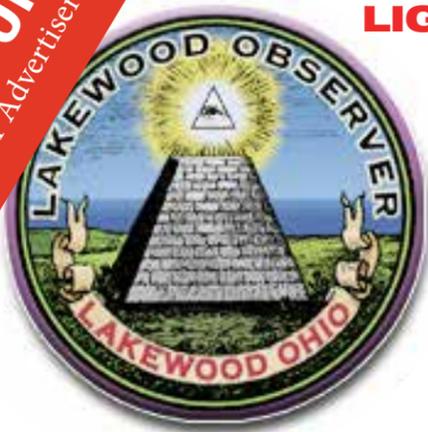


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## A Beginner's Guide To Attending Light Up Lakewood 2017

by Matt Bixenstine

Greetings, first-time Light Up Lakewood attendee. You're in for a real treat.

Don't be surprised if your enthusiasm upon reaching Detroit Avenue nears Buddy The Elf levels. Light Up Lakewood – a fun-filled fixture within Lakewood's downtown district – represents one of the preeminent holiday events in Northeast Ohio. If it's not the most wonderful time of the year, it comes awfully close.

But before you join 20,000 of your closest friends at LakewoodAlive's dazzling community festival on December 2, there are some things you should know. Consider this cheat sheet a gift to be unwrapped prior to the first Saturday in December. Here's your beginner's guide to attending Light Up Lakewood 2017 sponsored by First Federal Lakewood.

### Who to Bring

Light Up Lakewood is family-friendly and open to

everyone – all kids from 1 to 92 (and older, for that matter). So bring your spouse, grandparent, child, sibling, uncle, friend, insurance agent, mail carrier and cousin twice removed. Since Light Up Lakewood has a large regional draw, it's worthwhile to invite your out-of-town friends to come experience the City of Lakewood and this festive occasion.

### Cost

Free to attend!

### Arrival Time

So much merriment to spread, so little time. Light Up Lakewood represents a day-long celebration that starts with Lunch with Santa at Dewey's Pizza at 11 a.m. and doesn't end until the music stops playing at 8 p.m. Guests are welcome to attend everything or stick with the main festivities taking place between 4 and 8 p.m. Visit [LakewoodAlive.org/LightUpLakewood](http://LakewoodAlive.org/LightUpLakewood) ahead of time to plan which events you wish to attend.



Photo by Brian Fox, courtesy of The Lakewood Observer

Everyone is dressed up in their holiday best for the annual Light Up Lakewood parade.

### Parking

The City of Lakewood's municipal parking lots are free on weekends. With thousands of Light Up Lakewood attendees anticipated, however, parking spots near Downtown Lakewood will be in high-demand. Thankfully, Lakewood has numerous side streets in close proximity offering free, convenient street parking. It's important to note that motorized traffic on Detroit Avenue between Arthur and Marlowe

will be closed on December 2 starting at 3 p.m. Provided the weather cooperates, walking or biking to Light Up Lakewood also represent fine transportation options.

### Staying Warm

If Light Up Lakewood 2017 proves to be wintry, there are various strategies at your disposal for staying warm as you partake in the spirit of the season. Head indoors at Vendor Village located within **continued on page 8**

## Roosevelt Earns State Award For Student Progress

by Christine Gordillo

Roosevelt Elementary is one of only nine schools in the state to be named a High Progress School of Honor by the Ohio Department of Education for its gains in reading and math proficiency among all students during the 2016-2017 school year. Roosevelt is the only school in Cuyahoga County to have earned this significant award.

"We're so honored to receive this recognition," Roosevelt Principal Eileen Griffiths said. "It's the collaboration amongst teachers, staff and families that make Roosevelt a place where

students can make great gains and reach their potential!"

To become a High Progress School of Honor a building must first be a Title 1 or Title 1-eligible school with at least 40 percent of its students eligible for free and reduced-price meals. In addition these schools must rank in the top 10 percent for gains in proficiency. Finally, High Progress Schools of Honor must have an Annual Measurable Objectives grade of C or higher and have met or exceeded Ohio's Progress measure for the last three years.

As an incentive to help close achievement gaps **continued on page 7**

## Scout Pack 68 Goes Yachting



Photo by Jim O'Bryan

Last week Scout Troup 68 had their annual Rain Gutter Regatta at Lakewood Methodist Church. It was a great break from the political discussions and a nice break on a cold rainy night. It was highly attended and fun was had by all.

## Frontline Service Teams With Geiger's To Provide Toys And Coats For The Homeless

by Tom Gibbons

FrontLine Service, Cuyahoga County's largest provider of services to help the homeless, has joined forces with Geiger's to make sure families in poverty receive toys and basic need items this holiday season. The organizations are also cooperating on a parallel program to provide coats to help the homeless over a cold Cleveland winter.

Frontline Service has recruited over 18 companies who will participate in this year's "Twinkle Shop" by encouraging their employees to donate new unopened toys and basic need items for over 200 children. Any Lakewood resident who wants to donate can do so at Geiger's.

Geiger's stores in Lakewood, Chagrin Falls and Downtown Cleveland will serve as collection points where donors can bring in these toys for distribution at the "Twinkle Shop" event on December 13, 2017. Seventy



Coats and toys can be dropped off at any Geiger's location to benefit the families served by FrontLine Service this holiday season.

families with over 200 children who were homeless and receive support through FrontLine's young adult, family and veterans' housing program will be attending the event. Over 100 volunteers will be there too.

The toy drive began on November 1; final drop off will be December 10. Toys can be delivered to Geiger's at 14710

Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, Geiger's in the Chagrin Shopping Plaza in Chagrin Falls, and Geiger's Downtown at 1020 Euclid Avenue, next to Heinen's. More information at [shopgeigers.com](http://shopgeigers.com).

Concurrent with the toy drive, FrontLine Service and Geiger's are asking people to donate "gently used" **continued on page 12**

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Mr. Christmas Bill Hixon, checking out his stock of thousands of Christmas ornaments before heading off to the White House to decorate a tree! Visit Santa the first two Mondays in December! Make sure you visit Hixson's this holiday season!

## At-Large Council Election Results Recount Update

by Margaret Brinich

The November 7th At-Large Council election ended with 2 new candidates definitively elected to Lakewood City Council, but who will fill the third available slot remains somewhat uncertain. Currently, Tom Bullock leads Cindy Marx by 44 votes. The Cuyahoga County Board of Elec-

tions (BOE) will release official vote tallies on November 28th. The final count will include provisional ballots as well as any absentee ballots that were postmarked by the appropriate date, but that arrived at the BOE after election-night. Until the official results are released the BOE does not consider the possibility of recounts.

## Veterans Day Ceremony



Photo by Jacob Chabowski

The bagpipes created a solemn mood.

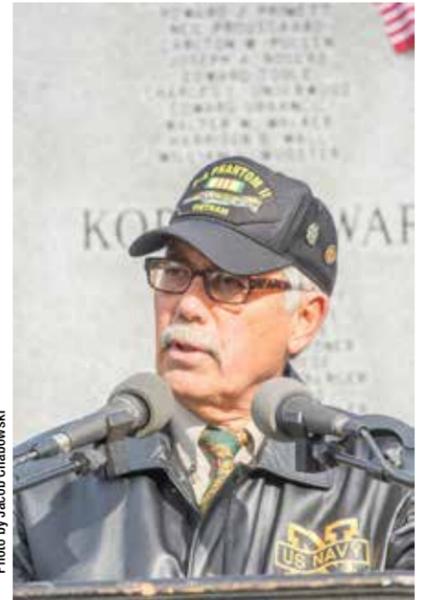


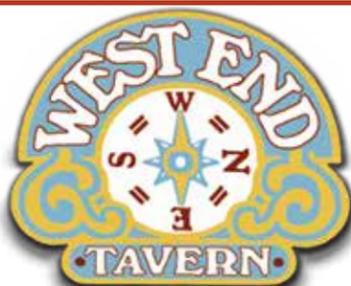
Photo by Jacob Chabowski

Joe Benedict gives the keynote speech.



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A 21-gun salute by the Joint Veterans Honor Guard.



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## City

# Lakewood Division Of Aging Is Preparing For The Holidays

by Barry Wemyss

Families and children around the world look forward to December 6th with eager anticipation. St. Nicholas Day is a special day at the Lakewood Division of Aging as well, as this marks the kick off to our Christmas season. The Lawther Center and Senior Center East

will be decked out in all of their holiday finery, and there will be Christmas music in the air. Our St. Nicholas Day party will feature an appetizer and dessert pot luck before lunch, as well as a seasonal musical performance by the students of Lakewood Community Care Center. After lunch, we will hold our

annual white-elephant gift exchange. Sometimes silly, sometimes naughty, always funny, always fun.

One very well-loved part of this annual party is the "Illuminate A Memory" Ceremony. People can purchase ornamental doves in memory of, or in honor of loved ones. The doves

will be hung on the Christmas trees at each of the centers. At a point during the morning's festivities, we will pause to remember and pay our respects to those loved ones that were honored with the ornaments. The money raised during "Illuminate A Memory" goes to support Division of Aging services and programs that directly benefit Lakewood seniors. Many people find it touching and meaningful to take a moment at the start of the holiday season to remember those who have meant so much to us over the years. Anyone may participate in "Illuminate A Memory." The doves cost \$5.00, and a letter will be sent to the individual, or the family of the individual, informing them that a dove has been purchased in their honor. "Illuminate A Memory" flyers are available at each of the senior centers, as well as various locations throughout the community.

If you are a senior, 60 years or older, we would love to have you join us. We will be celebrating St. Nicholas Day on Wednesday, December 6th, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We will be celebrating at both the Lawther Center, 16024 Madison Ave., and at Senior Center East, 12400 Madison Ave. in Lakewood. We make our meal reservations one week in advance. Reserve your meal by calling The Division of Aging Nutrition Office at 216-529-5005. Feel free to bring an appetizer or dessert to share, and if you have an odd, silly, funny, peculiar object that you are not attached to, wrap it up and bring it to our White Elephant gift exchange. Do not worry, you will be going home with someone else's funny, odd object instead. Please call the Division of Aging Activities Office at 216-529-5005. We hope to see you there as we kick off the holiday season.

## November 15, 2017 Meeting

### West Shore Council Of Governments (WCOG)

by LWVGC observer Elaine

Wilkinson (Westlake/North Olmsted)

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

**Present:** Mayors Clough (Westlake), Koomar (Bay Village), Patton (Fairview Park), Summers (Lakewood), and Bobst (Rocky River); Fiscal Officer Renee Mahoney

**Absent:** Mayor Kennedy (North Olmsted)

**Fiscal Officer's Report:** Westshore Enforcement Bureau (WEB) wages: 2% increase, beginning 2018. This is the going rate. Mayor Bobst said police get 2.5%.

**WEB Budget:** 1.08% increase due mostly to wages. Grants pay for 40% of operations. Cities pay the remainder based on population (90%) and home valuation (10%). Mayor Clough wondered how home valuations relate to services provided and suggested a formula based on population and services used. WEB provides a bomb squad, police officers, SWAT, and hazardous materials handling. Westlake has three drug dogs, Lakewood two, and Fairview Park one.

Changing the formula requires each City Council's approval. Usage is difficult to establish due to the

collaborative nature of WEB and the movement of drugs and WEB officers across city lines. Mayor Summers stated many of the narcotics offenders apprehended in Lakewood are not residents. Mayor Koomar said narcotics affect us all. What comes into Cleveland affects all the ring suburbs.

**RTA:** Mayor Clough's term on RTA's Board is up. He will seek re-election and hopes he has WCOG support. RTA is no longer getting money from the Medicare tax. Most of their funding comes from the Federal Government. The State of Ohio is backing off, and no legislators are stepping up. NOACA (Northeast Ohio Area Coordinating Agency) is supportive.

**NOACA:** Mayor Bobst described a presentation about Hyperloop, a high speed train. Denver is building one that cuts a one-hour train ride to 9 minutes.

**County Planning Commission:** Planning Commission oversees solid waste. Contamination of recyclables is a major problem: when trash is mixed in, the recyclables must be thrown away. Rocky River is two-thirds of the way through its Master Plan.

**Cuyahoga County Mayors and City Managers Association:** Representatives from 90 communities throughout the state met to discuss

microcell communications. A lawsuit claims home rule rights are being violated. U-Verse lost a statewide franchise and their boxes sit, unused. These need to be removed.

**New Business:** Mayor Bobst reported the Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center (DVCAC) was once free, but there are funding problems, so they are asking for money. Something needs to be done collectively. Staff advocates manage the steps for people moving through the court system and beyond. They can also train police. DVCAC is attached to municipalities, not the courts.

Mayor Patton brought up Cuyahoga County's proposed \$5 vehicle registration fee increase. Two-thirds is supposed to go to infrastructure. She wants to make sure WCOG cities are on the list for repairs. Cities already pay for some county road repairs. Mayor Summers pointed out this is an example of other funding sources available after Local Government Support Fund cuts. District 1 Councilmember Nan Baker is strongly supportive of the money going to infrastructure. Mayor Patton will be in contact with her.

Fairview Park will have a license plate-reading camera installed at the corner of Lorain and Story roads.



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# Lakewood Public Library

## Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

Thursday November 23

Library Closed

Library closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

### Saturday, November 25

#### "The Kite Runner" (2007)

In 1970s Afghanistan, two boys from conflicting ethnic groups bond over the popular pastime of kite fighting. After Amir witnesses an attack on Hassan, he is haunted by his cowardly behavior, and their lives are changed forever. Years later, an adult Amir (Khalid Abdalla) is an aspiring writer living in the United States. A phone call from Afghanistan gives Amir a second chance to come to Hassan's rescue.

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

### Sunday, November 26

#### Jazz Clinic Series - Led by Chris Vance

How 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 during performances? Chris Vance leads a series of concerts dealing with various specific 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

### Tuesday, November 28

#### Documentary - For All Mankind

The nineteen Apollo missions from 1966 to 1972 were feats of scientific magnitude that introduced us to the world beyond planet Earth. The celestial views utilize footage from the original Apollo missions and include a sunrise from space, close-up pictures of the moon, and a view of the earth as a whole circle. Astronauts and mission control agents provide commentary. The film takes the viewer on a full-fledged voyage to the moon, from the donning of space suits to the return to earth.

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

### Wednesday, November 29

#### Lakewood Historical Society - History of Lakewood's Masonic Lodge and Temple - Presentation by Bob Niebaum

For more than one hundred years, Lakewood's Masonic Lodge has been at the center of the city's life and events. Organized in 1908, the lodge originally occupied quarters above First Federal Lakewood at the corner of Warren and Detroit Roads. Lodge member Bob Niebaum will review the history of this Lakewood institution and the role the Masons have played in the history of Lakewood itself. This program takes place at the Masonic Temple, so that the audience may participate in an optional building tour.

7:00 p.m. at Lakewood Masonic Temple, 15300 Detroit Avenue

#### Literature Series - From Biography to Broadway: Alexander Hamilton

## Children & Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

### Sunday, December 3

#### Lakewood LEGO® League

#### For youth in kindergarten through fifth grade (caregivers welcome)

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

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

### Saturday, December 9

#### Tail Waggin' Tutors

#### For school-age children

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

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

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In anticipation of the Broadway phenomenon, Hamilton, coming to Cleveland, we'll discuss selections from the libretto and the fascinating biography which inspired the musical, Ron Chernow's Alexander Hamilton. Registration is required. Register online at [lifelonglearningcleveland.org](http://lifelonglearningcleveland.org) or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127

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

### Thursday, November 30

#### Friends Preview Sale

Get the first look at all of the Friends' wonderful books at our members-only preview sale. Memberships may be purchased at the door for as little as \$3.00. The Preview Sale is NOT a bag sale.

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Friends Book Sale Room (Basement)

#### Author Event - "Sandwich Anarchy: The Cult Culinary Posters of Melt Bar & Grilled" by John G

In 2006 Melt Bar & Grilled was born from Cleveland musician and Chef Matt Fish's love of two things: great craft beer and the humble grilled cheese sandwich. Two years later underground comics creator John G had an idea to push Melt's punk rock concept even further by producing eye-popping "gig posters." Ten years and 250 posters later, the synergy of food and art has transformed Melt Bar & Grilled from a tiny rock 'n' roll bar into the biggest culinary buzz to hit the Midwest in decades.

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

### Saturday, December 2

#### Friends Winter Bag of Books Sale

Stuff as many books as you can fit into one of our bags.

9:00 a.m. in the Main Library Friends Book Sale Room (Basement)

#### Great Decisions in the Library: U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum

What is the effect of U.S. petroleum security on foreign policy? For 45 years, the country has alternated between periods of energy security and insecurity, sometimes able to wield petroleum as a useful instrument of foreign policy, sometimes not. Despite the so-called "energy revolution," the U.S. today is by no means disentangled from foreign dependence and global trends. In order to be successful, policymakers must recognize both petroleum security circumstances and patterns in the relationship between petroleum and foreign policy.

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

#### Film - "Of Mice and Men" (1992)

Two drifters wander the country looking for work during the Great Depression. Quick-witted George (Gary Sinise) and mentally disabled Lennie (John Malkovich) become field hands at the Tyler Ranch. George provides the brains while Lennie provides the brawn, but trouble follows as the other ranch hands become suspicious of the mismatched pair. Lennie's love for soft things gets him in trouble and forces George to abandon their dream of owning their own land. Based on the 1937 novella by John Steinbeck, this film continues our series of films based on books.

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

### Sunday, December 3

#### Concert - Ogni Suono: Saxophone Duo

Often likened to the human voice, the saxophone possesses an inherently singing quality that serves as a visceral bond between performer and listener. Ogni Suono's program features commissioned works from SaxoVoce, a long-term project exploring the wide-ranging musical, dramatic, and theatrical possibilities inherent in the synthesis of saxophone and voice.

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

### Tuesday, December 5

#### How the Grinch Stole Christmas - Sharon's Signers: Sign Language Choir

Sharon's Signers is a sign language choir made up of individuals with and without disabilities. The group got its start when the late Sharon Svette welcomed a student with a hearing impairment into her classroom. As a teacher Svette valued inclusion, which drove her to learn American Sign Language enabling her to fully communicate with her student. Sharon's Singers was created from Svette's passion for inclusion and equality. The group will be performing a special rendition of How the Grinch Stole Christmas to start off the holiday season.

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

### Wednesday, December 6

#### Coast Line: Poetry Reading Series

#### Readings by Sarah Marcus-Donnelly, Eris Eady and AKeemjamal Rollins

Sarah Marcus-Donnelly is the author of They Were Bears, Nothing Good Ever Happens after Midnight, and the chapbooks Backcountry and Every Bird, To You. AKeemjamal Rollins has been featured on Button Poetry and The Huffington Post. He is currently the slam master of The People, Cleveland's Poetry Slam. Eris Eady is a writer, artist, intersectional advocate and consultant from Cleveland. Her writing has been featured in The Guardian, For Harriet and The Root.

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

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

### Thursday, December 7

#### Author Event - "Mrs. Sherlock Holmes: The True Story of New York City's Greatest Female Detective and the 1917 Missing Girl Case That Captivated a Nation" by Brad Ricca

Mrs. Sherlock Holmes tells the true story of Mrs. Grace Humiston, the detective and lawyer who turned her back on New York society life to become one of the nation's greatest crime fighters. After graduating from NYU law school, Grace opened a legal clinic in the city for low-income immigrant clients. Her motto was "Justice for those of limited means." She also solved several true crime cases, including the 1917 disappearance of Ruth Cruger. Her success as a detective led to her being called Mrs. Sherlock Holmes.

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

## Lakewood Public Library

# Teacher, Writer, Poet And Filmmaker Brad Ricca To Speak At Lakewood Public Library

by Amy Kloss

Brad Ricca is an expert in subjects many people know little about. While writing his book "Super Boys," published in 2013, Ricca uncovered new information about the creators of Superman by spending every Saturday for four years in the Cleveland Public Library. Now he's back with a new book, "Mrs. Sherlock Holmes," about a woman who became a lawyer, a consulting detective for the New York City Police Department and the first female U.S. district attorney.

You can meet Brad Ricca on Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium and learn more about this fascinating woman, Grace Humiston, and the author's process of discovering obscure information through newspaper archives and records of old court cases.



Brad Ricca

"Mrs. Sherlock Holmes" tells the tale of Grace Humiston, whose nickname was given to her by the press after she solved a kidnapping case dropped by the New York City Police Department. Her success led to a job in the NYPD and a string of other cases around the world, many of which she worked pro bono. After graduating

from law school in 1903, Grace opened a legal clinic for immigrants and the poor whose motto was "Justice for those of limited means." Famous for wearing only black and going undercover to investigate forced labor by immigrants in the South, Humiston was a frequent topic for journalists, who were fascinated and sometimes highly critical of her determination to bring to light unfair labor conditions and the exploitation of girls and women.

The book is written as creative nonfiction, an increasingly popular style of true stories written to mimic fiction. Ricca used information from newspapers and court cases and says he made nothing up, but used dialogue, personal facts and gossip uncovered in his meticulous research. The result is a highly readable true

story told in a compelling way. Ricca is a Westlake native who teaches classes on comics, popular culture, and narrative biography at Case Western Reserve University, along with science fiction/fantasy classes at the Cleveland Institute of Art. In addition to writing two nonfiction books, he has won many literary awards, published a book of poetry and made a documentary film about the creators of Superman.

Join Ricca at the Lakewood Public Library on December 7 to hear more about Mrs. Sherlock Holmes. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

## Friends of Lakewood Public Library

# Winter Book Sale December 2

by Lisa Calfee

It's in the air again! The Friends Winter Book Bag Sale returns Saturday, December 2, 2017. From the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. you can fill up a large paper grocery bag full of books and magazines from the Bargain Book Room for only \$3.00! Better Book Room and Lobby items will be half price during this huge holiday clearance sale.

If you want to get an early start, there is a member's only preview sale on Thursday, November 30, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. You can become a Friends of Lakewood Public Library member and get a sneak peek at the

selections for a small fee right at the door. The sale takes place in the Main Friends Book Sale Room.

In addition to Saturday's extra-special pricing, a lovely collection of genealogy books will be displayed, along with the second half of a very large and generous donation of Warfare, Aviation and Seafaring books.

For the first time ever, the book sale will include a massive amount of clearance items from Friendly Books, the Friends' online book store. People all over the world are buying books from The Friends online and you can too! To check it out, go to the Friends' page on [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org)

and click on the Friendly Online Bookstore link. It's just another way the Friends of Lakewood Public Library are maximizing your generous donations.

The Friends of Lakewood Public Library pay for nearly all of the Library's concerts, films, lectures and publications with no source of revenue other than deep discount book sales and membership dues. Sale proceeds support the Library van which delivers books to classrooms and homebound readers. Funds also go to community outreach programs with organizations that promote childhood literacy and healthy lifestyles.

## Strokes Of Genius Ends With Art Show

by Marge Foley

The 2017 fall session of Strokes of Genius at the Lakewood Public Library recently came to a close as participating second, third, and fourth graders proudly showcased their talent at an art show for family and friends. Each

week students learned about the life and work of a different artist and then completed an art project in the style of that artist. Artwork created by Pierre Auguste Renoir, Leonardo da Vinci, Frederic Remington, Diego Rivera, Maya Lin, and Jackson Pollock provided

the inspiration for the students' creative efforts. Watercolor paints, oil pastels, markers, clay, and tempera were some of the art mediums used. Each participant took home their creative work and a certificate. Look for information about our spring session of Strokes of Genius in the Lakewood Public Library's Spring/Summer Program Guide.



After learning about the life and work of artist Diego Rivera, Strokes of Genius participants experienced creating a mural.

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## Schools

*Pledges To Support Lakewood Music Programs Grades K-12*

# The Lakewood Music Boosters Joins Global #GivingTuesday Movement

by Regina Westlake

The Lakewood Music Boosters has joined #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage philanthropy and to celebrate generosity worldwide. Our goal is to raise funds to support our music programs throughout the Lakewood City Schools grades K-12. Occurring this year on November 28, #GivingTuesday is held annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving to kick off the holiday giving season and inspire people to collaborate in improving their local communities and to give back in meaningful ways to the charities and causes they support.

Lakewood has a very diverse population of students ranking 53rd of 608 public school districts in Ohio. All of our buildings are title 3 buildings so we have many students that would be unable to participate in music programs without your financial support of Lakewood Music Boosters.

This year for Giving Tuesday please consider a donation to Lakewood Music boosters. Last year with your support we were able to donate \$300 to each of our seven elementary school teachers, we purchased ukuleles for the

5th grade general music classrooms, we purchased a baritone saxophone for Garfield middle school, sent 18 children to summer music camps and paid for over 30 summer music lessons. Large purchases last year included \$7,600 for a music library for the new performing arts wing at the high school as well as \$23,000 for a garment rack to store uniforms for the marching band, performance dresses, and drama club costumes. We still need \$10,000 to complete the financing on these purchases. Every dollar counts for helping our students.

**Giving Tuesday: What your donation means to the students of Lakewood City Schools:**

\$5 can buy a reed for a beginner clarinet, Rosin for a starting Violin,

Lyre for a marching band student, valve oil for a trumpet, flip folder for marching band

\$10 can buy a method music book for a beginning student, Recorder for a 4th grader, Ukulele or guitar strings, folding music stand for instrumental student, Resin remover for a string instrument

\$20 can buy mallets for a percussion student, Choir folder, violin strings, practice metronome, violin/viola shoulder rests, Dampit humidifiers for string instruments

\$50 can buy ukulele for general music, uniform rental fees for a student, violin bow for beginning student, piece of music for an ensemble

\$100 can buy summer music lessons for a student in need, set

of elementary classroom drums, replacement case for an instrument, repair and maintenance for an instrument

\$200 can pay for part of a summer music camp or a summer of music lessons

\$300 can sponsor an elementary school music classroom

Everyone has something to give. You can generously donate your time by helping us with our 8 winter concerts at our Lakewood Civic Auditorium. Please go to the following link to sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044eadafa2daaff2-winter1/15571855>

Thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to seeing you at our concerts!

## Swim With Santa On December 17

by Matt Demaline

Grab your bathing suits for Lakewood Recreation's annual Swim with Santa. This year's event will be held Sunday, December 17, at the Lakewood High School Pool beginning at 1 p.m.

Children of all ages will participate in Santa's "reindeer games." These fun pool activities will get everyone ready

for Santa's appearance. Preregister and save – this event is only \$5 if registered by December 15. Walk up registration at the door is \$7. All children ages 6 and under must be accompanied in the pool by a swimming adult (no separate charge for the adult). Enjoy fun activities and make sure your name is on the "nice" list this year!

Other returning programs this December at the Lakewood High School Pool include daytime adult swims, early morning lap swims, and more. The up-to-date pool schedule is viewed at [www.bit.ly/lhspoolschedule](http://www.bit.ly/lhspoolschedule) Our complete program guide can be found at [www.lakewoodrecreation.com](http://www.lakewoodrecreation.com), on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, all by searching for lkwdrec.



Photo by Nancy Pizir  
Dive right in with Santa himself!

## Hoop Honors: Lakewood Grad Scores Award Playing For Tri-C

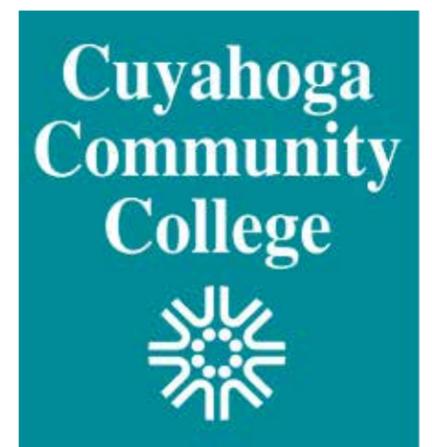
by John Horton

Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) basketball player Ryann Greenfield earned Division II Player of the Week honors from the Ohio Community College Athletic Conference for her performance Nov. 6-12.

Robinson averaged 19 points per game while leading the Challengers to a pair of victories. The freshman forward shot 70 percent from the field in the two games, including a flawless 8-for-8 performance during a win at Erie Community College.

She also contributed 3 rebounds, 3 assists and a steal per game during the week.

The Lakewood High School graduate is attending Tri-C to become a physical therapy assistant.



The Challengers began the season 4-0 heading into conference play. The team plays its home games at Tri-C's Eastern Campus, located at 4250 Richmond Road in Highland Hills. For a full team schedule, visit [www.tri-c.edu/athletics](http://www.tri-c.edu/athletics).

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## Schools

# West Shore's Corti Named Chef Educator Of Year

by Christine Gordillo

West Shore Career-Tech culinary instructor Devan Corti has earned the Chef Educator of the Year Award from the American Culinary Federation Cleveland Chapter. Corti was presented with the award at the chapter's annual President's Brunch on Nov. 5 at the Chagrin Valley Hunt Club.

The ACF Chef Educator of the Year award pays tribute to an active culinary educator whose knowledge, skills and expertise have enhanced the image of the professional chef, and who, by example, has given leadership, guidance and direction to students seeking a career in the culinary profession. This person demonstrates the ability to help students define and develop their careers by using their skills and abilities to

provide a strong foundation for their future success.

In an email to Corti, ACF Cleveland Chapter president John Selick cites a number of reasons for the judges selecting her for the award including Corti's effort to have her students involved in ACF chapter meetings and classes, her success with her students in statewide competitions, her role in the continued quality improvement of the West Shore program and her commitment to the profession shown by earning her master's degree.

"I am truly honored to have received Educator of the Year Award," Corti said. "I, too, was once a student enrolled in a high school culinary arts program, at the Lorain County JVS, which dramatically changed my life for

the better. I can only hope to have the same positive impact on my students as I received from my chef instructors, Chef Michitsch and Chef Smith."

She added: "I would also like to say, thank you, to my family, friends and colleagues who have supported my students and I over the years, without them, this would have not been possible."

Also honored at the ACF brunch were culinary students De'vryon Gray and Veronica San Juan. De'vryon received a \$500 scholarship and Veronica received a \$750 scholarship. The scholarships were sponsored by Elegant Ice Creations and the American Culinary Federation Cleveland Chapter. Both students plan on attending Johnson & Wales University.



West Shore Career-Tech culinary instructor Devan Corti

# LHS Model UN Club Racks Up Awards At Fall Conference

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood High School Model United Nations Club turned in a fine performance at the Cleveland Council on World Affairs Conference held November 7 & 8 at the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. Senior Co-President Abe Dalisky and sophomore Evan Bell won the Superior Delegation award in the highly competitive Security Council.

Junior Vice President Sasha Seckers and sophomore Aidan Bohac won an Excellent Delegation award. Seniors Emily Erhardt and Jing Feng won Honorable Mention awards, as did junior Co-President Elizabeth Halko and sophomore Tully Worrone. Freshman Sydney Heckeler won an award for the best position paper in her committee.



The LHS Model UN Club.

Although team scores are not available yet, club adviser Dr. Chuck Greanoff expects that Lakewood was most likely 3rd or 4th out of 20

schools. Dr. G wished to thank all the leaders — Co-Presidents Halko and Dalisky, Vice Presidents Seckers and Nick Cleary— for their commitment

to training and organization. Finally, Dr. G. wishes to thank the Lakewood Ranger Education Foundation for its financial support.

# Roosevelt Earns State Award For Student Progress

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in Ohio, the Ohio Department of Education developed the Schools of Honor program to identify, recognize and highlight schools that are making substantial progress in ensuring high achievement in reading and math for all students, many from economically disadvantaged homes. The last Lakewood buildings to earn a Schools of Honor award were Hayes Elementary, which won a High Progress School of Honor designation, and Grant Elementary, which earned a School of Promise award. Both awards were for the 2012-2013 school year.

Paolo DeMaria, Superintendent of Public Instruction for the state, said in a letter to Principal Griffiths: "By consistently ensuring this high performance for all students, you have proven that administrators, teachers and families who have high expectations and continually support their students can enable every child of

every background and ability level to achieve academically. Together, you are opening up a world of opportunities for your students and building a wonderful legacy for your community."

# Lakewood City School Preschool Spots Available

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood City Schools preschool program has openings to enroll 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds in its five star-rated program.

For more information, please call 216-529-4214. You can find more information about the District's preschool program at [www.lakewoodcityschools.org](http://www.lakewoodcityschools.org).

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## The Top 10 Traditions O

by Matt Bixenstine

Traditions abound during the holiday season and Light Up Lakewood is no exception. Both the popular community event itself, and many of the festivities comprising it, are woven into the framework of many Lakewoodites' holiday rituals.

Here's our list of the top 10 traditions associated with Light Up Lakewood 2017, which is presented by LakewoodAlive and sponsored by First Federal Lakewood. This festive community event takes place Saturday, December 2, in Lakewood's downtown district.

### 10. Vendor Village

Lakewood's historic Masonic Temple is the site of Vendor Village, which presents a prime opportunity for attendees to experience product offerings from area merchants while staying warm. It's a perfect change-of-pace from all the festivities taking place outside along Detroit Avenue.

### 9. Huskies

With beautiful gray-and-white coats and distinctive eyes, Siberian Huskies always represent a hit at Light Up Lakewood. These intelligent canines flourish in wintry weather and in some ways have become synonymous with Lakewood's annual holiday festival.

### 8. Lakewood Public Library

Lakewood's crown jewel of a downtown library plays an integral role in making Light Up Lakewood a favorite holiday event. Library visitors can enjoy a host of musical performances, as well as a visit from Santa Claus. It's the Light Up Lakewood epicenter for crafts and other children-centered activities.

### 7. King/Queen Ceremony

As a prelude to the day's main events, a King and Queen of Light Up Lakewood get crowned at 3 p.m. at Plantation Home, which has served as the longtime sponsor of this tradition. This prestigious honor for two high school juniors comes with a scholarship, as well as recognition during the Holiday Parade and Lighting Ceremony for their service to the community.

## A Beginner's

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the Lakewood Masonic Temple, or take in a performance at Lakewood Baptist Church or Lakewood Public Library. For those who opt to stay outdoors, several free hot chocolate stands will be available.

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# Holiday Fun

**Sights, Sounds, & Hot Chocolate**

- 1 Cleveland Metroparks Nature Tracks
- 2 DJ (2)
- 3 Hot Chocolate (2)
- 4 Ice Carvings (4)
- 5 LakewoodAlive Tent
- 6 Lakewood Chamber of Commerce
- 7 Live Huskies
- 8 King and Queen afternoon ceremony

**Vendor Village & Activities**

- 9 Face Cut-Out Photos (3)
- 10 Face Painting
- 11 Green Screen Photo Booth
- 12 Ice Bowling
- 13 Kids Games
- 14 Life Size Games (2)
- 15 Ohio Mobile Gaming Truck
- 16 Padi Cab Rides (2)
- 17 Vendor Village at Masonic Temple (inside on both floors)

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11:00am-1:00pm Lunch with Santa at Dewey's Pizza  
11:00am-4:30pm Ongoing performances at Lakewood Baptist Church  
12:00pm-2:00pm Santa visits Lakewood Baptist Church  
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### 6. The Grinch/Buddy The Elf

You're a popular one, Mr. Grinch. He and Buddy The Elf are the ultimate crowd-pleasers at Light Up Lakewood. Both stroll along Detroit Avenue as admirers flock for greetings and photo opportunities. And as Buddy likes to say, "The best way to spread holiday cheer is singing loud for all to hear."

### 5. The Parade

Who doesn't love a parade? Lakewoodites come out in droves to observe all the pageantry as Light Up Lakewood's Holiday Parade makes its way down Detroit Avenue from Manor Park to Lakewood Public Library.

### 4. "Flipping the Switch" at the Lighting Ceremony

The Lighting Ceremony at City

Center Park provides a treat for all ages. When Santa Claus, Buddy The Elf and the "Why I Love Lakewood" essay contest winner flip the big red switch, the areas surrounding the Main Stage become illuminated with holiday lights.

### 3. Fireworks Show

There's something special about watching flashes of brilliant color splash across the December sky above the rooftops of Downtown Lakewood. The Fireworks Show represents a feast for the eyes and a fitting culmination to LakewoodAlive's signature community event.

### 2. Celebrating Lakewood's Vibrancy

Lakewood is chock-full of community vibrancy, and perhaps no

single event better illustrates this than Light Up Lakewood. Thousands from across the region will attend, yet you'll repeatedly bump into people you know while you collectively enjoy a holiday-infused downtown setting.

### 1. Spending Time with Family and Loved Ones

At its core, the holiday season is all about spending quality time with the people you love. As a free, family-friendly community event, Light Up Lakewood affords families and friends a perfect opportunity to connect for a special holiday experience. We hope to see you and your family on December 2.

For more information regarding Light Up Lakewood 2017, please visit [LakewoodAlive.org/LightUpLakewood](http://LakewoodAlive.org/LightUpLakewood).



Buddy the Elf has become one of the most iconic traditions of the LUL festivities.

## Guide To Attending Light Up Lakewood 2017

accounts throughout the duration of Light Up Lakewood. Guests are encouraged to use hashtag #LightUpLakewood for their own social media. Don't be afraid to go live on Facebook during the Holiday Parade, Lighting Ceremony and Fireworks Show.

### Food

Be sure to bring your appetite with

you to Light Up Lakewood. The many terrific restaurants and eateries contained within the event footprint will be open for business throughout the festivities. Additionally, a collection of food trucks will be on-site along Detroit Avenue.

### Entertainment

There's truly something for everyone at Light Up Lakewood 2017.

### Schedule of Events:

11 am - 1 pm - Lunch with Santa at Dewey's Pizza

11 am - 4:30 pm - Ongoing performances at Lakewood Baptist Church

12 - 2 pm - Santa visits Lakewood Baptist Church

3 pm - King and Queen Ceremony at Plantation Home

4 pm - Festival Kickoff with Vendor Village at the Lakewood Masonic Temple (inside both floors)

5 pm - Start of Parade at Manor Park and Detroit Avenue, headed westbound on Detroit

5:30 - 8 pm - Ongoing performances at Lakewood Public Library

5:30 - 8:30 pm - Santa visits Lakewood Public Library

6 - 6:30 and 7 - 8 pm - Performance by The Sellouts

6:30 pm - Lighting Ceremony at Main Stage at City Center Park (in front of Marc's Plaza)

7 pm - Fireworks Show

### Lakewood Baptist Church Performance Schedule:

11:00-11:20 am - Lakewood Baptist Church Organist - Welcome and Opening

11:30-11:50 am - Lakewood Catholic Academy Jazz Band

12:00-12:20 pm - Harding Singers

12:30-12:50 pm - Garfield Jazzy Jam Holiday Ensemble

1:00-1:20 pm - Harding Singers Too

2:00-2:20 pm - Garfield Music Crew

2:20-2:30 pm - Beth's Young Quartet from Choir Loft

2:30-2:50 pm - Harding Middle School Jazz Band

2:50-3:00 pm - Beth's Young Quartet from Choir Loft

3:00-3:20 pm - Horace Mann

3:30-3:50 pm - Lincoln Singers

4:00-4:20 pm - LHS Chamber Orchestra

### Lakewood Public Library Performance Schedule:

9:00 am - 5:00 pm - Friends Holiday Public Book Sale (Book Sale Room)

6:00 - 8:30 pm - Holiday Crafts & Activities (Multipurpose Room)

4:30 pm - St. Edward's Trash Talkers (Front Sidewalk)

5:30-5:55 pm, 6:35-7:00 pm, 7:15-7:45 pm - Beck Center for the Arts Music Makers (Children's Section-South)

5:30 - 8:30 pm - Santa Visits/Photos (Bring Your Camera)

6:00-6:30 pm - Stringin' Along Middle School Strings (Children's Section-South)

6:15-6:30 pm - Vive/Fourtes (New Books Room)

6:30-7:00 pm - Four Seasons (New Books Room)

6:30 - 8:00 pm - H2O's "Twigbee-Style" Shop (Homework Room)

7:00 - 8:00 pm - Story Time - every half hour

7:15 - 7:45 pm - LHS Chamber Choir (Atrium)

### Other Entertainment/Activities:

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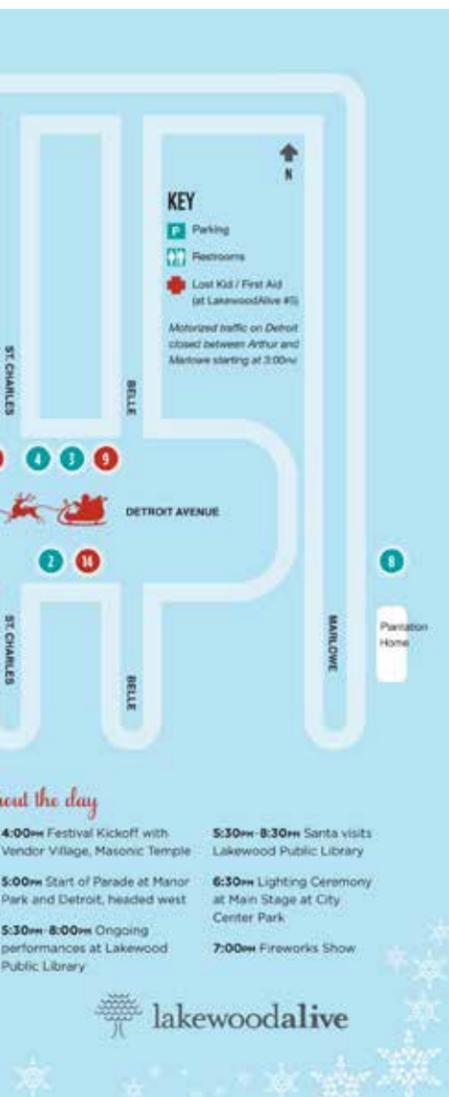
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### Taking in the Parade

The Holiday Parade will step off from Manor Park at 5 p.m. and proceed west on Detroit Avenue, ending in front of Lakewood Public Library. It's recommended to find your parade-viewing spot early and to consider bringing a lawn chair if you think you'll be more comfortable sitting down. Many merchant window-fronts on Detroit Avenue also provide prime indoor vantage points.

### Enjoying the Lighting Ceremony

Year in and year out, the Lighting Ceremony represents one of the highlights of Light Up Lakewood. The Main Stage serving as the site of the Lighting Ceremony will be at City Center Park in front of the Marc's Shopping



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## Sports

# Mentor Defeats Eagles In Frigid Playoff Game

by Mike Deneen

There will be no rematch with St. Ignatius. The Mentor Cardinals beat St. Edward 21-13 Friday night in OHSAA football playoff action at a frozen Byers Field in Parma. The game was played with temperatures in the 20s, conditions best suited for Princess Elsa or the Freeze Meiser. Passing and punting was difficult for both teams, since the ball was hard and heavy. Mentor utilized a punishing running attack and a strong defensive effort to pull the upset. Senior running back Elijah McDougall led the Cardinal running game, gaining 121 yards on 15 carries. Fellow senior Chris Edmond had 59 yards on 14 carries. McDougall and Edmond each had one touchdown run.

The game started well for the Eagles, who took a 10-0 lead in the first quarter. The St. Edward defense sacked Cardinal quarterback Tadas Tatarunas on Mentor's first offense play. Two plays later junior



The Eagle cheerleaders, who did a great job all season, also braved the elements.

defensive back Caden Kolesar intercepted a Mentor pass, giving the Eagles possession on the Cardinal 42 yard line. Junior quarterback Garrett Dzuro led a scoring drive, which was capped by an 18 yard touchdown run by senior running back Tylan Rice. Senior kicker Blaine Stencil added the extra point, and St. Edward held a 7-0 lead with 6:37 remaining in the first quarter.

The Mentor offense struggled again on its second possession, suffering a holding penalty and another quarterback sack. They punted back to the Eagles, who took possession at the Cardinal 45 yard line. The Eagle drive stalled at the Mentor 12 yard line, and Stencil added a 29 yard field goal to extend the lead to 10-0 with 1:54 remaining in the opening period.

The Cardinals' third offensive possession proved to be the charm. Their offensive line opened holes for the running game, and the team marched 87 yards for a touchdown with 10:29 left in the second quarter. McDougall, who had a 20 yard run earlier in the

drive, scored the touchdown on an eight yard carry. Junior kicker Conor McIntosh added the extra point for the Cardinals, making the score 10-7.

The Eagle offense started their next possession well, but a pair of crucial penalties – one holding, one offensive pass interference – stopped the drive. Penalties would continue to plague the Eagles throughout the rest of the evening. The Cardinals forced a punt, but started their next drive at their own nine yard line. They methodically moved the ball down the field, scoring the go-ahead touchdown on an eleven play drive. The touchdown came on a 13 yard pass from Tatarunas to junior Logan Shea. After dominating the first quarter, the St. Edward defense which had given up fewer than 12 points per play all season had suddenly allowed back-to-back touchdown drives of over 85 yards. Mentor took the 14-10 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Mentor received the second half kickoff, but failed to score on their drive. They reached the Eagle 28 yard line, but a 45 yard field goal attempt landed short. The cold conditions made the ball rock-hard, hampering kickers and punters throughout the game. The teams exchanged punts on

their next possessions, and the Eagles were driving late in the third quarter. St. Edward appeared to score on a 46 yard touchdown pass, but the play was nullified by an offensive pass interference penalty. The Eagle fans in attendance cheered excitedly at the play, but then the Cardinal fans got a welcome reprieve. St. Edward eventually punted, and the game stayed 14-10 after three quarters.

St. Edward put together a nice drive early in the fourth quarter, moving the ball inside the Cardinals ten yard line. The Cardinal defense stepped up, forcing the Eagles to settle for a 25 yard field goal. The score stood at 14-13 with 10:10 remaining. That's when the Cardinal offense put together another impressive touchdown drive, going 80 yards on 12 plays. Edmond pounded in a two yard touchdown run with 5:17 remaining, extending the lead to 21-13.

Junior Jordan Castleberry had a strong return on the ensuing kickoff, setting the Eagle offense up at their own 48 yard line. The Eagles mustered a first down thanks to a 9 yard catch by Rice, whose second effort on a fourth down play got a first down at the Mentor 39 yard line. The Cardinal defense remained tough, and four plays later forced the Eagles to turn the ball over on downs. Mentor took possession with 2:21 remaining in the game, and successfully ran out the clock.

Jubilant Mentor players celebrated as the final seconds ticked off. The hearty Cardinal fans who sat three hours in freezing temperatures cheered wildly at the upset win. Eagle players, meanwhile, were shocked and saddened by the season-ending loss. Coaches and staff consoled seniors such as linebacker Omar Fattah, whose brilliant Eagle career came to an end. The Cardinals move on to face St. Ignatius next week in the regional championship. Ignatius earned its spot in the game with a 45-21 win over Euclid on Friday night.

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## A Beginner's Guide To Attending Light Up Lakewood 2017

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### Watching the Fireworks Show

Many of the best vantage points for viewing the Fireworks Show are also located within the vicinity of the Main Stage, and it's recommended to take in this culmination to Light Up Lakewood from City Center Park on the south side of Detroit Avenue. The municipal parking lots behind Geiger's and the Lakewood Post Office parking lot also present strong firework-viewing options.

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## Lakewood Is Art

# Little Mermaid Returns To Beck Center This Holiday Season

by Beth Kretschmar

Join us under the sea again for Beck Center's critically acclaimed production of *"The Little Mermaid."* Last year, this production was winner of Cleveland Critics Circle 2016 Theater Awards for Best Musical Direction, Best Projection Design, and the Rising Star Award, and recognized for Best Musical Production, Best Lighting Design, and Best Choreographer.

Based on the classic fairy tale and film, *"The Little Mermaid"* begins under the sea where Princess Ariel is fascinated by the forbidden land above. Watch as she saves a human prince, loses her voice to a sea witch, and ultimately fights to gain it back. *"The Little Mermaid"* was nominated for two Tony® Awards including Best Original Score and the Grammy® Award for Best Musical Show Album repeating the success of the original animated film.

"We are thrilled that Beck's long-

standing tradition of a holiday show encore will continue this season with a second helping of *"The Little Mermaid,"* said Director Scott Spence. "The time honored Hans Christian Anderson tale was brought to wondrous aquatic life by the good people at Disney, and they certainly know how to turn out joyous musical theatre."

Returning this year are NYC's Kathleen Rooney as Ariel, best known for her role in Paper Mill Playhouse's *"City of Angels,"* and Natalie Blalock from Broadway's *"The Scarlett Pimpernel"* and Television's *"Strangers with Candy."* Local favorites Darryl Lewis and Shane O'Neill also return as King Triton and Prince Eric. Blalock, Lewis, and Rooney appear courtesy of Actors' Equity Association. Under the musical direction of Larry Goodpaster with choreography by Martín Céspedes, projection design by Adam Zeek, and spectacular costumes by Music Theatre Wichita, this year's

production promises to delight.

*"The Little Mermaid"* runs December 1 – 31, 2017 in the Mackey Theater. Evening performances will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays and matinee performances at 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. An additional evening performance will take place Saturday, December 9. There is no performance on Sunday, December 24. Tickets are on sale now. Buy early and save with promo code: ARIEL to receive \$5 off each adult/senior ticket purchased by Nov 30.

Tickets are \$31 for adults, \$27 for seniors (65 and older), and \$12 for students with a valid I.D. A \$3 service fee per ticket is applied at time of purchase. Preview Night on Thursday, November 30 is \$10 with general admission seating. Group discounts are available for parties of four or more. Purchase tickets online at [beckcenter.org](http://beckcenter.org) or call Customer Service at 216.521.2540 x10. Beck



Center for the Arts is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, just ten minutes west of downtown Cleveland. Free onsite parking is available.

This production of Disney's *"The Little Mermaid"* is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI), and is generously sponsored by Cuyahoga County residents through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture, and the Ohio Arts Council.

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## Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 59

*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.*

**Joey Sprinkles - Bubble Guts - Mirror Universe Tapes - 10 songs - Cassette, download**

I'd like to start this review off with an apology for this being reviewed so late. There were a couple delays (including the package getting lost somewhere in the Observer HQ) that might have seemed like the natural course of things if this was the negative energy music of Chomp, but this is not Chomp, so it's just bad luck. Ya know? This is, however, the guy from Chomp, also known as Joe Boyer. I wasn't quite sure what to expect of this and I guess that's appropriate as Joe hits five different styles on each of the five tracks on the first side. Yep, from the upbeat indie rock of "All Is Well" (some Jay Reatard vibes at the end there) to the acoustic indie rock (this is a different style, trust me) of "I Guess It's Now" (the backing "ooh ooh" vocals on this one give me 60s pop vibes, and that keyboard on the chorus throws this one into Reatard territory as well) to "Bugs On Lightbulbs," which I have to assume is what Green Day would sound like if they were on Lumpy Records, to "You're Part Of It," which is a far more mellow indie rocker (again, totally different style) and is the first of several songs here co-written by the guy from So Cow, if that means anything to you, to "Midnite Blue," which is pretty much a straight power popper. Now, I don't know if you know this, reader, but I like power pop. And

by Buzz Kompier

I know that Joey Sprinkles straight up stole that chorus hook from somewhere. He has to have. Or maybe not? Maybe he wrote such a catchy melody there that I feel like I've known it forever. If so, nice work. Side B continues in this vein of not quite settling on any particular style. "Destinight" (another Brian Kelly co-writing contribution) is particularly catchy (not sure how that partnership worked out— Brian did music, Joe did lyrics? The opposite? A mixture? I'm kinda curious). "Penny Schemes" threw me off a bit for some reason. It kinda goes for that retro vibe, ya know? Ya probably don't know. Interesting guitar line on it. "What To Live For," again a So Cow collaboration reminds me a bit of Space Wolves, because there's a band I can reference and everybody will know what I'm talking about. If you picked up this tape looking for something like Chomp, "Dead Conviction" is probably as close as you'll get. If Chomp was a little too tuff for you but you still like Joe's whole thing, you'll like this. Good guitarist, competent singer, and he can write some catchy tunes. Enjoyable stuff. 4/5

([mirroruniversetapes.bandcamp.com](http://mirroruniversetapes.bandcamp.com))

**Various - Aquabear Legion Vol. 6 - Aquabear Legion - 23 songs - 2xLP**

Ah yes, another Aquabear Legion compilation. I think the fatal flaw of these compilations (at least the ones I've heard) is that there are just too many songs. Make it a single LP instead of a double. I was gonna say something about how the songs on these are so, um, diverse that no one could possibly enjoy the whole thing, and then in the

closing moments of Side D, a grind song followed some wimpy piano indie pop, so I'm sure Aquabear Legion already knows that and there's no use in pointing it out. Side B is the closest this thing comes to having a consistent side, as every song on it is some sort of indie/garage or somewhere around there and it's all listenable. Other than that, this is all over the place. You've got some indie (a lot of indie), the aforementioned grindcore tune, some folk, one banjo-led song that creeped me out a little bit but then just got kinda boring, and Columbus' own Bloody Show make an appearance to ensure that there is at least one punk song on here. Thoughts/highlights: I don't really know why people are into R. Ring— their song here was okay but not anything amazing, sorry. The Village Bicycle do some kind of garage-indie thing that made me immediately understand why they're on Jurassic Pop. I think I asked them for a tape and they said they would send one but never did. I'm starting beef with the Village Bicycle here before your very eyes. Bloody Show play a song that sounds like all of their other songs, but I still like it. Superdreamer for some reason objected to sending me a tape. I'm starting beef with Superdreamer Records here before your very eyes. The Safeties' song on here is good, but the 7" is better. I'd heard that Vacation were amazing. I liked Vacation live but their song here I was unimpressed by. Day Creeper, as one might expect, turned in a decent song in "Unfulfilled." Not my favorite Day Creeper song, but it was good anyway. Extra Medium Pony,



Album art from this issue's review.

aside from having a terrible name, play something in-between Green Day and Nirvana. I won't say whether I mean that in a positive or negative way but instead leave it as an exercise for you, the reader. I thought the Leggy track, "Backyard," was decent. Swarming Branch took me by surprise, as their song here was weird but kinda cool. Interesting vocal style. Mary Lynn...this is what Anyway is putting out these days? I don't dislike it, but it ain't Thomas Jefferson Slave Apartments. In fact, it's kind of just pop. Okay enough, though. Andy Gabbard performs a slightly Beatlesque number entitled "Lazy Panda," which in my opinion had lazy lyrics. Yeah, I think I've said all I can. Verdict: man, I don't know. There's some decent stuff here, but nothing killer. Lots of filler, in fact. If only this were a single LP... 3/5

([aquabearlegion.com](http://aquabearlegion.com))

Are you a local-ish band? Do you have a record out? Email [vaguelythreatening@gmail.com](mailto: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.

# Lakewood Cares

## Santa Paws To Visit Lakewood

by Karen Karp

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Paws and he is coming to Lakewood. He will pose for portraits with his animal friends and their humans companions on Sunday, December 3, 2017, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Pet's General Store, 16821 Madison Ave., Lakewood, OH.

The annual fundraising event is organized by Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park, Inc. (FLDP) and hosted by our friends at Pet's General Store. There will be refreshments for all our guests whether on two legs or four.

Martha Widdowson, of Portraits by Martha, will be behind the camera. She is an experienced pet photographer and FLDP is delighted to be working with Martha again this year. Photos,

photo packages and an array of photo accessories will be available from Portraits by Martha. A portion of all sales will be donated to FLDP.

No appointment is necessary. Simply drop in between 1 and 5 p.m. to pose for your holiday photo.

FLDP is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt organization that partners with the City of Lakewood to care for the park and raises funds to pay for dog park amenities and park improvements.

To learn more about FLDP, visit our website, LakewoodDogPark.com and find us on Facebook, facebook.com/LakewoodDogPark, or Twitter @lakewooddogpark.

*Karen Karp is President of Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park, Inc.*



Santa Paws is coming to town - Pet's General Store in Lakewood more specifically!

## Tax Aide Volunteers Needed

by Tom Smith

Become an AARP Tax Aide Volunteer and help make a difference.

The IRS sponsored AARP Tax Aide Program is looking for volunteers for the 2017 tax filing season. AARP Foundation Tax-Aides provide free personal income

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You need not have any prior tax experience. As an AARP Tax Aide volunteer, you will be provided with free training through IRS designed classes. The initial meeting for prospective volunteers is in early December. Tax preparation season runs from early January to mid April. There are a number of volunteer sites on the west side of Cleveland and the western suburbs. In addition, the hours and days are flexible since our locations are open on various days of the week.

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3. Greeters – Greet and assist our clients and keep our sites flowing smoothly.

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## AARP Free Tax Aide

by Joan Miller

AARP free tax aide brings you free electronic filing of your tax returns. The IRS certified volunteers are ready to help income tax payers of all ages. You do not need to be an AARP member to receive this service. A photo ID and social security number are required at time of visit. Bring last year's tax return if possible.

AARP tax aide is available Monday and Tuesday noon to 3:30 p.m. starting February 5, 2018 at the Lakewood Senior Center West 16024 Madison Ave. Lakewood. A handicap ramp and stairs are located on the Northland side of building.

Appointments can be made starting the first week in January by calling 216-521-1515.

## Frontline Service Teams With Geiger's To Provide Toys And Coats For The Homeless

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Last year Geiger's and FrontLine Service provided hundreds of warm winter coats to Cleveland's homeless community. Coats can be dropped off at Geiger's stores from November 27 through December 10. Everyone donating a coat will receive a \$25 Geiger's Gift Card, good on the purchase of a new coat.

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*Tom Gibbons has lived in Lakewood for 35 years and does part time work for Geiger's.*

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# Lakewood Cares

## Local Non-Profit Medical Clinic Invites Community To Participate In National Movement

by Kishia Williamson Townsend

This holiday season most of us will spend time gift shopping, visiting with family and enjoying holiday parties. But what if you were

a single mother with diabetes and you are struggling with the decision to either purchase insulin or the toy your son wants for Christmas? Or if you are an unemployed veteran who

has to choose between putting gas in his car to get to a job interview or purchasing an inhaler to control his asthma? Or maybe you are an uninsured student who is suffering

from depression and cannot afford to see a counselor?

As we rejoice this season, many of our North Coast Health patients who are challenged with these situations are not so joyful. Patients like Arlene, who before coming to North Coast Health, suffered two devastating losses – the death of her sister and mother within five months of each other. Arlene knew she needed help, but couldn't afford the cost of a doctor's appointment on a limited income as a restaurant server. A concerned co-worker told her about North Coast Health. Because of the care Arlene received at North Coast Health, Arlene, who is also an artist, found her inspiration again and will enjoy the holiday season.

North Coast Health, a faith-based charitable medical clinic in Lakewood, has been providing quality medical care and healing to those most in need for over 30 years. North Coast Health invites the community of Lakewood to give back to help patients like ours get the high quality medical care they deserve. GivingTuesday is a national day to celebrate generosity and giving back. Make your gift by visiting us at [www.northcoasthealth.org](http://www.northcoasthealth.org) and click the DONATE button at the top of the homepage. You can also mail your gift to: North Coast Health, 16110 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood OH 44107.

## Seeking Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) For Youth

by Michele Blazina

CASA of Cuyahoga County, a program of Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County, recruits, screens, trains, and supports volunteers who act as independent fact-finders for the court in cases involving child abuse and neglect.

CASAs collect information that helps the judge make the best decision for a safe, caring, and permanent home for children involved in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems. CASAs are

everyday citizens who are trained and appointed by the court to advocate for the safety and well-being of children who are victims of abuse or neglect. CASAs are assigned at the earliest stages of a case, and continue to be an advocate for the child through their time in the court system. CASAs work collaboratively with all parties on the case, for the best interests of children. CASAs are only assigned to 1-2 cases at a time and spend approximately 10 hours a month on a case.

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Those interested in becoming a CASA, visit [www.cfadvocates.org](http://www.cfadvocates.org) to apply or call 216.443.3377 for more information.

## More Little Free Libraries

by Matt Kuhns

Lakewood now has at least 11 Little Free Libraries. Resident Matt Kuhns found these two in November, in addition to the

nine located earlier this year and featured in the Lakewood Observer in June.

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



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## Forum

# Ice Cream Shop With A Not So Hidden Coffee Surprise!

by Dannielle Carver

Exploring around Lakewood recently I'm sure most of you have noticed the uprising in small businesses with a special focus on coffee and treats. With so many chain locations to choose from, it's sometimes hard to break from a tradition or habit and try something new, but here in Lakewood it's a big part of who we are to support local business owners who just might be your neighbor. Personally, I broke a habit of using a larger chain for my morning coffee and tried out a local venue. Now I had already tried this local place for its exciting twist on flavorfully fun ice cream. I specifically tried out this place because like many others, I have food allergies and food preferences that require a place I can safely go to for those delightful treats we all like to enjoy. Now they have those option along with the always exciting traditional Ice cream and coffee options as well.

The local venue I mentioned is Ice Cream Joy, located on Madison in Lakewood. It has been my favorite place to go as of two years ago and now for over a year, my favorite coffee shop! Some of you may not know that this wonderful ice cream store also has a

vast variety of hot and cold beverages ranging from a wonderful hot cup of local coffee, an iced latte, and a mocha all the way to a very exotic affogato, which is coffee or espresso poured over a rich and creamy scoop of ice cream, and they offer them all year round. They have house-made flavored syrups, traditional and alternative ice creams, and a special focus for those of us with food sensitivities even in their whipped cream options, also made on site. Not to mention, the seasonal favorites

offered such as the current deliciously delightful hot cinnamon apple cider with a hint of pumpkin. They have a very inviting shop environment to sit and relax over an excellent latte with a fresh baked cinnamon roll or take your cup and a brownie to go, but don't worry about harming the environment, this wonderful shop is also environmentally friendly!!

So stop by Ice Cream Joy next time you're out getting a cup of morning bliss. Take that moment to stop and

shop local, Lakewood has so many small businesses and so much to offer. Even your cup of coffee can be so much better while also helping your local economy grow stronger.

*Dannielle Carver is a local resident and small business owner. Her children go to local schools and her family has been part of the community and school system for many years now. She feels the need to put out some input on local business and highlight how we as a community have been growing.*

# Cuyahoga Council Fee For Plastic Bags Does Not Solve Plastic Bottle Pollution

by Jeanne Coppola

The new Ordinance introduced by Cuyahoga Council members Sunny Simon and Dale Miller to charge ten cents for every paper and plastic carry-out bag at retail stores is a bad idea. Plastic bags are a convenience, and are a service provided by retailers.

Simon has said that plastics are polluting Lake Erie, but she has not said if the plastic bags are causing the plastic pollution in Lake Erie, or what she will do about other sources

of plastic pollution in Lake Erie (like plastic bottles.)

Simon has said that 319 million plastic bags are used each year, and the plastic bag fee is supposed to deter their use.

But, the County will be making a lot of money from the fee if plastic bag sales do not diminish. From each ten cents collected, the County receives six cents and the retailers keep four cents. The County will create an Environmental Remedial Fund to collect these fees, which could amount to \$19,140,000 in revenue for the County, if bag sales remain the same. (319 million bags x .06 cents = \$19,140,000 a year!)

The County will be making money off of the workers who manufacture the plastic bags!

How will the County use the nineteen million dollars to clean up Lake Erie?

If Simon is concerned about plastic pollution in Lake Erie, what is she doing about plastic bottles that are a major source of pollution?

Many people in cities throughout Cuyahoga County can't recycle, because they live in apartments, and some landlords do not pay for private recycling services.

Why doesn't Simon do something about this?

Why doesn't the County take over this problem so people can recycle

their plastic milk jugs, plastic water bottles, plastic yogurt cups, plastic ketchup bottles, and plastic mustard bottles? Apartment dwellers also have aluminum and steel food cans and newspaper and magazines to recycle.

Why doesn't the County provide at least a few localities to recycle plastic, even if it is only once a month? Why can't fire stations, or churches or community centers, have a plastic collection day!

The plastic bottle problem in Lake Erie seems to be worse than the plastic bag problem, because most people reuse their plastic bags, and retailers have recycling containers at their locations for plastic bags.

But there are no places residents can recycle their plastic bottles, which they use at home!

Simon has also stated that there are microplastics in Lake Erie, and people are drinking the small particles of plastic. But, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, a lot of microplastics come from toothpastes, facial scrubs, and fibers that are shed from synthetic fabrics in the laundry, not from plastic bags.

How will the County use their portion of the plastic bag fee (the \$19,140,000) to clean up Lake Erie of the microplastics?

The County plans to use some of the funds to purchase reusable bags, and give them away free. How will this stop the problem of plastic bags? Stores already sell reusable bags, and it has not stopped plastic bag sales.

If Sunny Simon is concerned about plastic pollution, she should be addressing the problem of plastic bottles and the huge floating plastic bottle debris in Lake Erie, and give people a place to recycle their plastic bottles. And prosecute polluters.

Where can residents in Cuyahoga County recycle their plastics? Where can people who have lots of plastics take them, if they do not drive? If the County provided a pick-up service, I would sign up!

A better solution to the plastic bag problem would be to have retailers use biodegradable plastic bags!

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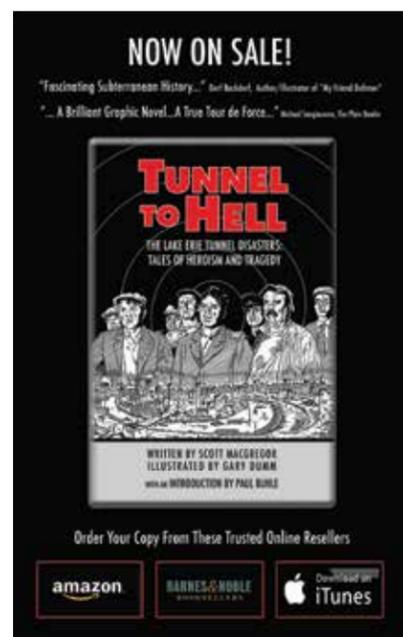
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# Lakewood Living

## Christmas Sale On The Grounds

by Heidi Murray

The Lakewood Historical Society's annual Christmas Sale on the Grounds has everything you need for holiday decorating, entertaining and gift-giving.

Spending the first weekend

in December shopping at the Nicholson House, Lakewood's oldest structure, has become a holiday tradition for many savvy shoppers. If you've never been, you must come! Beautifully displayed new and nearly-new gift items, tree

trimmings, decorations, wrapping paper and anything you need for holiday entertaining share the space with antiques, collectibles, vintage linens, glassware, silver and delicate heirloom ornaments.

Christmas Sale on the Grounds offers the opportunity to recycle treasures of the past, providing one-of-a-kind gift ideas. Donated by a legion of Historical Society supporters of all ages, the items reflect the treasures of the past 100 years and today. Relive your childhood with games, dolls and toys from days gone by, add to your Christmas village collection or find a treasured collectible. If you're watching your budget, you can't afford not to shop here--don't miss this event!

Shop Christmas Sale on the Grounds at the Nicholson House, 13335 Detroit, on Friday December 1, from 4-7 p.m. A \$10 admission charge at the door ensures that you will be among the first to preview our sale.

Admission is free on Saturday, December 2, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Sunday, December 3, noon – 3 p.m. so come and take a look. We accept cash and checks. Parking is available across the street at St. Ed's.

All proceeds support the programs and projects of the Lakewood Historical Society. Questions? Call the Society at 216-221-7343.



Unique gifts and decorations fill the Historic Nicholson House.

## From the Archives Of The Lakewood Historical Society Winton Place Landing

by Norine Prim

Winton Place was the first apartment building in the area to be accessible by air, land, and water. Pictured here is the first helicopter landing at Winton Place on October 7th, 1963. The helicopter was piloted

by Ken Ross of Sundorph Aeronautical Corporation, and was delivering the final bucket of concrete for the "sky closing" of the building the next day. Photograph courtesy of the Special Collections at the Michael Schwartz Library, Cleveland State University.



Winton Place, Lakewood, Ohio, circa 1963.

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