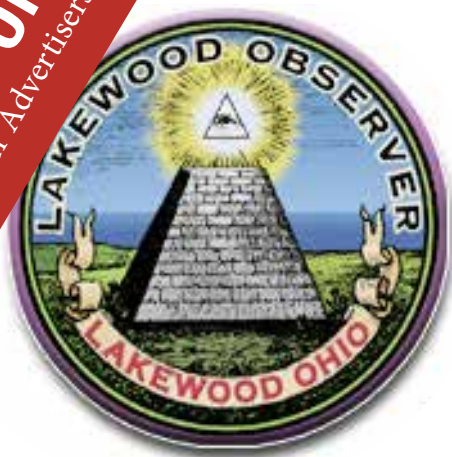


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No Cell Phone While Driving In Lakewood

by Betsy Voinovich

Drivers in Lakewood have 90 days to get used to the idea that they need to put the phone down while they are operating a moving car. At their September 3rd meeting Lakewood City Council passed an ordinance making it illegal to use your phone while driving.

The ordinance reads: "No person shall drive a motor vehicle on any street, highway or property open to the public for vehicular traffic while using an electronic wireless communications device to write, send, or read a text-based communication, or to dial, talk, answer or listen for the purposes of mak-

ing an audible communication."

After this there is a long list of exemptions including a driver "whose motor vehicle is in a stationary position and who is outside a lane of travel." Which means if you want to make a call, pull over.

In a discussion on the Lakewood Observer's Observation Deck, Ward Four Councilman Dan O'Malley clarified several issues that were confusing to residents regarding whether you are able to touch your phone at all while driving.

"Built-in vehicle navigation systems can continue to be used," he said. "GPS devices

or phones with GPS apps can continue to be used so long as they're mounted on the dash and involve 'one-touch' commands, voice commands, etc. However, typing in an entire address, for example, should not be done while driving."

Calls can still be made and received if a 'one-touch' system is used and "the device is not hand-held."

The list of exemptions also includes using your phone for contact with law enforcement or emergency purposes.

Reactions from residents were mixed, from one who joked, suggesting that at every red light he put his car in park

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LHS Showcase Night: Chance To See School Offerings

by Christine Gordillo

On Tuesday, October 8 from 6-8 p.m., Lakewood High School will host its second annual LHS Showcase Night. The event is designed to share with the community all the opportunities available to an LHS student, from the abundance of extracurricular activities, to the wide range of curricular options such as

Advanced Placement, College Credit Plus, and career-tech classes. The evening will also include a session for parents of incoming freshmen to talk about scheduling and a session for parents of students not currently in the District interested in LHS. Visit the District website at www.lakewoodcityschools.org for more details.

Cleveland Fallen Heroes Run 2019



photo by Jim O'Bryan

Lakewood firefighters not only flew the flag, they also won the race overall! Here from left to right are Firefighters: Christian Flores, Joe Kappa, Nick Boatman (winner) Tim Dunphy, Matt Kopack. See all of the photos at lakewoodobserver.com/photoblogs

Pop Up Shop! Stationery And Salvage

by Heidi Murray

Lakewood Historical Society is holding a Pop Up Shop! at their new location, The Haber Center for Family History located at 13314 Detroit. The mid-century medical building has been renovated and holds the Society's archives, library,

offices and fundraising space. The new location has a beautiful lobby that lends itself to small sales. This Pop Up Sale will be the first of several throughout the year.

The sale on September 21 from 10-3 features stationery from the estate of The Desk Set

and salvage from Lakewood homes and Lakewood Hospital. The volunteers have organized and displayed thousands of greeting cards, boxes of Crane's fine stationery, printable invitations, address books, bookmarks, gift

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Ward 1 Primary Results

by Margaret Brinich

A very busy municipal election season in Lakewood saw its first set of results on Tuesday, September 10 in the Ward 1 primary. There were four candidates on the primary ballot, Matthew Fredrickson, Lindsey Grdina, Tess Neff, and Laura Rodriguez-Carbhone. The top two candidates continue on to the general election in November. The results were as follows:

Fredrickson: 114

Grdina: 215

Neff: 439

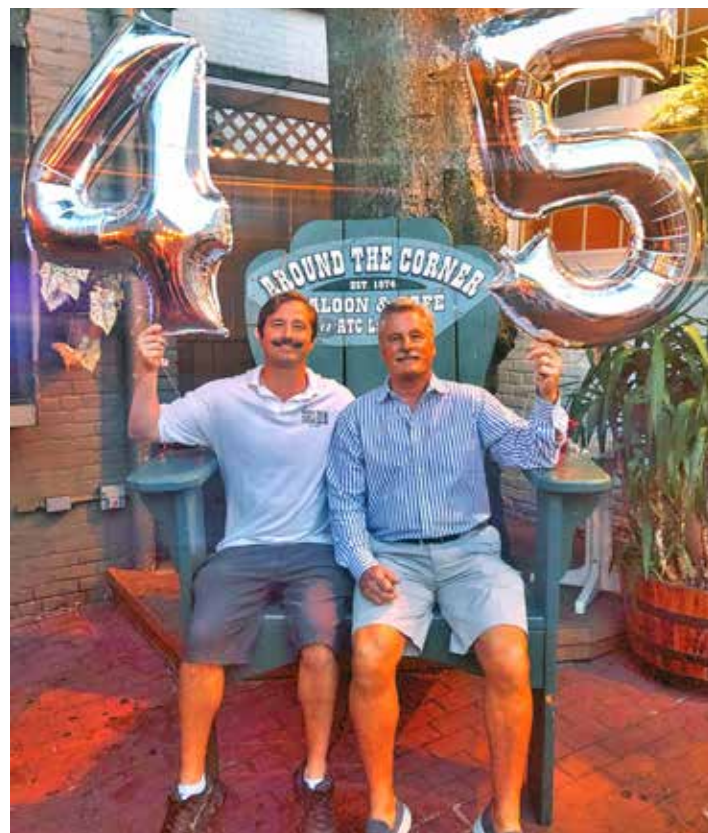
Rodriguez-Carbhone: 280

By the end of the evening on Tuesday, it was clear that Tess Neff and Laura Rodriguez-Carbhone would both advance. Primary elections for council seats are only called when more than two candidates are on the ballot competing for one seat. The remainder of the ward specific council seats, mayor,

and three of the five Board of Education member seats will appear on the November 5 general election ballot.

Please note, voter registration is open through October 7. To find out if you are registered, visit the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections website at:

<https://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/my-voting-information.aspx>. Vote by mail (a.k.a. "early voting" or absentee voting) opens the following day, October 8, for the general election. To request a ballot by mail visit: <https://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/vote-by-mail.aspx>.



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photo by Nick Cancelliere Jr.

Zombie Walk at the 5 O'Clock Lounge. See all the photos from the Zombie Walk online at <http://lakewoodobserver.com/photoblogs> and read more about the 5 O'Clock inside on page 13.

Lakewood Events

Dress Up And Run In The Superhero Dash At Lakewood Park

by Kathy Rigdon

Join hundreds of runners, walkers, and rollers (participants in wheelchairs) and dress as your favorite Superhero to help raise money for young people with physical disabilities at the Youth Challenge Superhero Dash. The 34th Annual Race Day, in memory of former Trustee Dave Hardman, will take place Saturday, September 21, at Lakewood Park.

The 5K run and the 1 Mile Walk/Roll both start at 9:30 a.m. Awards will go to the top three men and women overall and in each age group, as well as the challenge division. All 1 Mile

finishers will receive an achievement ribbon. There will be fun for the whole family, including a Superhero costume contest, face painting, raffles, and post-race refreshments!

Adult runners and walkers are \$25 per person for early registration, \$30 on Race Day; Children 18 and under are \$10 (pre-registered and same day). First 300 registrants will receive t-shirts, subject to availability on Race Day. Register online until September 20 at hermesccleveland.com.

The Superhero Dash will raise funds for Youth Challenge, a nonprofit that provides adapted sports and recreational opportunities to young people with physical disabilities. Trained teen volunteers are paired one-on-one with participants to play adapted sports, create art, make friends, and have fun. YC serves children throughout Northeast Ohio and has offices in Westlake and Shaker Heights. All programs and transportation are free for participant families.

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Kathy Rigdon is a Media Specialist at Youth Challenge.

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Spirit Parade

September 27

by Christine Gordillo

The annual Lakewood City Schools' Spirit Parade will kick off Homecoming Weekend on Friday, September 27. The parade will step off from Lakewood Park at 5:30 p.m. and march its way through Lakewood to Lakewood High School. The parade is a great showcase of the district's sports teams, clubs and organizations from elementary, middle and high school. The Rangers football game vs. North Olmsted will cap off the evening at First Federal Lakewood Stadium with kickoff at 7 p.m.

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Zach Otto,
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Lakewood Public Library

Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
ReelAbilities Film Festival: Family & Hope
Main Library Auditorium

Join us for Family & Hope a double feature and discussion as part of ReelAbilities Cleveland 2019 film fest. The Lakewood Public Library will be featuring two short documentaries, “The Unconditional” and “Unstuck,” which touch on parenting, kids and disability. ReelAbilities is the largest film festival in the US dedicated to promoting awareness and appreciation of the lives, stories and artistic expressions of people with different disabilities.

Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Booked for Murder Book Club
Main Library Meeting Room

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 “The Girl in the Green Raincoat: A Tess Monaghan Novel” by Laura Lippman and “Honeymoon” by Patrick Modiano.

Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.
Front Porch Bike Workshop with Beat Cycles
Presentation by Ryan Sheldon
Main Library Front Porch

Learn the basics of bike repair, from fixing a flat tire to adjusting a popped chain. Learn what you need to assemble an emergency kit and how to prevent minor issues while out on the road. Bring your bike and learn how to utilize the bike repair station on the Main Library Front Porch. With over twenty years of industry experience, seventeen spent as a mechanic, Ryan Sheldon, owner of Beat Cycles, brings a plethora of bike repair knowledge.

Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. (100 minutes)
Film - “City Island” (2009)
Directed by Raymond De Felitta
Presented by Barbara Steffek-Hill
Main Library Auditorium

When family man and corrections officer Vince Rizzo (Andy Garcia) discovers his long-lost son Tony (Steven Strait), the Rizzo family is thrown into upheaval. The addition of ex-con Tony inspires his newfound kin to unveil their own half-truths and deceptions. Every family member has something to hide, and their suburban world is turned upside down. Barbara Steffek-Hill presents a series of classic and contemporary films from her personal favorites.

Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.
Concert - The Open Spaces Trio
Main Library Auditorium

The Open Spaces Trio takes songs you may have forgotten and reinvents them as creative, dynamic experiences. Drawing from a diverse repertoire of jazz, americana, rock and folk songs, the trio explores the familiar and expands upon it with exciting improvisations. Working in the classic trio format of electric guitar, bass and drums, The Open Spaces Trio can conjure a wall of sound, play at the volume of a whisper and perform everything in between.

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. (94 minutes)
Documentary - “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?” (2018)
Directed by Morgan Neville
Presented by Cleveland Kids’ Book Bank
Main Library Auditorium

In his beloved television program, “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood,” Fred Rogers and his cast of puppets and friends spoke directly to young children about some of life’s weightiest issues in a simple, direct fashion. While the nation changed around him, Rogers stood firm in his beliefs about the importance of protecting childhood. In celebration of National Literacy Month, join Cleveland Kids’ Book Bank co-founder Judy Payne to discuss the film.

Events For Kids

compiled by Nic Starr

Saturday, September 21, 2019, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
International Day of Peace- Origami Paper Crane Folding Tutorial For All Ages
Main Library Multipurpose Room

Celebrate the International Day of Peace by making origami cranes. Come learn how to contribute paper cranes to the display by learning and practicing how to fold your own origami paper cranes.

Friday, September 21, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.
Family Music and More: Mr. Zap’s Magic and Thrill Show
For the whole family

Mr. Zap will keep you laughing with hilarious antics while amazing you with unbelievable feats of magic! He promises to deliver a show that will thrill and dazzle the audience. You will enjoy a show that is full of fun for the whole family. No registration required. Free and open to public.

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Cleveland Clinic Lakewood Family Health Center Functional Medicine Series
Functional Movement, Stress Reduction and Mindfulness
Presentation by Kevin Heine, ACSM EP-C
Main Library Auditorium

Chronic, or ongoing stress, has been proven to have a negative impact on health. The physiologic stress response is a factor in five of the six leading causes of death in the United States. Improve your health and reduce your risk of chronic disease by learning how to turn off your chronic stress response. Join functional medicine health Coach Kevin Heine as he reviews simple, practical stress management techniques to relax the body and clear the mind.

Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Great Decisions in Libraries - The Rise of Populism in Europe
Presentation by Javier Morales-Ortiz, PhD
Main Library Multipurpose Room

Mass migration has directly abetted the rise of populism in Europe. In addition to calling for stronger borders, however, these parties are invariably illiberal, making their rise a matter of serious concern for national security. After a brief video, Javier Morales-Ortiz, professor at Baldwin Wallace University, will lead a discussion and help to answer the complex questions surrounding populist Europe. Readings will be available one week in advance.

Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Meet the Illustrator: “The New Kitten,” Illustrated by Dave Mottram
Main Library Multipurpose Room

Join us as local illustrator Dave Mottram shares his book “The New Kitten,” authored by Joyce Carol Oates. Mottram will talk about creating cute kitten illustrations and answer questions. Local cat rescue Tails from the City will be on hand with adoptable kittens. They will talk about their organization and why it’s great to adopt a pet. This is an all-ages event for adults or families. Books will be available for sale and signing at this event.

Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.)
Film - “Tully” (2018), Directed by Jason Reitman
Main Library Auditorium

Marlo (Charlize Theron) is a struggling mother of three, including a newborn. Her husband, Drew (Ron Livingston), is loving and works hard, but remains clueless about the demands that motherhood puts on his wife. Marlo’s brother Craig (Mark Duplass) hires a night nanny as a gift. Hesitant about the extravagance at first, Marlo comes to form a unique bond with the thoughtful, surprising and sometimes challenging young nanny named Tully (Mackenzie Davis).

Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.
Concert - The Whispering Tree
Main Library Auditorium

The Whispering Tree is the Franco-American duo of singer and songwriter Eleanor Kleiner and multi-instrumentalist Elie Brangbour. The pair crafts immersive folk-rock music brimming with evocative lyrics, perspectives from travel and a panoramic musicality that encompasses traditional folk, indie rock, classic rock and ’60s pop and rock n’ roll. The twosome has favorable comparisons to Cowboy Junkies, Over the Rhine and Aimee Mann.

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Lakewood Public Library

Books, Cats, And A Book About Cats

by Nicka Petruccio

Some extra special guests are coming to the Lakewood Public Library this month. We are thrilled to welcome illustrator Dave Mottram as well as representatives from Tails from the City cat rescue.

Mottram is the illustrator of 11 picture book titles. His whimsical illustrations range from cartoonish to a classic, almost retro style and are fun, funny, colorful and wholesome. The Ohio-based artist will be joining us to talk about his life as an illustrator, his creative process, and will share his newest illustrated work "The New Kitten," authored by Joyce Carol Oates. This sweet story tells the tale of a beloved pet, accustomed to being the center of attention, forced to finally share the spotlight with a playful newcomer.

Along with Mottram we will be hosting representatives from Tails from the City: a local non-profit, no-kill volunteer run cat rescue, who will talk about cats, Tails' mission, and



why adopting a rescue is a responsible way to bring a new pet into your family. Tails from the City will be bringing along some of their current residents: adoptable cats and kittens for you to meet, pet, and maybe fall in love with. They will also be accepting donations on site to aid the shelter's mission. You can learn more about the rescue or make a donation through their website at tailsfromthecitycleveland.org.

This Meet the Illustrator plus rescue awareness event is happening on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Lakewood Public Library Multipurpose Room. No registration is needed, and all ages (adults included) are welcome to attend and meet a great artist, support a great cause, and pet some great kitties.

Nicka Petruccio is part of the Children's and Youth Services area of the Lakewood Public Library.



Internationally Acclaimed Folk Duo to Appear At LPL

by Amy Kloss

A whispering tree evokes the peaceful harmony of nature, the subtle call of natural forces. For singer/songwriter Eleanor Kleiner and multi-instrumentalist Elie Brangbour, the imagery and symbolism contained within that name call forth the music that expresses their very essence.

This internationally acclaimed folk duo will appear Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. The Whispering Tree will bring their original folk-rock full of evocative lyrics, nature imagery, insights from travel, and a style that encompasses traditional folk, indie rock, classic rock, and 1960s pop and

rock and roll.

The duo, who currently live in the Hudson valley in upstate New York, met at music school in London. Kleiner is American and Brangbour is French. Their international flavor has allowed them to take their music from New York City to South America to a seven-month gig in China. Their fourth album, Invisible Forces, was number one on the International Folk DJ charts in September 2018, with four songs in the top twenty.

Come to the Lakewood Main Library on September 29, 2019 to experience the beautiful harmonies of The Whispering Tree. All programs are free and open to the public.



Illustrator David Mottram

Mr. Zap's Magic And Thrill Show

byMarge Foley

Perhaps you've seen Mr. Zap at the Lakewood Public Library before. He is a familiar face in children's entertainment and has been performing magic for over thirty-five years. He loves to entertain, and that shines through in all of his performances. Mr. Zap will keep you laughing with hilarious antics while amazing you with unbelievable

feats of magic! He promises to deliver a show that will thrill and dazzle the audience. Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. when Mr. Zap's Magic and Thrill Show will take place in the Main Library Multipurpose Room. You will enjoy a free program that is full of fun for the whole family.

Friends Of Lakewood Library Fall Book Sale


by Lisa Calfee

It sounds too good to be true, but for more than 38 years, volunteers from the Friends of Lakewood Library have been saving thousands of books from area landfills by selling them to happy new readers at super low prices.

Join the Friends on Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the Friends' Fall Book Sale where a fresh supply of books, DVDs, Magazines, record albums and CDs will be available. In addition to many interesting new items is a particularly fine selection of large print books.

A special Friends' Fall Book Sale Preview (for members-only) will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If you are not a member already, memberships can be purchased at the door for a nominal fee. Both sales take place in the Lower Level Friends' Book Sale Area at 15425 Detroit Avenue.

Proceeds support Lakewood Public Library's acclaimed programming, including free lectures, concerts, films, youth programs and the library van, which delivers books to classrooms and homebound readers.



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Lakewood Education Observed

Students Find Engineer Camp Life-Changing



From left: Alex Schraibmen, Nicole Hudak and Miabella Doerr.

by Christine Gordillo

Summer may be over for our students, but at least three of West Shore Career-Tech/Lakewood High students are still aglow from one particular summer educational experience. These three Project Lead the Way students, seniors Miabella Doerr, Nicole Hudak, and junior Alex Schraibmen, attended ASM Materials Camp, sponsored by ASM International at their world headquarters in Aurora and now at least two of the three have found their major of choice thanks to an exceptional experience at the camp.

The students attended on the recommendation of their Project Lead the Way teacher last school year, Bob Sedlak. Both Nicole and Mia said they agreed to attend the camp because it might look good on their resume for college and they might learn a little something about engineering. Little did they know they would be immersed in the world of materials science through “amazing” and “very cool” hands-on projects that included blacksmithing their own S hook and making pewter castings.

“We worked with metals, learned how to heat treat, learned all about metallurgy, it was absolutely amazing,” said Mia.

The 30-plus campers came from all over the country for this camp and

the LHS trio were three of only five students from Ohio. The ASM Education Foundation provides funding for the campers to attend the 7-day camp for free. The campers are housed in a local hotel and meals are provided as well. Campers enjoy a full day of scheduling.

“We were going from 7 am til about 9 pm each day,” Mia said. “They had us busy the whole time,” Nicole added. The students were broken into groups for their projects and each group was assigned a professional mentor and a college mentor.

Although all three admitted not knowing much about materials engineering when they started the camp, they quickly learned the many ways materials science impacts our world.

“Once we were immersed into it we saw all the applications that were possible,” Mia said.

Nicole and Mia were so impressed by the camp that they are both eager to return one day as college mentors as they both intend to major in materials engineering, thanks to their experience at the camp.

Nicole said although she went into the camp with a bit of trepidation, she couldn’t have been happier with the way it turned out. When asked to sum up her experience she simply says, “It was so much fun!” That’s the way all learning should be!



Health Careers Student Success At West Shore

by Jacqueline Smith

These Class of 2020 Health Careers Students earned the industry credential “STNA” through their West Shore Career Tech program in April. Now in their senior year, they are ready to begin their clinical care experience in our partner facilities, O’Neill Healthcare Lakewood and Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital. Students have also planned community health education service projects for the upcoming school year, including Blood Pressure Screening and a Hand Washing Campaign for flu season.

In addition, five of these students gained employment over the summer as Nursing Assistants at Crestmont North Nursing Care Facility! Since the demand for caregivers is so high, our program is able to help fill this employment gap in our local community.

Gaining this credential and actual patient care experience gives these fine students a real edge when applying to college Health Science programs. Most pre-nursing/pre-therapy and pre-med programs require the applicant to have patient care experience prior to being accepted to the program of study. Health

Careers graduates from West Shore have found much success in meeting the college program admission requirements. They are also equipped with Medical Terminology college credit earned in the high school program, saving time and money in coursework.

The Health Careers Program at West Shore is in its 14th year and wishes to acknowledge and thank the district and our community for their support! We are providing a rigorous, relevant course of study leading to a high-demand career that serves the needs of our community and beyond.

If you have or know a student who may be interested in a nursing, medical, therapy or health science career, we invite you to strongly consider attending our program!

The program teacher can be reached at jacqueline.smith@lakewoodcityschools.org and would be a happy to talk with you.

Jacqueline Smith is a West Shore Career Tech/Lakewood HS teacher and RN. She teaches students in the Health Careers Program and would like to highlight student accomplishments for the community that supports them.

District Rolling Out New K-5 Report Cards

by Christine Gordillo

This year, after two years of research and development, the Lakewood City Schools will introduce new Standards-Referenced Report Cards for our elementary students. These new report cards will describe what a student should know and be able to do at the end of each grade level in reading, writing, mathematics, social studies, science, art, music and physical education, as well as provide specific feedback on students’ work habits.

Standards-Referenced Report Cards are beneficial for students, families and teachers in many ways. Students and families will have a much more thorough picture of what a student is able to do, and what the student’s areas of need are. Students will have the opportunity to practice new skills without the penalty of receiving a poor grade. Teachers will be able to use

ongoing assessments as a way to guide classroom instruction, and the process of re-teaching will create opportunities for growth.

“The district’s move to standards-referenced reporting at the elementary level will provide parents with much more specific information about where a student is in his or her journey toward meeting grade level standard statements,” said K-12 Director of Teaching and Learning, Dr. Christine Palumbo.

The Teaching & Learning Department will be holding information sessions on the new report cards for parents who wish to learn more. The meetings are:

Wednesday, October 9th, 9:15-10:15 am, Grant Cafeteria

Wednesday, October 9th, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, LHS Cafeteria (Door 35)

Tuesday, October 15th, 6:30-7:30 pm, LHS LRC Conference Room (for families with students with disabilities)

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Observers’ Letters To The Editor

Remember In November: Let’s Reject Divisive Political Games

Whatever happened to the “Neighborhood News?”

Four years ago, someone mailed a large eight-page brochure to Lakewood voters right before a local election. Nearly all of its content consisted of political attacks and advertising, but it was formatted like the Lakewood Observer and titled “Lakewood Neighborhood News.”

It was also sent out anonymously, and to this day the people who produced the mailing still won’t admit it.

Local reporters asked questions, for a week or so, but no one would give a straight answer. A quickie “Neighborhood News” website connected the mailing with money from Ed Fitzgerald, a former Lakewood mayor, county executive, and failed candidate for governor.

But Fitzgerald claimed he was only “an investor” in a project to start local newspapers, and that the product was definitely not just disguised campaign mail.

Four years after the “newspaper’s” single issue, that claim is exposed as a plain lie. Someone produced a campaign brochure, tried to disguise it as a newspaper, and mailed it to Lakewood voters. Then everyone involved hid from responsibility.

Mayor Mike Summers had a large advertisement in the brochure, as did the Lakewood Hospital Association, and the “Voters Engaged to Oppose Issue 64” political action committee. Text pieces smeared the candidates opposing Summers and John Litten—but no one signed them or has ever

admitted writing them. Only board of education member Tom Einhouse has ever admitted creating part of the “Neighborhood News,” a filler article about school construction which was printed under his name.

But how did it get there? Who planned and created this mailing, and why have they refused to provide any transparency about it? Lakewood deserves better than dark-money games, so how do we get it?

We could start with an ethics commission and some campaign finance rules, maybe, if City Council President Sam O’Leary weren’t blocking them. Or, the people behind anonymous “newspapers” and “surveys” could simply come clean, and level with voters instead. But after four years that doesn’t seem likely.

If Lakewood wants to get past divisive stunts and dark-money politics, it’s going to be up to us.

Dirty politicians always count on people forgetting. But we can’t forget this mudslinging ambush, yet, or we’ll just get more of it. Remember the “Neighborhood News,” look at it again. Remember who was involved and how they lied about it. Look at which candidates they’re tied in with this year, and just say no to them.

Remember in November.

Kevin Young
Kevin D. Young has been a resident since 1986 and is a Progressive Democrat.

Fight The Ban On Retractable Leashes

Dear Editor,

My name is Fay Olsen and I am still fighting the Lakewood ban on retractable dog leashes. I was assured by Mayor Summers that this law will be reviewed (1 year anniversary of the law) in October. They will have the ability to lift the ban on retractable leashes, which I hope they do.

The retractable leash was invented by Mary Delany in 1908 and has been successfully used for 111 years.

I got into this fight because in March, the dog paddy wagon was parked in front of my house. I had obviously been observed previously. As soon as I came down my driveway on Clifton Blvd., the Game Warden, Jack Crafter got out of the van and told me (a warning) I was breaking the law by using a retractable leash. These are words I never heard in all of my 80 plus years and never expected to hear.

I have two very small dogs. 9 lbs. and 19 lbs., respectively. The handle on the retractable leash is comfortable for me in my hand. Other loop type leashes are uncomfortable around my wrist. I maintain control of my pets and don't let them wander. I hope after living for 59 years in Lakewood I will not have to go to Rocky River or any of the surrounding suburbs where it is legal to walk my dogs in this manner.

I will be speaking September 16th at the City Council meeting at City Hall. My 88th birthday is October 10th, what a great outcome this would be.

The nice thing is, all City Hall has to do is no longer enforce this ban and it will no longer be against the law.

Please support me in this fight.

Sincerely,
Fay Olson

Ward 2 Will Get Responsive Representation With Presutto

Over my 24 years as a Lakewood resident, I've come to recognize that responsiveness is one of the most important things to look for from our city council members. I want my council members to be quickly responsive to an email about a malfunctioning crosswalk light near one of our city schools. I want them to show that they can recognize and respect sincere public angst around a rushed, ill-explained deal to close a century-old community hospital. I want them to demonstrate that they're really hearing us, their constituents.

I'm supporting Brad Presutto for Ward 2 City Council because he is one of the most responsive people I've ever met. I've worked with Brad on campaigns and community projects, and rarely does an email or text or post go out that Brad doesn't respond to within minutes, usually with a spot-on answer to a question or an offer to help in a specific way. I have no doubt that Brad will be exemplary at constituent services for the residents of Ward 2.

I have watched Brad meet with many residents of Ward 2 throughout this campaign to hear what they like and don't like about Lakewood, what that they hope for and fear. Brad has been really listening, and I am confident he will bring this listening to bear if and when he sits on council to address problems like the relentless rise in Lakewood's water and sewer rates.

This commitment to listen and respond to constituents has led Brad to already act on some specific neighborhood challenges he's heard about on the campaign trail. Commitment to listening and responsiveness is the cornerstone of trust, and Brad is demonstrating that he's worthy of our entrusting him to help shape the budget and policies to ensure Lakewood remains a great place to live and work.

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Observer Journeys

Lakewood, Just Sixty Miles To The Center Of The World!

by Jim O'Bryan

A funny thing happened on the way to the Warren/Youngstown Regional Airport, I stumbled into the "Center of the World." Who would have thought a simple one-day trip would take me to a place like this? I have been to Mammoth Caves, Carlsbad Caverns, Onyx Cave, Crystal Cave and others, by none lead to the "Center of the World."

Even the name brings to mind the tale of Jules Verne when Swede Arnie Saknussem and Professor Lindebrook found a trail in his "Journey To The Center of the Earth." Could there be rubies as big as oranges? Ancient civilizations like Atlantis? Who knows, but I am now in the middle. Joking with Deb, I said let's get a photograph



Deb stands at the sign proclaiming, "Center of the World," Ohio. Directly behind the sign is their boutique hotel.



at the "Center of the World" Nearly as soon as I stopped, there was a police officer pulling up, rolling down his window, smiling and asking, "Is everything alright?" I said sure, then asked how the name happened. He went on to explain...

The community which had been known as Braceville became the crossroads of railroads and the Ohio Turnpike. A developer named Randall Wilmot, who had high hopes for prosperity, came up with the idea of renaming



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the city, "The Center of the Earth." The settlement declined with construction of more railroads, and Wilmot moved to a new location, which he called "The End of the World." However the railroad companies went with Warren, Ohio. And the Turnpike exit to nowhere but "The Center of the World," never caught on.

Today the community is mostly run down though a few businesses have continued to hang on like the "End of the World Restaurant." But two biggest industries would seem to be: 1) People stopping at the various signs. 2) People getting arrested



You can almost see the boutique hotel through the overgrowth. It was all going to change everyone's life.



Center of the World yacht club?

for trying to steal the signs. There were many hopes along the way, they were hoping that steel plants would come back into the area. They were hoping on Ford, Chevy and other manufacturers coming to the area. They bought into the hype that "The region has the same GDP as 2/3rds of the countries in the world." They bought into all the hype that was delivered, and time after time the community was short-changed and interested parties moved elsewhere.

Today this part of Trumbull County is ground zero for the war on opioids, crystal meth and other drugs. Opioids have devastated the area like

nowhere else in the community. But one can imagine the despair and the frustration as a once fantastic community goes down the development hole searching for cool and the developers that follow.

Yes Lakewoodites are a mere 60 miles from the official "Center of the World," but do not get too close, or you could be swallowed up and never seen again.

Tourists have found that there are many other things to do in areas near there, including visiting the Packard Museum.



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Lakewood Politics



Ward 1 Primary Propels Rodriguez-Carbone To November Election

by Laura Rodriguez-Carbone

Thank you to everyone who made our primary campaign a success on Tuesday!

My name has never appeared on a general election ballot before. But I will be on the ballot this November. That would not have happened without the support I have met from our Lakewood community.

Voting in a September primary for city council is not something which many people even consider. A different and much larger group of voters will cast ballots in November, and now I have the opportunity to earn their votes.

I am fully committed to working hard for those voters, and for all the residents of our Ward. I will listen, and work to address concerns about traffic, about healthcare, about open and inclusive government. I will offer over 18 years of experience working with different groups and communities to solve real problems.

I am confident that this is what Lakewood is looking for in leadership, but I owe the opportunity in November

to those who showed up in September. The people who voted for me were diverse, they were young residents, seniors, Democrats, Republicans, Independents and many new voters. This shows that as a candidate, I am a unifier, reaching across the political spectrum. I believe that the substance of my ideas and clear message that I will represent and give a voice to the people of Ward 1 on City Council resonated with voters.

I am definitely not from old money or the old boys' network. I am not a professional politician, and my only goal in running for city council is to serve Lakewood for a full, productive, and responsive term.

For our campaign to go further is an honor and a challenge. Early supporters have honored me with a general election candidacy, and challenged me to keep going.

I promise that I will respond to this challenge with all I have to offer, just like any challenge which may confront us as neighbors.

It's Time To Make Kauffman Park A Priority

by Jason Shachner

Kauffman Park, named for Lakewood's longest serving mayor, Amos Kauffman, is tucked behind Drug Mart and occupies the space between Lakeland and Andrews Avenues. The park has captured the imaginations of our neighbors and sparked the creation of Friends of Kauffman Park. For years, the organization's membership has been working to improve the park, so that it can attain its full potential as a city-wide destination with amenities that everyone can enjoy. The time is now to make investment in Kauffman Park a priority.

Lakewood has fewer acres of park space per person than Cleveland or Chicago, according to the Park System Strategic Plan of 2010. This means we must make the green space we have really count and carefully consider a design that serves many different constituencies.

The City has recently made improvements to Kaufman Park, such as the installation of the walking track and the replacement of the bleachers. While we should be encouraged by these upgrades, there is much more to be done. Some basic updates include improvements to the playground area and redesigning seldom used areas, such as the former mini golf space. The Kauffman Park Master Plan, created by the Friends of Kaufman Park in partnership with LakewoodAlive, calls for multiple, layered uses that could include reading gardens and learn-



"Kauffman Park is poised to become a jewel of downtown Lakewood. Let's make it happen, together."

JASON SHACHNER

ing trails. The plan also contemplates a unique feature, like a splash pad, to be installed to attract more people, and the creation of an area that teens and tweens can call their own.

While speaking with Ward 2 residents, I have heard great ideas about what features can be added to make the park more functional and enjoyable. Ultimately, individuals and families want quality parks to take their children, to enjoy nature, and to exercise. We can and should deliver on this need.

If elected, I will work with my fellow members of City Council to allocate the money necessary to complete the work to improve Kauffman Park and make it a city-wide draw comparable to Lakewood and Madison Parks. I will push our newly-elected mayor to make improvements to Kauffman Park a priority and engage you in the process to ensure that Kauffman Park meets your needs.

Kauffman Park is poised to become a jewel of downtown Lakewood. Let's make it happen, together.

Meyer Focusing On Outreach And Accessibility To Board Of Education Voters

by Andy Meyer

You may have received a knock at your door or come home to find a literature piece from me, Andrew Meyer. If not, hopefully you will before the end of the campaign! I'm reaching out to the City the old-fashioned way, by going door to door to introduce myself. I'd love to go to every house, but the limits and time demands of a campaign mean that I'm knocking on doors of people who have voted in the most recent municipal elections. I've already visited about half of those walkable houses in the City, and I should be able to reach most of the rest before November 5th.

I'm letting the people that I talk to know about my background, motivation, and goals. I was a substitute teacher in my first professional position, before I went to law school and became an attorney. I'm a small business and homeowner in Lakewood. I've been active and engaged in the community, serving on several local boards and commissions. And most of all I'm married to my wonderful wife, and with a wonderful young daughter. Ellie was born this winter after many years of hoping for a family and wondering if it would ever happen for us.

We love the idea of contributing to Ellie's education, and with my long interest in education and community service, I decided to begin this campaign in June.

By going door to door and reaching out to Lakewood residents in as many ways as I can, I want to let them know about the Board, its role, and that I will be a diligent advocate on their behalf if I'm elected. Along with the basic goal of being community driven and community responsive while in office, other goals include helping local School Boards cooperate to exchange best practices and avoid common pitfalls, promoting education geared to the individual, promoting good student nutrition, and working on school and community friendly budgeting. We have a good city and a good school system in Lakewood, and I know I have attributes that can keep us moving forward and headed in the right direction!

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Lakewood Cares



Campers circle up with Footpath Foundation staff members and counselors.

Footpath Foundation Finds Home At LaunchHouse Lakewood

by Ken Wood

Footpath Foundation, a 4-year-old nonprofit dedicated to providing outdoor experiences for kids who would not otherwise have those opportunities, has found a home at LaunchHouse Lakewood.

The growing nonprofit, which has been operating from the homes and offices of its board members, is now headquartered on the second floor of LaunchHouse Lakewood, a co-working space at 16017 Detroit Avenue, according to Mary Macias, Footpath’s president and CEO.

“We are thrilled to have a space of our own. We needed this,” Macias said.

Footpath Foundation makes it possible for about 140 kids – most from the inner city -- to attend overnight camps each summer. In addition, the foundation provides afterschool Footpath Nature Club programming during the school year as well as outdoor experiences and equestrian therapy.

Footpath’s mission is to give all children outdoor experiences they need to become resilient and productive

adults. You can contact the organization by visiting www.footpathfoundation.org or calling (216) 200-6572.

Todd Goldstein, CEO of LaunchHouse Lakewood, said the co-working space is a place “where small businesses can grow and thrive together.

“We are so excited to welcome the Footpath Foundation to our family of entrepreneurs,” Goldstein said. “Their mission is critical to the development of Cleveland’s youth, and we are so grateful to be a small part of that by giving their staff a home. They’ve had such a positive impact on our city and I know they’ll continue to do so as they integrate into our community.”

LaunchHouse Lakewood has a conference room, printer, fax machine and Internet access. It is located in the downtown area and in walking distance of restaurants, shops, and other local businesses and services.

Ken Wood is a former journalist and current communications director for Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland. He is on the board of Footpath Foundation.

Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise Rotary New Member And Rotary Exchange Program

by Larry Faulhaber

The Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise Rotary recently welcomed new member, Eric Jolly. This is Jolly’s second experience with Rotary, as he was a Rotary International Exchange Student in Australia in 1972 and 1973. Eric is retired from Prudential and Progressive Insurance Companies, where he was responsible for home and auto claims processing. He and his wife Anne live in Lakewood.

The Club also welcomed Konsta Keranen, a Rotary Exchange Student from Finland, who will be hosted by the Sunrise Rotary during the 2019 -2020 school year. He will attend Lakewood High School as a Junior. He has joined the Cross-Country Team and will play basketball this fall and winter.

Rotary Youth Exchange is a program of Rotary International that gives high school age men and women the opportunity to spend up to 12 months in another country living with local host families. These families, with the support of the school staff, arrange for their classwork and provide activities that give the student a chance to experience authentic American living.

Rotary Youth Exchange is one of the many youth leadership development programs offered by Rotary.

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standing and promote world peace. Through the Youth Exchange Program, exchange students learn perfect new language skills, discover different cultures and make friendships that last a lifetime.

The objectives of the Rotary Youth Exchange program include: Instilling international understanding and goodwill in the participant, while making lasting connections for host clubs, host families, and the community they live in.

The Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise Rotary Club was established May, 2007, its members plan and coordinate Community, Youth, Vocational and International service projects in these cities. If you are interested in using service as a means of connecting with like-minded men and women in this area, contact – Kimberly.t.murphy@gmail.com

Larry Faulhaber is PR Committee Chair for Sunrise Lakewood Rocky River Rotary Club.

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This Year In Punk:

Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 94

by Buzz Kompier

Brat Curse - Brat Curse - Just
Because Records / Anyway Records - 12
songs - LP, digital

This is the debut full-length LP from Columbus's Brat Curse, as far as I'm aware. They were part of that OH7O comp that came out a couple years back and they covered Brainiac. They do not sound like Brainiac. This is a solid twelve songs of hooky, largely upbeat poppy punk. Some of it heads more towards punk and some more towards pop and a few songs (particularly "Modern Snakes") have just the lightest sprinkle of some emo characteristics, but please don't let my saying that put you off. It's somewhere in the middle ground between a Dirtnap Records kind of power pop/punk sound ("Sweat Pants Lawyer," "Who Do You Call") and, say,



Cloud Nothings' "Life Without Sound" ("Under The Gun"). "Psycho In The Future" sounds like their Just Because labelmates Fan Fiction, actually. Pretty good record here. It's consistent throughout. I like the back cover photo that kinda apes the back cover of "Something Else By The Kinks." This doesn't

sound anything like that, but I like the photo anyway. 4/5

(justbecauserecords.bandcamp.com)

The Choir - I'd Rather You Leave
Me - Norton Records - 2 songs - 7"

Here's a real two-sider for you. I think these tracks were recorded sometime after "It's Cold Outside" (and with a slightly different lineup, if I'm not mistaken), but they're every bit as great as that single. "I'd Rather You Leave Me" is very Byrds-esque—lots of twelve-string jangle and great harmonies—and is just a fantastic pop tune. It coulda (shoulda!) been a hit. The flip side, "I Only Did It 'Cause I Felt So Lonely," is equally great; maybe a little less directly influenced by the Byrds, but still very jangly and with amazing harmonies. Cool harmonica solo, too. Unfortunately, there's a bit of distortion throughout, but I think

that's probably off the master tape and unavoidable (I can only compare it with that 7" that came out on Bomp and the fidelity on that thing's so bad it's nearly impossible to say). Two power pop/'60s jangle killers here. The only negatives I've got is that I would've preferred black vinyl to the lavender it's on and that instead of including any liner notes or anything to give these songs some context, the entire inside of the sleeve is taken up by a picture of Wally Bryson with Pete Townshend. Okay, that's pretty cool, and pretty funny in how stupid it is, but still. A great record nonetheless. Someone should put out that Cyrus Erie stuff next. **4.5/5**

(nortonrecords.com)

Are you a local-ish band? Do you have a record out? Email vaguelythreatening@gmail.com

“Cutting Edge Cleveland” Exhibition As Part Of Cleveland Photo Fest Opens At Good Goat Gallery

by Bruce Checefsky

With more than 125 people crowded into the Good Goat Gallery for the opening of the Cleveland Photo Fest exhibition on Friday, September 6th, co-founder and organizer Herb Ascherman, Jr. couldn't have been happier.

“On behalf of co-directors and
photographers Laura D'Alessandro

and Jim Szudy, and myself, we can't thank you enough for your support. We have a lot to look forward to in the next two months. Thank you so much for coming," he said.

Established in 2019 as an annual event for the benefit of the Greater Clevelanders who support photography as a fine art, Cleveland Photo Fest's mission is to strengthen the apprecia-

tion of photography as a major force in today's visually driven culture. Exhibitions, publications, educational and fellowship programming are at the core of their active engagement with the Cleveland community. In addition to the eight galleries under their direct auspices featuring fourteen different exhibitions, The Cleveland Photo Fest will partner with approximately 30 local galleries and art-based communities to sponsor or incorporate CPF events. The Photo Fest will include more than 90 photographers from Cleveland, with several photographers from across the United States, and as far as London and India. Exhibitions, publications, educational and fellowship programming are at the core of their active engagement with the Cleveland community.

The Good Goat Gallery, Images Photographic Gallery, Macs Backs Books on Coventry, Orange Art Center, Prama Art Space and Gallery, Ingenuity Cleveland, McDonough Museum of Art, Buckland Museum of Witchcraft & Magick, and the Dodd Company are just a few scheduled venues.

“Cutting Edge Cleveland,” an inaugural exhibition of 10 photographers opened at Good Goat Gallery in Lakewood on September 6th through October 3rd, 2019. Other corollary exhibitions run throughout September and October, into early November 2019.

The photographers include for “Cutting Edge Cleveland” include Donald Black, Bruce Checefsky, Jennifer Gleason, Ben Hauser, Stephen Kasner, Kasumi, Tom Masaveg, Don Penn and Chad Michael Ward.

Local art world followers and supporters turned out for the opening reception which included real estate developers, curators, museum and gallery directors, art collectors, artists, photographers, writers and poets, and an occasional walk-in from the



Bruce Checefsky, Photoscan Untitled 2019

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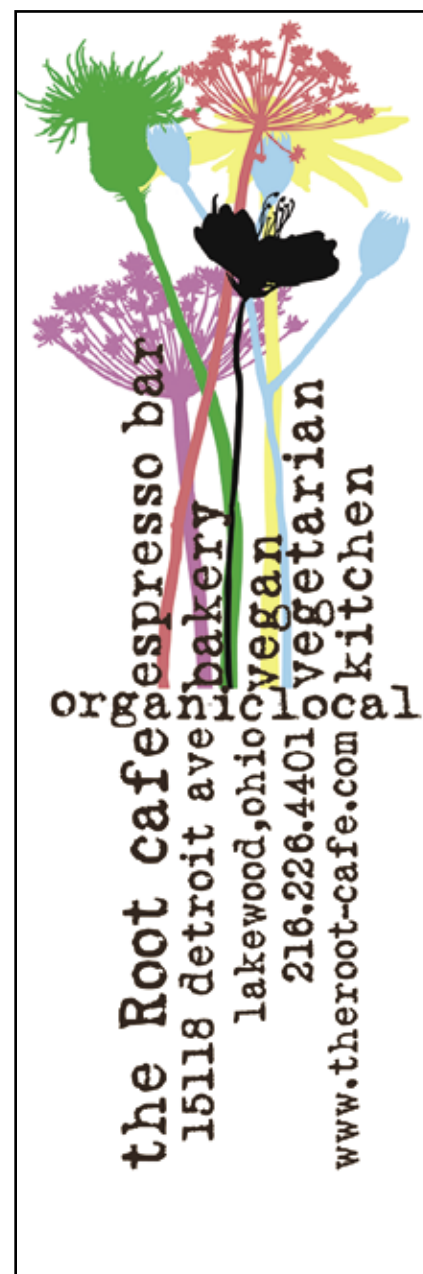
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Lakewood Fiction

The Rockport Miracles - Part 4: Episode 15: "The Ballad of Derecho Dan" Continues

fiction by Scott MacGregor

"I lost my dad, my mom, my dog, and the Gas & Lube...I lost my dad, my mom, my dog, and the Gas & Lube...I lost my dad, my mom, my dog, and the Gas & Lube..."

Truer words had never rolled off Little Dan's lips except for the fact that he hadn't lost his mom. Though not well, Wilmena Newman had been slowly recovering in the hospital from injuries sustained when a house fell on her during the previous Storm 5.4. What Little Dan had truly lost was her stabilizing presence in his everyday life, her famous tuna salad, and her disciplined approach to making sure the auto shut-off valve switch was activated in case the gas pumps ruptured. The auto shut-off kept the underground tanks from exploding in the event a car or an out of control acetylene tank crashed into them and caught fire. When Rockport Storm 5.5 came calling during the wee hours of that ill-fated morning, the latter scenario became a deadly reality.

Rockport's beloved Gas & Lube, founded in 1916 by Old Dan Newman, who'd passed it down to his son,



Big Dan Newman, who'd passed it down to his son, Little Dan Newman, had burned to the ground in less time than it took to eat one of Wilmena's tuna salad sandwiches. Even worse, the ensuing fire and explosion had quickly spread to the surrounding neighborhoods and set dozens of houses ablaze.

Miraculously, no one had died but there were plenty of bruised and broken

bones to go around. Most remarkable, as a later study revealed, was how many people in Rockport were having "dare" sex during the worst moments of the storms. The same phenomena had been observed in England during the Nazi blitz. The study reported that the adrenaline rush of getting it on while the grim reaper's gnarled fingers are rapping on your windows is an impulse that some folks find hard to resist. After no fewer than 20 houses along 150th street had gone up in flames, red-faced firemen discovered that nearly half of them contained residents in a state of en flagrante delicto, with no clue that their houses were on fire.

Meanwhile, in the emergency room of Rockport Hospital, Little Dan was laying on his gurney, wild-eyed and continually murmuring over and over again, "I lost my dad, my mom, my dog, and the Gas & Lube..." Then, a familiar face appeared at his gurneyside. It was his Aunt Rowena Gridley, the younger sister of his mom, Wilmena, and the mother of Maynard Gridley.

Rowena was wearing the tear-stained face of someone who'd been crying all night. "Little Dan," she said while pinching his arm. "Little Dan, there's no good time to tell you, so you may as well get all your bad news at once. It's about Maynard..." Before she could continue, a large group comprised of agitated, injured and in some cases, scantily-clad neighbors of the Gas & Lube began tumbling into the ER. When they caught sight of Little Dan, they hurled vengeful threats in his direction blaming him for either destroying their homes or interrupting the best sex they'd had in years.

Rowena began to fear for Little Dan's safety when the staccato sounds of Mediterranean style profanities filled the air and violent shoving broke the angry mob apart. It was the three Joes to the rescue! They'd left at daybreak after every mother and grandmother in Little Italy had loaded them up with enough pasta fazool to feed the entire west side of Cleveland. Being confronted with first generation urban Italian bricklayers armed with masonry tools was enough to cause the wimpy subur-

ban crowd to retreat.

With the threats momentarily neutralized and the three Joes standing guard, Rowena continued with her tragic news. "Little Dan...Maynard is dead." The three Joes gasped and uttered the words, "Madre di Dio."

"He was a block from our home," she said holding back tears, "when a drunk driver ran a stop light and crashed into his motorcycle. He died at the scene." The three Joes started to cry. Little Dan was still out of it and kept repeating, "I lost my dad, my mom, my dog, and the Gas & Lube..."

It was just as well that he'd remained in his state of shock. After the fire department determined that the Gas & Lube's auto shut-off valve had been deactivated, charges were immediately filed against Little Dan. Police Chief Tom Graber stormed into the hospital, pushed his way through the foaming crowd, and handcuffed Little Dan to his gurney. The arrest caught the attention of the mob and emboldened them to renew their threats on Little Dan's life. When a small riot broke out, the Chief and his patrolmen were forced to restore order. A half hour later, when he returned to the area where Little Dan's gurney was supposed to be, the Chief's jaw dropped to the floor.

The gurney, along with Little Dan, Rowena, the three Joes, and 100 gallons of pasta fazool had escaped unnoticed and were on the lam!

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No Cell Phone While Driving In Lakewood

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and get on Facebook, to those against it who complained about the "nanny state" or speculated that it was a way for the city of Lakewood to raise funds.

One resident who made it quite clear why she supported the new ordinance was Bridget Conant who said: "I think that these automobile laws are necessary given that a vehicle is 2-3000 pounds of metal that can kill if the operator isn't controlling the vehicle. Just like restricting alcohol and drug use while driving, it seems we need to look at the ubiquitous cell phone as another distraction that can be implicated as a cause of numerous accidents and deaths.

Should we have to tell people to keep their attention on the road while

driving? In a perfect world, maybe not. But I've seen FAR too many drivers looking down at, or fumbling with their phones and missing stop signs, veering out of their lane, running red lights, and not noticing pedestrians in crosswalks.

Had it not been SO apparent that cell phone usage while driving is a hazard, maybe we wouldn't need these laws. But the fact is, we do. And I hope law enforcement ENFORCES these laws and people realize that they will be held accountable for their behavior which puts themselves and others at risk of injury and death."

The law goes into effect at the end of November. To see the full ordinance and the complete list of exemptions, go to <http://www.onelakewood.com/accordions/city-ordinances/>.

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Alan Jackson & Jimmy Buffet Ain't Got Nothing On
The Five O'Clock Lounge

by Eva Starr

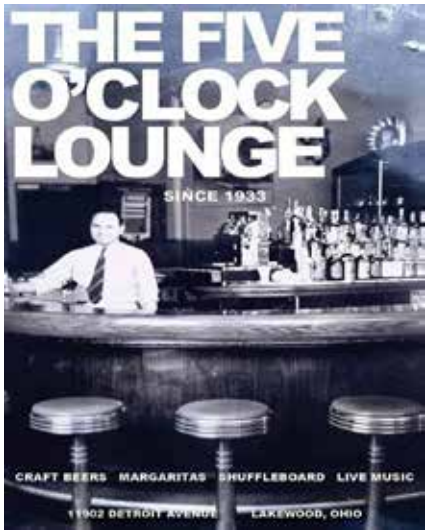
Move over Alan, it's Five O'Clock all the time at one of Lakewood's most historic taverns. There may be a few old timers in Lakewood who may be able to spin a few stories about days gone by, and the infamous characters that sat down and had a shot of whiskey and a beer wash on the stools of the Five O'Clock Lounge.

Does the name Elliot Ness, or Tom Hanks ring a bell? Depending on what era you grew up in, one of those names should come to mind. Myself, I know of both, not saying I had the pleasure of meeting either one of them, but I can say "Elliot Ness sat here," as I perch myself on one of those bar stools at the Five O'Clock and order a brewski.

Back in 1933 Rosario Lauria (Angelo, the current owner's father) owned the bar, and it has since changed hands, from father to son, when Angelo Lauria (Rosario's son) bought it back in 1987. That was probably about the time when I started drinking there, after my bartending shift at the Lakewood Rush Inn. Those were the days, cheap drinks, talking with Angelo behind the bar, and lots of laughs!

It was a popular hang-out back then for the 'industry' personnel and still is today! Not much has changed in the way of good folks, good liquor/beer and a good time. The new additions are: the backyard patio-- which for a Lakewood bar is humongous, in my humble opinion-- the added entertainment of local bands, and the monthly Black Mass (drag queen show) one Saturday a month.

To say the patio is a "hidden gem" is an understatement! When I walked in the place Friday night to catch a little Indians baseball and a Browns preseason game, I had no idea there was that much



room back there. Wait, there's more: the patio is dog-friendly. You can't beat that with a "DAWG BONE" (OK a little Browns humor there). All your problems have just been solved; take Fido, Rover, or Peaches for a walk around the block, and stop in to wet your whistle. Who could ask for anything more?

Let's talk entertainment. Word on the street is "there's talent in this city," and it begins at the Five O'Clock Lounge. These are some of the best bands in the country, local and traveling bands from outside of our city limits, who got the word that Lakewood is Music!

Let's not leave out Black Mass Saturday, which is one of the biggest draws this side of Lake Erie. Black Mass, a drag queen show, happens one Saturday a month, and packs them in. Check your local entertainment media for dates. Bands and other events are also

listed on the Event Board at the bar. There's something for everyone (21 & over) at the Five O'Clock, and you don't have to wait till Five O'Clock to enjoy a bit of nostalgia, with a cold beer. Who knows? You could be sitting on Elliot Ness's bar stool or standing right where Forrest Gump stood.

The Five O'Clock, owned by Angelo & Debbie Lauria, located at 11904 Detroit Ave. opens at 3pm-2:30am daily (216-521-4906).



Angelo & Debbie Lauria at The Five O'clock Lounge



OCTOBER

Aries: Nature is calling The Ram to have a sense of adventure, during this fall month, what better time to take a walk on the wild side into the night, and do a Cemetery Crawl...

Taurus: The Universe is serving Abundance Pie & the Bull is in line to grab a piece, splurge on a red cape for Halloween & show up at that party

donning your finest Matador apparel.

Gemini: Beauty is the Twins theme this month, grab that magic wand, conjure up a pumpkin carriage, go to a vintage shop for the perfect gown, your Prince Charming is waiting at the ball.

Cancer: Keywords this month Crab, divine timing, get under that Full Moon, find a Mermaid outfit & do your best rendition of Daryl Hannah in

Splash, serve up your best witches' brew.

Leo: The Lion has self-love mastered, at least that's what you show the world, wear that crown, as you sit high & mighty atop your throne, you can skip the grand entrance, the Queen sees you.

Virgo: You're ready to unplug from the world, you may even hide in the luxury of a bubble bath on Halloween while turning off all the lights in your house to ward off the little munchkins.

Libra: The Sun is shining on you most of the month. Mars, the gallant warrior is also visiting your humble abode, which could rock the boat, flow with the waves, change is constant.

Scorpio: Scorpion's favorite time of year, the Sun (late month) Mercury & Venus set up shop, stroll the graveyard, let go of grudges, your intuition is dead on, the vampire in you comes out.

Sagittarius: The Centaur's heart needs to be guarded this month, stay

away from the deep dark forests this Halloween, lest the woodsman aims his bow & arrow & steals your heart away.

Capricorn: The Goat is not one for being a trickster, everyone who crosses your enchanted mountain path is a teacher, the goblins, the monsters, as well as the fairies, take note...

Aquarian: Your GPS this month is your heart, & if it's taking too long down that yellow-brick-road, know that divine timing is at hand, enjoy the journey along the way, throw some apples.

Pisces: The Fish has a big lake to cross, & it seems like you'll never reach the other side, have perseverance my dear Fish, think like a Pirate, you're built for this, Captain Hook move on over.

Eva Starr, local astrologer, has been studying the moon & stars since she could read. Starr can be reached at evastarr.com

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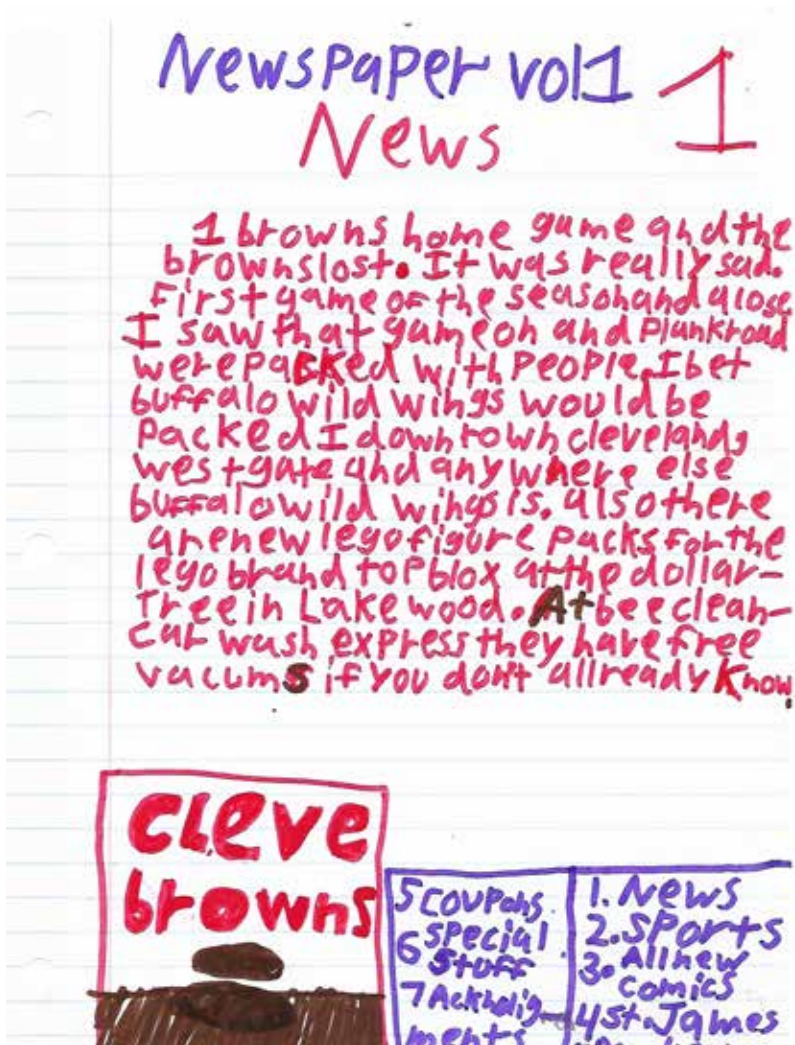
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Lakewood Observed



Gabe's News: First Browns Home Game, Legos And More

by Gabe Macdermott

(First) Browns home game and the Browns lost. It was really sad. First game of the season and they lose. I saw that Game On and Plank Road (Tavern) were packed with people. I bet Buffalo Wild Wings would be packed in downtown Cleveland and Westgate and anywhere else Buffalo Wild Wings is (located). Also there are new Lego figure packs for the Lego brand top blox at the Dollar Tree in Lakewood. At Bee Clean Car wash express they have free vacuums if you don't already know.

Gabe Macdermott, age 8, loves writing and drawing. He loves Lego and reporting the news.



Birdtown Flower Boxes

by Rachael Mathes

Have you seen the new flower boxes in Birdtown?

This has been an exciting project years in the making by the dedicated members of the Birdtown Beautification Committee.

From installing the flower boxes along Madison Ave. in Birdtown, to painting them, lining them, working with the small business owners in the area to plant and maintain beautiful flowers and foliage, to the final step of adding these fun and unique decals that represent our great city of Lakewood. They are a great addition to the neighborhood and truly beautify the city!

Lakewood Medical Building Turns One Hundred Years Old



by Matt Kuhns

Lakewood recognizes Century Homes, so this year take a moment to notice this "Century Office Building" too. The Lakewood Medical Building was new construction at Detroit and Westwood 100 years ago, courtesy of Dr. C. Lee Graber, who also founded the city's hospital a dozen years before. Graber practiced medicine at this building until shortly before his death in 1954. Today the former Medical Building is part of the Rosewood Place Development, owned by North Coast Capital Partners.

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

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LakewoodAlive

LakewoodAlive to Host “Knowing Your Home: How to Stock Your Tool Box” Workshop on October 10

by Matt Bixenstine

Having the right tools can make all the difference, empowering you to tackle DIY projects around your home. But how can you be sure your tool box is up to the challenge?

LakewoodAlive will host Knowing Your Home: How to Stock Your Tool Box on Thursday, October 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Lakewood Hardware (16608 Madison Avenue). The 13th workshop of 2019 for this popular home maintenance educational series aims to take the guesswork out of determining what



you need to achieve a well-stocked tool box that’s capable of addressing the home repair project at-hand.

Led by our friend Glenn Palmer and his team at Lakewood Hardware,

this workshop will help you select those tools that are essential to have for caring for your home. From locking pliers to a tape measure to power tools, we’ll make sure you know which tools qualify as home maintenance necessities, saving you time and unnecessary headaches the next time a household project arises.

To reserve your free spot for “Knowing Your Home: How to Stock Your Tool Box,” visit LakewoodAlive.org/KnowingYourHome or call 216-521-0655.

Now in its sixth year, LakewoodAlive’s “Knowing Your Home” series

draws hundreds of attendees annually. Visit LakewoodAlive.org/KnowingYourHome to learn more. Our workshop series is generously supported by: Citizens Bank, City of Lakewood, Cleveland Lumber Company and First Federal Lakewood.

In lieu of charging for these events, we are asking participants to consider either making a donation to LakewoodAlive or bringing canned foods or other non-perishable items for donation to the Lakewood Community Services Center. We appreciate your support.

The 11th Annual Lakewood Chocolate Walk Takes Place On October 24

by Matt Bixenstine

Get ready to rejoice, chocolate lovers! A delectable evening awaits when the 11th Annual Lakewood Chocolate Walk takes place on Thursday, October 24, from 6 to 9 p.m. in Downtown Lakewood.

The Chocolate Walk – hosted by LakewoodAlive and the Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance (DLBA) – represents a popular autumn tradition with a devout following of chocolate fans from all over Northeast Ohio. Participants visit 25 shops and eateries in Downtown Lakewood that are Sweet Stops on the Chocolate Walk.

Limited to 350 attendees, this much-anticipated event will sell out very quickly. This year’s Chocolate Walk features two different ways to secure tickets:

Chocolate Walk Presale Ticket Launch

When: Saturday, September 28 at 9 a.m.

Where: lion and blue - 15106 Detroit Avenue in Downtown Lakewood

What: 150 General Admission tickets (but no VIP tickets) will be sold for \$50 each on a first-come, first-served basis with a limit of four tickets per person. The purchaser will receive a small swag bag containing sweet treats. Five swag bags will contain “Golden Tickets” in the form of a \$50 gift card, and there

will also be a visit from a special guest.

Online Ticket Sale

When: Tuesday, October 1 at 10 a.m.

Where: LakewoodAlive.org/ChocolateWalk

What: 50 VIP tickets will be sold for \$75 each and 150 General Admission tickets will be sold for \$40 each during the online ticket sale starting at 10 a.m. on October 1. Please note that there is a purchasing limit of four tickets per person, and that the Chocolate Walk is intended for adults aged 21 and older.

The VIP ticket option exists for those seeking to elevate the joy of the chocolate experience to an even greater level of bliss. Hosted by Malley’s Chocolates, the Pre-Walk VIP Reception – limited to only 50 lucky attendees – takes place from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. at Malley’s Lakewood location (14822 Madison Avenue), where guests will sample decadent treats, as well as appetizers, wine and beer. Transportation aboard the “Chocolate Express” will be provided from Downtown Lakewood to the VIP Reception and back. VIP tickets will only be available for purchase online starting at 10 a.m. on October 1.

A General Admission ticket gains you entrance to First Federal Lakewood (14806 Detroit Avenue) at 6 p.m., where you’ll receive your Chocolate Walk supplies. Guided by a map and

the signs and festive bows decorating participating merchants, you’ll take to the streets to visit the Sweet Stops, collecting something chocolate-themed at each location. You may visit the stops in any order you wish – the merchants eagerly await you.

The evening ends for all attendees with the Final Stop at First Federal Lakewood. You may stop here whenever you finish your walk, turn in your completed Golden Egg Hunt form, wet your whistle and grab a snack. The Final Stop will be your last chance to purchase tickets for the 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets, with the drawings held at 8:55

p.m. You need not be present to win.

“Our annual Chocolate Walk represents a unique opportunity to showcase Lakewood’s vibrancy,” said Ian Andrews, Executive Director of LakewoodAlive. “We hope you can join us for this memorable evening, with proceeds supporting the Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance, our Downtown Lakewood Program and LakewoodAlive.”

For more information regarding the Lakewood Chocolate Walk taking place October 24, please visit LakewoodAlive.org/ChocolateWalk.



Tickets are limited and run out early so get in line, or get online and order your tickets to the 2019 LakewoodAlive Chocolate Walk.



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