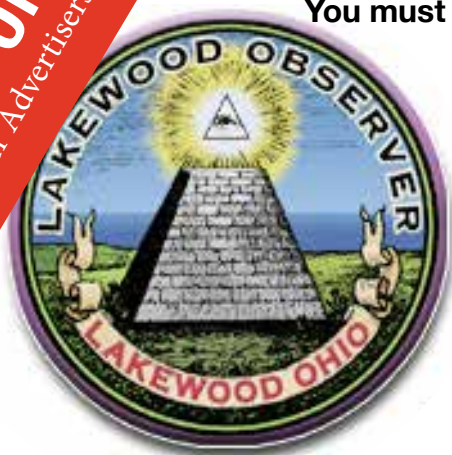


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Garfield's Walter Named Next LHS Principal

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood Board of Education approved on June 14 in a special session the appointment of Garfield Middle School Principal Mark Walter as the next Principal of Lakewood High School effective August 1.

Walter, who is replacing Keith Ahearn, is a 1982 graduate of Lakewood High and joined the District in 1998 as a science and language arts teacher. After teaching at the middle school level for six years, he joined the administrative ranks as Assistant Principal at the former Emerson Middle School. The following year he was named



Principal at the former Horace Mann Middle School. He then landed at Garfield, where he has served as Principal for the past 11 school years.

As both a teacher and administrator, Walter has been involved in many Lakewood education teams and com-

mittees such as the Lakewood Local Professional Development Committee (LPDC), Entry Year Teacher Committee, and curriculum development. He received his undergraduate degree from Kent State University and his Master's in Education from Cleveland State University. Along with his teaching credentials and administrator licenses, Walter also completed the work to attain National Board Teaching Certification.

"I am deeply honored, humbled, and excited to have this opportunity to further my career at Lakewood High School," Walter said. "It is truly a privilege to be named the principal of my alma mater in the community where my roots are and my heart lies."

"I am grateful to all of my colleagues at Garfield and throughout the District who work so hard to ensure student growth and success. I am extremely appreciative of the Lakewood Board of Education, Superintendent Patterson, Assistant Superintendent Ramsey-Caserio and our incoming administrators Dr. Michael Barnes, and Mrs. Maggie Niedzwiecki for their confidence in me and for providing me with this unique opportunity."

Dr. Barnes, the District's next Superintendent said, "I am incredibly excited that Mark Walter will be the next

Principal at Lakewood High School. Mark is an exceptional leader that is extremely kid-centered. As a Lakewood High School graduate himself, Mark truly understands the value

that this community places on the development of the whole child. I look forward to working and supporting Mark Walter as Lakewood High School's next Principal."

LHS Principal Leaving District

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High School Principal Keith Ahearn has been named the Assistant Superintendent of North Ridgeville City Schools. He will leave his position with the District on July 31 after serving Lakewood City Schools for nine years.

Ahearn begins his new position in North Ridgeville on August 1. The North Ridgeville Board of Education unanimously approved his appointment at a special meet-

ing on June 6.

"It has been an honor to work in Lakewood City Schools for the past nine years," Ahearn said. "I have had the privilege of leading exceptional groups of committed professionals at both Harding Middle School and Lakewood High School. I am proud of the good work we have done together and the transitions we have gone through that led to state-of-the-art facilities at LHS. I have watched many

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June 29th Is Bike To Work Day!

by Amanda Wolf

June 29th is Bike to Work Day! Come socialize at Bike Lakewood's Hub at the Madison branch of the Lakewood Public Library with some coffee and pastries. The Hub will be running from 7am-9am.

You can either stay here in Lakewood, or head on downtown to our partner Bike Cleveland's big meetup at the Cleveland Bike Rack.

If you would like to ride downtown with a group from Lakewood, Beat Cycles will be leading a Group Commute at

7:15am from the Library location, weather permitting.

The Lakewood Public Library has been sponsoring Bike Lakewood's Bike to Work Day monthly events and we couldn't be happier to continue the relationship!

WEATHER: If it's light rain, we will still hold the event, but pouring rain or thunderstorms will cancel the event.

We hope to see you out!

Amanda Wolf is a Lakewood Resident and serves on the Board of Bike Lakewood.

First Church Offers Up A Summer Concert

The First Church of Christ, Scientist is pleased to present a Summer Concert in its series of musical events on Sunday, June 24th at 2 PM, including the organ and piano playing of Cleveland-area instrumentalist Lavert Stuart.

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Lavert Stuart is the assistant director of Music and Arts and organist at University Circle United Methodist Church. Well known as a church musician, he has served in a number of Protestant denominations during his career. He will be accompanying soloist Patrick Janson.

Patrick Janson has a Bachelor of Music degree from Baldwin Wallace University. He plays piano, saxophone and guitar, and has an extensive career as a professional singer in music theatre, jazz, opera, Classic Rock, and Christian

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Fourth Of July Ranger Music Events

by Regina Westlake

Come hear the dazzling, Lakewood Ranger Marching Band, as they lead the way playing patriotic tunes at the 4th of July Parade. Parade begins on Kenneth and Lake Avenues at 10:00 a.m. and concludes at Lakewood Park. Later, The Lakewood Project performs a stellar, high energy concert at the band stand. It begins at 7:00 p.m. until dusk

at beautiful Lakewood Park.

For the second consecutive year, Lakewood City Schools has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. Only 4% of districts across the nation were selected for the prestigious award.

Lakewoodite's Big Brewing Break

by Megan Fakan

Local Lakewood homebrewer, Ean Fakan, has been brewing up a reputation. He started seven years ago in a kitchen on Lakeland Avenue, and has since expanded his craft to beers, wines, ciders and meads. His hobby has moved from stovetop pots to electric brew kettles and stainless-steel conical fermenters. He recently won a competition at Bad Tom Smith Brewing Company, to brew his beer professionally.

Bad Tom Smith Brewing Company is owned by John & Sheryl Vojtush, and has two locations- Cincinnati and Ohio City. John has said, "Being community-centric is



Lakewoodite, Ean Fakan offering me one of his award winning brews before we talked last month.

an important part of who we are..." Each location has beers from the Cincinnati brewery and local homebrewers.

Fakan's winning American Brown Ale is titled Sub-Zero Beer-O. The original

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Hot Off The Deck

Vintage Cars At Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course June 22

by Jim O'Bryan

Way before the Lakewood Observer was the Lakewood Motoring Society. A group of Lakewood motor racing enthusiasts that got together at various race venues, put on car rallies and often sat at bars early in the morning and late at night to watch Formula One races live around the world.

The group still lives on and meets at various tracks and events this year. It all started at Daytona International Speedway for the 24 Hours of Daytona, then Barber Park, Eldora Speedway, Indianapolis 500, Detroit GP, the IMSA WeatherTech Sports Car Challenge and this weekend, the 36th Vintage Motorsports event at Mid-Ohio and a run to a couple Sprint car races in the middle of Ohio.

If you would like to join this group, which includes many people that were and still are connected with profes-

sional motor racing around the world. Drop a note to "Lakewood Motoring Society" 14900 Detroit Avenue, Suite 310, Lakewood, Ohio and you will get back a membership form. Once filled out you will get a schedule of events, a T-Shirt and sticker for your car, and invitations and discounts to all of our events. You will also get the super secret list of bars and restaurants we meet at to watch Formula One, World Endurance Championships, World Rallying Championship and other events around the world.

You can also look for the group just outside "Madness" at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio this weekend, or Limaland Motorsports Park in Lima, Friday night.

We will have full reports from Mid-Ohio and Limaland Park online and in the upcoming Lakewood Observer! Speed is the new black!

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Pink Lotus Yoga, LakewoodAlive Partnering To Bring Free Yoga To Kauffman Park

by Matt Bixenstine

Sunday Morning Yoga Classes to be Offered in August at Downtown Lakewood Park

The “Dog Days” of summer are poised to become the “Downward Dog Days,” thanks to a unique collaboration that will soon enable residents and visitors to enjoy the benefits of yoga in the heart of our city’s downtown greenspace.

Pink Lotus Yoga, a West End Lakewood studio, is partnering with LakewoodAlive to showcase the beauty and central location of Kauffman Park in Downtown Lakewood through a pilot series of free Sunday morning yoga classes this summer.

Sunday Morning Yoga in Kauffman Park, taking place on Sundays from 9 to 10 a.m. during the month of August, is open to yoga enthusiasts ages 15 and older at all ability levels. The yoga classes will congregate in the grass near the playground at the western edge of Kauffman Park (15450 Detroit Avenue).



Pink Lotus Yoga and LakewoodAlive are partnering to bring free yoga classes to Kauffman Park on Sunday mornings in August. (Photo by Pink Lotus Yoga)

Advance enrollment is recommended. Visit www.PinkLotusYoga.com to reserve your free spot at any or all of the four dates (August 5, 12, 19 and 26).

“We are thrilled to join forces with Marcia Camino and her team at Pink Lotus Yoga to bring Sunday morning yoga classes to Kauffman Park this

August,” said Ian Andrews, LakewoodAlive Executive Director. “Thanks to the City of Lakewood and Kauffman Park Friends, this greenspace in the heart of our downtown district has enjoyed many upgrades and improvements in recent years that benefit park visitors, and we’re excited to be able to offer this type of programming in

Kauffman Park.”

Sunday Morning Yoga in Kauffman Park

Dates: Sundays August 5, 12, 19, and 26

Time: 9 to 10 a.m.

Location: Kauffman Park in Downtown Lakewood (15450 Detroit Avenue)

Parking: Free parking is available along the fence of the parking lot at the southern border of Kauffman Park. Yoga participants are encouraged to consider walking, bicycling or using public transportation.

Details: Dress comfortably in layers and bring a mat, beach towel, or blanket to practice on. In the event of inclement weather, the affected yoga class will be canceled.


Registration: Advance enrollment is recommended to receive cancellation notice one hour before class start time. Visit www.PinkLotusYoga.com to enroll.

For Questions: Contact Pink Lotus Yoga at 216-632-0816

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Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Literature Series - “Gentle Subversive: Rachel Carson, Silent Spring, and the Rise of the Environmental Movement”

Presented by Cheryl Wires
The second in our three-week literature series discussing “The Gentle Subversive,” Mark Hamilton Lytle’s account of Rachel Carson’s life and legacy. Previous registration required.
7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Author Event - “Lost Cleveland”

by Laura DeMarco
Author and Plain Dealer Reporter Laura Demarco discusses “Lost Cleveland,” a new book which explores the spirit of a gritty city that clawed its way back. “Lost” places include architectural gems, elegant theaters, famous concert halls and stadiums, legendary music clubs, grand department stores and bustling factories that helped turn Cleveland into America’s fifth biggest city—and one of its most prosperous. Books will be available for sale and signing at this event.
7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Booked for Murder: Reader’s Choice

If you share a passion for mystery, join the group each month to discuss your favorites and selections made by group members. Tonight we will discuss: “Her Royal Spyness: Solves Her First Case” by Rhys Bowen.
7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room

Friday, June 22, 2018

Front Porch Concert Series

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy fantastic music with friends and neighbors in the heart of Downtown Lakewood. Tonight we welcome Becky Boyd and The Groove Train.
7:00 p.m. on the Main Library Front Porch

Saturday, June 23, 2018

Film - “On the Waterfront” (1954), Directed by Elia Kazan

Terry Malloy (Marlon Brando) is a washed-up boxer turned dockworker who witnesses a murder orchestrated by his corrupt union boss Johnny Friendly (Lee J. Cobb).
6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Sunday, June 24, 2018

Concert - Jody, John, and George

Every couple of months, Jody Getz, John Lucic and George Lee each bring a new song for their trio to learn. Recently, Lee chose a 1960s Jimi Hendrix rock song, Lucic chose a Bull Moose Jackson big band novelty tune and Getz chose a slick CeeLo Green pop song. This eclectic mix defines and fuels this trio. Part rock, blues, folk, standard, jazz, original and pop

music, it’s difficult to say what kind of music they play, but it sure is a lot of fun.
2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Genealogy Workshop, Taught by Deborah Abbott, PhD

Genealogist Deborah Abbott will show you how to unlock the secrets held by census reports, military records, birth certificates and death notices in this hands-on workshop. Space is limited at the workshops, but you are welcome to register with a partner and share a computer. Registration is required. Call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127 to register.
6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Learning Lab

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Book Discussion - “The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History” by Elizabeth Kolbert, Led by Greg Smith

Over the last half a billion years, there have been five mass extinctions, when the diversity of life on earth suddenly and dramatically contracted. Scientists around the world are currently monitoring the sixth extinction, predicted to be us. In “The Sixth Extinction,” Elizabeth Kolbert draws on the work of scores of researchers in half a dozen disciplines and provides a moving account of the disappearances occurring all around us.
7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

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Friday, June 29, 2018

Front Porch Concert Series

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy fantastic music with friends and neighbors in the heart of Downtown Lakewood. Tonight we welcome Lightnin’ Rod and The Thunderbolts.
7:00 p.m. on the Main Library Front Porch

Saturday, June 30, 2018

Film - “Do the Right Thing” (1989), Directed by Spike Lee

A hot summer Sunday in a Brooklyn neighborhood is complicated by heating racial tensions. Mookie (Spike Lee) is pizza delivery man for proprietor Sal Fragione (Danny Aiello). The neighborhood has a full cast of characters including Da Mayor (Ossie Davis), Buggin’ Out (Giancarlo Esposito), and Sal’s son Pino (John Turturro).
6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Sunday, July 1, 2018

Concert - Three Strands

Love, loss and community influence what we find true and good. Through honest and simplistic arrangements and strong influences from the American folk revival as well as early gospel and blues traditions, Three Strands is a project that dredges those deep waters in search for the strands that unite us all. This project is led by Sean Cox, who counts Henry David Thoreau as one of his influences.
2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Tuesday, July 3, 2018

Documentary - “1 in 3” (2010), Directed by Lagueria Davis

Presented by Laura Cowan of the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority

One in three women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. This film features Ophelia Metz, mother of two, as she escapes her own violent situation. When she leaves, the only place for her family is a shelter. Through the eyes of Ophelia and her Advocate, Sydell Thomas, the intricacies behind this largely undiscussed problem are revealed. Laura Cowan is a long-time activist for survivors of domestic violence; she launched the Laura Cowan Foundation, which raises money to help women and children escaping abusive situations.
6:30 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Children & Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Afternoon at the Movies: “Little Mermaid”

For the whole family
Movies shown on the Library’s big screen. Free and open to the public. Remember: No food or drink in the Library. No registration required.
1:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.

Friday, June 29, 2018

Jungle Bob’s Animal Show, For the whole family

Come see snakes, lizards, turtles and tortoises at this live reptile show. No registration required. Free and open to public.
3:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

July 3, 2018

“Leap”:

Tuesday, J, at 1:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.

Monday, July 9, 2018

Gemini Jams, For youth in kindergarten through fifth grade

Learn about musical instruments played by astronauts in space then make a harmonica to take home in this program put on by the Armstrong Air & Space Museum. Registration required.
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

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Armstrong Air & Space Programs At The Library

by Eric Knapp
Armstrong Air & Space programs at the Library

The Lakewood Public Library has partnered with The Armstrong Air & Space Museum to put on two exciting, informative, and hands-on programs this summer. These programs are the perfect combination of STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math – and our summer reading club theme, “Libraries Rock!” And as always, they’re free! To register, stop by the Children’s and Youth Services desk or call us at (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

Gemini Jams

For youth entering kindergarten through fifth grade

Monday, July 9, 2018, 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Do you play an instrument? Did you know that astronauts like Chris Hadfield play instruments while in space? It’s a match made in the celestial heavens, and now you can join in the fun! Participants in this program will learn about the instruments played on the Gemini VI mission and built a harmonica out of household items. Kids will then be challenged to create their very own song with it!

Sounds of Science

For youth entering kindergarten through fifth grade

Monday, July 9, 2018, 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Participants in this program will



gain an understanding of the makeup of sounds on Earth and in space. Kids will have the opportunity to explore music through the use of boomwhackers, an instrument that uses different lengths of tubes play different notes. Kids will get to explore, tinker, and create their own music to share with everyone.

Concert By Three Strands

by Elaine Rosenberger

Lakewood Public Library is pleased to welcome Three Strands to our Main Library Auditorium concert stage on Sunday, July 1, 2018.

Singer/Songwriter Sean Cox founded Three Strands because he wanted to explore love, loss and community and their influence on what we find true and good. Through honest, simple arrangements and influences from American folk revival and early gospel and blues, Three Strands searches for the strands that unite us all.

Born in Lancaster, PA, Cox is fascinated by Henry David Thoreau, literature and nature. His song "Ash Filled Soul" was inspired by Thoreau's "Walden." In an interview with wtf's Joel Ulrich, Cox discussed his fascination with "Walden." "I got kind of consumed with...self-sufficient living in nature... And I created a story of somebody who took that way too far and isolated themselves. I think it can address a lot of our technology obsession too. I think that the character in the song [could be] somebody who's consumed by themselves in their social media identity..."

Three Strands' concert takes place on Sunday, July 1, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. Admission is free, and all are invited.



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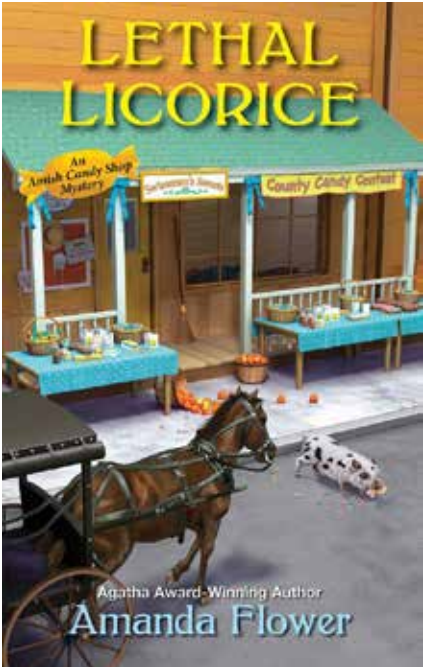
Cozy Mystery Author Loves Her Genre

by Amy Kloss

The word “cozy” means warm, comfortable or beneficial, not traits usually attributed to murder. However, in the genre of literature known as cozy mysteries, a character is murdered and an amateur sleuth follows clues to solve the crime. One author of these cozies, as the books are affectionately called, is local writer and librarian Amanda Flower.

Flower will be at the Main Library Auditorium on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the cozy mystery genre and her book “Lethal Licorice,” which revolves around a murder in an Ohio Amish community. This is her second novel featuring Bailey King as the proprietor of Swissmen Sweets, her late grandfather’s candy shop. Although not Amish herself, Bailey King has deep ties to the Amish community and a background as a chocolate maker at a high-end shop in New York City. This “fish out of water” tale allows Flower to offer insight into the Amish community while also giving readers a character to root for and relate to.

Flower began writing her first cozy in college, although her desire to be a mystery author dates back to childhood. She has always loved the genre, and writing mysteries with a relatable main character, a villain (not necessarily evil) driven to commit murder, a plot that



compels the reader to solve the mystery as the story progresses and a happy, just ending suits her perfectly. Her success is evident in the twenty-three cozy mysteries she has published and her 2015 Agatha Award, for which she was nominated three previous times.

Join Amanda Flower at Lakewood Public Library on July 12, 2018 and follow the trail of this successful author of cozy mysteries.



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Lakewood Schools

New LHS Spaces Earn Design Honor

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High School was recently selected as an Outstanding Design by the American School & University magazine and will be included in the magazine's Interiors Showcase awards issue in August. This is the premiere competition honoring educational interior excellence. The high school was honored in the category of Common Spaces, such as the cafeteria, media center and gym. It is one of only 70 educational institutions to be included in the issue.

"It was a privilege for Robert P. Madison International to be involved in the Lakewood High School transformation, updating and improving the teaching and learning environment, while providing more opportunities for connection with the community," said Sarah Klann, one of the project architects.

In the award submission description, Robert P. Madison International said this about the LHS project:

"Providing an open, inspiring, teaching and learning environment, while encouraging interaction with the community, was the design objective at Lakewood High School. These goals were achieved through the replacement of a 1917 building with new performing arts, physical education, media, and student dining facilities, the addition of a three-story academic wing, and renovations including a new main office, guidance center, and community clinic.

Locating Student Dining at the front of the building facilitates its use for public events, introduces light into the overlooking media center, and provides lobby services space for the adjacent gym and Civic Auditorium. The gymnasium, raised track, and

adjacent fitness area promote a healthy, active lifestyle for students, staff and the community. Incorporating school colors in varying hues throughout the building promotes school pride while facilitating wayfinding.

While integrating the latest technology into classrooms, a student maker space, and black box theater prepares students for careers of the future, reinstallation of the 1953 Vik-

tor Schreckengost bas relief sculpture of the Great Lakes in the Student Dining area ties the past to the present."

"We are extremely pleased with the way our new high school turned out," said Superintendent Jeff Patterson. "Our community has been taking full advantage of the improved common areas and our students and staff have benefitted from a significant improvement in the learning environment."

P.E.O. STAR Scholarship Award To LHS Scholar Veronica Lee

by Regina Westlake

The prestigious P.E.O. STAR Scholarship, for the 2017-18 academic year was presented to Miss Veronica Lee, a senior at Lakewood High School.

Veronica is the daughter of Matt and Karen Lee and was recommended for this scholarship by Chapter J of Cleveland, Ohio. Miss Lee has been accepted to The New College of Florida where she has plans to study Art History beginning this fall.

The P.E.O. STAR Scholarship is a \$2,500 scholarship based on excellence in leadership, extracurricular activities, community service, academic and potential for future success. The program is open to young women who are citizens or legal permanent residents of the United States or Canada and who are graduating high school seniors at the time of application. A student must be recommended by a P.E.O. chapter.



The P.E.O. Sisterhood, founded January 21, 1869 at Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant Iowa, is an international philanthropic and educational organization which promotes increased opportunities for women. There are nearly 6,000 chapters in the United States and Canada with almost 250,000 initiated members. The P.E.O. Sisterhood has provided over \$304 million in financial assistance to more than 102,000 recipients. The P.E.O. Sisterhood also owns Cottey College, a fully accredited, private liberal arts and sciences college for women with two-year and selected four-year programs, located in Nevada, Missouri.

For additional information on the P.E.O. STAR Scholarship, please contact Regina S. Westlake at Regina0606@yahoo.com or visit peo-international.org.



Lakewood High's new cafeteria.

Lakewood High Class Reunions

LHS Class Of 1973 45-Year Reunion

by Katharine Ott

It's time once again for Lakewood Rangers who graduated in 1973 to convene, this time to celebrate our 45-Year Anniversary! We have set aside August 24 and 25, 2018, to get together. Briefly, we'll meet (1) Friday, August 24, at the Hofbrauhaus, 1550 Chester Avenue, Cleveland, beginning at 7 pm; (2) Saturday morning, August 25, at Lakewood High for a tour beginning at 10 am; and (3) Saturday, August 25, at The Scenic Valley Room at the Emerald Necklace Marina, 1500 Cleveland Metro Park Drive, Lakewood, from 7-11 pm.

We cordially invite you to our newly revamped website, lakewood-high1973.com, for all the important details including links for directions,

for reserving a hotel room, and most importantly for registering for the Saturday evening event. The Saturday evening event requires prior registration and payment, and the high school would like to know how many in our tour group, so please indicate your attendance when registering. Questions can be directed to our email address, 1973lhsrangers@gmail.com, or to our Facebook page, "Lakewood High School Class of 1973." It's a private group, if you would like to join, please request to be added. We can't wait to see you all again to share memories of Lakewood and catch up on the 45 years since we graduated!

LHS Class of 1973 Reunion Committee



son - prepay Paypal or Check (see below) \$40 per person AT THE DOOR Cost includes: appetizers, soft drinks, beer, wine cash bar for other drinks/meals

Kindly RSVP by Aug 4 for all events. PAYMENT OPTIONS for the main event only: Send check/money order payable to Sean DeRenzo, mark the memo '83 Reunion' and mail to: Sean DeRenzo/83 Alumni Director 17211 Elsienna Ave Cleveland OH 44135 or pay via PAYPAL, go to <https://lakewood1983.blogspot.com/> for the link. Questions? Email us at lakewood1983@aol.com, and look for "Lakewood High School . Class of 1983 . Reunion" on Facebook. Go Rangers!

Lakewood High School 1983 Class Reunion

by Mirian Roman

MALLEY'S NIGHT: Friday, August 10, 2018, 7:30-9:00 pm 14822 Madison Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107 (Individual Pay)

LHS TOUR: Saturday, Aug 11, 2018, 10:00 am - Noon Meet: 9:45 am @ Door 32 (easternmost door #32 facing Franklin Blvd near the Ranger Shop) RSVP: lakewood1983@aol.com;

family and friends welcome **COST:** Donations to the Ranger Foundation highly encouraged suggestion: \$2/ person to be collected at the door - see Mirian; cash or checks payable to "Rangers Foundation" accepted.

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Lakewood Schools

Rotary Awards Scholarships To Four Area High School Seniors

by Lynn Donaldson

Four graduating seniors were awarded college scholarships by the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River at its weekly meetings on June 4 and 11.

Brian Donahoe and Bihieshta Jabarkhil from Lakewood High School, Jacquelyn Pappadakes from Rocky River High School, and Kiara Hoefsmit from Saint Joseph Academy, received \$3,000 awards from the Lakewood-Rocky River Rotary Foundation. This \$12,000 program is part of over \$60,000 that the local Rotary club donates to the community each year.

In addition to demonstrating academic achievement and potential, these four Rotary scholarship winners were chosen for extracurricular and community involvement.

Brian Donahoe was active in Student Council and the Barnstormers theatre troupe. For four years he was on the school's Academic Challenge and boys' soccer teams. Last year, Brian garnered the highest GPA of the school's fall athletes. He wants to

explore the fields of civil and aerospace engineering at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend.

Bihieshta Jabarkhil will face the new world of college with courage and determination as she did when she immigrated to this country with her parents and seven siblings just four years ago. Arriving speaking no English, Bihieshta threw herself into her studies. Her goal is a career in the medical field like the position her father had to leave behind in Afghanistan. Bihieshta will study health careers at Cleveland State University.

Jacquelyn Pappadakes was equally comfortable on the athletic field where she co-captained the girls' lacrosse team or in the newsroom of the Pirate Press student newspaper where her roles included business manager and editor. For the past seven years, she's promoted drug and alcohol resistance education through the West Shore Young Leaders. Because of the strong influence teachers have had in her life, Jacqueline will study early childhood education at

Lourdes University in Toledo.

Kiara Hoefsmit has received awards for painting, graphic design, scholastic achievement, and figure skating. She has racked up more than 450 service hours through her school for her volunteer duties at the Museum of Divine Statues, the Neonatal ICU at MetroHealth Medical Center, and as a Learn-to-Skate instructor. With an interest in the field of nursing, Kiara will study biomedical illustration at Rochester Institute of Technology in New York.

The local Rotary club is part of Rotary International, a worldwide organization of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders. Members of Rotary clubs (known as Rotarians) provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

There are 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. As signified by the motto "Service Above Self," Rotary's main objective is service – in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. To learn more, visit www.rotary.org.

LHS Fresh Start New Student Orientation Aug. 15

by Christine Gordillo

Fresh Start 2018 orientation will take place on August 15 from 9-11a.m., with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. for all incoming 9th graders and students new to Lakewood High School for the 2018-2019 school year.

The Fresh Start program is designed for students by students. Student mentors will lead the new high-schoolers through a variety of activities that will help orient them to their new school as well as help build class camaraderie and school spirit. Students will tour the school, receive their locker location and ID badges as well as have a chance to sign up for clubs and other activities. Visit the LHS website at www.lakewoodcityschools.org/LHS to fill out the online registration form, which must be completed by July 31. There will be a parent orientation on August 14 at 6:30 pm in the Civic Auditorium.

A New Childcare And Learning Center In Lakewood!

Kidzenia

by Michael Samulak

The city of Lakewood is a wonderful and rich community that is composed of people from all walks of life. In recent years we have seen many additions and improvements to our beautiful city, helping to making Lakewood an attractive place in Northeast Ohio for people to live and small local businesses to thrive. KIDZENIA is a new childcare and learning center that aims to become an integral part of the community by helping to meet the many needs of Lakewood's diverse families.

A full service childcare that has recently opened its doors in our city, KIDZENIA is now enrolling children from 6 weeks to 12 years old! KIDZENIA is located at the corner of Madison and Parkwood Avenue -- directly across from Angelo's Pizza. The center operates out of the totally remodeled and updated building that formerly housed



the United Church of Christ.

Adham El Sayed, a husband and father of five children, is the owner of KIDZENIA. Mr. Sayed has spent the last four years completely remaking and remodeling the entire building to ensure that the many needs of the children who would be cared for and loved throughout the day at the center are addressed in a proper way.

The center is currently open from 6am till 6pm, all year round -- including summer and all school breaks. Children from 6 weeks to 5 years old may currently be enrolled for daycare. Full or part-time options are available as space permits. KIDZENIA also offers before-and-after school sessions for school-aged children, 5-12 years

old. The center is fully licensed and insured as an independent tuition-based daycare that also accepts families who qualify for state voucher assistance. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks are included with tuition. Transportation to and from school is also an option that is available and can be worked out with the center.

Kelly Ohmer, the operations director, keeps things running smoothly from day to day at KIDZENIA. Ms. Ohmer lives in Lakewood and says the mission of the center is simply, "The children -- Their growth, happiness and well-being." Ohmer is happy to give tours of the newly opened facility for prospective parents and caregivers during normal hours of operation. Stop by to see for yourself the brand new and fully equipped rooms with big open layouts that your child is certain to enjoy!

For more information, please contact the center directly or visit their website: 13714 Madison Ave. Lakewood Ohio 44107 Phone: 216-334-0087 or Email: kidzeniaohio@gmail.com

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Lakewood Is Art

Also Known As... : Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 72

by Buzz Kompier

Disclaimer: Record reviews are a tricky business. It's one thing to enjoy music, but to pick out what you like (or dislike) 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.

Fan Fiction - I Thought You Said The Legend Wasn't Real- Just Because Records - 12 songs - cassette, download

Fan Fiction is a great name. I'm not sold on the title yet. The players here are a guy who has no Discogs page, so who knows; a guy from Prisoners (whose Discogs page won't show up for some reason and I had to go to the page for the Prisoners LP to make sure it was him— someone get on this); Joe, who put this tape out; and Drew Ritchey, who has played in a variety of good bands and is the drummer here. I can't quite come up with what genre I would call this. It's a little too power poppin' and pun-kin' to just be straight indie rock, but I can't call it punk or power pop or pop-punk or punk-pop either. It's somewhere in there. The songs have kind of a '90s feel to them, but differently from how, say, Cheap Clone's songs have a '90s feel. Fan Fiction might be somewhere in the



continuum between Cheap Clone and Classic Sand, but also sound only mildly similar to either band. Royal Headache almost comes to mind, but also not quite. "What I'm Thinking" starts with (and comes back to later) a part that made me think these guys might sound like the Joe Jackson Band, but they do not (by the way, I mean the Joe Jackson Band of the first two albums more than "Beat Crazy," in case you were thinking I meant that Fan Fiction have some weird reg-

gae element— they don't). There's definitely at least two people doing lead vocals here; I'm assuming Dan Whiteley and Josh Goldberg since I can't remember Joe Vecchio taking the lead when I saw them live, but maybe he did and I forgot? For some reason, I now cannot hear in my head what his voice sounds like to try and figure this out. I should've emailed him and asked him to send me a recording of him reading the newspaper or something. One of them (the one who sings lead on "Motorcycle," among several others) keeps catching me off guard because there's a certain quality to his voice that sounds almost like Adam Spector, who is in many other bands, but not this one. I just can't figure it out. Anyway. Bright, hooky guitar pop. That's a good way to really boil it down. I think the B side is stronger (it helps that "Landlord" (the best song here, total hit) and "Bloodless Coup" are both on it), but the A side has some good

material as well, particularly "Affirmation" and "Leave Guns." Overall, a listenable, hooky tape. 3.5/5
(justbecauserecords.bandcamp.com)

Swirly In The Fryer - Swirly In The Fryer - self-released - 11 songs - cassette

This is the swan song of Swirly In The Fryer, released in tribute to their late frontman Dan Khanin. 11 tracks of...garage punk with a heavy surf influence? Surf punk with heavy garage leanings? Garage surf with a punk attitude? Something like one of those things. Reverb-heavy guitars with raspy vocals, somehow simultaneously tight and sloppy. There's some stompers (particularly "Grim Reefer"), some haunted house types like "Witches Tit," some garage punkers ("Omega Smoka") and some garage groovers ("Jewish Girls"). There's some catchy stuff in here. More highlights include the unstoppable "Hanged Man" (though I prefer the faster version from "Short Shorts"), the song that is listed as "Sleeptalking" but I'm pretty sure isn't, the song that isn't listed as "Sleeptalking" but I'm pretty sure is...I feel like this is a good tape to have on loud in the car while you cruise around with your friends. A solid release by a solid band. 3.5/5

(I don't really know where to get this— if you email phoenicianmicrosystems@gmail.com, they might be able to help you)

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.

Lakewoodite's Big Brewing Break



Lakewood's hottest brew master hugging a six pack of his award winning brew which will be part of prizes in a contest that will be announced shortly. We are also working on a tasting and night out for Observers at Rozi's Wine House.

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batch was born during a long Cleveland freezing spell when people were throwing boiling water in the air to watch it quickly freeze. He applied the same concept, and took the beer right from the stove to a mound of snow outside to chill in subzero temperatures, creating a nice clear beer. Ean describes it as, "More than an American Brown Ale, it's a Cleveland Brown Ale!" This beer has a distinct malt and nut flavor, with a hint of local maple syrup. 40% of the proceeds go to Ean's choice of charity, Autism Speaks. He's an Intervention Specialist, and has educated children

with special needs for a decade. Please enjoy his beer at either tap-room while supplies last, and share your experience on Bad Tom's Facebook, Instagram, & Untappd pages. If he generates the most buzz, he will win the 2018 Homebrewer's Shoot Out and his beer will be on tap for a year! He brews, grows hops, and is hoping this can launch a brewery—all in Lakewood! You can follow his homebrew happenings at www.facebook.com/EansBrew.

Ean Fakan is a married, soon-to-be father, and Intervention Specialist who is passionate about outdoor sports, brewing beer & Lakewood!

Temporary Tattoo For You

by Bonnie Fencil

Summer is a season when body art display works well with fashion. Some fun designs are not wanted year round, and that's when temporary tattoos can be a choice. The current 4th of July parade will feature Carabel's Lady Liberty passing out 500 lady liberty temporary tattoos. Should you receive one, the directions for application are on the back. I think you might want to apply them on the day you get it so I am letting you know how to be ready

for application. Think about where you might want to see this lady, on an ankle, wrist or shoulder? The size is small, have your skin pre-scrubbed for the most lasting look, peel off the plastic, apply the design on skin and wet thoroughly. Lift the tattoo and look to see if it transferred. If not, place face down and make sure it is wet enough, rub a bit until it is. A bit of baby powder patted on the design will give it the most realistic look. Our beauty salon Carabel features a variety of designs.

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Miscellaneous Observed



Part 1: Episode 2 of 3:
“The Curse of the Jazzman”

by Scott MacGregor

Rockport is cursed because a baby cried. I was that baby and only a few months old when Gershwin music tickled me one night until I cried. Back then I cried because that was my only way of communicating. These days I cry because I do.

Mom took me downstairs to meet the entire cast of “Porgy and Bess.” My uncle was the show’s road manager and he conspired with Dad to use our house for a cast party after the last Cleveland performance. It was a risky move. In 1954, the only black people in Rockport were maids, man servants, and the guy that went door-to-door sharpening knives and scissors.

The cast included Leontyne Price and the venerable Rags Johnson. I’m told that Miss Price held me in her arms and sang “Summertime” to comfort me. Her haunting soprano conjured melancholy from every dog on the street and woke up a neighbor who spotted two cast members smoking on our back porch. Within five minutes the entire police force had landed on our front lawn including Chief Hathaway who arrived in his pajamas.

Bursting into our house with guns drawn Chief Hathaway belched, “HOW IN HELL DID ALL THESE COLORED PEOPLE GET INTO ROCKPORT?!” Dead silence fell over the room until Rags Johnson yelled back, “THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR, MASSA!!”

A mighty skirmish erupted, and the cops beat the living daylights out of



Rags Johnson. Bruised and unforgiving, he appeared on local television the next day and said, “From the soul of my Creole granny, I direct the power of Medusa to curse your Mezuzahs, from Rockport to Kalamazoozah!”

Being a New Yorker, Rags couldn’t have known that no one in Rockport knew what a mezuzah was. Most people thought it was a kind of flute. It didn’t matter, the town was cursed and it was all because Gershwin made a baby cry.

NEXT:
Part 1: Episode 3 of 3: “The Big Man in the Sky”

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LHS Principal Leaving District

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outstanding young people grow up before my eyes and accomplish amazing things over these past nine years. I have appreciated the trust that parents and community members have put in us to grow and nurture their children.”

“I am excited to accept a new leadership opportunity as the Assistant Superintendent at North Ridgeville City Schools, but I recognize that any future successes I may have will be deeply rooted in the principles of accountability, celebration of diversity, and culture of collaborative problem-solving that exists in this community and is mirrored in our school culture. Thank you to the Lakewood Board of Education for the opportunity to serve and for the support the Lakewood

community has shown me personally and professionally during my tenure here.”

Ahearn joined the District in 2009 as principal at Harding Middle School and remained there until 2013 when he became Lakewood High School’s principal. Most recently, Mr. Ahearn helped students and staff navigate through the construction process resulting in the Academic Wing and the Performing Arts & Physical Education Wing.

“Although Mr. Ahearn’s departure will be a significant loss of leadership for Lakewood High School, I am excited about his future endeavor,” said Superintendent Jeff Patterson. “The Lakewood City School District is better today for his intellectual and personable approach as a principal. He will be missed.”

First Church Offers Up A Summer Concert

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Contemporary music.

The concert will also feature Olga Druzhinina on piano, as well as several of her students.

She is an acclaimed pianist, piano and voice instructor, and choir director. She has worked as an organist, soprano soloist, and pianist in many local churches. She has also performed at concerts and taught in local music

schools. She collaborates with the School of Cleveland Ballet.

Sean Gabriel, the principal flutist of the Blue Water Chamber Orchestra and the Cleveland Chamber Orchestra, will perform as a soloist.

Dan Tomazin, a student at Rocky River High School, will play the French horn.

Sam Ferrell, a student at Principia, will sing “Over the Rainbow.”

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Lakewood Business News

Lakewood Native Creates Software Development Career Pathways For Busy Locals!

by Mel McGee

Computer coding skills can open doors to a challenging and lucrative career in the ever-growing software development industry. But traditional coding bootcamps are often not a viable option for people with a full-time job or family responsibilities – a demographic that often includes women and minorities. That’s why I developed an innovative solution. The new “hybrid”

bootcamp, named FlexCode™, offers a mix of online and in-person classes for greater flexibility, lower expenses, and a more effective learning model.

When I founded We Can Code IT in 2013, I had a vision to “change the face of tech.” I built the company around a social mission to welcome talented women and minorities into a field historically dominated by white males – and to meet the demands of a grow-

ing industry hungry for diverse teams of software developers. Our vision is to expand inclusion in technology. We want to open doors for high-potential candidates who are capable of success in this field. I soon realized that many in this target market couldn't make time for a traditional coding bootcamp, especially women taking care of children, running a household or employed outside the home.

We Can Code IT continues to offer our successful 14-week in-person bootcamp, but as a busy working mother myself, I knew that not all adult career-changers would find the right fit there. When I explored alternate models, I didn't like remote online coding bootcamps that eliminate the cultural and collaboration components of learning, something that We Can Code IT prides itself on. Being part of a cohort with other students is an integral part of positive learning outcomes. Remote learning models typically fail there. We needed strong outcomes and a model that ensures agile, team-oriented learning. So I started investigating a hybrid model using blended learning. That led me to design a completely new curriculum for FlexCode™, a 16-week bootcamp combining online instruction with in-person classroom sessions two weekends per month. Online resources include guidance from coding and career facilitators, weekly meetings with facilitators and coaches, and remote team meetings with other adult learners.

It's like an Executive MBA model where you can work on your own time and do project and problem-based learning. The hybrid model of combining online learning with in-person facilitation has been proven to be the

Read the rest of this story online at lakewoodobserver.com

Vintage Fashion Pop-Up In Lakewood

by Heather Sapanos

The recently launched Vintage Fashion Pop-Up is taking shopping to a new level. One weekend a month, 4-5 vintage fashion sellers set up a collective shop in Lakewood. Their shop offers a curated selection of affordable vintage finds in a modern boutique



environment.

There is a growing trend towards wearing vintage clothing. It's an affordable, eco-friendly way to express individuality and embrace new trends. There is a cool factor in having a unique vintage find. Street style bloggers incorporate vintage into their looks. Fashion designers find inspiration in vintage for their new collections. "Marc Jacobs, Cole Haan, Eugenia Kim and Zimmermann have bought pieces from my Etsy shop, Only The Best," said Heather Sapanos, founder of Vintage Fashion Pop-Up. Costume designers buy vintage as well, even if it's not a period piece. "Sarah Jessica Parker has worn a couple of my vintage dresses on her HBO show *Divorce*."

The pop-up takes place at Shop The Trader, a newly opened permanent pop-up boutique in Lakewood that is available to rent. Heather Sapanos jumped on the opportunity as soon as she found out about it. “The space is perfect for creating an elevated, enjoyable vintage shopping experi-

ence. It's a great size allowing for a good amount of merchandise without being overwhelming to the customer." The vintage brands are thoughtfully merchandised together by category creating a seamless shopping experience. The finds range from the 1900s-1990s but are heavier on 70s, 80s, and 90s because those styles are hot on the runways and in demand.

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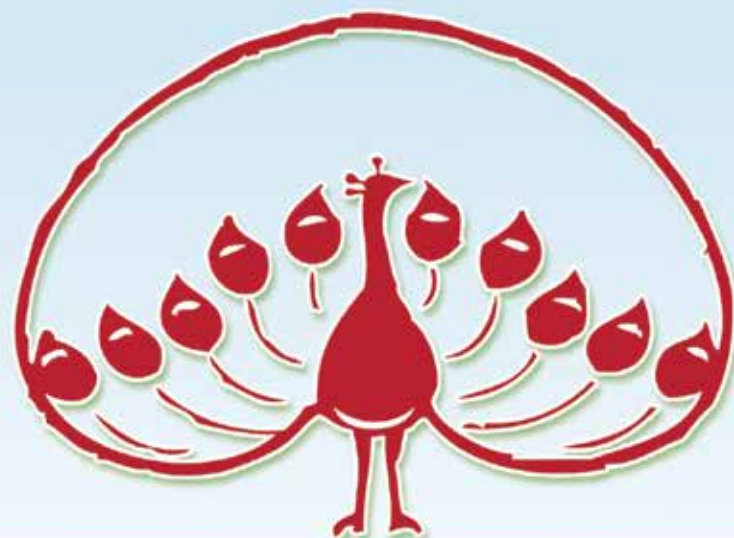
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LakewoodAlive’s Volunteer-Driven Flower Blossoms Program Blooms In Downtown Lakewood

by Matt Bixenstine

Venture along Detroit Avenue through Downtown Lakewood these days and you can’t help but notice an additional splash of color and greenery enhancing the district’s vibrancy.

Now in its 12th year, LakewoodAlive’s Flower Blossoms Program has resulted in the addition of 52 flower boxes for 2018 stretching east-to-west along Detroit Avenue from the Westerly Apartments to Cerny Shoes. Geraniums and impatiens dot this urban landscape, creating a more appealing commercial district.

The Flower Blossoms Program is designed to help Downtown Lakewood merchants make their storefronts more attractive. LakewoodAlive partners annually with Lakewood Garden Center to provide an opportunity for merchants to purchase professionally-planted Earth Box planters with flowers appropriate for the sun/shade needs of each location.

“We’re thrilled to have the Flower



Longtime volunteer Kathy Haber and Paul Bilyk, owner of Lakewood Garden Center, have served as a dynamic duo in making the Flower Blossoms Program possible.

Blossoms Program return for a 12th consecutive year,” said Ian Andrews, Executive Director for LakewoodAlive. “This volunteer-driven beautification service offered to Downtown Lakewood merchants is one of many ways we seek to

foster and sustain vibrant neighborhoods in Lakewood. And we can’t say enough about the incredible team of volunteers who make this program possible.”

Longtime LakewoodAlive volunteer Kathy Haber – a nearly 40-year resident of Lakewood – has coordinated the Blossoms Program since 2007. What started as hanging baskets that proved difficult to water has evolved into flower boxes featuring built-in water reservoirs significantly reducing watering requirements.

Haber’s team of 15 volunteers waters the flower boxes three times per week throughout the summer. Each volunteer is responsible for watering a section of flower boxes and bringing water from home in jugs.

With assistance from Lakewood Garden Center owner Paul Bilyk, who coordinates the Blossoms Program with a grower, the materials were dropped off at the Lakewood City Center Plaza on June 7. There, Haber was

joined by fellow volunteers from Rozi’s Wine House and Lakewood Garden Center to distribute completed flower boxes to program participants.

The success of the Blossoms Program has enticed several merchants outside the downtown district to purchase flower boxes on their own. Meanwhile, many longtime anchor businesses in Downtown Lakewood have faithfully participated in the program for many years.

For more information regarding the Flower Blossoms Program, visit LakewoodAlive.org or contact LakewoodAlive at 216-521-0655.



The flower boxes in Downtown Lakewood feature geraniums and impatiens.

2018 Front Porch Concert Series Opener On June 22 Becky Boyd & The Groove Train Brings Powerful Vocals

by Matt Bixenstine

The right vocalist can make for an exhilarating performance and such will be the case when Becky Boyd & The Groove Train kicks off LakewoodAlive’s 2018 Front Porch Concert Series at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 22.

Sponsored by Bentley Wealth Management of Raymond James, the Front Porch Concert Series features free, live music on the front steps of Lakewood Public Library (15425 Detroit Avenue) in Downtown Lakewood from 7 to 9 p.m. for 12 consecutive Fridays. The series, which aims to foster Lakewood’s vibrancy while providing a family-friendly summer entertainment option, runs through September 7.



Week 1 brings to the stage Becky Boyd & The Groove Train, a four-member band known to captivate audiences with a dynamic set list ranging from blues and jazz to folk and classic rock. The band is fronted by renowned vocalist Becky Boyd, who has been playing the Cleveland club scene for 40+ years and has developed a reputation for singing with a tremendous amount of soul, feeling and emotion.

Becky Boyd & The Groove Train made its debut in January 2015 and has been playing regularly at music venues throughout Northeast Ohio ever since. In addition to Boyd, the band features bassist Alfredo Guerrieri, drummer Jim Wall and keyboardist Chris Hanna. Each is a seasoned musician in his own right, fully capable of complementing Boyd’s vocals.

Now in its ninth year, Lakewood-

dAlive’s popular Front Porch Concert Series adds vibrancy and an enhanced sense of community to Lakewood’s urban core, drawing several thousand attendees annually. Each week showcases a different style of music while Lakewoodites and visitors enjoy an entertaining evening at an open-air venue. Visit LakewoodAlive.org/FrontPorchConcerts for more information.

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