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## Foundation Planning Task Force To Host Community Conversation

by Michael Bentley

The Foundation Planning Task Force has been entrusted to explore, discuss, and recommend to City Council the nature, scope, mission, and governance of a new wellness foundation for the benefit of Lakewood (for more information, please visit <http://www.onelakewood.com/wellness-foundation-task-force/>) to be completed within a sixteen – eighteen month time-frame. The task force is in an information gathering phase; below is a

summary of their work done in pursuit of completing their task(s) in a timely manner:

**Selection of Foundation Planning Task Force:** The Mayor and City Council issued a request to the community for residents to sit on a Foundation Planning Task Force in furtherance of Section IV of the **Master Agreement**. Forty-six applications were received and 17 members were selected for the task force. The first meeting was in January 2017.

**Chair & Vice-Chair Appointed:** Erin Murphy

came forward at the beginning to act as **Chair of the FPTF** and was unanimously approved. The group subsequently voted to make Dan Cohn the **Vice-Chair** for the task force.

**Search Subcommittee:** Early work of the group involved forming a subcommittee that was charged with retaining a consultant to assist the FPTF with all aspects of the process of creating the new Foundation. The committee developed an RFP which was sent to ten potential consultants with four

chosen to interview. Randell McShepard was retained as a consultant and facilitator for the Foundation Planning Task Force.

**Task Force Retreat:** Mr. McShepard led a retreat of the FPTF on May 30, 2017 at the Lakewood Women's Pavilion. The retreat included a review of a survey answered by each of the task force members. Members took some time to get to know each other and then moved into more

substantive issues including discussions about how to identify stakeholders and how to gather information about the health needs of the Lakewood community.

**Community Engagement Subcommittee:** The Community Engagement Subcommittee was formed. That group has developed a set of interview questions and has spent the last several months interviewing

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## Documentary Examines Pit Bull Ban In Lakewood

by Matt Kuhns

River Fire Films is presenting a free screening of the documentary “Guilty ‘Til Proven Innocent” on October 20 at the main library, to be followed by a community forum. Both film and forum will examine breed specific legislation (BSL) which restricts or prohibits ownership of certain types of dogs, primarily pit bulls.

Lakewood's BSL ordinance

has been drawing new attention recently, following the city's decision to evict “Charlie,” a pit bull owned by resident Jennifer Scott. After initially approving Charlie, the city reversed its decision, prompting sizable protests at city hall and “I'm With Charlie” yard signs' arrival on nearly every street in Lakewood.

“Guilty ‘Til Proven Innocent” has nonetheless been

a work in progress for a decade, according to River Fire Films founder Jeff Theman. According to Theman, he actually began planning a documentary in response to NFL quarterback Michael Vick's conviction for dog fighting in 2007. Soon after, however, Lakewood City Council took up breed-specific legislation. Theman, then a Lakewood resident, was in the process of adopting a pit bull. He changed his work's focus to BSL, and began documenting the debate in Lakewood as a case study.

Theman released an early “Rescue Version” of “Guilty ‘Til Proven Innocent” in 2013, followed by a couple dozen screenings around the country. Last year, Theman began planning an updated version of the film. “We decided to revisit the idea of doing a reboot with a more strategic plan to finally put an end to breed discrimination globally,” he says.

The Lakewood Community Dog Safety Forum and screening of “Guilty ‘Til Proven Innocent” are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on October 20, in the auditorium of Lakewood Public Library. The event is free, but seating is limited to 100 and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

**Matt Kuhns is a freelance graphic designer, and occasional author.**

## “Play Grounds” - A Family-Focused Café Opening Soon

by Michael Samulak

There's a ‘buzz’ around town about a new café opening soon right here in Lakewood Ohio – “Play Grounds!” “Play Grounds” aims to be the café of choice to which parents and loved ones come to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea while their children engage nearby in creative play.

What makes this family-focused space truly unique is that it includes something for everyone! In addition to providing both takeaway and sit down options as well



as traditional table seating conducive for individuals or meet-ups, Play Grounds also offers beautiful window seating, comfy cozy chairs, and a low-level play area that encourages creative and imaginative play for your little ones! Parents and caregivers can enjoy conversation and company, while pint-size patrons can be

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## LakewoodAlive To Host “Aging In Place” Community Forum On November 9

by Matt Bixenstine

It's been said that Father Time catches up with everyone eventually. In fact, it's estimated that approximately one in five Americans will be older than 65 by 2030. But what exactly does the looming prospect of an aging population mean for our community?

LakewoodAlive, a nonprofit community development organization, announces it will host a community forum – entitled “Aging in Place: Wave of the Future” – from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 9, at the Lakewood Congregational Church Sanctuary (1375 West Clifton Boulevard). This community conversation will offer insightful dialogue regarding how Lakewood

can best prepare for an aging population.

Both the general public and members of the media are invited to attend this free forum as the community seeks to better understand the concept of aging in place, the barriers to this lifestyle and the opportunities it presents. The discussion will delve into best practices for ensuring Lakewood remains an attractive destination for Baby Boomers as this impactful generation ages, with emphasis on exploring Lakewood's current housing options and the future of senior-focused communities.

Moderator Katie Kurtz, Clinical Manager, Department of Human Services for the

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## Grant 5th Grader New Junior Fire Chief



by Christine Gordillo

Grant Elementary 5th grader Valerie Morris is flanked by the Lakewood firefighters who brought her to school in their truck as part of the reward of being named Junior Fire Chief. Valerie won the honor on the merits of the essay she wrote for Fire Prevention Week.



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## Fall Tree Event

by Marianne Quasebarth Usiak

Fall is a great time to plant and care for trees! Come and learn from our local tree experts about how to plant, properly mulch and care for young trees at this hands-on event where we will help care for some young trees. Pumpkins for our volunteers while supplies last!

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Lakewood Park. Meet at the Old Stone House parking lot. Sponsored by: Keep Lakewood Beautiful Tree Committee and the City of Lakewood.  
For more information, call 216-529-6601 or go to: <http://www.onelakewood.com/KLB>.

## LakewoodAlive To Host “Aging In Place” Community Forum On November 9

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City of Lakewood, will oversee a distinguished group of panelists for an informative discussion. The final 30 minutes will be devoted to panelists fielding questions from the audience.

The panelists participating in this community forum include:

- **Curt Brosky**, President and CEO, LSC Service Corp.
- **Janice Dzigiel**, Executive Director, Senior Transportation Connection
- **Mark McDermott**, Vice President

• Ohio Market Leader, Enterprise Community Partners

- **Allison Urbanek**, Housing Outreach Director, LakewoodAlive

LakewoodAlive hosts community forums pertaining to topics relevant to Lakewood citizens. For more information regarding the “Aging in Place: Wave of the Future” community forum on November 9, please visit [LakewoodAlive.org/CommunityForums](http://LakewoodAlive.org/CommunityForums) or contact the LakewoodAlive office at 216-521-0655.



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## Shop Early, Or Late, But Always Local At A LEAF Holiday Market

by Margaret Brinich

The weather might finally be turning cooler and it's time to put the gardens to bed for the winter, but Lakewood Earth And Food (LEAF) Community is still going strong! Once again, LEAF will be hosting two Holiday Markets, one on Tuesday, November 14th (for those that like to get their shopping done early) and one on Tuesday, December 19th (for those last minute types). Both Holiday Markets will take place at Garfield Middle School from 5:30 to 8 p.m.




Vendors will be selling local produce, handmade crafts, baked

goods, homemade foods, cookbooks and more to help you buy local for the 2017 holiday season!

Vendors TBA: Sign up to vend at [leafcommunity.org](http://leafcommunity.org).

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# Come Learn With Us!

## November Is Diabetes Awareness Month

by Barry Wemyss

November is Diabetes Awareness Month. In honor of this occasion, the Lakewood Division of Aging and the Cleveland Clinic are teaming up to sponsor a series of informative events. The “Come Learn With Us!” Diabetes Awareness Month Series will be taking a good look at a variety of topics related to Diabetes self-care. Our discussions will be helpful for the family and friends of diabetics, as well as for people living with diabetes, themselves.

On Friday, November 3rd, at 12:30 p.m., we will be learning about Diabetes-friendly holiday Cooking. We are all very well aware that the holiday season is particularly tough for people with dietary restrictions. We want to join in the fun, but what can we possibly eat that will not throw those numbers into a state of chaos? One option is to bring our own tasty, healthy snacks. Join Roz Witkowski and Amanda Roberts, from the Cleveland Clinic for a brief talk on diabetic nutrition, followed by a cooking demonstration. Watch and learn, as they prepare a simple, delicious and healthy appetizer that anyone would be able to prepare for the next holiday gathering.

On Tuesday, November 7th, at 1 p.m., join us for an informative presentation

on Diabetes Foot Care. Dr. Brian Myers, M.D. will be discussing why diabetics are at an increased risk of foot problems, as well as specific issues and risk factors to be aware of. Dr. Myers will also share some practical, diabetic-specific measures that we can take in caring for our feet.

On Wednesday, November 8th, at 1 p.m., Dr. Austin Tutt, D.O. will be leading a discussion on Diabetes Eye Care. Like the concerns with foot care, diabetics are particularly susceptible to vision problems. Dr. Tutt will explain in layman’s terms, what is at the root of the vision problems experienced by diabetics, as well as the preventative measures we might be able to take to keep ourselves safe.

All of these presentations will take place at the Kathleen and Robert Lawther Center, located at 16024 Madison Ave., Lakewood, Ohio. All of these presentations are free to the public, but pre-registration is required. Please call the Activities Office at 216-529-5005, or email [barry.wemyss@lakewoodoh.net](mailto:barry.wemyss@lakewoodoh.net) to reserve your space for any or all of these special events.

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creative and inspired through unique and engaging options such as a wooden train table, books, art easel, kids’-size table and chairs, kids’ wooden play kitchen, dolls, trucks, and so much more!

The beautiful soul behind Play Grounds is owner Heather Tropp Mariano, a resident of Lakewood, who has a heart-filled vision for this new and inviting space. Mrs. Mariano’s desire is that the café help to facilitate and encourage meaningful moments in the midst of our busy days: A place that affords genuine contact and deeper connections for people while also providing a safe and creative space for their little ones.

Play Grounds will feature coffee supplied from local Phoenix Coffee for their caffeinated goodness carefully crafted to taste. In addition to the staple coffee, specialty drinks, and a beautiful selection of organic teas, the menu will include a variety of healthy snacks and treats for adults and kiddos alike. The little ones will love the house drink, inspired by a favorite beverage of those native to Australia. This featured drink, called a ‘Babyccino’, is a delicious cocoa powder-topped beverage served hot with a generous portion of steamed milk, making for a rich, smooth, creamy treat that is sure to keep your children coming back for more. Rounding out the menu will be a variety of nut-free, gluten-free, vegetarian and even vegan options to

enjoy alongside traditional favorites.

Play Grounds coffee shop will be the newest addition to the Madison Avenue family of local businesses helping to revitalize the area, and Mariano is excited to be contributing directly to advance the initiatives of #madisononthemove. The storefront is located at 15715 Madison Avenue on the south side of the street just east of Hilliard Blvd., catty corner from Wagar Park. Free Wi-Fi is available for customers along with plenty of free parking in the back lot behind the storefront!

Visit [www.playgrounds.cafe](http://www.playgrounds.cafe) or [www.facebook.com/playgroundscfe/](http://www.facebook.com/playgroundscfe/) for further details related to hours of operation, menu, pricing and more!

Please stop on in for a visit or grab a cup of Joe to go. Let’s all show Play Grounds some local love and give them a huge, “Welcome to the neighborhood!” the way only this great city of Lakewood can – Together.

On Instagram @playgroundscafecl, Phone: 216-202-5110

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As of the publication of this article the estimated time for the official opening of the cafe is the end of October 2017. Please check the website for exact hours of operation.

*Michael Samulak is a published author of two children’s picture books. He and his wife Jamie have five beautiful children together and are invested and work in the Lakewood communtiy.*

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# From The Statehouse

## Skindell Introduces Legislation To Create The Prescription Drug Assistance Program For Seniors, Disabled Ohioans And Veterans

by Michael Skindell

This past week Senator Michael J. Skindell (D-Lakewood) introduced Senate Bill 215 to create the Ohio Rx Plan to help many Ohioans obtain the medications they need. The Ohio Rx Plan would benefit seniors, the disabled, veterans and Bronze Plan enrollees under the Affordable Health Care Act.

“Many Ohioans are struggling to pay out-of-pocket costs for insurance premiums, deductibles and co-pays to acquire needed medications,” Senator Skindell said. “Passage of this legislation will result in Ohio joining a number of states providing prescription drug assistance to seniors and others who need help obtaining their medications.”

According to research by the National Conference of State Legislatures, in 2016 more than a dozen states offered State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (SPAPs) that “wrap-around” or add to the Part D benefits, including drugs bought by Medicare patients during the so-called “donut hole” spending category (<http://www.ncsl.org/research/health/medicare-prescription-drug-tools.aspx>).

In 2016, 1,030,738 Ohioans were enrolled in a Medicare Stand Alone Prescription Drug Plan (Part D) and 661,324 were enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan (Part C) with prescription drug coverage, according to Healthpocket, a consumer health

information company. Using data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HealthPocket also found that:

- **The average monthly premium for a Medicare prescription drug plan in Ohio in 2017 is \$54.11, or 1.67% higher than the national average of \$53.22. The lowest available Medicare Part D monthly premium in Ohio in 2017 is \$14.60.**

- **The maximum possible annual drug deductible in any 2017 Medicare drug plan across the US is \$400, but in Ohio the average annual drug deductible for Medicare Part D plans is**

**\$209.25. Forty-five percent of Medicare Part D insurance plans in Ohio have a \$0 annual drug deductible.**

([https://www.healthpocket.com/medicare/ohio-medicare-part-d/2017#.WdJ\\_UNFrzDc](https://www.healthpocket.com/medicare/ohio-medicare-part-d/2017#.WdJ_UNFrzDc)).

The funding for the Ohio Rx Plan would come from any savings incurred from the passage of any legislation which would mandate that a state agency not pay for prescription drugs more than the price paid by the US Department of Veterans Affairs.

An initiated statute requiring the state and several related entities to pay

no more for prescription drugs than what is paid by the US Department of Veterans Affairs will be before Ohio’s voters in the November 7 General Election as State Issue 2. An analysis from backers of State Issue 2 concluded that passage of the matter would result in up to \$536 million per year in prescription drug prices savings.

“As a member of the Ohio legislature, I have worked to ensure affordable, quality health care to all Ohioans,” said Senator Skindell. “Creating the Ohio Rx Plan helps us reach that goal.”

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members of various organizations related to behavioral health, the business community, culture, groups involved with issues of race, ethnicity and diversity, early childhood, faith communities, health, low income, philanthropy, recreation, seniors, women’s issues and youth as well as elected officials. They will present their findings in a report to the FPTF in October.

**Local Expert Speakers:** The FPTF has invited various experts in health and wellness to present and provide background information in areas relevant to the formation of the Foundation. Video recordings of these presentations are on the city website. The speakers have included:

Staff members from the City of Lakewood’s **Department of Human Services**;

Kirstin Craciun from the **Center for Health Affairs** to discuss the Community Health Needs Assessment;

Martha Halko from the **Cuyahoga County Board of Health**, who presented on Building Healthier Communities;

Dr. Jim Hekman, Dr. Judy Welsh and Jenny Evans from the **Cleveland Clinic Foundation**, who are

instrumental in establishing the new **Lakewood Family Health Center**; and

Mitch Balk from the **Mt. Sinai Foundation**, who spoke about conversion foundations and the lessons they learned in their own process.

**Foundation Structure Subcommittee:** A sub-committee was formed in July to gather information about Foundation funding and options for infrastructure. This information will also include pros/cons of each type of structure.

**Communications Subcommittee:** In August, a subcommittee was formed and given the duty of communicating the activity of the FPTF to the community. The Communications Subcommittee is currently exploring the use of FAQ’s as part of its overall communications approach regarding these efforts.

**Community Forum:** On Wednesday, November 15th at Garfield Middle School from 7-8:30 p.m., the FPTF will be hosting a community conversation to share the findings of the Community Engagement Subcommittee, and other discoveries, up to this point. This will be another opportunity to have an open discussion with the community on the whole process, and get further input from our fellow residents. We encourage all to attend.

In summary, there has been a lot of information gathering done by the FPTF since January. It is expected that the next phase, which will begin after the October task force meeting, will involve decisions related to the formation of the Foundation.

**“One of the central tenets of our efforts is community engagement with an eye toward promoting coordination, collaboration, and sustainability; fostering community voice; ensuring the effectiveness of the foundation; and developing models of transparency and accountability that build and maintain community trust.” –FPTF Community Engagement Subcommittee**

Mike Bentley is originally from Lakewood and lives here today with his wife, Missy, and sons, James and Alex. In his free time, Mike enjoys gardening and landscaping, golf, Cleveland sports, The Ohio State Buckeyes, and spending time with his family. He is a past board member of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce. He is a current board member of the Clifton Club. Mike is also actively involved with LakewoodAlive, both as a board member and title sponsor for the Front Porch Concert Series. He is also chair of the communications subcommittee for the Foundation Planning Taskforce.



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# Lakewood Public Library

## Is The Franklin Castle Haunted?

by Amy Kloss

About 100 years ago, rumors of ghosts and unexplained occurrences began circling around the “castle” that stands at 4308 Franklin Boulevard in Cleveland. This imposing Victorian structure has been lived in, torched, renovated and used as a tourist destination throughout its long life. Now it’s the subject of a new book, “Haunted Franklin Castle,” which details the house’s many owners and the rumors of spirits, secret passages and human bones found behind a wall.

You can meet authors William Krejci and John Myers on Thursday, October 26 at 7 p.m. in Lakewood’s Main Library Auditorium. Copies of “Haunted Franklin Castle” will be available for sale and signing at the event.

Between 1881 and 1883, architects Cudell and Richardson designed and constructed the Franklin Castle for Hannes Tiedemann, a German immigrant, on what was then an upscale residential avenue. Having made a fortune in business and banking, Tiedemann wanted a grand home for his family and a place for other German emigrants to stay when they arrived in Cleveland. Many of the stories of hauntings date to his ownership of the house. Legends have painted him as a murderer and a philanderer and suggest he installed secret passages and concealed rooms while living there. As it was for many people in the nineteenth century, death was a constant companion for Tiedemann’s family. By the time his wife died in 1895 at the age of fifty-seven from liver failure, the couple had already buried most of their children. Soon after, Tiedemann sold the house and by 1908, he and his entire family had passed away.

The Franklin Castle changed hands many times over the years, and rumors of spinning lights, the sound of a child crying and apparitions of a woman in black began to circulate. An owner in the 1970s sold tours of the “haunted” house, and there are anecdotes from people who lived and worked there

during the twentieth century of ghosts and strange occurrences.

Krejci and Myers debunk some of the stories in their book. Tiedemann did not murder his three infant children in the house, and trap doors and secret passages turned out to be simply entry points to storage spaces. However, bones really were found in the house in 1975, but whether they were put there as

a publicity stunt or were the remains of a murder is still a mystery.

As to Krejci’s own experiences, he remains firmly on the fence about the existence of ghosts, saying he hasn’t seen any, but he has witnessed unexplained movement of items in the house, doors opening and lights turning themselves on. A working historian, Krejci is a park ranger during the summer at

Perry’s Victory and International Peace Memorial in Put-in-Bay. When the current renovations on Franklin Castle are complete, he plans to give tours of the house and curate a museum collection of its history. Krejci’s co-author, John Myers, is a retired Lutheran pastor and an avid researcher and genealogist.

Join these two authors at Lakewood Public Library on October 26 to find out whether Franklin Castle is truly a haunted house.

## LPL’s Jazz Clinic Series Begins October 29

by Lisa Calfee

Have you ever wondered what makes jazz ...jazz? The Jazz Clinic series, led by Chris Vance, is a four-part educational concert coming to Lakewood Public Library. The classroom is our stage where some of Northeast Ohio’s most talented artists will demonstrate the different elements of jazz in jam sessions.

The first installment of this special Sunday With The Friends event will be held on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 2 p.m. in the Main Library Basement Auditorium. The Jazz Clinic Series will continue at 2 p.m. on

the following Sundays: November 26, 2017, January 21, 2018 and February 25, 2018.

Topics include the core elements of jazz, the influence of the Blues, Latin, Brazilian and Rock & Roll genres, specific time periods and luminary jazz artists.

Our music teacher is Chris Vance, owner of Lakewood’s Vance Music Studios. His amazing credentials include a Master’s of Music in double bass performance from the Cleveland Institute of Music and a few more music-related Bachelor Degrees.

He served as principal Bass in the Bermuda Symphony Orchestra and the

Buffalo Opera Company Orchestra. He performs in jazz and rock settings with local greats like Ernie Krivda, Bob Frasier and Bobby Ferrazza as well as past performances with Kassaba and Mark Gridley - just to name a few. In addition to regularly teaching at his studio, he is also an Adjunct Music Faculty member at Cleveland State University and Cuyahoga Community College.

In his spare time he stops by Lakewood Public Library to lead the Jazz Clinic Series! This event connects our community with regional jazz and academic jazz communities - professionals, hobbyists and laymen alike enjoying great music. Each concert will be followed by a Q & A session with audience participation encouraged!

## Children & Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

### Saturday, October 21

#### Beck Center Sing-along

##### For the whole family

Join Ed Gallagher and his guitar to sing, dance, and clap along to favorite children’s tunes. No registration required. Free and open to public.

7:00 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, October 22

#### Adapted Story Time

##### For you and your 3-7 year old child

This story time program is specifically designed to provide a caring, supportive program for young children who may not be successful in a typical story time environment. Registration required.

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

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# Lakewood Public Library

## Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

Thursday, October 19

Author Event - “Missing: Coming to Terms with a Borderline Mother” by Kathy Ewing

Northeast Ohio native Kathy Ewing never understood why her mother was so unhappy. It was not until Ewing herself became a mother of two that she sought to understand her mother’s cold and absent behavior. This behavior mystified her until she made the connection between her mother’s coldness and Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD). In “Missing,” Ewing presents a memoir sharing her childhood memories that showcase her mother’s troubling behavior and explain the BPD diagnosis. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Thursday, October 19

Booked For Murder: Edgar Award Winners

Can these tales live up to those written by Edgar Allan Poe, the author after whom the award was named? Join the group each month to see if you can tell the writers from the madmen. Tonight we will discuss 2004 winner “Resurrection Men” by Ian Rankin.

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

Saturday, October 21

Great Decisions in the Library: Conflict in the South China Sea

Led by Paul Schroeder, PhD

The South China Sea is a locus of competing territorial claims with China as the most vocal claimant. Beijing’s interest has intensified disputes with other countries in recent years. Despite rising international pressure, including an unfavorable ruling by the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, China staunchly defends its policies in the region. Preventing tensions from boiling over is a matter of careful diplomacy. Dr. Paul Schroeder is a professor of political science at Case Western Reserve University.

10:00 a.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

Saturday, October 21

Film - “Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows” (2011)

Presented by Barbara Steffek-Hill

Late 19th century London is famous for the 221B Baker Street address of eccentric genius Sherlock Holmes (Robert Downey, Jr.). Dr. John Watson (Jude Law) remains his grounded, loyal friend and other half of the intrepid crime solving duo. In the wake of seemingly unrelated murders, Holmes and Watson investigate and learn that Holmes’ arch-enemy Professor Moriarty (Jared Harris) is planning something big. Barbara Steffek-Hill presents a series of classic and contemporary films from her personal favorites.

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

Tuesday, October 24

Documentary: “Running for Jim” (2013): Presented by 2nd Sole

Jim Tracy led his cross-country team to the state championship 9 times, a record for San Francisco University High School. Though diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease)

in 2010, Jim continued to inspire his team, and 16-year-old Holland Reynolds crossed the finish line to secure the championship. “Running for Jim” gives us a look into Jim’s inspirational story and the facts of the disease.

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

Wednesday, October 25

Book Discussion: “Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania”

Lead by George N. Vourlojianis, Ph.D.

The Lusitania’s intentional and unfathomable sinking by a German submarine led to the loss of over 1100 lives. Dr. George Vourlojianis will lead a discussion underlining the miscalculations, misunderstandings and mistakes which created the perfect storm of circumstances that led to one of the twentieth century’s most iconic tragedies.

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

Wednesday, October 25

Author Event - “Haunted Franklin Castle”

by William G. Krejci and John W. Myers

For more than half a century, the Franklin Castle’s dark façade has lured curiosity seekers from around the world. Behind its iron gates, this Victorian-era structure harbors rumors of everything from insanity to mass murder. Using previously unpublished photographs, interviews, family accounts, floor plans and nearly forty years of research, authors William G. Krejci and John W. Myers reveal the true and definitive history of Cleveland’s notorious Franklin Castle. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Saturday, October 28

Film - “Unbroken” (2014)

Olympian Louis “Louie” Zamperini (Jack O’Connell) trades feats of athleticism for military service during World War II. After a near-fatal plane crash, Louie floats in a lifeboat for forty-seven days, but his fight for survival is not over yet. Louie is caught by the Japanese navy and sent to a prisoner of war camp, where he comes head to head with an especially cruel commander known as “the Bird” (Miyavi).

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

Sunday, October 29

Jazz Clinic Series: Led by Chris Vance

Would you like to be more involved with the performances? Would you like to hear from the musicians, get background on the songs and instruments and ask the questions? Chris Vance leads a four-part series of concerts dealing with various topics in jazz. Each concert will consist of performances by a wide array of artists, a brief lecture dealing with the topic at hand, and a Q & A session where audience members can engage with the performers.

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

Wednesday, November 1

Author Event - “The Appalachian Collection: Remembering the Hill Country” by Harold H. Milton, Presentation by Janice Louise Blanton

This collection of tales from the Appalachian mountain country provides a look at the culture and people of the hills that few are privileged to know directly. Harold Milton was born in Marietta, Ohio in a log cabin on a farm in 1913. He wrote novels and short stories he never was able to publish, including “The Appalachian Collection: Remembering the Hill Country,” “The Conquests of Lonnie Dolan,” “Water Baptism” and “The Treasure of the Hills.” Having Harold’s writings published has been a labor of love for his niece, Janice Blanton. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Thursday, November 2

Author Event - “Imagine a Forest: Designs and Inspirations for Enchanting Folk Art” by Dinara Mirtalipova

The magical folklore of Uzbekistan and Russia has always influenced author, illustrator and folklorist Dinara Mirtalipova’s work. Mirtalipova was born and raised in Tashkent, Uzbekistan and studied Computer Science at the Tashkent State University of Economics. However, her true passion was always patterns and illustrations. Her book “Imagine a Forest” is a drawing and design guide based on her own years of creative work. She uses a wide range of materials and tools, including lino blocks, gouache and acrylics. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Saturday, November 4

The Future of Europe: Coping with Crisis Led by Elliot Posner, PhD

The outcome of the United Kingdom referendum on EU membership sent shockwaves across the globe. It even caught British voters by surprise. The European Union has helped secure peace in Europe for the past 70 years. Now it faces an uncertain future.

10:00 a.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

Saturday, November 4

Film - Forrest Gump (1994) Directed by Robert Zemeckis

Forrest Gump (Tom Hanks) is a simple man who makes up for his lack of intelligence with good intentions and a whole lot of heart. The boy from Alabama runs through life and accidentally achieves greatness along the way.

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

Sunday, November 5

Sunday With The Friends - Asking for a Friend Improv Group

Asking for a Friend is a long-form improv troupe comprised of four female performers. In traditional improv fashion, the performers make up all of their scenes on the spot. To gain inspiration for these scenes, AFAF reads randomly-selected entries from their REAL childhood diaries.

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

Tuesday, November 7

The Importance of STEM and STEM Education

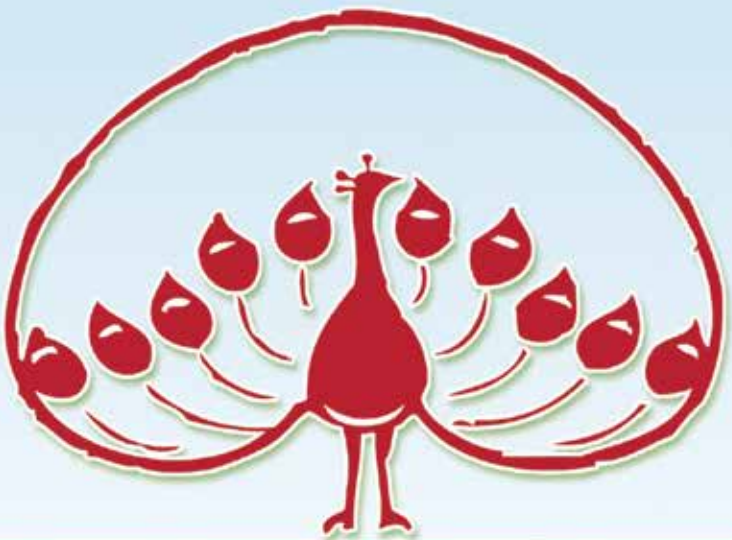
Presentation by Jeffrey Csank

Jeffrey Csank is an electrical engineer in the Power Management and Distribution Branch at the NASA Glenn Research Engineer in Cleveland. His work includes designing automated power systems for future deep space exploration missions and power systems for hybrid electric aircraft.

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Schools

# District Tree Program Blooming: Gift-a-Tree Fund, New Construction Has Number Of Trees Growing

by Christine Gordillo

In April 2016, Lakewood City Schools partnered with the City of Lakewood to expand the city's Gift-a-Tree Fund to the school district. Eighteen months into the program, donations have been made that will benefit Lakewood students and the community for generations to come.

Since the program started, donations have made it possible to plant seven trees – two at Harrison Elementary, three at Garfield Middle School, and two at Lakewood High – and five more are awaiting planting at LHS this coming spring once construction is complete.

"We are thrilled that the community has begun to use the program to help keep our school grounds green with trees," said Marianne Quasebarth Usiak, chair of the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Tree Committee.

The trees planted have been different varieties including Patriot and American Elms, Sawtooth Oak and Red Maple. Depending on the species, the trees range from \$250-300.

In addition to the trees donated through the Gift-a-Tree fund, the District has planted 167 trees at the three elementary schools completed in 2016 (Grant, Lincoln and Roosevelt) and 53 will be planted around the high school when landscaping is complete.

A number of studies have shown

that shade trees provide cooling benefits to people, but also reduce cooling costs of buildings and extend pavement life. Trees also have been found to reduce noise pollution, and storm-water runoff. They also generate

**Barnstormers' "Macbeth" Running October 18-21**

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood High School Barnstormers' Drama Club will be staging its first production of the school year October 18-21. The high school thespians will be performing

**District To Host K-5 Literacy Night On October 26**

by Christine Gordillo

The Teaching & Learning Department of the Lakewood City Schools will host a K-5 Literacy Night on Thursday, October 26 from 6:30-7:30 pm at Emerson Elementary School. The program will share what

**Preschool Information Night On October 23rd, Open To All**

by Kate Ingersoll

The Lakewood Early Childhood PTA (LECPTA) is hosting its annual Preschool Information Night on Monday, October 23rd from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Hayes Elementary School (16401 Delaware Avenue) in the Cafeteria. Representatives from area preschools

oxygen and remove air pollution.

Money donated to the fund goes toward the purchasing and planting of trees on school grounds as well as for the care of trees after planting in order to give them the best chance to grow

Shakespeare's classic, "Macbeth." The performances will be in the school's new Black Box Theater, which is located at the back of the school with parking behind the gymnasium in addition to the North Lot parking visitors' lot

the District is doing to grow readers and writers through the The Columbia Reading & Writing Project curriculum. Parents will also learn how to support their student's work at home. The District has been using the Columbia curriculum in some capacity since the

will provide information about their programs at tables and answer individual questions from parents and caregivers. Preschool Information Night is a great opportunity for young area families to learn about the variety of preschool options in our community.

Application deadlines for

and reach maturity.

To donate to the Give-a-Tree Fund, go to the District website at [www.lakewoodcityschools.org](http://www.lakewoodcityschools.org) and click on the Give-a-Tree Quick Link on the left-hand side of the page.

in front of the school. Performance times are 7:30 pm on October 18, 19 & 21. The October 20 show will begin at 7 pm and there will be an additional performance on Saturday, October 21 at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$5.

2014-2015 school year, when it was rolled out in the K-2 grades. Since then, teachers have seen impressive strides in the literacy progress of its students. Come to the Literacy Night and find out why the District believes this is the best curriculum for our students.

preschool programs tend to be in the first few months of the new year and this event will help you learn when and how to apply for different schools.

The event is free and open to the community. You do not need to be an LECPTA member to attend. We hope to see you on October 23rd!

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Schools

Rangers Beat Westlake For First Win Since 2015

by Mike Deneen

The Lakewood football program had a memorable “Friday the 13th” in Westlake, defeating the Demons 28-25 to get its first victory of the season. The win also snapped a 17 game losing streak that dated back two years; and it was the first-ever road win for Lakewood in the Southwestern Conference. Jubilant players doused Hannan with Gatorade as the final seconds ticked off.....then went into the Lakewood stands to celebrate with Ranger students and fans.

Both teams entered the game with 0-7 records, so each side felt it had a strong chance to win. Lakewood opened the game

perfectly, scoring a touchdown on the first offensive drive. Sophomore Milan Jackson had a nice kick return to set up the offense at their own 37 yard line. Lakewood went on a 63 yard touchdown drive, completed on eight plays (all running). Senior Daevon Hannible finished the drive with a 21 yard touchdown run with 9:31 left in the first quarter. Junior Justin Crislip added the extra point to make it 7-0. It was the first time all season that the Rangers scored on their first possession.

The defense forced a Westlake punt on the ensuing possession, and Ranger fans were beginning to feel some confidence. However, on the first play of their second offensive drive, disaster struck. A bad snap backed Lakewood to its own five yard line. Then two plays later a fumble gave the ball to the Demons at the Lakewood eight yard line. The Ranger defense made a strong stand, preventing a Westlake touchdown and forcing the Demons to settle for a 27 yard field goal. Lakewood led 7-3 with nearly five minutes remaining in the first quarter. The score held for the remainder of the quarter. Lakewood was able to move the ball, but couldn’t muster any points. Westlake struggled to put together any consistent drives against a very stubborn Ranger defensive unit.

Disaster struck again early in the second quarter. Another Ranger fumble gave the ball to Westlake on the Rangers one yard line. Demon quarterback Billy Blood (aptly named for the “Friday the



As the final seconds tick away, Ranger players prepare an ice bucket bath for coach Hannan. 13th” game) quickly ran in a touchdown to put his team ahead 10-7. The Lakewood offense responded, putting together a 45 yard touchdown drive that was bookended by Hannible. He made a nice kick return to set the Rangers up on a short field, then scored the touchdown on a 21 yard reception from senior quarterback Austin Mahar. Senior Attila Nagy added the extra point to make the score 14-10 Lakewood with 7:08 left in the first half.

The Rangers made another big play on the ensuing kickoff, recovering a fumble by the Demon returner. They had the ball at the Westlake 43 yard line, but were unable to score. Westlake then drove into Lakewood territory on a 42 yard run by Blood. The Ranger defense again stiffened, forcing and recovering a fumble at their own 27 yard line. Junior Will Adams would cap the next Ranger drive with a 50 yard touchdown with only 1:18 remaining in the half. Crislip added the extra point, and Lakewood led 21-10 at the intermission.

Optimism among Ranger fans swelled at halftime, as Lakewood dominated the game in most statistical categories. However, nothing comes easy, and Westlake was not going to go quietly. The Demons took the second half kickoff and scored a touchdown in only 85 seconds. Running back JJ Coleman had the key play of the drive, a 55 yard run. Westlake made a successful two point conversion to cut the lead to 21-18 with 10:25 remaining in the third quarter. Ranger fans were getting nervous, but Hannible quickly put them at ease. He ran for a 72 yard touchdown on the first play of the next Ranger drive. Nagy’s extra point extended the lead to 28-18 with 10:04 left in the third.

The Ranger defense took over in the second half, not allowing any scoring

drives by Westlake. The Demons moved to the Ranger 29 yard line midway through the third quarter, but gave up the ball on downs. That would be their last serious offensive threat of the game. The score remained 28-18 after the third quarter, as the Ranger offense was unable to get a “knockout” score to put the game away. Then, with just over four minutes left in the game, another disaster struck.

Lakewood had the ball on a third and 17 at the Westlake 27 yard line. Coleman, who also plays defensive back for the Demons, intercepted a Mahar pass and ran it back 73 yards for a Westlake touchdown. The seemingly safe lead was now only three points, and the Demons had momentum. Ranger fans feared there might be a strange “Browns-style” meltdown in the works. However, the team kept its wits. Ranger junior Caleb Watson recovered the ensuing onside kick with four minutes left in the game. Lakewood ran the clock out with its ground game, gaining some crucial first downs to maintain possession. Hannible and Adams, who each had well over 100 yards rushing in the game, were keys in the final drive.

The win sparked wide smiles all along the Ranger sideline, as nearly two years of frustration were washed away. “I’m so proud of you guys,” Hannan told his team after the game, “You guys earned it.” Hannan said the win was an important step in the program’s development. “The first step to learning how to win is to win,” he said. Now they have done it. He feels the victory will also help rejuvenate the squad for the final two weeks of the season. The team returns home Friday to face Midview at First Federal Stadium at 7 p.m. It will be Senior Night, where senior players, cheerleaders, and band members will be recognized for their contributions to the program.

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Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 57

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.

**The Missed - The Missed - Quality Time Records - 10 songs - Cassette, download**

I have to admit that I saw this band twice (I think perhaps their first two shows— they were called Dime Disguise at the time) and was not very impressed. Yeah, the musicianship was there, but it just didn't grab me. So it sorta came as a surprise that I liked this tape as much as I did. The Missed are a new band featuring Mickey (Nervosas), Sebastian (Tonawandas), and Timmy (Plain Dealers). There's a mix of stuff on this cassette, most of which I would probably describe as having a mid-90s pop-punk sound. The good kind of pop-punk though, not the more questionable things that term brings to mind. Sometimes there's parts that get a bit more alt-rock and Seb's basslines tend towards a more garage/rock 'n' roll style which brings another element to the table. I can probably see people's biggest complaint about this being Mickey's voice, which I guess is fair enough, it's not for everyone, but she's undeniably a pretty good guitarist, which comes through on several songs here. They change it up from song to song enough that you don't get bored, and overall this is a solid release. My favorite tracks were "Dilly," "Oh It's You," "Thoughts On Lower Gay," "Just Like Cellophane," and "Yellow Leaves." Probably worth checking out. This'll definitely be a controversial statement amongst some of my peers, but I think I like it more than I liked Nervosas. 4/5

(qualitytimerecords.bandcamp.com)

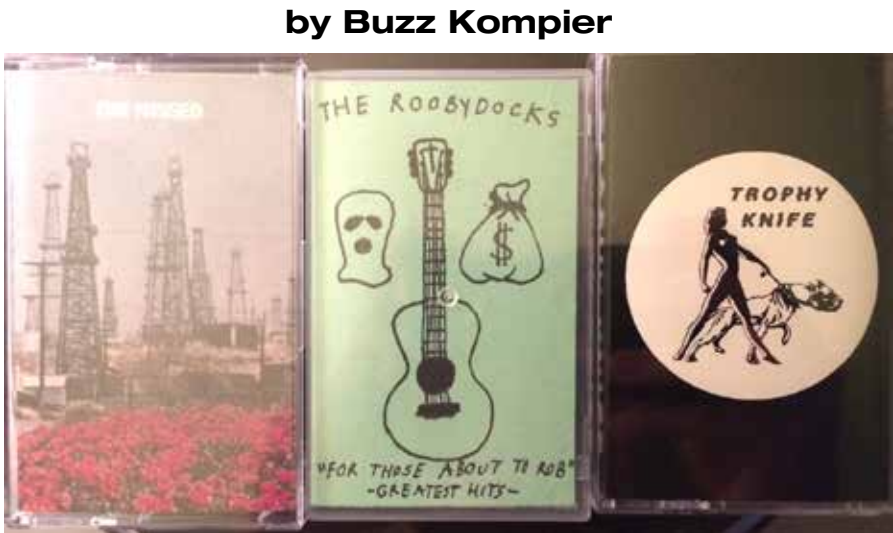
WordStage Presents

Halloween Humor And Horror From Historic American Author Ambrose Bierce

by Tim Tavcar

**Humor and Horror to Celebrate Halloween 2017 – WordStage presents excerpts from Ambrose Bierce's "The Devil's Dictionary" and "Can Such Things Be?" at The Wright Chapel at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church – 14502 Detroit Ave. Lakewood, OH - Friday, October 27, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.**

Ambrose Gwinnett Bierce was an American Civil War soldier, wit, and writer. Bierce's book The Devil's Dictionary was named as one of "The 100 Greatest Masterpieces of American Literature" by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration. A prolific and versatile writer, Bierce was regarded as one of the most influential journalists in the United States. For his horror writing, he is ranked him alongside Edgar Allan Poe and H.P. Lovecraft as a pioneering writer



Cover art from this issue's new cassette releases.

**The Roobydocks - For Those About To Rob: Greatest Hits - Cultural - 8 songs - Cassette**

For those looking to get into The Roobydocks, who've quickly become one of the best bands in town in my opinion, this isn't a bad place to start. Besides 7 songs that you have if you've kept up with their releases so far, you also get a completely new, never-before-heard song, "The Roobydock Death Cult." Obviously this was the selling point for me, and it was worth buying the tape for. The remainder of the tracks are also great misanthropic punk killers. A nice mixture of stuff from the 7", the split tape with Bulsch, the cassingle, and for newer fans, you even get one song off their ultra-limited debut release "Tavern Demo." That last song, "I Am Going To Kill You," is maybe one of my favorite Roobydocks songs; besides the gun sound effect followed by "yeehaw!", there are some essential John lyrics: "Walk into the store and demand a pack of smokes, I never pay for anything 'cause life's a f\*\*\*ing joke." You can't tell me that's not good. My one complaint about this tape is that it's dubbed...

uh...not so greatly, which means you have to turn it up quite a bit and that all the songs are slower than they should be. But I am well aware my complaints are for naught. This is The Roobydocks we're talking about. Have you heard John's lyrics? He doesn't care what I think. Highly recommended. 4.2/5 (discogs.com/seller/Cultural)

**Trophy Knife - Trophy Knife - Quality Time Records / Nervous Room Tapes - 8 songs - Cassette, download**

For those keeping score at home, Trophy Knife is the latest project from Ricky Hamilton (Fascinating, The Nico Missile, The Sight, Pig Player, Shagg etc.), this time with Nat Cherry (Shagg, Cotton Ponys) on vocals and drums. Does every person who comes within a five foot radius of Ricky immediately start three bands? Possibly. I'm beginning to think that Ricky's overextended himself a bit, as a couple of these songs ("Television Set" and "Comrades!") have riffs that I think I've heard before in Rubber

Mate songs. Take that as you will. "Comrades!" sounds like if Chain & The Gang had nothing to say and weren't that excited about saying it. "2027" sounds like someone told these two the title of an Easter Monkeys song and told them to write a song based on that. I think the main problem here is that it's all too "minimalist." I'd like to think there's a fine line between minimalism and playing the same riff over and over again, having repetitive lyrics, and stand-up drums (I'm never a big fan of stand-up drums, Gibson Bros. notwithstanding). The drums thing really brings them down in a couple places when Nat switches to the cymbal from the floor tom and suddenly there's no longer any bass in the mix. I do like the songs where they get a little more energetic, "What Is Truth?" and "Whiplash" in particular, and "Race To End The World" is definitely a solid tune, proving that Ricky's at his best when he sticks to more poppy, melodic material (I think there even might be a bass on there? Not sure.). If this was instead a 45 of "What Is Truth?" and "Race To End The World," I probably would've thought that this was pretty good. Alas. Song 7 ("Whiplash") comes to an end and I'm almost thinking that this is okay, and then "Yr Dumb (I'm Not)" comes on. Is this song a joke? That's the only acceptable excuse for these lyrics. 3.3/5

(qualitytimerecords.bandcamp.com)

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# Lakewood Cares

## “She Collective” Launches Community Space Dedicated To Body Empowerment And Education For Women And Girls

by *Samantha Walters*

“She Collective” is now open at 16511 Hilliard Rd, part of Lakewood Abbey, a community hub at Faith Lutheran Church. Offering yoga, body education, and community support for women and girls, She Collective challenges the culture of silence surrounding women’s bodies and gives women and girls the space and opportunities to learn about themselves and their bodies in new ways.

- Educational offerings include:
- **Empowerment classes for girls**, including the free Period 101 class for teens and preteens
  - **Innovative support for women**, such as the monthly Rhythm of Life Women’s Group, Intentional Self-Care classes, pelvic strength yoga and education, and Eating for Hormonal Balance lunch-and-learns
  - **Yoga 4 days a week**, open to all genders, with childcare provided during 2 morning classes
  - **Biannual {Life Infusion} Costa Rica Retreat + Experience**, in February and September

She Collective was founded by Samantha Walters, MPH, IBCLC, a Cleveland native. “During my years working with women as a sexual health educator, doula and lactation consultant, I realized that women don’t

trust their bodies,” explains Samantha. “Women and girls need a space where it’s not taboo to talk about their bodies, to ask questions, to share knowledge. I want She Collective to be that space.”

New classes, workshops, and events are added every month and collaborations with other Cleveland businesses are welcome. Class info and registration can be found at <http://knowingshe.com/calendar>.

She Collective LLC is a community space for women and girls in Cleveland. The vision of She Collective is a world in which every girl and woman develops an authentic understanding of the power of her own body. She Collective’s philosophy centers on authenticity, self-determination, shared knowledge, intersectionality, and adventure.

*Samantha Walters, MPH, IBCLC, is a proud Cleveland native and Lakewood resident. She works outside the home as a lactation consultant and the owner of She Collective, and inside the home as the mother of two sweet little ones. Samantha is dedicated to racial and gender equity and committed to fighting for social justice everyday.*

## Grace Lutheran To Celebrate The 500th Anniversary Of Reformation

by *George Hansell*

Grace Lutheran Church, located at the corner of Madison and Grace Avenues in Lakewood across from Madison Park, will be celebrating the 500th Anniversary of The Reformation on Sunday, October 22nd, at 4 p.m. The service will feature a processional by Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) clergy, a procession of banners made by congregations from Ohio and Pennsylvania, special music by The Lutheran Wind Ensemble an adult mass choir, and the bell choir of Grace Lutheran Church. The entire Greater Lakewood Community is cordially invited to attend this once in a lifetime celebration.

Both secular and church historians mark the beginning of

The Reformation as October 31, 1517, the date that an Augustinian monk and university professor by the name of Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany. Intended for scholarly debate amongst clergy and university faculties to address the issue of indulgences and other practices within the medieval church, the 95 Theses were quickly published and spread throughout Germany thanks to the advent of the movable type printing press. In the years that would follow, Luther would preach and teach extensively on the topic of salvation by Grace Alone through Faith Alone in Christ Alone as revealed in Scripture Alone. His translation of the Bible into German is widely recognized as having contributed greatly to the development of the modern German language as well as to the movement of placing the Bible into the hands of the common people in their own language.

It is indeed a rare privilege to be able to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of an important event. Both secular and church historians acknowledge that The Reformation is one of the most pivotal and important events of human history. Grace Lutheran Church invites the entire community to celebrate this historic event with them and to take the opportunity to hear a message from a very gifted speaker.

Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb grew up in the small, southern Minnesota town of Good Thunder. There he married his childhood sweetheart, RoxAnne. The Lambs have been

blessed with two sons and a wonderful woman they claim as their daughter. God has also blessed them with six grandchildren. Dr. Lamb received a B.A. in Biology from Mankato State University in 1973. In 1975 he enlisted in the USAF and served as an Emergency Medical Technician at the USAF Academy Hospital in Colorado Springs. He attended Concordia Seminary in St. Louis where he received his Master of Divinity in 1982 and his Doctor of Ministry in 1994. Prior to accepting the position of Executive Director of National Lutherans For Life (LFL) in April 1996, Dr. Lamb served as senior pastor at St. Paul, Garner, Iowa, for fourteen years. He retired as executive director of LFL at the end of 2015. In December of 2016, he accepted a part time position as the Life Advocate for Lutheran Family Service of Iowa. He has been published in “Portals of Prayer” on four different occasions, is a regular contributor to “Concordia Pulpit Resources,” and the author of numerous brochures, articles, and essays connecting the Gospel of Life to the life issues. He still maintains a busy speaking schedule throughout the U.S.

For more information on this historic service, please go to the Grace Lutheran Church website at [www.gracelutheranlakewood.org](http://www.gracelutheranlakewood.org) and click on the tab for “news,” or call the church at 216-570-0234.

*George Hansell has been the Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church since October 31, 2004.*

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# Salvage Items Available At Historical Society's Fall Sale

by Hilary Schickler

Need to replace a door? Stop by and see if there may be an appropriate solution for your century home. The Lakewood Historical Society's fall sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the skate house at Lakewood Park (14710 Lake Avenue). The sale will feature a variety of items recently salvaged from Lakewood homes that have undergone remodeling or are scheduled for demolition. Items include

interior and exterior doors, hardware, windows (leaded and stained glass), as well as other pieces. These items, which were destined for the dump, have been reclaimed through the hard work of our volunteers.

The preservation committee of the Lakewood Historical Society has been working to create an understanding, appreciation and celebration of our built environment. Through these efforts we hope to develop a sense of importance

for our community's structures in relation to the history they represent. As part of this work, if your home was built in 1917, you should have received our Centennial Home celebration mailing. If you did, we sure hope you join the celebration by proudly displaying the window cling and considering a party. Lakewood is a very special community, so special that it is eligible to be on the National Register of Historic Places.

The loss of viable structures not only represents an incredible waste of energy, it often results in a loss of history, gone and usually forgotten. In addition to salvage, the preservation committee

has undertaken the research and documentation of structures that may be in jeopardy. While losing structures is usually not a first choice, the Lakewood Historical Society very much appreciates the opportunity we have been given by these property owners to make available items that may otherwise be headed for the landfill. So, whether you need that "original to the age of your home" item, or perhaps to repurpose some cool old house part, stop by and see what we have. If you are interested in getting involved, let us know through our website; [Lakewoodhistory.org](http://Lakewoodhistory.org) or call 216-221-7343.

## 8th Annual Harvest Pork Chop Dinner And Raffle

by Anne Davalla

On Sunday, October 29, Transfiguration Parish will hold its 8th Annual Harvest Pork Chop Dinner in the parish hall at 12608 Madison Avenue, Lakewood. Dinners will be served from noon until 3:30 p.m. Each dinner includes two pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, sauerkraut (optional), green beans, applesauce, dinner roll, dessert, and coffee. The cost for dinner tickets is \$15 for adults, \$6 for children ages 5 to 12, and free for children age 4 and under. Purchasing dinner tickets in advance is strongly recommended for both dine-in and for take-out dinners. A limited number of dinners will be available at the door. Phone reservations (to be paid at the door) can be made by October 22 by calling 216-228-1134 or 216-269-9801. Please note that any unclaimed reservations will be released for sale at 3 p.m. on October 29.

In addition to the delicious dinner, this event also features a Grand Raffle, a Split-the-Pot drawing, the ever popular Basket Raffle, door prizes, and sideboards. The top prize in the Grand Raffle is \$1,500 with five additional prizes of \$100 each. Tickets for the Grand Raffle are \$5 per ticket or \$25 for six tickets. The Split-the Pot drawing is a 60/40 split between the church and the winner; tickets for Split-the-Pot cost \$1 per ticket or six tickets for \$5. Winners

need not be present. Tickets for the Grand Raffle and the Split-the-Pot are available at the event or can be purchased prior to the event by calling the rectory at 216-521-7288, Mondays through Fridays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The event also includes two special raffles: the first for a pearl necklace valued at \$400 donated by Marlen Jewelers and the second for a Cleveland Browns package valued at \$350 containing four tickets and a parking pass for the December 17th games versus the Baltimore Ravens. Tickets for both special raffles are limited to 100 tickets at \$5 each.

The Basket Raffle prizes include a dinner theater package of Beck Center tickets and a \$40 gift certificate to Georgetown Restaurant; two \$50 gift certificates to Luca Italian Cuisine; a \$100 gift card to Tartine Bistro; a \$50 gift card to Angelo's Pizza; a \$50 gift certificate to Clifton Cleaners; and many other baskets filled with treats, gift cards, and many other great prizes. The drawings for the Basket Raffle will begin around 3 p.m. followed by the Split-the Pot and Grand Raffle drawings. Winners need not be present.

Admission to the event is free and all are welcome to attend. For a wonderful meal, great prizes, and good fellowship, come to this event at Transfiguration Parish on Sunday, October 29th!

## "Connecting For Kids" To Honor Kind Kid; Nominations Now Being Accepted

by Lorilynn Wolf

During the month of October, Connecting for Kids will be celebrating kindness with Facebook posts, newsletter articles and website resources that provide families with tips for teaching kindness and compassion to their children. As part of this celebration, the organization is opening up nominations for the Kind Kid Award.

The Kind Kid Award is given to a child under 13 years of age who demonstrates kindness and compassion to peers, two key components of the Connecting for Kids Beyond the BenchSM Buddy Bench Training Program. The nomination should include one or more specific examples acts of kindness performed by the nominee.

The nomination deadline is November 1, 2017. To nominate a child, please fill out the online form found on the organization's website at <https://connectingforkids.org/Board-Awards>. Every child nominated will receive a certificate to reinforce his or her actions.

The child selected for the Kind Kid Award will be publicly honored at the Connecting for Kids Winter Fundraiser on Friday, February 23, 2018.

**About Connecting for Kids**  
*Connecting for Kids (CFK) provides*

*education and support to families with concerns about their child. We serve all families, including those children with and without formal diagnoses. CFK offers educational programs, support groups, a Parent Match Program and numerous resources.*

For more information about Connecting for Kids, visit: [www.connectingforkids.org](http://www.connectingforkids.org), email: [info@connectingforkids.org](mailto:info@connectingforkids.org) or call: 440-250-5563.

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The Tri-C Capital Plan – Issue 61  
Vote For Tri-C

by Barbara Hueter

For the first time in 54 years, Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) will have a Capital Bond Issue on the ballot. The bond issue is solely dedicated to the facilities and buildings of Tri-C – which currently encompass 3.2M square feet under roof.

Over 900,000 students have passed through Tri-C’s doors since 1963, and current annual attendance is approximately 55,000 students. These numbers also point to the load Tri-C buildings and facilities carry on an annual basis through ongoing usage.

The bond issue funds will be invested in the College facilities as laid out in a detailed Capital Plan:

**61% of funds will be invested in existing buildings and facilities – some approaching 40 and 50 years old – that are now in need of extensive renovation, expansion and upgrades to keep pace with changing technology as well as to keep students equipped with the tools needed for jobs and continued success. It’s also a key part of Tri-C’s ongoing commitment to be good stewards of the community’s investment.**

**39% of funds will be utilized to add new facilities in areas where Tri-C has identified job demand. A prime example – Tri-C will expand its Automotive Technology program – which currently has 100% job placement, with**

*a family-sustaining starting wage.*

The investment in Tri-C benefits the community as 85% of Tri-C students remain to live and work in the area – putting their newly gained knowledge to work on behalf of Northeast Ohio businesses.

Time For A New City Council

by Bob Soltys

The current Council’s latest “accomplishment” - the Medical Marijuana Ordinance - clearly shows that each of the Council members is out of touch with us common people, that they don’t “get it,” and shouldn’t continue in office.

While on its face the ordinance allows Medical Marijuana merchants, the unreasonable conditions and outrageous application fee let the council members have their cake yet eat it too. “Oh yes, Lakewood now allows medical marijuana,” they can say at campaign appearances. But the \$25,000 application fee will keep many if not all prospective applicants from even applying.

A \$25,000 application fee to sell medical marijuana? The question of where the \$25,000 goes aside, what do an applicant and the taxpayers get for \$25,000? Applicants for a top secret security clearance in the military undergo a special background investigation (SBI)

Under this bond issue, the cost to a homeowner with a home valued at \$100,000 is \$1.46 a month. Visit [www.VoteForTri-C.com](http://www.VoteForTri-C.com) to learn more about the next 30 years for Tri-C, as reflected in Tri-C’s Capital Plan and Issue 61. You also can sign up to volunteer, contribute, endorse or request a yard sign on the site. If your organization would like to hear a speaker on Issue 61, please contact Katie Montgomery at 216.952.6146.

Through my work with students for the college, I can attest to the great value Cuyahoga Community College brings to the community and to the many, many lives it helps transform every day. Tri-C truly is where futures begin for thousands of county residents. Please vote yes on Issue 61 and enable Tri-C to further its commitment to us.

**Barbara Hueter is a Lakewood Resident & Tri-C Student Advisor.**

that costs the government about \$15,000. Why so much? The SBI involves personal interviews of the applicant, relatives, former spouses, parents, references, and at least five people named by the relatives. For example, a colleague who married a woman from a small village in South America, agents traveled as far as they could by air, then hiked two days to interview the woman’s family.

Does the Lakewood application process involve that? Probably not. Fingerprinting, a national agency check for criminal activity, and perhaps a personal interview. Certainly not \$25,000 worth of service. On the other end of the scale, applicants for a patent pay basic filing, search and examination fees totaling \$770, and the application is examined by someone knowledgeable in science or engineering who probably earned an advanced degree. Do the city bureaucrats who may review the medical marijuana application have similar expertise?

Finally on the subject of the

marijuana ordinance, the restrictions don’t help a prospective merchant attract customers. Can’t have a sign that displays a marijuana plant or leaf. While I can understand the need to stay away from schools, the ordinance’s goal of not creating a marijuana district shows that the Council doesn’t give the people it’s supposed to represent credit for having any common sense. Amsterdam’s Red Light and Marijuana districts don’t have higher crime rates than other parts of the city.

In addition to the marijuana ordinance, the Council’s vote on the Lakewood Hospital issue also shows that they are out of touch and don’t represent the people who elected them. About 46 or so percent supported keeping the hospital, yet not one council member voted to keep the hospital. Spilt milk it is, but the numbers don’t add up.

Item last: The Council doesn’t always respond to other citizen requests

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Forum

# Give Lakewood A Chance

by Betsy Voinovich

I have a friend who just moved to Lakewood; she thinks it's a great place and it is, but this being an election year I had to tell her, it's not as great as it once was. It was once a lot safer. We once had a city government that we could rely on to represent us and be truthful. We don't have that now.

We once had a full service hospital with a real Emergency Room. We have a mayor and a City Council who actively worked to close that hospital and were not honest with Lakewood residents about why. With records requests and reviews of financial records we know a lot of things now that we didn't know when the hospital was closed. The facts that I refer to in this article are not theories in a battle over whether to save the hospital or not. At this late date all of this information is backed up by records that at the time were kept from the public by our own representatives, three of whom are running for re-election. If you are new to Lakewood and don't have time to read the rest of this, here are some of the records obtained by freedom of information requests, visit these links.

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Some background for newcomers: The city of Lakewood has had its own community hospital since 1907. When Lakewood Hospital closed (in February 2016) it was being managed (but was not owned) by the Cleveland Clinic.

The hospital was not failing when it closed. We were told by our own city officials that it was failing. It was solidly in the black. It had no debt. It made less money than it once did, because under the Ed FitzGerald administration, the high-level trauma ER, the pediatric and cardiac units, which were all money-makers, were moved to Cleveland Clinic's Fairview Hospital in exchange for Cleveland Clinic providing Lakewood with "Centers for Excellence" which never materialized. Why didn't the mayor or council at the time, which included current council-at-large candidate Tom Bullock, question this or ask that our departments be brought back since Cleveland Clinic

didn't make good on their deal? When did our city government start giving away our hospital and why? We don't know, but it began then.

Lakewood hospital was the biggest employer in Lakewood. When the hospital closed we lost more than a thousand jobs and yet Mayor Summers (who is still our mayor) and certain members of council worked hard to convince us that it was a good idea to get rid of it. They said it was failing. They said "health care was changing." In other cities, city representatives fight hard to keep their number one job provider, but not here.

What is worse, is that right now, if you, or someone in your family, starts to have what you think might be a stroke or heart attack, or a serious accident, like with a chainsaw, or blowing up an M80 in Lakewood, you're in trouble. Since our "Emergency Room" isn't attached to a hospital, you can't be rushed into surgery. If the EMTs take you to Lakewood's "ER," you're going to have to be transferred to a hospital, losing valuable time, possibly losing your life, yet many have been taken there when experiencing stroke symptoms, etc instead of straight to a hospital like Fairview. So should you get someone to drive you to Fairview? But Fairview's ER is often overcrowded since Lakewood's real ER closed. Plus it's dangerous not to get an ambulance, many lifesaving procedures can be performed in an ambulance. When we had a real ER in Lakewood, it was so close you could often beat the ambulance to Lakewood's ER.

The security of knowing what to do when there is an emergency in your household in Lakewood is gone. That security was one of the best things about Lakewood, one of the reasons people moved here, for over a hundred years.

Our mayor and city council have told us that we are lucky to be getting a Cleveland Clinic "Family Health Center" in place of our hospital. It is basically a doctor's office. Its "ER" can set a broken arm and do stitches, but they can't do anything to help anyone who is seriously ill. I have actually been reprimanded by a doctor there for bringing in a friend who needed more serious care. The doctor WORKING THERE told me, "You never should have brought him here." Having a sign that says "Emergency" for a facility

that isn't a real Emergency Room is more dangerous than having no Emergency room at all.

Meanwhile, our Council and mayor gave our bed licenses, equipment and staff to Cleveland Clinic for their new full service hospital in Avon, while telling citizens in Lakewood that if we needed a hospital, we could visit our beds out there, if we could find transportation. Our own elected representatives did this to us.

We were told Cleveland Clinic was leaving, and no-one else wanted to run the hospital, we would be left with an empty building. This was also untrue. There was a contract with Cleveland Clinic until 2026 that the Clinic had to honor. To break it, they would have had to pay a lot of money that would have made the next manager of Lakewood hospital very happy, and in fact, Metro had made an offer to run our hospital, which included investing \$100 million, saving 800 jobs and replacing services we had lost. That offer was rebuffed by the city, and hidden from the public. There was never any danger of an empty building.

There are people in Lakewood who still think the hospital was failing, and "healthcare is changing" etc, and I sympathize with them. Who wants to believe something so ugly could happen to us at the hands of our own representatives? The mayor has been very nice to me and my family. I think he must have inherited a nightmare and has never had the chance to be the kind of mayor who could fight for his city. The whole

thing makes me sick and I'd like never to hear about it again but I'm a parent and a citizen. This is going to be my children's world. I have to try. It is my obligation to understand what happened. I have to vote.

Lakewood is now truly less safe. Not to mention what's going to happen to our taxes when the loss of all those lost jobs hits home. Lakewood is going to be seriously flawed until we replace the people who did such a thing to the residents that they are supposed to represent. They are supposed to care about our well being and our quality of life.

Tom Bullock is running for re-election. He worked very hard to close Lakewood Hospital, both as a Council person and as a member of the Lakewood Hospital Association. Cindy Marx and Ryan Nowlin (along with Bullock) prevented the public from understanding what was happening in the days leading up to the giving away of the hospital, and then, along with Bullock, voted to get rid of the hospital. They, as our representatives, at the very least, owe us an explanation as to why they did this. They have never explained and now, in election season, don't want to discuss it at all. They certainly aren't speaking with pride about the new Family Health Center.

We have a chance to vote these representatives out of office for truly not doing their jobs. We have to do what we can to get a fresh start on taking care of our city and trying to make it back into a place that respects the people who live here.

## I'm With Tristan

To the Editor:

I am voting for Tristan Rader for Lakewood Council at Large.

Forty years ago I was one of the co-founders of the Lakewood Democratic Club. The organizers of the Club felt that Lakewood was facing a crossroad and progressive Democrats had to organize in order to put our agenda out to the public and elect Democrats to Lakewood offices. In that effort I think we have been largely successful to the benefit of Lakewood.

Today I think we still face some significant issues such as a massive

giveaway of City assets and thinly disguised discriminatory laws such as breed specific ordinances.

I have watched Tristan Rader on the campaign trail. He first of all recognizes these kinds of issues. Secondly, he has logically thought them through with a fresh look and a respectful recognition of our past.

It's time that we in Lakewood catch up with our future again!

I'm with Charlie and I'm voting for Tristan Rader.

Sincerely,  
Stan Austin

Your vote will matter on Nov. 7—don't waste it.

Enough business as usual. Let's make Lakewood better, for all. -Tristan Rader for Lakewood City Council At-large





Forum

# Bullock, Nowlin And Marx Voted Against Lakewood— It’s Time For Lakewood To Vote Against Them

by Brian Essi

Back in 2015 and again in early 2016, Councilmembers Tom Bullock, Ryan Nowlin and Cindy Marx voted to close Lakewood Hospital and give away for free more than \$100 million in money and property that belonged to Lakewood citizens. The hospital was Lakewood’s largest employer and largest charity, providing annual taxes, rent and charitable services in excess of \$9 million per year before all three voted AGAINST the interest of Lakewood taxpayers and AGAINST Lakewood’s most vulnerable citizens.

Since the plan to close Lakewood

Hospital first became public in 2015, I’ve spent more than 4,000 uncompensated hours pursuing public records, and researching and writing about the corrupt governmental process that led to what some have referred to as the “Grandest Scandal” in Lakewood history. In fact, I am currently the plaintiff in the State of Ohio, Ex Relator Brian Essi v City of Lakewood which has been pending since June 2016 seeking the public’s records of what Bullock, Nowlin, Marx and others did to our city.

The previously concealed public records released so far in the ongoing

lawsuit establish that Bullock, Marx and Nowlin have:

- Participated and supported a government that concealed inculpatory records of ongoing government wrongdoing for political purposes.
- Participated in widespread violations of the Open Meeting Laws (Sunshine Laws) to hide critical facts about the giveaway from the public---All three are still defendants in a case pending before the Ohio Supreme Court.
- Violated Lakewood’s home rule and public bidding laws to give away public assets at a \$100 million loss.
- Had access to information that Metro Health Systems’ superior proposal would’ve provided approximately \$200 million to Lakewood taxpayers over the next 10 years, saved 800 jobs, maintained a full service acute care hospital and Emergency Room and would’ve continued millions of dollars annually in charity care.
- Helped conceal records showing that Cleveland Clinic wasn’t interested in caring for Lakewood’s population and it really didn’t want to maintain a real emergency room in Lakewood longterm—Each official stated otherwise when they voted for the Clinic and AGAINST Lakewood.

What makes the new revelations so troublesome for the future of Lakewood and the credibility of these politicians is that:

- Bullock sat as our Trustee on the Hospital Board for years and says he kept Nowlin and Marx apprised of all of this plotting throughout the process that was hidden from the public---Records also prove Bullock secretly gave the Clinic the heads-up on questions in advance of public forums where Clinic officials were to speak.

- Marx was told in November 2013 that the hospital would be closing, but did nothing publicly or proactive with that knowledge—apparently remaining passive--at the expense of the most vulnerable among us and taxpayers.

- Nowlin claimed that the Clinic’s proposed Emergency Room “represented the ONLY way to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of emergency healthcare service in our city” when records prove he knew that Metro was interested in establishing a real Emergency Room but was never asked.

Bullock, Nowlin and Marx voted AGAINST us.

It’s time for us to VOTE AGAINST THEM and the dangerous government they support.

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## Why I Support Meghan George For City Council

by Dan Finlin

I am in support of Meghan F. George for Lakewood City Council.

This is for a number of reasons. First and foremost, Meghan is one of the most honest and trustworthy people I know. We need people in office who have integrity and are willing to put the public good ahead of personal gain. We may not always agree on every single issue, but truth and transparency in our elected officials supersedes any policy disagreement we may have.

Meghan believes in safety first. She understands the basic function of local government is to provide for the safety of its residents. To do this our safety forces need training, resources, and support. For example; the Lakewood Police firing range is out of service. Meghan

pledges to support funding to return this essential facility back to working order. Her sponsorship of issues such as this has led to her endorsement by the hard-working safety forces of Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 25 and Lakewood Association of Firefighters Local 382.

I want Lakewood to continue to be a destination for people of all ages, backgrounds, lifestyles, and values. Providing services, attracting home buyers, and growing existing businesses is a delicate undertaking; especially while keeping taxes in line. Meghan’s professional background in the private sector gives her real-world experience in balancing all of these pieces.

Meghan, as a lifelong Lakewood resident, recognizes the importance

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Lakewood Living

On November 4th LakewoodAlive To Host

“Knowing Your Home: Kitchen Remodeling” Workshop

by Matt Bixenstine

Undertaking a kitchen remodel can be both exciting and stressful. If you're cooking up a plan to reimagine this ever-important room within your home, then you won't want to miss our upcoming workshop.

LakewoodAlive will host “Knowing Your Home: Kitchen Remodeling” on Saturday, November 4, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Cleveland Lumber Company (9410 Madison Avenue in Cleveland). The 15th workshop of 2017 for this popular home

maintenance educational program will delve into remodeling best practices, focusing on the process of refurbishing your kitchen from start to finish.

Led by local experts, this workshop will cover the construction process, what to expect and ways

to get the most bang for your buck, since kitchen remodeling tends to be a pricey endeavor. “Knowing Your Home: Kitchen Remodeling” aims to remove the guesswork from the process and enable you to work smarter in order to achieve the results you want within your timeline and budget.

To reserve your free spot, call 216-521-0655. Visit LakewoodAlive.org for more information.

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 charging for these events, we are asking participants to consider either 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.

*Matt Bixenstine is the Marketing & Development Manager for LakewoodAlive. He enjoys all things Lakewood, especially walking hisbasset hound through Madison Park.*

My Gap Year

Taking A Gap Year

by Lina Probst

Before I graduated from high school this year, I decided that I wouldn't go to college right away. Like many other students, I wanted to take a gap year first. In Germany, this is a very common thing to do. Here in the United States, many people have asked me about my plans and showed their approval when I told them about my personal gap year. Their interest is the reason why I'm writing this article.

Why did I make this decision? First, I'm very young for my grade and I didn't want to start college at 17 years old. It's much easier to organize an apartment when you're an adult, as most would

agree. In Germany, most students have to arrange their own housing, unlike here in the United States. I'm fairly sure that I will study journalism and before starting with that and taking the risk of regretting it later I wanted to take some time for myself first. I want to feel confident that this is the right thing for me to do. Taking some time to figure out what else I'm interested in and to gain some experience seems like the right thing to do. Moreover I love the idea of living abroad for a while. That's why I am here today and I've learned so much in the past three months. Although the German and American cultures are similar in some aspects,

there are also many differences. Almost every day I discover something new and get to know more about the United States and its citizens. And since my curiosity is comparable to my obsession with chocolate chip cookies (endless!), I never stop exploring.

Being here and enjoying your way of life has taught me a great deal. I've become more patient, less shy, more confident, and more independent. Traveling alone or without friends and family causes me to step out of my well-known habits. It encourages me to try new things. Surrounding myself with people from another culture opened my mindset and gave me a better understanding of the world I live in. This list could go on forever, but I think you get what I'm saying. So let me just add one last thing: taking a gap year enables me to step out my comfort zone every day. And I am 100% serious when I say that so far this has been one of the best decisions in my life.

Time For A New City Council

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to do what's best for the city. Two years ago I sent a letter to every council member suggesting the City draw a box around the intersection of Detroit Road and Warren Avenue, and make it a traffic offense to be in the box on a red light. Only Mr. Nowlin responded. Although the Mayor said they'd act on it, anyone who's stuck on a green light

due to intersection blockers knows nothing was done.

It's time for some leadership on the Council. Three exceptional candidates have stepped up to plate: Brian Taubman, Meghan George, and Tristan Rader. Let's give them a turn at bat. Thank you.

*Bob Soltys is a Lakewood resident and a former Navy Officer.*

Why I Support Meghan George For City Council

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of maintaining Lakewood's century old house stock. This entails strict, but fair, code enforcement. As a Lakewood homeowner, she fully understands how the overall condition of our city impacts the value of individual homes.

Meghan appreciates Lakewood history. Coincidentally her childhood home on Rosalie Avenue was the home to Margaret Manor Butler, founder of the Lakewood Historical Society. Under-

standing Lakewood history provides context to how city policies were formed, as well as guides an elected official's perspective on how to best refine, change or retain those policies.

Meghan George is smart, energetic, and completely dedicated to Lakewood. I'll conclude by encouraging you all to join me and my friends in supporting Meghan F. George for Lakewood City Council. You can vote for up to three candidates so make Meghan one of your choices.

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