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Honorees at the PTA Reflections Ceremony held at Garfield Middle School on Jan. 30.

PTA Reflections Contest Honors Student Creativity

by Christine Gordillo

The creativity and imagination of our students were celebrated at the annual Council Lakewood PTA Reflections Ceremony, held Jan. 30 at Garfield Middle School. Eighty artworks from preschool through high school were honored. Of those 80 pieces of art, 16 were chosen to move on to the state PTA judging, with winners to be announced in late spring.

The ceremony offered the young artists a chance to be recognized and congratulated by Superintendent Patterson, Board of Education mem-

bers and other city leaders. Guest speaker was Lakewood City Councilwoman Meghan George, a Lakewood High School graduate.

The Reflections program offers students from schools with active PTAs the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to submit works in seven arts areas: literature, dance choreography, film/video production, musical composition, photography, visual arts and special artist. All entries must follow a chosen theme, which this year was

"Within Reach."

Each school with a PTA can send up to 24 entries to the district level judging. Among works chosen for district-level recognition, the highest scoring works as deemed by a panel of judges evaluating on artistic merit, creativity and interpretation of the theme, move on to Columbus to compete with students' work from around the state.

The following students' work will move on to statewide judging:

Jonah Bees, Harding, photography

Madelyn Brooks, LHS, visual arts

Timothy Daso, LHS, literature Gabrielle Dever, LHS, lit-

erature Eliot Gill, LHS, music

composition

ing, visual arts

Julia Kavc, Harding,

Alice King, LHS, literature

Amalija Murich, Harding, visual arts

Eliza Richardson, LHS, literature

Sam Stone, LHS, literature Meghan Walcheck, Harding, literature

Christina Westlake, LHS, photography Inga Wilhelmy, Harding,

photography

Lila Wright, Harding, visual arts

Congratulations to all the talented artists who participated!



Cleveland Property Management Group Named Title Sponsor

For "Loving Lakewood: Superheroes Unite"

by Matt Bixenstine

LakewoodAlive's Heroic Fundraising Event Takes Flight on February 24

LakewoodAlive proudly announces Cleveland Property Management Group as Title Sponsor for Loving Lakewood: Superheroes Unite, a heroic night of superhuman fun taking place Saturday, February 24, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the Lakewood Masonic Temple.

Tickets for Superheroes Unite, LakewoodAlive's annual fundraising event, are on sale now. Guests are invited to assume their secret identities and defend the universe while enjoying a powerfully good time in a historic Downtown Lakewood venue. This limited-capacity event is expected to sell out, so act faster than a speeding bullet to secure your tickets by visiting LakewoodAlive.org/Superhero.

Cleveland Property Management Group specializes in providing full-service property management of single-family

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Three Arches Foundation Continues Philanthropic Legacy Of Former Lakewood Hospital Foundation

by Kristin Broadbent

Foundation renamed and repurposed with new care of health mission

Three Arches Foundation, formerly known as the Lakewood Hospital Foundation has officially completed its transition from an independent hospital-focused development organization to a community-focused grantmaking foundation. Along

with a new name, the Foundation has been repurposed with a broader care of health mission that preserves its long legacy of philanthropic impact. Approval of this change was granted in mid-December 2017 following an extensive due-diligence and regulatory process that included consent from the Ohio Attorney General and Probate Court of

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Bullock Kicking Off Run

Tom Bullock, the endorsed Democrat for Ohio's 13th House District, an open seat, officially declared his candidacy this weekend. Bullock said he's running to continue his work strengthening communities and will champion cities and economic development in Columbus.

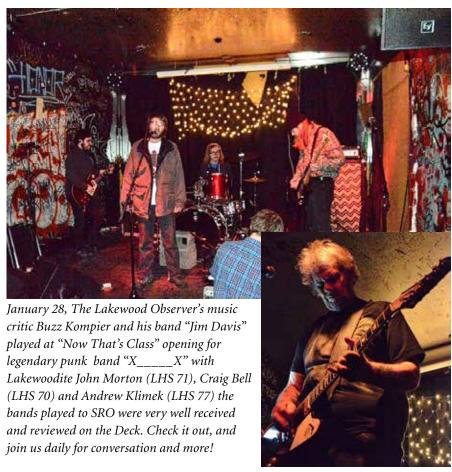
by Jason Shachner

Bullock, Kicking Off Run for State Representative with Endorsements from Democratic Party, Mayor Summers, and Cleveland Leaders, Vows to Fight for City Agenda in Columbus

After receiving the Democratic Party endorsement and the backing of a long list of prominent Lakewood and Cleveland leaders, Lakewood Councilperson Tom Bullock

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City

Going Back To The '70's At The Division Of Aging Intergenerational Tea Party

by Barry Wemyss

Hey gang, grab those mood rings; squeeze your feet into some platform shoes and let's keep on truckin' as we take a trip back into the '70's.

It's time for the Intergenerational Tea Party, scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, 2018 from 4 to 6 P.M. Our guest of honor is Julie Albright, the 2017 American Girl Doll, Girl of the Year. This year's theme is the 1970's and we are ready for a disco party. The Woman's Pavilion will be transformed into a disco, complete with a performance and lesson by Rock City Dance Studio!

The party will start with delicious tea-time sandwiches, tea, and hot chocolate, goodies, and of course, our perennial favorite, the parade of dolls. Dress for a disco party, and bring your doll or teddy bear to join in the parade, as it winds its way through the room. Moms don't forget your cameras! There will be tickets for sale for the raffle prizes. The highlight of the afternoon will be the drawing for our guest of honor, American Girl Doll, Julie Albright.

Tickets are \$15 each, which includes your chance to win Julie Albright. Purchase your tickets and reserve your place now. Seating is limited, so act quickly.

This event is sponsored by the Lakewood Department of Human Services, Division of Aging, together with the Lakewood Commission on Aging.

Please contact us at 216-521-1515 to arrange for your tickets.

Bullock Kicking Off Run For State Representative

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this weekend kicked off his candidacy for state representative pledging to champion cities and urban development needs in Columbus. Bullock is running for Ohio's 13th House District, which includes Lakewood, parts of Cleveland, and Linndale. Outgoing Representative Nickie Antonio is termlimited and is no longer eligible to run.

"For ten years, I've served my community as a councilperson, and I've shown I can work collaboratively with others get things done for residents. I'm proud of my role in making Lakewood strong," said Bullock. "I'm running for state representative to continue this work to strengthen communities throughout the 13th District and our region."

"Cities are the engines of Ohio's economy. By making them stronger, we'll improve the entire state," said Bullock.

But Bullock said the state legis-

lature doesn't understand this and in recent years has conducted "an all-out assault on cities" that has hurt communities through cuts, attacks on home rule, attempts to dictate how cities collect taxes, and underinvestment in public transit and education.

"The state legislature has cut investment in cities even though two thirds of Ohioans live in metropolitan areas. Lakewood loses \$3 million annually from severe cuts to the Local Government Fund and estate tax losses. Cleveland has lost more than \$200 million," said Bullock "That's hurting communities, and many have been forced to increase local taxes to keep police officers on the street. And it harms economic development, reducing jobs and opportunities for everyone."

"We demand better results from Columbus," declared Bullock. "The

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http://lakewoodobserver.com

Trinity Cathedral Brownbag Concert Series

by Barry Wemyss

The Trinity Brownbag Concert Series truly is one of Cleveland's hidden gems. The breathtaking interior of Trinity Cathedral is the setting for a series of free lunchtime concerts performed by local and national musicians. The Lakewood Division of Aging has been taking full advantage of these wonderful opportunities. Seniors have been attending monthly concerts, featuring an eclectic mix of musical genres. In addition to the safe, worry-free transportation, The Division of Aging also provides a delicious box lunch to those who request it. Trinity Cathedral also has box lunches for sale for those who prefer to pick up something there. For many seniors in Lakewood, this monthly trip has become a regular item on their 'To Do' list.

As winter leads to spring, there are some outstanding concerts to look forward to. On Wednesday, February 21, 2018, we will be attending a

performance by the piano students of Cleveland State University, under the instruction of Angelin Chang. On March 21, 2018, we will be hearing the Trinity Chamber Orchestra with guest guitarist, Colin Davis. The April 18th concert performance will be the A.R.T. Cello Trio. For this final concert of the season, we plan on going out with a bang with the 3 Divas Jazz Emsemble. This exciting concert will be held on Wednesday, May 9th. There is space available for all of these concerts.

The Trinity Brownbag Concert Series begins at 12:00 PM, and lasts one hour. The Division of Aging bus leaves Lakewood at 10:45 AM, which will leave plenty of time to get seated and get lunch. These concerts are free, but the Division of Aging gratefully would cheerfully accept a suggested donation of \$3.00 to cover transportation costs. For more information on these concerts, please call the Activities Office at 216-529-5005.

The Lakewood Division Of Aging Is Off To Severance Hall

by Barry Wemyss

On Friday, February 16th, the Lakewood Division of Aging will be providing transportation to Severance Hall, for a concert by the world renowned Cleveland Orchestra. This matinee concert will be a performance of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto and Mozart's Symphony No. 40. The Division of Aging bus will be leaving Lakewood by 9 a.m., which will have everyone to Severance Hall by 9:45 a.m. Upon arrival, enjoy a continental breakfast, followed by an informative lecture on the day's concert. At 11:00 a.m., the Cleveland Orchestra will take the stage for the morning's concert.

Additional concert opportunities include a performance of Samuel

Barber's Cello Concerto and Dvorak's Symphony no. 8, on Friday, March 16th. On Friday, April 13th, we will be attending a performance of Prelude and Liebestod from Tristan und Isolde, by Richard Wagner, and Beethoven's Symphony no. 3, "Eroica".

There are still seats available for this concert experience. Matinee concert tickets are \$25, along with a suggested donation of \$3.00 to help eith the gasoline. Reservations may be made at the Division of Aging/Lawther Center, 16024 Madison Ave. For more information on this and other Cleveland Orchestra concerts, contact the Activities Office at 216-529-5005, or by emailing to barry.wemyss@lakewoodoh.net.



Valentine's Day Senior Dance

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Bring your Valentine or meet a new one at our senior dance and social!

Refreshments served Assisted Living Building 4th Floor Education Room

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Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Author Event - "Too Lucky To Live: A Somebody's Bound to Wind Up Dead Mystery" Book by Annie Hogsett

Cleveland divorce-survivor Allie Harper needs a nice, smart, hot guy and enough money to get her car fixed. The hot guy arrives first in a crosswalk, clutching a bag of groceries while a blonde in a Hummer is learning hard on her horn, sending the man's groceries and white cane flying. How has this woman missed the fact that the man is blind? Allie jumps to his rescue and the money is in the bag- literally. Thomas Bennington III, the handsome stranger, has bought a MondoMegaJackpot ticket. Allie and Tom grasp two things: one, they're hot for each other, and two, the ticket is a hot target, and now so are they. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Non-Fiction Book Club

Come and join the conversation during our newest book club. There are sure to be serious and thought-provoking discussions about many subjects inspired by these non-fiction works. Tonight we will discuss "Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City" by Matthew Desmond.

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

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Film - "The Outlaw Josey Wales" (1976) Directed by Clint Eastwood Presented by Terry Meehan

Josey Wales (Clint Eastwood) is a Missouri farmer who fought on the side of the South during the Civil War. As the conflict comes to an end, his family is murdered by a band of pro-Union renegades, called Jayhawkers. When he and his unit are offered amnesty if they surrender, everyone but Wales turns in their guns to the union troops. But are they really union troops? Terry Meehan concludes his series on Revisionist Westerns of the 1970s, introducing each film with an original video, followed by audience reaction and a lively discussion.

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

Sunday, February 11, 2018

Concert – Doug and Arleigh from Cellocentric

Award-winning local finger-style guitarist Doug Wood, and Cleveland Institute of Music graduate and bassoonist Arleigh Savage comprise the ensemble Cellocentric. The duo will perform classically-infused original instrumental folk music inspired by the world music and jazz traditions, along with unique arrangements of recognizable tunes.

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

Tuesday, January 13, 2018

Genealogy Workshop, Ancestry – Library Edition Led by Dr. Deborah Abbott

Dr. Abbott will help you unlock your genealogical records with professional results. Registration is required. Call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127 to register.

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

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Author Event - "Crescent City Crimes: Old New Orleans 1718–1918" by Charles Cassady Jr.

In the first 200 years of New Orleans history, the Crescent City has earned a reputation for sin, temptation, intrigue, lawlessness, ritual-magic, and ghosts. Step back in time to the city's first few crime-stained centuries—from 1718–1918—to explore classic tales of mischief, mayhem, and skullduggery. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Thursday, February 15, 2018

Author Event - "Don Drumm: The Sculptor-Designer Craftsman" by D.A. Schafer

Dolores Schafer was presented with the opportunity to write a short story book on the life and interesting craft pieces Don Drumm has created over a span of 45 years in Akron, Ohio. Schafer was inspired by Don Drumm's lecture and decided the world needed to know more. Schafer's book reveals that, through constant drive and belief in your mission, you can attain your goal. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Children & Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Saturday, February 10, 2018

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.

Saturday, February 17, 2018

Amazing Jeffrey,

For the whole family

A juggling and magic show for the whole family to enjoy. No registration required. Free and open to public.

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

Thursday, February 15, 2018

Booked For Murder Book Club

Can these tales live up to those written by Edgar Allan Poe, for whom the award they won was named after? Tonight we will discuss "A Cold Red Sunrise" by Stuart Kaminsky.

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

Saturday, February 17, 2018

Film - "Only Angels Have Wings" (1939)

Directed by Howard Hawks

Presented by Barbara Steffek-Hill

A ship with passenger Bonnie Lee (Jean Arthur) docks at a South American trading port where Geoff Carter (Cary Grant) runs Barranca Airlines. The pilots need all the skills at their command for navigating through erratic weather patterns and narrow mountain passes. After one is killed while attempting a desperate landing, newly hired Bat MacPherson (Richard Barthelmess) arrives with his wife Judy (Rita Hayworth). She knows nothing of his infamous reputation. The men do, and ostracize MacPherson. Carter makes him an offer to stay but only for the most difficult missions. He agrees, having no idea how difficult that will prove to be. Barbara Steffek-Hill presents a series of classic and contemporary films from her personal favorites.

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

Sunday, February 18, 2018

Concert - Jen Maurer and Anthony Papaleo

This rockin' duo performs a unique blend of Blues and Americana, featuring standup bass, dueling vocals and a killer electric guitar! Maurer has traveled the world serving as a musical ambassador.

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

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Talk – Landlord and Tenant Rights, Presentation by Sherrie Royster Presented by the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

Cleveland and its surrounding cities have a large number of rental homes with many landlord and tenant relationships. Are you one half of one of this sometimes stressful partnership? Do you know your rights if you find you need to evict a tenant, or what your rights are if you are the one being evicted? This presentation will help you navigate these complicated questions, and some less serious questions. Sherrie Royster is a partner in the Cleveland office of Lewis Brisbois and a member of the General Liability Practice.

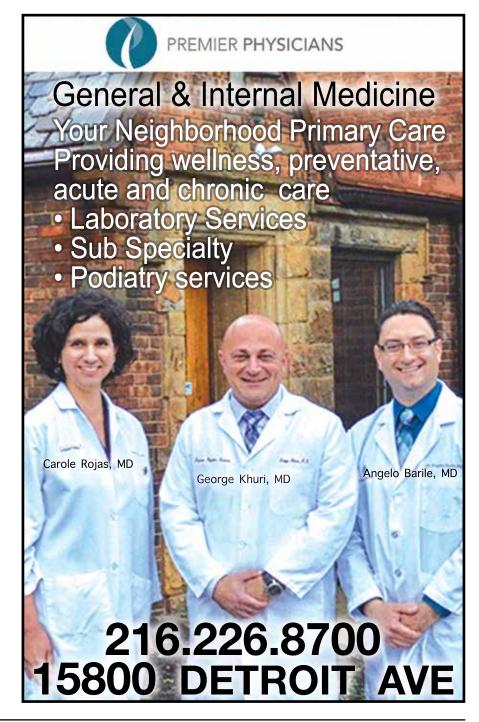
7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Knit & Lit Book Club

Come share your passion for great literature and show off your knitting, crocheting, counted cross-stich, embroidery and quilting works-in-progress. Tonight we will discuss "Our Souls at Night" by Kent Haruf.

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



Lakewood Public Library



Jen Maurer and Anthony Papaleo

Internationally Touring Band Members To Bring Americana To The Library

by Sarah McKinsey

Prepare yourself for a rousing performance by Jen Maurer and Anthony Papaleo, who play an awe-inspiring variety of music, including blues and Americana. Join us at the Main Auditorium of the Lakewood Public Library at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 18, 2018. This concert is part of the Sunday With The Friends program series.

Anthony Papaleo (vocals, fiddle, and guitar) is from Chardon, Ohio. Originally inspired to love music by his father, he has played in groups such as Duchess, The Sidemen, Rebekah Jean, One Dollar Hat, Fishoil, and Mo' Mojo. Anthony's repertoire includes zydeco, blues, Old Time Fiddle, rockabilly, country, and Americana.

Jen Maurer (vocals, accordion, and guitar) has also been in the music scene for years in groups such as Jen Maurer Music, The Rhondas, Hoseff, and Mo' Mojo. Like Papaleo, she seeks variety by playing a wide range of music including zydeco, bluegrass, Americana, blues, ragtime, and jugband.

Both Jen and Anthony are involved in the group Mo' Mojo, which describes itself on its website as a "hard driving, high energy" band that infuses zydeco music with Americana, Cajun, reggae, rock and roll, funk, R&B, and African and Latin rhythms. The band plays



at zydeco dances and clubs and has toured the country to take part in various music festivals. The group has also traveled internationally as a musical ambassador for the U.S. Department of State's American Music Abroad program. In 2014 the band toured in the Dominican Republic and Haiti, and in 2015 its members played in Belize, Panama, Mexico, Barbados, Colombia, and Tajikistan.

Jen and Anthony have played together for years and are sure to use their vocals, instruments, and vast experience to bring a fun, rollicking time to their performance at the library.



Great Lakes Theater Performs Huck Finn At The Library



by Hiam Jawhari

On Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium Great Lakes Theater's Classics on Tour will present the play "Huck Finn." Great Lakes Theater's play has been adapted by Eric Schmiedl from the novel, "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," by Mark Twain. It was first published in the United Kingdom and then in the United States. It was — and still is — one of the greatest American novels.

Huck runs away from home with Jim the slave, who escaped for fear of being sold. They follow the Mississippi River to Cairo, Illinois. The pair encounter many difficulties, but their strong bond helps them overcome all obstacles.

Throughout the story, Huck struggles with the concept of slavery. At the end, he realizes why it shouldn't exist; there is no need for one human being to control another human being's life. It's easy to understand why such a

statement was controversial when the book was first published.

Huck and Jim have lots of adventures together. They run into burglars who are trying to deceive two innocent girls by stealing their inheritance. Luckily, their identities are revealed by Huck.

Huck also saves Jim from being hanged, after Jim is wrongly accused of murdering Huck. The story has a happy ending. Jim gains his freedom and Huck goes back to live with the two sisters.

The story is funny, exciting, and covers racism in a clever way.

Great Lakes Theater home base is at Hanna Theater Playhouse Square. Come and enjoy them as they bring this play to life here at Lakewood Public Library.

Admission is free and open to all. The play will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium, and there are no assigned seats, so arrive early to get the best seat.

Magic By Blake

by Marge Foley

An enthusiastic group of children and their parents enjoyed an entertaining versatile program at the Lakewood Public Library on a recent Saturday evening. "Magic by Blake" showcased a young illusionist who started the evening with several mystifying tricks. A juggling demonstration followed that had balls, rings, and pins flying through the air. Jaws dropped as Blake pulled a unicycle from behind the curtain and juggled as he rode the unicycle back and forth in front of captivated children. Balloon creations ranging from a flower to Superheroes were quickly fashioned by the able fingers of the magician to reward youngsters who had assisted with puzzling trickery.

Did Blake finish his show by pulling a white rabbit out of a hat? No, Blake charmed the audience by making a black rabbit appear in an empty cage. After much applause, the audience was invited to pet the beautiful Rex rabbit which was covered with short, dense, plush, velvet-like fur. It was a fitting



Blake rode a unicycle and juggled to the delight of the audience.

ending to a spellbinding performance.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. when the "Amazing Jeffrey" will be presenting his lively magic and juggling at the Lakewood Public Library in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Schools



Swimmers Maggie McHugh (left) and Sistina Simcox are conference champs.

Pair Of Swimmers Snag Conference Titles

by Christine Gordillo

Swimmers Maggie McHugh and Sistina Simcox captured conference titles at the Southwest Conference championship meet on Jan. 27 at Lakewood High School. Maggie, a senior, won both the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly and Sistina, a freshman, captured the 100-yard freestyle title.

The pair were also on the awards podium for two relays, including Maggie with a second-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle relay (along with freshmen Ethel Woodford and sophomore Alissa Leon) and Sistina for her second-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle.

Other girls reaching the awards podium included the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Maggie McHugh, Sistina Simox, Ethel Woodford and sophomore Sophia Miranda. Ethel also placed sixth in the 100-yard freestyle.

On the boys' side, junior diver Joe Toole was the highest placer with a third place in only his second year of competing in the sport. For the swimmers, senior Colman McGuan placed highest with a third-place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke. Colman also earned fifth in the 200-yard individual medley. Senior Luke Healy placed fourth in the 200-yard freestyle and fifth in the 500-yard freestyle. Two of the boys' relay teams were among the top finishers as well: Luke Healy, Colman McGuan, sophomore Parker Polen and junior Wilson Reynolds made both the fourth-place 200-yard freestyle team and the sixth-place 400yard freestyle team.

Next up for the Rangers is Sectionals on Feb. 10. Congratulations to all the hard-working athletes and coaches!

Lakewood Kiwanis K Kids Awareness Week



by Anna Bacho

February 19-23, 2018 is Kiwanis International recognition week for Kiwanis K Kids. Lakewood Kiwanis is proud to sponsor 3 K Kid Clubs in our community: Grant Elementary School, Horace Mann Elementary School and Family Life Before and After Care at Harrison Elementary School.

K Kids is the youngest youth leadership club in the Kiwanis family. Each K Kids club has a school/administrator advisor and Lakewood Kiwanian advisor. Each club has their leadership team of K Kids selected through essays submitted at the beginning of school. After that is in place, the voting of projects by the kids are done for the year. Our K Kids projects include PenPals with K Kids around the world, community trash cleanup in the Spring and local initiatives that they have chosen to do. The kids learn that they have a voice in the club and need to make the commitment to complete their projects. As advisors, we try to have different speakers come in to connect the kids to the community service they complete. Win, win for all. Lakewood Kiwanis also sponsors Builders Club at Harding Junior High and Key Club at Lakewood High School.

Our K Kids have been busy this school year. Grant School K Kids just completed a successful food drive for LCAC (Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corp.). By making posters and having Special Days (Hat Day, Pajama Day) through the week, the K Kids drew attention to the importance of the food drive. Horace Mann K Kids collected toys for the Lakewood Christmas Store. Again, posters were made and the kids promoted the collection to their classmates. Family Life K Kids made Snowman Soup (hot chocolate mix, marshmallows, a candy cane and a holiday poem) for a homeless ministry in the area. The K Kids were thanked by a representative who spoke to the children about homeless initiatives in our community.

K Kids motto is to Build Leaders and Lakewood K Kids are doing it in Lakewood. *Anna Bacho is a member of*

Lakewood Kiwanis.

Lakewood Athletic Boosters Annual Night At The Races

by Kate Sala

The Lakewood Athletic Boosters are holding their 14th annual Night at the Races fundraiser on Saturday March 10, 2018. This entertaining event raises funds to support middle and high school student-athletes in the Lakewood City Schools district. Night at the Races is for adults age 21 and older. Doors open at 6 p.m. and races start at 7:30.

Individual tickets are \$30, but come with friends and save! A table of 8 tickets is \$200 and a table of 10 tickets is \$250. Tickets include a dinner and beverage package, but people are encouraged to bring their favorite food and drinks to share with friends. To order tickets and buy horses, visit LakewoodAthleticBoosters.org. February 28th is the last day to buy tickets. Only 350 will be sold, so don't delay! No tickets will be sold at the door.

In addition to horse races, there will be sideboard raffles, \$1 and \$5 raffle baskets filled with items donated by area businesses, as well as a silent auction. Auction items for past events have included jewelry from Broestl & Wallis, electronics, signed NFL jerseys, and Cavaliers and Indians items. Geiger's, KB Confections, Panera Bread, Roman Fountain, Ross's Deli, and Slife Heating & Cooling are just a few of the local businesses that are donating to this event. To donate or

purchase an ad in the Night at the Races program, see the donation form on our website: LakewoodAthleticBoosters.org/night-at-the-races Contact us by February 19th to place an ad in the program.

About Lakewood Athletic Boosters - The Lakewood Athletic Boosters is a 501(c)(3) organization committed to supporting student-athletes in the Lakewood City Schools district. Since its inception, the Boosters have donated over a million dollars to the Lakewood City Schools Athletic Department. The Boosters donate at least \$60,000 annually to subsidize the Athletic Department's annual budget. In addition, at least eight \$500 scholarships are awarded each year to graduating seniors. In recent years, the Boosters have also donated extra funds to purchase items such as a new timing board at the LHS pool, spin bikes for off-season conditioning, and new wrestling mats. Lakewood's \$75 per sport pay-to-participate fee is one of the lowest in the area. Athletic Booster members who volunteer earn "Booster Bucks" to offset or even eliminate their pay-to-participate fee. For more information, visit LakewoodAthleticBoosters.org, find us on Facebook @LakewoodRangersAthleticBoosters, follow us on Twitter @ LHS_ABOOSTERS, or email LHSAthleticBoosters@gmail.com.





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Schools

District Toasts Feb. Staff Spotlight Honorees

by Christine Gordillo

KAREN BAUGHMAN

Conventional wisdom will tell you that the job of middle school In School Assignment (ISA) supervisor is a tough one. Harding Middle School's Karen Baughman will tell you otherwise. She's been doing the job at Harding for nearly 20 years with a smile on her face and a heart full of compassion. These, among other qualities, have earned Baughman the title of February Staff Spotlight honoree.

When students arrive in the morning for their day-long assignment in Baughman's room, the first thing she tells them is, "I'm here to help." She sets a tone of cooperation and compassion for the students who have come to her room following a youthful misstep.

"They're kids, they make mistakes," she says. "I don't want to see them back." With that in mind she offers homework help and anything else they need.

Says Jinny Cahill, one of Baughman's nominators: "She truly cares about the students' well being, often providing them with a shoulder to cry on and offering advice and guidance."



Karen Baughman

Adds Harding Assistant Principal Robin Beavers about Baughman's special touch with students: "She is kind but firm and everything comes from a place of love from her."

She not only helps her students, but Baughman is known as the go-to person at Harding, ready to pitch in whenever she can. "We all turn to her for help," said Baughman's other nominator, Mary Murray. "There's not enough words to describe everything Karen does for our students and staff."

STEPHANIE SEVERINO

West Shore Career-Tech Transition

Stephanie Severino

to Work students play an important role in helping the Lakewood High community run smoothly thanks to the tireless efforts of their teacher, Stephanie Severino. Severino's drive to keep her students engaged and learning despite their disabilities and her perennial positive attitude is why she is one our February Staff Spotlight honorees.

Severino, who joined the District in 1994, has been finding creative ways to build her students' job and life skills since joining West Shore seven years ago. Her students' main job is doing the laundry for the school, including the Culinary Arts program and custodial and Nutrition Services staff. In between, you can find her students doing a menagerie of tasks from stringing students' temporary IDs to delivering mail to shredding. LHS staff members know that if they have a

task that needs a lot of hands, they can call on Severino and her crew, including her classroom aides, whom she says she could not do without.

"Stephanie is constantly on the lookout for new ways in which her students can contribute to LHS and build their job skills," said her nominator, West Shore Educational Coordinator Bill DiMascio. "Her room is a busy and a productive environment."

One way she helps build skills is during her weekly Job Club class where they talk about teamwork, interviewing skills, and positive body language among other qualities. She takes pride in the progress her students make because she realizes how critical these skills are for success once her students graduate.

"There is such a need for them to learn these skills," Severino said.

Severino is willing to go the extra mile for her students. She admits to sometimes lying in bed at night trying to come up with a solution that will enable her students to be successful when the standard approach is not working. The answer could be as simple as bringing on old TV stand from home to help students measure string for the temp IDs.

While Severino's creative and caring teaching approach is evident, DiMascio says it's her "superhuman patience and kindness" that sets her apart.

Lakewood Teachers Give Back

by Lisa Shaffer-Gill

Lakewood Teachers are proud to announce fund-raising efforts over the holidays have enabled us to once again give generously to Lakewood organizations that directly support our students. \$300 each was given to Lakewood Community Service Center, North Coast Health, and the Lakewood Family Room. We were able to donate \$500 to Supplies for Success.

We give to these local service organizations because we know first hand how important it is for children to come to our classrooms prepared to learn. Students who have had years of enriched play, are physically healthy and fed, and who have the supplies needed for school are poised for success.

Over the holidays teachers designed and sold Ranger Holiday shirts, held a 50/50 raffle at their winter social, and sold raffle tickets for the chance to play the "whip crack" in the iconic Christmas song, "Sleigh Ride." Overall, fundraising was a success, but we'll likely start a bit

earlier next year. "This was the first year that we tried a t-shirt sale. We got a bit of a late start and weren't able to advertise as well as we would have liked. Look for holiday Ranger shirts again next year!" said Alison Breckle, who organized the t-shirt sale.

Lakewood Teachers will continue to give back to the community. This spring we look forward to supporting the Lakewood Police Department during the Dare basketball tournament for fifth graders on March 3rd, and we will once again sponsor a Recreation Department youth baseball team. We are also making plans to support our newest readers with first grade book gifts, and with the help of some students, we will be tending our Adopt-a-Spot garden in front of the Bandstand in Lakewood Park. Lakewood's kids are our kids. We want to help them thrive both inside and outside of the classroom!

Lisa Shaffer-Gill is the president of Lakewood Teachers Association.

$Happening\ Now \\ {\it Registrations\ For\ Recreation\ Youth\ Baseball\ /\ Softball}$

by Rick Wallenhorst

Registrations for our Youth Summer Baseball & Softball leagues are currently underway. From ages 4 to 15 in baseball and ages 9 to 12 in softball, we offer many opportunities to learn and play the game. Register by February 28th and receive \$10 off your youth baseball or softball registration. These are fun and social leagues emphasizing fundamentals and sportsmanship.

Registrations For Recreation Adult Summer Softball Leagues

Team registrations for our Adult Spring/Summer Softball leagues are open beginning on February 1st. From COED and men's Sunday double header leagues to various weekday leagues, there are many opportunities to play. Players of all skill levels are welcome. New this season is a Women's Classic 45+ Monday League.

This is a fun and social league consisting of a regular season followed by playoffs. Get your friends together and register.

Check our website at http://www.lakewoodrecreation.com for information on all of our leagues and registration costs.

You can register your team online at http://www.lakewoodrecreation.com, over the phone at 216-529-4082, or in person at 14100 Franklin Blvd.

Register and have some fun.



Lakewood Is Art



Photo courtesy of Baldwin Wallace

Beck Center Presents The Ground-Breaking "Hair"

by Beth Kretschmar

Beck Center for the Arts is pleased to present "HAIR," the seventh annual collaboration with the esteemed Baldwin Wallace University Music Theatre Program. Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the musical that introduced rock and roll to Broadway, his limited engagement runs February 9 through 25, 2018 in the Mackey Theater. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. Three Wednesday and Thursday performances will take place at 8 p.m. on February 15, 21, and 22. Tickets are now on sale. Buy early and save with promo code: TRIBE to receive \$5 off each adult/senior ticket purchased by February 8.

"HAIR" examines a group of 60sera youth struggling to balance their lives, loves, and the sexual revolution with their rebellion against the Vietnam War and their conservative parents and society. This controversial and timely musical spawned several Top 40 hits including "Aquarius" and "Let the Sun Shine In." This special production features video art by media artist, Kasumi. "HAIR" contains strong language and content.

"HAIR" is directed by Victoria Bussert, the acclaimed Director of Music Theatre at Baldwin Wallace University, and features a talented ensemble of 32 students from BW's nationally recog-

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Born To Kill:

Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 64

by Buzz Kompier

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.

Ricky Hamilton - Welcome 2 Hell - Quality Time Records - 13 songs -Cassette

This is kind of a "greatest hits" or something composed of songs from "Killed By Ricky" and "Hell Is Real" (which I think are both out of print now?). I guess "Life By The Thorns" isn't considered part of the true Ricky canon these days. Avid readers may note that I've reviewed both of those tapes, so forgive me if I repeat myself. I thought that "Killed By Ricky" was the superior of the two, but I've heard from a couple people now who disagree, so maybe I'm just stupid. For me, having the songs together on this tape serves to remind me of what I liked about "KBR" and what I disliked about "Hell Is Real" (though I will say that a few of the songs from the latter actually work better within their contexts here than they do on that tapeparticularly "Amphetamine Girl"). Also, as with almost any compilation ever, you're left wondering why some things were left out and others were kept in. For example, why no "666" or "Queen City?" What I liked about those tracks (and "Killed By Ricky" as a whole) was that Ricky seemed to be going in a more aggressive direction- playing faster, being more adventurous with his vocalsand that seemed to be forgotten on "Hell Is Real," which was why I was a little disappointed by it. I still think "Friday Eyes" is pretty great, and is a good example of how adding some lead guitar to these songs can really help beef 'em up, and I still think "U Look Like A Cop" is funny in a way that it isn't quite intended to be. I still think the production on the "Hell" songs is a bit midrange-y, but the fidelity is definitely improved here. I don't know, man. Nice Dead Boys interview to end the tape, though I don't think Ricky's own shows are particularly aggressive (the most danger I've ever witnessed is when Joey Pepperoni threw a beer can at Marty during The Nico Missile record release show...was that like two and a half years ago now? Man, time flies.), but perhaps that wasn't the point he was trying to make by including it. Here's my final statement: this is an accurate representation of what Ricky's recent solo work is like. 3.8/5

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Neo Neos - EP MK 2.2: Sailor Suit & Machine Gun SE - Cultural - 5 songs - 7", download

The second vinyl outing from Neo Neos, following many tapes and things. Not a local band, but released on a local label (though technically not a local label anymore...). Any other points I have to make before getting to the review? Oh, yeah. I know I'm on John's case a lot about this kind of thing, but I should point out this continues the Cultural trend (ha ha ha) of having mistakes. This time, it's the wrong artwork. The cover leaves off the ".2" and the "SE" and two of the tracks. And the label claims this plays at 33, when it plays at 45. I'll give John (or maybe Neo Neos) the benefit of the doubt and assume that part was a joke. Anyway. Onto the actual content. I guess you could say this is sort of the "now" punk sound (I've heard some say that this sounds like Coneheads, a band I never particularly got into), but it's got some character, for sure. Sorta blown out recording, pretty tight playing (all things considered). The guy's voice is pretty snotty and distinct, which is a plus. Actually entertaining lyrics, too. It's kinda like the early Redd Kross stuff (or Red Cross, given what time period we're talking here) in a way. Catchy. The riff on "Snob Guy" kinda reminds me of the Rik & The Pigs song "Nothing" – that might be a controversial thing to say. Oh well. The guitar playing on "City To City (We Rock)" reminds me of some Cruelster thing. This is good stuff. Their other record (EP MK 1) is good too. But that's just me, if you disagree that's okay! 4/5

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Are you a local-ish band? Do you have a record out? Email vaguelythreatening@gmail.com or send it directly to Observer headquarters: The Lakewood Observer, c/o Buzz Kompier, 14900 Detroit Avenue, Suite 205, Lakewood, OH 44107.



Lakewood Cares

LakewoodAlive Honors Volunteers With Annual Appreciation Breakfast

by Matt Bixenstine

As the saying goes, it takes a village. This is certainly true in the case of LakewoodAlive, a volunteer-driven nonprofit organization that relies heavily on community members to help fulfill its mission to foster and sustain vibrant neighborhoods.

LakewoodAlive hosted its Annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on Friday morning, January 19, in the Women's Pavilion at Lakewood Park. The event, attended by nearly 75 community members, featured coffee, waffles and stories of remarkable volunteerism. LakewoodAlive recognized the nearly 750 volunteers who, in 2017, contributed their time and talents to supporting the nonprofit community development organization and to helping improve quality of life in Lakewood.

Volunteer Champion Awards were bestowed upon the following individuals for their outstanding service to LakewoodAlive:

Outgoing LakewoodAlive Board Member, David Stein

Housing Outreach Program, Michael Bentley, Cross Point Church, Great Lakes Brewery Company, Lakewood New Life Church, Roger Urbanek

Downtown Lakewood, Paula Reed, Tammy Sibert

Development LakewoodAlive **Committee**, Missy Toms

LakewoodAlive Marketing Committee, Anson Hall



Jarrell McAlister was presented with the 2017 Laskey Service Award.

Lakewood Summer Meltdown, Sylvio Mecone

A special award is bestowed each year to a volunteer who demonstrates uniquely exceptional commitment to LakewoodAlive. The Laskey Service Award was named for Tim Laskey, a founding member of LakewoodAlive. This year's Laskey Service Award recipient is Jarrell McAlister.

Jarrell, a LakewoodAlive board member, has proven instrumental to furthering LakewoodAlive's mission in various ways. He recently spearheaded the process of helping LakewoodAlive to construct a new strategic plan that will help guide the organization for the next three years. In addition to serving on the Marketing Committee, Jarrell volunteers his time at nearly every LakewoodAlive event, assisting with everything from setup to execution to teardown. He also helped lead a "Why I Love Lakewood" campaign that resulted in an attractive new window display at the historic Curtis Block building in Downtown Lakewood.

As a special closing to this year's Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, members of the "A Team" - an allstar squad of volunteers that tackle challenging projects on behalf of LakewoodAlive's Housing Outreach Program – were presented with custom t-shirts designed by LakewoodAlive board member Jim "JP" Ptacek.

"We can't begin to express our gratitude for the incredible outpouring of support we receive from our family of dedicated volunteers," said Ian Andrews, Executive Director for LakewoodAlive. "Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you do for Lakewood, and for helping us fulfill our mission to foster and sustain vibrant neighborhoods."

To learn more about how you can get involved with LakewoodAlive, please visit LakewoodAlive.org/Volunteer.

Three Arches Foundation Continues Philanthropic Legacy Of Former Lakewood Hospital Foundation continued from page 1

Cuyahoga County.

The Three Arches Foundation will fulfill its new mission by awarding grants to organizations that provide services and programs focused on improving the health and well-being of those served by the former Lakewood Hospital footprint, and by working collaboratively within the community to further assess key unmet needs. Over the next several years the Foundation will focus on two priority areas, Access to Care and Behavioral Health. These priority areas were determined through research conducted during the transition process that included identifying gaps in community health that could be impacted by further investment, as well as feedback from community funders, providers and leaders in healthcare throughout Northeast Ohio.

W. Charles (Chas) Geiger III was elected by the newly-formed Three Arches Foundation Board of Directors to continue in his role as board chair. A lifelong resident of Lakewood, Geiger is actively involved in a number of Lakewood organizations and recognized for his civic leadership and community contributions. Geiger will lead a nineteen member volunteer board of directors comprised of highly qualified individuals, including representatives from the Foundation's partner organizations, whose collective insight and leadership will guide the Foundation's continued evolution with the resources entrusted to its care.

The new Three Arches Foundation name reflects historical significance with the three arched doors that were once the entrance into the former Lakewood Hospital's healing community. This is further complemented with a new logo symbolizing unity as the arches architecturally convert to a single strength, with reflective light guiding the way. More information on the Foundation, including upcoming grant cycles and eligibility, can be found on the website at threearchesfoundation.org.

Kristin G. Broadbent is president and CEO of Three Arches Foundation. Over the past 25 years, Broadbent was responsible for directing the overall operation and strategic direction of the former Lakewood Hospital Foundation and instrumental in managing the recent transition to Three Arches Foundation.

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Beck Center Presents "Hair"

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nized MT program. This production also includes musical direction by BW alum Matthew Webb, Resident Music Director for Great Lakes Theatre and the Idaho Shakespeare Festival, and choreography by Martín Céspedes.

"Beck Center is thrilled to present 'HAIR,'" remarked Artistic Director Scott Spence. "It's been 22 years since the last Beck production of this 1960's iconic musical and Victoria and I agreed that there was no better time than to present this seminal work. Just like then, today's generation has a great deal to say about our world and living in it."

Tickets are \$31 for adults, \$27 for seniors (65 and older), and \$12 for students with a valid I.D. A \$3 service fee per ticket will be applied at time of purchase. Preview Night on Thursday, February 8 is \$10 with general admission seating. Group discounts are available for parties of four or more. Purchase tickets online at 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 "HAIR" is presented through special arrangement with Music Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc., and is generously sponsored by Great Lakes Brewing Company and Cuyahoga County residents through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture, and the Ohio Arts Council.



Lakewood, No It's Foodwood



Agostino's/Sushi Rock on a Saturday night. photo by Jim O'Bryan

Lakewood is Foodwood

Agostino's/Sushi Rock, A Unique Dining Experience

by Bill Call

Agostino's/Sushi Rock, located at 15607 Madison in Lakewood, is a unique dining experience offering classic Italian and Sushi under one roof. Restauranteur Joe Gallo, longtime owner of Agostino's in Brooklyn, Ohio and a group of partners opened the new Agostino's in November of 2017.

The Italian menu includes small plates, greens and large plates with a well-balanced mix of traditional favorites and new Italian dishes. The sushi menu offers a full range of options including sushi appetizers, salads, assorted special rolls and classic rolls.

There is a full service bar that is separate from the main restaurant.

Since I have been to this restaurant three times and had three great experiences I thought I would share my experience with a review. The review offered a nice excuse to go again with some friends.

We were seated promptly and greeted by our waiter, Thomas. Thomas has a great deal of experience in the business and was knowledgeable about the Italian and Sushi menu.

We ordered two appetizers, a shrimp spring roll and tuna nachos. The shrimp spring roll was served with poached shrimp and a soy peanut sauce and was delicious. Tuna Nachos? I was a little leery but we all found the com-

bination of nachos, sesame tuna with wasabi aioli and sweet soy an enjoyable and unique combination.

My wife and I started with a traditional Caesar salad romaine with parmesan cheese and Caesar dressing. There is an option to add salmon or chicken but we had it plain. The lettuce was fresh and the sundried tomatoes where a nice added touch.

I was tempted to order eggplant parmigiana but since my wife makes a great eggplant I ordered the Lobster Ravioli. The four large Ravioli contained ample lobster and a lot of flavor. They were served with a smoky cream sauce that was delicious. I shared the dish with my wife. There was plenty.

The couple that joined us ordered the cheese ravioli and the Dragon Roll. They said the ravioli was full of flavor and cooked perfectly. The Dragon Roll was a sushi roll made in the form of a dragon. Very artistic and quite tasty.

The service was excellent, the food was excellent and the prices are very reasonable. Give it a try.

Bill Call is a Lakewood resident.

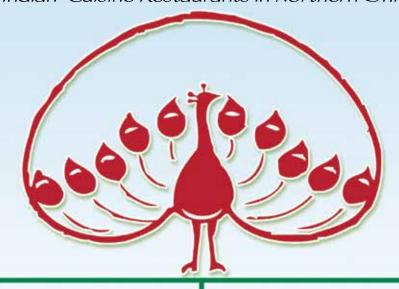
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Laird Wynn, President of Cleveland Property Management Group, has called Lakewood home for the last 25 years and has been familiar with LakewoodAlive since the nonprofit organization's inception in 2004. He appreciates the Lakewood community for many reasons, including its renowned housing stock and the role LakewoodAlive's Housing Outreach Program plays in helping ensure residents live in healthy and safe homes.

"I'm intrinsically interested in housing, and I fully believe the quality of people's housing is a massive determinant of their quality of life," Wynn said. "A big part of what we try to do at Cleveland Property Management Group, and what I've done throughout my career, is to attempt to improve people's lives by improving housing. And everything that LakewoodAlive strives to do is very consistent with our central mission."

Added Wynn: "We're deeply appreciative of the work LakewoodAlive does for our community. We believe very strongly in the synergy between LakewoodAlive and Cleveland Property Management Group – your job well done makes our job easier, and when we do our job right we believe it helps you as well."

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and Cleveland Property Management Group for their generous support," said Ian Andrews, LakewoodAlive's Executive Director. "We're thrilled to be able to announce Cleveland Property Man-

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our annual fundraising event."

Superheroes Unite will feature superhero-themed food, drinks, décor and entertainment. Attendees will be flying high to consume festive foods from the "Truth, Justice and the Lakewood Way" food stations, sample a Kryptonite Cocktail, enjoy music and partake in games and activities fit for a true superhero.

Proceeds from Superheroes Unite will support LakewoodAlive's programming as we strive to foster and sustain vibrant neighborhoods in Lakewood. Much like heroes, LakewoodAlive represents ordinary people who work with the wonderful residents of Lakewood to accomplish extraordinary feats.

More details regarding Superheroes Unite will be unveiled in the coming weeks. For ongoing updates, please visit LakewoodAlive.org/Superhero.

About LakewoodAlive

Not all heroes wear capes. At LakewoodAlive we don't possess superhuman powers, yet we strive to serve a heroic role in the lives of Lakewood residents in need through our Housing Outreach Program. Our villain is anything that stands in the way of community vibrancy. The 5.5 square miles comprising Lakewood are our

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Come Home To Lakewood!

by Paula Reed

The Lakewood Historical Society's biennial "Come Home to Lakewood" house tour occurs on September 9th, the first Sunday after Labor Day. While that seems far in the future, the planning process is already underway, and we need your help! We need to know the houses you want to see, those you drive by and wish you could get inside. Or perhaps you'd like to volunteer your own house. Give us the address, and we'll do the rest. We'll contact the owners to let them know they've been nominated, and ask if they'd be willing to showcase their home. If so, we'll visit, and choose from the nominees those that would make up the most unique and fascinating tour. We'll be rounding up our possibilities over the next few weeks, so don't delay, make your nomi-



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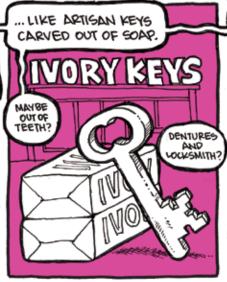






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