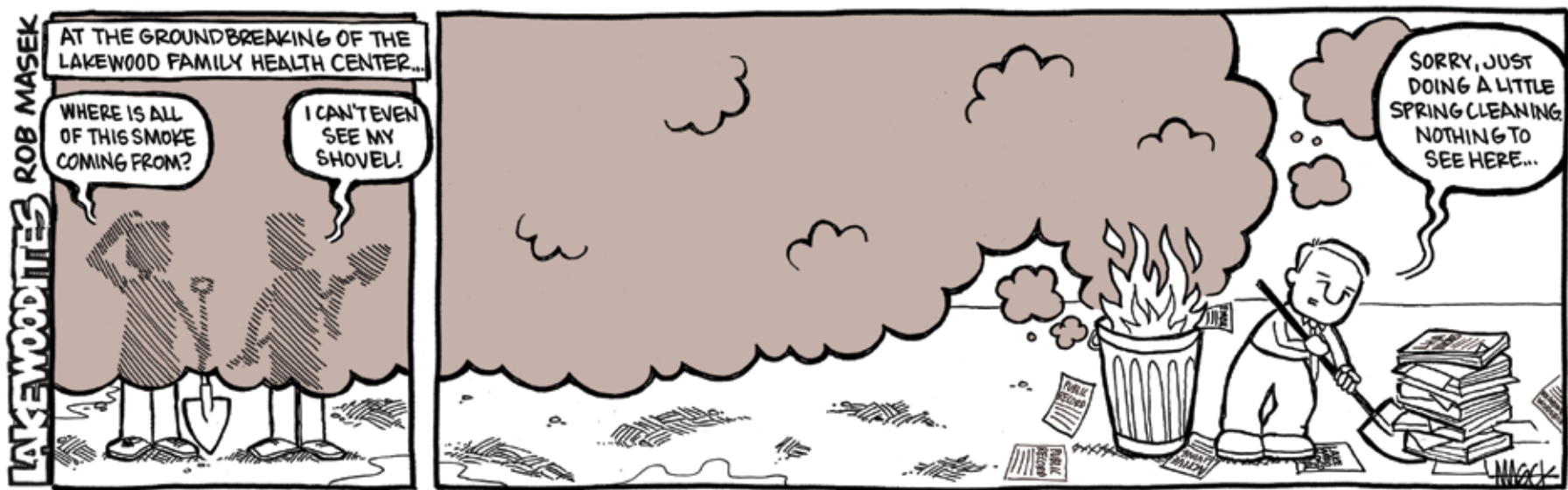
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PIZZA	Small 6 cut - 9"	Medium 8 cut - 12"	Large 12 cut - 16"	Party Tray Half Sheet
Plain	\$7.00	\$8.50	\$11.00	\$12.00
1 Item	\$7.50	\$9.25	\$12.00	\$13.50
2 Items	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$13.00	\$15.00
3 Items	\$8.50	\$10.75	\$14.00	\$16.50
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Deluxe	\$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
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