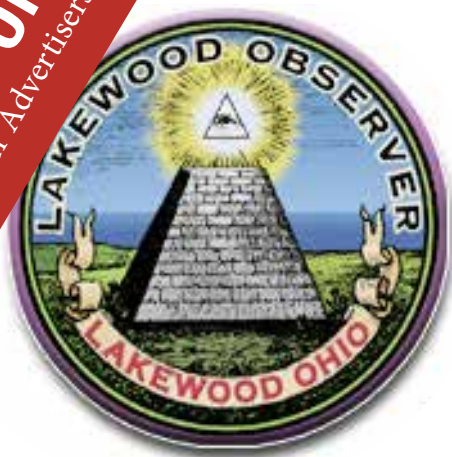


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The Beebe Family - 2018: my son Aaron Beebe, his daughter Miriam Matzner-Beebe, Linda Beebe and my daughter Megan Beebe.

by Linda Beebe

My name is Linda Beebe, and I am asking to be re-elected to Lakewood Board of Education for another four years. I have served on Lakewood BOE for 36 years; I want to be re-elected because I believe public education is vital to the health of my community. I am committed to making Lakewood Schools the best choice for all our children, no matter what their background, abilities, or economic status. Good schools mean more young families, a better informed citizenry and

greater stability.

I initially taught English and History – in Scotland and in Lakewood. Since going to law school, I have been an estate planning and probate attorney with a local practice. My two children Aaron and Megan are both graduates of Lakewood Schools. My husband Dr. Bruce Beebe taught at Lakewood High School for 30 years. My connections to Lakewood Schools are strong, and I have been involved in

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LHS National Merit Honorees Named

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High School seniors Evan Bell and Aidan Bohac have been named National Merit Semifinalists in the prestigious National Merit Scholarship Corp. competition. This designation recognizes Evan and Aidan as among the top students in the nation.

Based on their PSAT score from the 2018-2019 school year, Evan and Aidan join the group of 16,000 Semifinalists across the country. These academic standouts rose to the top of more than 1.6 million students who took the PSAT. Semifinalists represent less than 1% of U. S. high school seniors and are the highest scoring entrants in their state. Semifinalists are designated on



National Merit Commended Students (from left) Alexander Weber, Emma Carson and Emma Hirsch.

a state-representational basis. The number of Semifinalists named in each state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating high school seniors.

Evan and Aidan are now

eligible to continue on in the competition in hopes of being named a Finalist and receiving one of more than 7,500 scholarships to be awarded in the spring.

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The Lakewood School Spirit Parade means it is Homecoming for Lakewood High. A huge part of Homecoming are the Royals, chosen by the students. This year, it was Terence Checkitt and Ally Maroulis left, and Esther Dolatowski and Nick Scott, above. Over 100 photos online!

12th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade Brings Bark To Kauffman Park On October 19

by Matt Bixenstine

It won't be long now until a sea of costumed canines converge at Kauffman Park. LakewoodAlive's 12th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade takes place on Saturday, October 19, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Downtown Lakewood.

Sponsored by Discount Drug Mart, the Spooky Pooch Parade consists of a free-to-attend festival in Kauffman Park, a parade through Lakewood's downtown business district on Detroit Avenue and an awards presentation. A favorite autumn tradition for Northeast Ohio dog lovers, this family-friendly community festival represents a one-of-a-kind event within the region, provid-



ing a tail-wagging good time for canine and human guests alike.

Pre-registration for the parade is \$10 per dog and day-of registration is \$15 per dog. Multiple dog discounts are available with pre-registration only. Humans are free. This community event takes place rain or shine, and proceeds from the parade benefit LakewoodAlive, a nonprofit community development organization.

Festivities get underway with the Spooky Pooch Festival beginning at 12:30 p.m. at Kauffman Park, during which attendees can enjoy entertainment, children's games and dog-related vendors. This year's festivities include the return of a free dog yoga session hosted by Pink Lotus Yoga.

The much-anticipated dog parade commences at 2

p.m. Dogs of all shapes and sizes dressed in their finest Halloween fashions will strut their stuff along Detroit Avenue. Judges will award top-three prizes beginning at approximately 3:15 p.m. in the following categories: Best Pooch & Child, Best Pooch & Adult, Best Pooch & Group, Spookiest Pooch and Best in Show. Winner of Best in Show will receive one year's worth of complimentary dog food courtesy of Pet's General Store.

For more information and to register your dog, please visit LakewoodAlive.org/Spooky-Pooch.

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2019 Halloween Throwdown

by Jim O'Bryan

Well, it is that time of year, and the Lakewood Observer is again looking for the best of the best from all Lakewood residents, whether you're decorating your home, apartment or business for the holiday season of Halloween. We will be looking for homes that capture the feel of this spooky season. Awards for Best Overall, Best Homemade Decorations, Best Use of Inflatables, Scariest Neighborhood, Best Business Store Window, and two special prizes for Best Photos of Trick-or-Treaters, your own children or ones coming to door.

*Prizes are provided by: Wood-stock BBQ, Melt, West End Tavern, India Garden, Root Cafe and Rood, six of the top restaurants in Lakewood and huge supporters of Foodwood® and the Lakewood Observer project.

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Presutto Demonstrates Professional Experience

by Bradley Presutto

My career started in the financial sector where I specialized in creating and delivering training programs for new hires, existing employees, and leadership development. While I was training staff members in a variety of financial roles, I also achieved a wide variety of financial licenses, HR certifications, and project management experience. In addition to training, I managed teams as small as two to as large as sixty across multiple cities and countries. It is this experience that has me best suited to interact with different demographics and will allow me to communicate the issues and solutions to Lakewood residents.

When you are in the training sector, companies tend to place you in the general Human Resources area. It was due to this relationship that I was able to get experience in the recruiting field. Companies and leaders quickly saw my ability to attract and assemble a team of highly skilled individuals,

empower them to grow, and get them promoted to other areas of the company to excel. My role quickly changed to become a leader over new teams or departments that were struggling. I was able to quickly turn around teams that became the role models for other teams to emulate, including winning the 2017 Rookie of the Year at my last job because I was able to take a team that was consistently putting out quality numbers of 72% to 99% within 8 months. Whatever department or role I managed, I was always the subject matter expert on hiring and retaining top talent.

I was routinely asked to participate in the interviewing and hiring process for roles, but I also was asked to share these hiring best practices with a variety of different companies to help them hire in areas that had historically high turnover rates. It is this experience that will allow me to approach every situation with a “continual improvement” mindset. While Lakewood is a great

city, I would be proactive in reaching out to residents and city employees to find out their pain points and also look for ways to be more efficient. Doing more with less will help us maintain a more affordable cost of living.

After working in the private sector for almost twenty years now, I started my own company this year, Level Up Employment LLC. We specialize in

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Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

Thursday, October 3, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Friends’ Fall Book Sale Preview

Friends’ Book Sale Area

Friends of Lakewood Public Library host a special members-only preview book sale. Join at the door for as little as \$3.00.

Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friends’ Fall Book Sale

Friends’ Book Sale Area

Friends of Lakewood Public Library host the Fall Book Sale.

Saturday, October 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. (71 minutes)

Film Series—From Books to Films: “Frankenstein” (1931)

Directed by James Whale

Main Library Auditorium

“Frankenstein” tells the classic story of a monster come to life. Dr. Henry Frankenstein (Colin Clive) is a brilliant but obsessive scientist attempting to discover how to make the dead walk again. He is successful in assembling a creature using body parts of exhumed corpses but creates a creature he cannot control, and the consequences are deadly. Based on the 1818 novel by Mary Shelley, this film continues our series of films based on books.

Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Concert - Anne E. DeChant

Main Library Auditorium

Anne E. DeChant is an award-winning Nashville recording artist, originally from Cleveland where she was a five-time Singer-Songwriter of the Year. She has played venues ranging from the Clinton White House to storied listening rooms like Nashville’s Bluebird Café. DeChant began her career as the dynamic lead singer of the folk-rock band Odd Girl Out. Since going solo in 1997, she has released ten critically acclaimed studio albums.

Tuesdays, October 8, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

American Cultural Events in the 20th Century: Alfred Hitchcock and Woodstock

Presentation by Dr. Joel Keller

Lawther Center, 16024 Madison Avenue

The second week of our exploration of two very different cultural events of 20th Century American. Weeks one and two will be a retrospective of the twenty greatest films of Alfred Hitchcock. Weeks three and four will be a look back at Woodstock. These interactive classes are filled with rare video and audio recordings. Registration is required. Register by calling the Division of Aging Activities Office at (216) 529-5005.

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. (94 minutes)

Documentary - “Apollo 11” (2019)

Directed by Todd Douglas Miller

Presented by Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

Main Library Auditorium

A film fifty years in the making, “Apollo 11” takes us straight to the heart of NASA’s most celebrated mission. Crafted from newly discovered 65mm footage and more than 11,000 hours of uncatalogued audio recordings, we’re able to experience those momentous hours in 1969 when humankind took a giant leap into the future. In celebration of World Space Week, join planetarium specialist Bill Reed of the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center to discuss the film.

Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Great Decisions in Libraries - Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future?Presentation by Jason Keiber, PhD

Main Library Multipurpose Room

Nuclear weapons have not gone away, and the Trump administration has brought a new urgency to dealing with them. Can the art of the deal apply to stabilizing our nuclear future? After a brief video, Jason Keiber, assistant professor of International Studies and National Security at Baldwin Wallace University, will lead a discussion and help to answer the complex questions surrounding nuclear weapons. Readings will be available one week in advance.

Events For Kids

compiled by Nic Starr

Friday, October 5, 2019, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Music Therapy and More

For families with children struggling in an area of development.

Main Library Toddlers’ Story Room

This program, led by a board-certified music therapist, teaches families how to use music to improve their child’s behavior and motor, communication and social skills. Siblings (age birth to six-years-old) may attend, but must register separately. Registration is required. Register online at connectingforkids.org/register, email info@connectingforkids.org or call (440) 570-5908.

Saturday, October 5, 2019, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Space is the Place: Observe the Moon Night

For students in third through fifth grade.

International Observe the Moon Night is held in the fall around the Moon’s first quarter because of the ideal conditions for afternoon and evening viewings in the Northern Hemisphere. We will take a tour of the Moon from inside the Library and create our own impact craters. Registration is required.

Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Nonfiction Book Club

Main Library Meeting Room

Come and join the conversation with our newest book club. There are sure to be serious and thought-provoking discussions about many subjects inspired by these nonfiction works. Tonight we will discuss “The Perfect Weapon: War, Sabotage, and Fear in the Cyber Age” by David E. Sanger.

Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. (80 minutes)

Film Series—Sam Fuller: Audacious Auteur: “Forty Guns” (1957)

Directed by Samuel Fuller, Presented by Terry Meehan

Main Library Auditorium

Jessica Drummond (Barbara Stanwyck) is a powerful landowner and the lawless queen of Cochise County. Her gang of gunmen dominates Fuller’s rugged canvas. When US Marshal Griff Bonnell (Barry Sullivan) comes to town to enforce the law, sparks fly. Will they shoot it out or fall in love? Terry Meehan continues his series Sam Fuller: Audacious Auteur, introducing each film with an original video followed by audience reaction and a lively discussion.

Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Concert - Hiroya Tsukamoto

Main Library Auditorium

Hiroya Tsukamoto is an internationally acclaimed composer, guitarist and singer-songwriter from Kyoto, Japan. He began playing the five-string banjo when he was thirteen and took up the guitar shortly after. Tsukamoto will perform eclectic acoustic music combined with stories and Japanese folk songs. He promises to take us on an innovative, impressionistic journey filled with earthy, organic soundscapes that impart a mood of peace and tranquility.

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Knit & Lit Book Club

Main Library Meeting Room

Come share your passion for great literature and show off your knitting, crocheting, counted cross-stitch, embroidery and quilting works-in-progress. Tonight we will discuss “Where the Crawdads Sing” by Delia Owens.

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The Results Are In: Understanding Your DNA Test

Presented by Mary Jamba

Main Library Auditorium

The excitement of receiving your DNA results can quickly turn to confusion. Learn how to read the results of your research to identify matches, build relationships and interpret ethnicity estimates. Mary Jamba is an avid genealogist with twenty-six years of research experience and currently serves as program chair for the Western Reserve Historical Society Genealogical Committee and the DNA User Group Leader at the Computer Assisted Genealogy Group.

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The Results Are In: Understanding Your DNA Test

by Lisa Calfee

Over 26 million Americans have mailed in their saliva sample for an at-home ancestry test. The initial process is simple for the consumer, but deciphering the results of this ever advancing DNA research can be baffling. Mary Jamba is visiting Lakewood Public Library on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to explain what the reports mean and how you can get the most out of them.

Connecting with others who share your DNA and what ethnicity estimates reveal will be topics of discussion. The presentation takes place in the Main Lower Level Auditorium at 15425 Detroit Avenue.

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Lakewood Public Library further supports your genealogy quest in a variety of ways with programming and resources specifically created to help. You can access Ancestry Library Edition at one of our computers in the Technology Center to search thousands of vital records. A library card is all you need to get started.

For extra guidance, we offer Genealogy Workshops taught by Deborah Abbott, PhD in our learning lab on the



Tuesdays of October 22, 2019; November 26, 2019; January 28, 2020 and February 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Registering is easy with a phone call to (216) 226-8275 ext. 127.

On the topic of ancestry, a Meet the Author event on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. will feature the book, “White Like Her: My Family’s Story of Race and Racial Passing” by Gail Lukasik, PhD. The author will discuss the true-life story of her journey to uncover her mother’s racial lineage. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

On Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., Julia Creet from the Greater Cleveland Genealogical Society will be presenting the documentary “Data Mining the Deceased: Ancestry and the Business of Family.” The following Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., Edward Bolte, president of the Western Reserve Historical Society Genealogy Committee, will present “The Changing Face and Future of Obituaries.” Visit lakewoodpubliclibrary.org for more information.

Guitarist Hiroya Tsukamoto Performs At The Library

by Elaine Rosenberger

Lakewood Public Library is pleased to welcome Hiroya Tsukamoto, internationally acclaimed guitarist and singer-songwriter, to our concert stage. Born in Kyoto, Japan, Hiroya was thirteen years old when his father gave him a five-string banjo. Inspired by a recording of “Foggy Mountain Banjo” by Earl Scruggs, Hiroya taught himself the banjo and took up the guitar shortly thereafter.

In 2000, Hiroya received a scholarship to study music at Boston’s Berklee College of Music, where he founded the band Interoceanico. After college, he moved to New York City. Since then he

has performed throughout the world including several performances at Blue Note in New York City and on Japanese National Television. In 2018, Hiroya took Second Place in The International Finger Style Guitar Championship.

A guitarist with “chops, passion, and warmth” (Jazz Review), Hiroya Tsukamoto performs eclectic acoustic music combined with stories and Japanese folk songs. He will take us on an innovative, impressionistic journey.

Hiroya Tsukamoto’s concert occurs on Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. Admission is free and open to all.



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Cleveland Clinic psychiatrist Molly Wimbiscus, MD. “Parents should also watch for signs that their child is thinking about hurting others or themselves.”

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“Our interdisciplinary team evaluates each patient’s needs and develops a specific individualized treatment plan,” says Dr. Wimbiscus. “Depending on the plan, the child may receive treatment from a child psychiatrist, child and adolescent psychiatric nurses, clinical social workers, and occupational and recreation therapists.”

Whenever possible, children and adolescents are treated in specialized outpatient programs at Lutheran Hospital and Lakewood Family Health Center. This approach provides the least disruption to a child’s routine, allowing the child to continue with school, family and other activities.

If inpatient care is recommended, Fairview Hospital has the only inpatient unit for child and adolescent



psychiatry in the Cleveland Clinic health system. The unit is designed to be secure, safe and calming, and all patients have their own bedroom and bathroom.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Wimbiscus or another specialist in the Center for Behavioral Health, please call 216.636.5860, or visit ClevelandClinic.org/BehavioralHealth.



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Lakewood High School National Merit Honorees Named



National Merit Semifinalists Aidan Bohac (left) and Evan Bell.

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National Merit Scholarship Corp. also recognizes Commended Students, who are among the top 5% of PSAT scorers. Lakewood High's three Com-

mended Students are seniors Emma Carson, Emma Hirsch and Alexander Weber.
Congratulations to these five academic superstars!

Come See All LHS Offers At Showcase Night Oct. 8

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 Q-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.

Playground Sign Eases Stress Of Recess

by Christine Gordillo

Recess is not always fun and games for everyone. Some students struggle with the overstimulation and free-for-all that recess can be. This is particularly true for students with disabilities. District Speech Pathologist VernaAnn Kotansky saw this happening with the CHAMPS unit students at Horace Mann Elementary School. She noticed that the students have difficulty expressing themselves on the playground resulting in frustration and sometimes negative behaviors. So she decided to do something about it.

Kotansky had read about other districts using a sign with visual cues to help increase the students' success and communication. Kotansky used



SymbolStix software, which generates visual support images to help facilitate faster understanding, more complete cognition, and decoding of text for individuals with disabilities, to create the sign and had Lakewood's Erie Design print it with proper weather-resistant materials. The sign has been in use since the first day of school and students are using it to communicate with their teachers about how they are



H2O's R&D Team Members

H2O's R&D Team Gears Up For HOME ALONE

by Celia Dorsch

A highly dedicated team of eleven H2O "Help to Others" members from Lakewood High School spent last summer meeting with experts from Lakewood Police, Fire, EMS, and an internet crime investigator to gather important safety information that will aid their younger peers. The findings of H2O's Research and Development Team will be shared by an expanded group of high school leaders through interactive presentations at four HOME ALONE parent/child events scheduled for January and February of 2020.

The R&D Team is part of H2O's

innovative HOME ALONE Youth Leadership Program. This initiative has been made possible through generous grants from the Thomas S. and Marjorie J. Gray Foundation and Lakewood/Rocky River Rotary Foundation. The HOME ALONE Youth Leadership Program will engage and support a total of 50 high school volunteer leaders as they develop safety training workshops for 9-12 yr old students in Lakewood. The high school leaders look forward to sharing their own experiences, along with critical information and specific skills with attendees. This peer-to-peer mentorship is designed to increase knowledge, build life skills and inspire confidence in the younger students in a fun, engaging way.

Watch for more news about this exciting project in the coming weeks. Registration for HOME ALONE will begin in November. The events will be held at Garfield Middle School and will cover things like: practicing safety on the way to and from school, first aid, phone and door safety, resolving sibling conflicts, and internet safety.

Kudos to the following students for the tremendous time and effort they have already given, and the commitment they are demonstrating in safeguarding their younger peers: Kim Banak, Gina Marjanovic, Olivia Patterson, Emma Hart, Jacob Kavc, Lavinia Grandt, Sydney Wilhelmy, Hayley Welsh, Johana Guci, Sarah Donaldson, and Tully Worrone.

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Swim With The Pumpkins At Lakewood Rec’s Pumpkin Patch In The Pool

by Matt Demaline

On Sunday, October 27, the clear blue waters of the Lakewood High School pool become the coolest pumpkin patch in Lakewood. Children of all ages are invited to splash their way around the pool to find their pumpkin floating in the water.

Before splashing around to find that perfect pumpkin, we have some cool pool games to play. Young and old will get a kick out of the “slam a pumpkin bball challenge,” the cannonball contest, and the witch’s hat ring toss. Fun will be had by all ages!

The event “splashes” off at 1pm on Sunday, October 27 at the Lakewood High School pool. Participants should park in the rear of Lakewood High

School (between LHS and the baseball turf). The pool entrance is door #14. Pre-register and save at www.lakewoodrecreation.com. Children six years of age and under must be accompanied in the pool by an adult; there is no additional charge for the adult.

There are many community programs offered at the Lakewood High School pool, including weekday lap swims, learn-to-swim classes, swim teams for young and old – the list goes on and on. Our program information for the Lakewood High School Pool, and our other programs, can be found at www.lakewoodrecreation.com, on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, all by searching for lkwdrec.



The LHS Ranger riding in a proper chariot in the Spirit Parade. The Lakewood Observer has over 100 photos from the events online for your enjoyment.

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Beatlemania At The Barton Senior Center

by Cheryl Shaver

Remember the Beatles '65 album? How about the Fab Four's visits to Cleveland in 1964 and 1966? Get back to yesterday and relive those concerts or experience them for the first time. Best of all, you won't have to travel across the universe to do it. There's a place where you can go – The Barton Senior Center here in Lakewood!

On Thursday, October 17th at 2 p.m. author Dave Schwensen will relive the excitement of Beatlemania

when John, Paul, George and Ringo visited Cleveland for two of the wildest, out of control concerts in Beatles – and rock 'n' roll – history. Dave will take you back to Northern Ohio during the 1960s and go behind the scenes and on stage with The Fab Four through insider stories, rare concert films, never-before published photos and memorabilia. The highlights include films of The Beatles riotous concerts at Cleveland Public Hall in 1964 and Municipal Stadium in 1966 with

enough memorabilia to fill a small yellow submarine. Beginning at 11am, win music prizes, purchase raffles, shop in our stores and visit with our sponsor, O'Neill Healthcare Lakewood. Don't expect marshmallow pies – instead Lakewood's new eatery, Ohio City Burrito will have a burrito bar set up in the café to purchase lunch.

If you're a day tripper, this is your ticket to ride down memory lane. It will only cost you \$5 for the presentation and that can be used for credit towards a yearly membership. You can join The Barton Senior Center for just \$18 a year. This allows you to enjoy events and activities plus includes on-going access to the Center's Café, Book Store, Corner Store and Hodge Podge resale shop. It won't be long until more is announced in our monthly newsletter which you will receive as a BSC

member.

No need to search here, there and everywhere for a 60's fashion piece. Colorful handmade tie-dye shirts will be available for sale. Just looking at them will give you Kaleidoscope eyes! Mr. Schwensen will also have his book available for sale.

The Barton Senior Center is a non-profit, self-supporting organization created to enrich the lives of local seniors. Purchasing a membership helps continue its mission. You may ask, do I have to wait 'til I'm when I'm 64 to sign up? No, the Barton Senior Center is open to those 55 and older. Younger and adult guests are welcome but must be accompanied by a senior member.

Come together with others in the community for some Beatles nostalgia. We hope you will enjoy the show!

The Barton Senior Center is located at 14300 Detroit Ave in Lakewood inside on the ground floor of the Westerly Apartment Complex. Parking is limited so consider carpooling or taking the #26 RTA bus which has stops on Detroit near the Center. Transportation may drop off guests at the east side entrance at bottom of hill. For further information or to purchase your tickets in advance visit www.bartonsenior-center.org. Tickets are also available at the door. (While supplies last!)

You are welcome to call the Barton Senior Center with any questions at 216-221-3400.

Cheryl Shaver is the Marketing Director at the Barton Senior Center.

Special Olympics Looking For Ice Skating Students

by Sharon Stark

For 34 years, Trinity Special Olympics has been an accredited training program for Special Olympics athletes in the Greater Cleveland area. We offer ice skating instruction beginning with "how to ice skate," all the way up to figure skating and short track speed skating. Instruction is done on a one-on-one basis by trained volunteer coaches from the community and adapted to the students' individual needs.

Our program is open to both children, 5 and over, and adults of all ages, who have intellectual disabilities, autism or cognitive delays. Students gain confidence and improved self-

esteem through learning new skills, get exercise through vigorous activities and enjoy the socialization that comes with being part of a team organization. Ice skates, safety equipment and adaptive hardware are provided and students are also welcome to bring their own gear.

Classes are held on Sundays at the Serpentine (Winterhurst) Ice Rink, operated by IceLand USA at 14740 Lakewood Hts. Blvd Lakewood 44107 from September through April, broken down into three 8-week sessions.

For further information contact Sharon Stark at tsolympics@hotmail.com.

Leon Bibb Featured Speaker At College Club West Luncheon

by Paula Deal

College Club West is having a very special speaker at our fall luncheon. Leon Bibb, beloved legendary Cleveland news broadcaster, will be discussing "Everyone Has a Story" on Wednesday, October 16 at noon at the Lakewood Country Club, Westlake. Cost is \$40 for presale only by October 10. Information and reservations at collegeclubwest.org or collegeclubwest@gmail.com.



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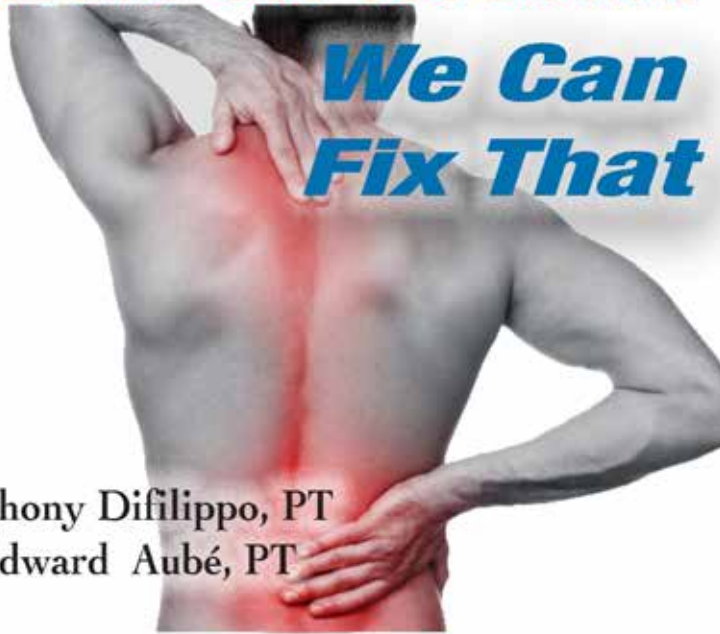




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LO Mayoral Candidate Q & A

Meghan George

1.) Why should we vote for you and not the other candidate? (100 words or less)

Meghan George: You deserve a mayor that understands the unique needs of our community and as a third-generation resident, I have called Lakewood home for nearly 38 years. My experience goes beyond serving as your current at-large Councilwoman. I have served the community as a supervisor for the Lakewood Recreation Department and I’ve worked for our schools. Additionally, I am a work-force strategy/benefits consultant for employers throughout Ohio. I assist CEOs with creating a competitive environment, mitigating risk, and establishing budgets. This combination of community service and practical experience has provided me with the skill set necessary for the role as Mayor.

3.) Since the last major election cycle, Lakewood has lost 1500+ skilled jobs and access to health care due to the liquidation of Lakewood Hospital. What was your position on the hospital closing process? Did you vote for the Master Agreement that closed Lakewood Hospital, or would you have if you had been on council? Why or why not? If you had it to do again, would you do anything differently? (150 words or less)

I was not on city council to vote for or against the Master Agreement, however, I would not have voted for that agreement. As someone who reviews contracts on a daily basis, I would not have agreed to the terms of the Master Agreement. Additionally, I work and consult in the healthcare world, I understand the complexities of those hospital systems. I firmly believe that another hospital system would have jumped at the opportunity if an extensive RFP would have been submitted. There are hospital systems outside of the region such as Mercy which is based in Cincinnati that is working to expand their footprint in Northeast Ohio. As mayor, I would have left no stone unturned to fight for the residents of Lakewood to keep healthcare in our city.

4.) What will you do to balance needs of residents and residential neighborhoods with economic (commercial, business) development? (100 words or less)

We all recognize that sensible development and redevelopment is important to the growth of Lakewood. We need to be sure that we are working with developers to create projects that are well thought out so we do not end up in a situation where property taxes sky rocket, pricing many, including seniors, out of their homes. The median income in Lakewood is roughly \$48,000, so we need to be sure we are building properties that homeowners in that income level can afford. Additionally, we need to be mindful of the traffic and parking issues developments cause in our neighborhoods.

5.) The current onelakewood.com website does not promote open and honest government. It is impossible to find what you are looking for on there. After spending hours, you give up. Would you be open to changing the website to one that is easier to work with?

I am committed to creating transparency through as many means as possible, including revamping the current city website so that it is user-friendly and easy to navigate. Communication between my administration and the residents of Lakewood is a top priority. That is why I am also committed to filling the vacant communications position so that we are proactively informing our residents of what happens at city hall.

6.) The records lawsuit was a moral and legal disaster for our city. What steps will you take to make our public records available and prevent future obstructionism by public officials? Do you support the proposed ethics and campaign finance reform legislation? (100 words or less)

I am in full support of the proposed ethics and campaign finance reform legislation and actually pushed for that to be on our committee agenda earlier this spring. City officials have a moral and ethical duty to their constituents and I fully support measures making information more readily available. I have co-sponsored legislation for public records reform to create a formal process for easier accessibility to those records. Public documents are your documents and you should be able to access them as quickly as possible.

7.) What attributes or experience would you look for in appointing a law director? Would you consider re-appointing Kevin Butler or any prior Lakewood Law Director? (100 words)

In the City of Lakewood, the Directors serve at the discretion of the Mayor. With all Director appointments, there should be a process involved to be sure that the person appointed to that position is qualified. I would consider appointing a prior Law Director if the individual were qualified.

8.) Over the past 15 years we have encountered 3 “moments” which have severely divided the city of Lakewood, mostly about social economic issues like health care, eminent domain, land use, land giveaways to developers, etc. If elected or re-elected what are you going to do to help mend fences and bring the community together again? (150 words)

Although not an elected official during all of these “moments,” I have had a deep understanding of each and every one of them from the past 15 years. Since being elected to City Council, it has been my goal to bring healing to our community. We need to work together for the betterment of Lakewood, not pick sides and stay in our corner. I have and will continue to work across the divide with those that are on the “other side” of these issues because only when we work together can we do some great things for the City. This is exactly what my 360-degree approach to solution-building as mayor means, to examine challenges and issues from as many perspectives as possible to collaboratively develop the best outcome for the residents of Lakewood.

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lakewoodobserver.com.

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Sam O'Leary

Sam O’Leary: I have the experience necessary to be Mayor. As a 3rd generation Lakewood resident, I understand our City’s history. I began serving Lakewood on the Board of Zoning Appeals, and the Tax Incentive Review Council. For six years, I have had the honor of representing Ward 2. For four years, I have served as Council President, building consensus among Council members and between Council and the Administration. I work as a municipal attorney advising mayors and councils about their challenging issues, across all aspects of municipal government. As a prosecutor I understand what it takes to make our community safe.

One of the first crises I faced on Council was the potential closure of Lakewood Hospital. I am proud of the fact that I did not rubberstamp the recommendations of the Hospital Association. By demanding public scrutiny, 12 months of public hearings took place. Those hearings allowed the citizens of Lakewood to take part in our future. As a leader of government, we are forced to choose among the alternatives before us. As in this case, I would always make sure that the citizens of this community have the ability to participate in decisions that affect our city. I will continue my fight for transparency and access to government.

As a veteran of Lakewood’s Board of Zoning Appeals and a municipal attorney by profession, I have significant experience balancing the needs of residential neighborhoods and commercial districts. While I served on Lakewood’s Board of Zoning Appeals, I was faced at each meeting with questions from residents and business owners, each concerned with their largest investments-- their homes and their businesses. Having seen the tenuous relationship between business and residents, I would ensure that any commercial investment meets the residents’ needs.

Access to government is crucial. As Council President, I have fought for accessibility to our city’s operations. As mayor, I will continue to strive for open access and transparency at City Hall for all residents. As Council President I fought for and achieved expanded access to Council’s records and meetings, by investing in the technology to make it possible to watch meetings from home and online, as well as an archive to access Council’s ordinances and other records.

As Council President, a municipal attorney and prosecutor by trade, I work to ensure that all public records are open and accessible to ALL the public. I am proud of achieving direct, online access to public records and committing to preserving and archiving historical records from the past. As mayor I will continue my fight to make the public’s records available to the public.

As Council President, and as a municipal attorney and prosecutor who advises mayors and councils throughout Northeast Ohio on a daily basis, I have had the honor of working with a multitude of great public servants. As mayor I would choose the best and the brightest public servants to serve our community. Any director that I choose must be ethical, transparent, and maintain the highest professional standards.

As a 3rd generation Lakewood resident, I’ve seen good times and bad. As Council President, my job requires that I work with every aspect of our community, leaving nobody behind. I am proud of the success that I have had in making sure that no voice in our community goes unheard. As mayor I will ensure that no voice goes unrepresented, and will continue my fight to make sure that in City Hall every resident has a voice. The diversity of our community is our greatest strength. As Council President, and with my experience as a municipal attorney and prosecutor for communities throughout Northeast Ohio, I know I know that we are strongest when all voice are heard. As mayor, I will ensure that every citizen knows what is taking place, and can participate in the process.

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LO City Council Candidate Q &

Laura Rodriguez-Carbone - Ward 1

1.) Why should we vote for you and not the other candidate? (100 words).

I have a clear platform and proven professional history of service. On the other hand, my opponent claims to personally oversee 600 employees as a court administrator and manage a budget of \$60 million. According to the latest annual Juvenile court report, her job falls under the court administration division, which does not directly oversee the budget - the legal division does. This statement is misleading. My opponents campaign is also backed by the old boys network of money and political influence. This is not the kind of leadership Lakewood deserves.

Residents in Ward 1 deserve a councilperson who will put their needs first, serve with transparency, integrity and be above undue influence. I am that candidate.

2.) Name two things you have learned while walking around talking to residents, first: what are their biggest concerns about their ward, and second, what are their biggest concerns about Lakewood in general? How will you address these concerns as their councilperson? (100 words, or less, for each)

Having personally knocked on 2,000 doors in Ward 1 and spoken with hundreds of residents, our seniors are concerned about transportation, accessibility, and being priced out of their homes due to property tax increases and fixed incomes. They are concerned about public health and senior services, which they feel are underfunded. Many families I spoke with are concerned about traffic safety and the safety of school-aged children given the amount of speeding observed in the neighborhoods. Residents across the board, and especially younger professionals, are concerned about affordable housing and the future of housing development in the Ward.

The biggest concern about Lakewood, in general, is a perceived lack of transparency and open communication from city government. Residents want their government to be more transparent, council representatives to be more engaged in the neighborhoods, and a representative who will pick up the phone, provide responsive constituent services, include them in policy discussions and advocate for their needs within the community and on city council. They also, by and large, support ethics reforms that would ensure honesty and accountability for Lakewood's public officials.

I will address these issues by being accessible with regular office hours; reestablish the community circulator; work with the community on responsive traffic safety solutions, utilize close working relationships with state legislators to bring back funding to reestablish the health department, take a thoughtful, transparent and careful approach to new development by supporting and proposing affordable housing legislation to keep Lakewood affordable and prioritize opportunities for development of affordable transitional and single family homes for seniors and young families.

3.) Since the last major election cycle, Lakewood has lost 1500+ skilled jobs and access to health care due to the liquidation of Lakewood Hospital. What was your position on the hospital closing process: Did you vote for the Master Agreement that closed Lakewood Hospital, or would you have if you had been on council? Why or why not? If you had it to do again, would you do anything differently? (150 words or less)

Working in public health, I see gaps in access to health care grow whenever hospitals close. I would not have voted to close the city's hospital had I been on city council. Because of my experience in public health, I applied to serve on the Wellness Foundation Planning Task Force and was unanimously selected by Lakewood City Council to do so. With our aging population, and nearly 50% of children receiving free or reduced school lunches, we cannot leave public health of the vulnerable
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Tess Neff - Ward 1

1.) Why should we vote for you and not the other candidate? (100 words).

I have proven leadership experience. The past four years I have managed the operations of the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court, which is comprised of almost 600 employees and a \$60 million budget. My extensive experience collaborating with community partners has allowed us to successfully create and implement programming, policy and training that promotes equality. I have been in public service my entire professional career, I have lived in Lakewood 31 years, serving ten years as a judicial magistrate at the Lakewood Municipal Court, and many years on the Lakewood YMCA Advisory Board. I understand the concerns and challenges faced by the constituency. My platform is focused on the core services that have made Lakewood a strong, thriving and successful inner ring suburb: robust safety and public services; improvements to roads, sidewalks and sewers; keeping homes affordable and livable. These components significantly contribute to Lakewood's greatness. I will maintain open dialogue, be inclusive of the community, make thoughtful decisions that are innovative and improve our city.

2.) Name two things you have learned while walking around talking to residents, first: what are their biggest concerns about their ward, and second, what are their biggest concerns about Lakewood in general? How will you address these concerns as their councilperson? (100 words, or less, for each)

Two concerns I learned from residents are speeding traffic is a safety concern on the cut through streets such as Cordova and Lauderdale, and the need to improve communication. First, we discussed traffic calming strips and speed bumps as a way to control drivers' excessive speed. This issue is important not just in Ward 1 but city wide. Families, children, walkers and bikers deserve to be safe on the streets and sidewalks. I will explore funding options with council on how best to tackle this issue. Second, people want to be informed and not be surprised when big decisions are made that impact their lives. I plan to work with council and the city administration to devise a plan to improve city wide communication to bring important issues to the residents. Email newsletters about important issues can be distributed more efficiently. Getting the residents involved to help compile email lists by street will help expedite the process.

3.) Since the last major election cycle, Lakewood has lost 1500+ skilled jobs and access to health care due to the liquidation of Lakewood Hospital. What was your position on the hospital closing process: Did you vote for the Master Agreement that closed Lakewood Hospital, or would you have if you had been on council? Why or why not? If you had it to do again, would you do anything differently? (150 words or less)

There still is resentment regarding the hospital closing process. Speculating on what I may or may not have done is counter productive. My job if elected to city council is to focus on the future and moving forward while being honest and transparent on any issues rising out of the OneLakewood project and hospital foundations. I will work hard to always keep residents informed about the issues presented to city council.

4.) A big complaint from both the elderly and those without cars is the loss of the community circulator. If elected what would you do to make the community more accessible to all?

I would love to see the circulator make its way back to Lakewood provided an affordable contract price could be reached with RTA or another private vendor that offers van service. Returning the circulator is a need council and the city should explore. Another option is to seek out private vendors such as Uber. Possibly the city
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Jason Shachner - Ward 2

1.) Why should we vote for you and not the other candidate? (100 words).

My career in public service has provided me with the tools and the temperament to effectively build coalitions and strongly advocate for you. I am an attorney and have significant, relevant experience in the non-profit and government sectors, including serving as an Assistant Prosecutor in the Civil Division of my office. Here, I provided legal advice and counsel to elected officials and department heads, was responsible for drafting resolutions, reviewing and creating bid packages for public works projects, and representing the county in legal matters. I will use my experience to make sure your voice is heard at City Hall.

2.) Name two things you have learned while walking around talking to residents, first: what are their biggest concerns about their ward, and second, what are their biggest concerns about Lakewood in general? How will you address these concerns as their councilperson? (100 words, or less, for each)

The biggest concerns in Ward 2 are speeding, development, the lack of crosswalks in heavily trafficked areas, and the condition of Wagar and Kauffman parks. I will address speeding concerns by working with residents to get the signatures necessary to have speed tables installed on problematic streets. I will communicate your concerns to developers and work with them to ensure that the developments benefit our city. I will work with city employees to identify areas that need crosswalks and advocate for their installation. I will engage you in the design plans of Wagar and advocate for investment in Kauffman.

The biggest city-wide concerns center around housing and land use. Increased housing demand has numerous positive effects, however those on a fixed income or whose wages haven't kept pace with rising rents or property taxes are experiencing the adverse effects of Lakewood's success. Our code doesn't provide for accessory dwelling units (in-law suites) as a permitted accessory use or as a conditionally permitted use. I would work to revise the code to permit ADUs, which would increase the amount of affordable housing stock, increase options for those looking to downsize, and provide seniors more options to age in place.

3.) Since the last major election cycle, Lakewood has lost 1500+ skilled jobs and access to health care due to the liquidation of Lakewood Hospital. What was your position on the hospital closing process: Did you vote for the Master Agreement that closed Lakewood Hospital, or would you have if you had been on council? Why or why not? If you had it to do again, would you do anything differently? (150 words or less)

The decision to close the hospital was difficult for the members of Council and I believe that the councilmembers did what they believed was in the best interest of Lakewood. Based on my conversations with Ward 2 residents, I believe that the decision-making process should have been more transparent and more time should have been spent involving and engaging residents in the process.

Without knowing all the facts available to Council at the time, I cannot determine how I would have voted. I can promise that I will diligently research and review all proposals that are brought before Council and engage you in the process. I will be able and willing to provide a rationale for every vote and will be completely transparent in my decision-making process. You deserve forthright and honest representation, and I pledge that my votes will be guided by our shared interests and values.

4.) A big complaint from both the elderly and those without cars is the loss of the community circulator. If elected what would you do to make the community more accessible to all?
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Bradley Presutto - Ward 2

1.) *Why should we vote for you and not the other candidate? (100 words).*

I can be trusted to be responsive to your every-day concerns, support sustainable development to help attract good paying jobs, and to keep Lakewood affordable for everyone by addressing our rising water/sewer costs.

The 15 years I have called Lakewood my home with my children have allowed me to get to know our businesses, our families, our schools, and our community. It is this life experience along with my educational background that makes me the best candidate for Ward 2. I know what Lakewood’s concerns are because I’ve lived it with you, as your neighbor.

2.) *Name two things you have learned while walking around talking to residents, first: what are their biggest concerns about their ward, and second, what are their biggest concerns about Lakewood in general? How will you address these concerns as their councilperson? (100 words, or less, for each)*

Residential streets get used as cut throughs by drivers in a hurry. I am committed to working with our local police and overall city design to make sure traffic laws are enforced, to utilize speed tables as appropriate, focus on multimodal transportation, and bring back a Lakewood controlled circulator. We need to make sure our streets are safe for children to play in front yards or walk to school, sidewalks clear and wide enough to allow accessibility for all residents (including providing snow removal to those in need), and road traffic studied and timed for maximum efficiency.

The broadest concern about Lakewood is affordability; water bills and housing. When I announced in March, my platform made the water/sewer infrastructure upgrade a centerpiece of our campaign. Water bills are already reaching more than \$80 a month for residents. With them forecast to exceed \$200 by 2030, this will price homeowners and renters out of Lakewood. We need to reevaluate how we will fund these upgrades without putting it on the backs of residents.

3.) *Since the last major election cycle, Lakewood has lost 1500+ skilled jobs and access to health care due to the liquidation of Lakewood Hospital. What was your position on the hospital closing process: Did you vote for the Master Agreement that closed Lakewood Hospital, or would you have if you had been on council? Why or why not? If you had it to do again, would you do anything differently? (150 words or less)*

Based on what we know, I would not have supported the Master Agreement had I been on City Council during that vote. I do not think any person should be pleased about losing Lakewood’s largest employer, especially when New York Life (second largest employer) was known to be leaving Lakewood. With little interest shown in MetroHealth as a potential solution, a lot of residents felt that their city government worked deals in closed door meetings, were not upfront, and that residents were not being heard by their representatives. I can be trusted to put the residents’ needs before any other motivation or outside interests. I strongly encourage ethics and campaign finance reform to reduce conflicts of interest and mistrust.

4.) *A big complaint from both the elderly and those without cars is the loss of the community circulator. If elected what would you do to make the community more accessible to all? (100 words or less)*

I am a big supporter of a Lakewood controlled circulator. We should be able to partner with local businesses, LakewoodAlive, and other organizations to provide a free circulator similar to the green trolley in Public Square where it is “smile and ride free.”

Additionally, we need to make sure our streets,

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John Litten - Ward 3

1.) *Why should we vote for you and not the other candidate? (100 words).*

We’ve had four years of structurally balanced budgets, I have a high response rate to calls/emails, I pride myself on building ways for residents to access their city and their local elected council member. Block clubs, going door to door, attending Lakewood events and the like are what it’s all about for me. I think most residents know their Ward 3 council member better than ever and I would plan on that continuing.

2.) *Name two things you have learned while walking around talking to residents, first: what are their biggest concerns about their ward, and second, what are their biggest concerns about Lakewood in general? How will you address these concerns as their councilperson? (100 words, or less, for each)*

Easily, the biggest concern in Ward 3 is vehicle speed and traffic. I hear it often when I knock on doors. Lakewood is a town designed in the 1890’s with 2019 traffic issues, so our solutions must be creative and comprehensive since we can’t change our road configuration. I think that the traffic calming pilot starting in the next week on Marlowe is a huge step that can be replicated throughout the ward. We’ve also commissioned traffic studies of high accident intersections, installed cameras, budgeted for more speed notification, passed distracted driving legislation, added cameras and more.

Lakewood-wide issues are skewed by ward 3 needs given my higher acquaintance there, but it seems that our greater growth has had an impact on existing residents, so I’d like to continue to find ways to bring developers and residents together. At least three recent Ward 3 development proposals have changed substantially because of resident feedback. That is what I’d like to continue doing. I think affordability in the face of our growth is the next step, which is why I’ve proposed looking at how Lakewood can be nuanced in this regard, sharing affordable housing with market-rate development.

3.) *Since the last major election cycle, Lakewood has lost 1500+ skilled jobs and access to health care due to the liquidation of Lakewood Hospital. What was your position on the hospital closing process: Did you vote for the Master Agreement that closed Lakewood Hospital, or would you have if you had been on council? Why or why not? If you had it to do again, would you do anything differently? (150 words or less)*

There is no doubt that the hospital transition has made its mark on Lakewood. What is most important to me is how we react, and have reacted. Lakewood has seen sustained economic growth and balanced finances for all of the nearly four years since. The short answer is that we’ve done better than survived, we’ve thrived since, and even maintained nearly all of the services of the former hospital minus inpatient care. I was a part of the Lakewood Hospital Association previous to my time on city council, and voted there for this transition. If I could change anything, it would be how it was communicated. I know we had an agreement with the clinic to run the hospital longer, but leveraging that agreement to get something new and sustainable built was better, in my opinion, than running out the lease and potentially being left with nothing.

4.) *A big complaint from both the elderly and those without cars is the loss of the community circulator. If elected what would you do to make the community more accessible to all? (100 words or less)*

I remember hearing one resident mention the circulator in 2015 or so, but in the past couple years we’ve revolutionized how we get seniors around, using both bus/van and taxi/Lyft services for appointments and the like in lieu of the circulator. About 400 trips per month. We’ve been able to solicit grants and been economical with existing funding to provide rides for residents who need them.

You can read all of the answers online at: lakewoodobserver.com.

Jeff Wise - Ward 3

1.) *Why should we vote for you and not the other candidate? (100 words).*

I care about our city and am concerned about the direction it has been going. In recent years, we have lost more than 1,500 jobs, including our largest employer. Our population has dropped substantially over the last four decades and with the next Census, we risk losing federal funding if this decline continues. Poverty is rising and more residents are struggling to make ends meet now than at the height of the great recession. We can do better. I will serve with honesty and integrity, support greater transparency, and work to restore trust between residents and city hall.

2.) *Name two things you have learned while walking around talking to residents, first: what are their biggest concerns about their ward, and second, what are their biggest concerns about Lakewood in general? How will you address these concerns as their councilperson? (100 words, or less, for each)*

The primary concern residents in Ward 3 have is development and how it impacts their neighborhoods. Many feel they have been ignored and the city is trying to rubber-stamp developers’ proposals. The city must do a better job with outreach, communication and responding to residents’ feedback. This is essential for the success of any project. My stance is any proposal must be responsible, sustainable, historically appropriate and fit the surrounding neighborhood. My experience in the real estate industry would be an asset to residents as these proposals are vetted. In fact, I have shown my commitment to resident outreach by already hosting a “Community Conversation” on the topic of development with residents. I am dedicated to listening to and representing their interests. On council, I will host more of these events to better connect residents to their local government.

Many residents also feel city hall has not been listening or responsive to their needs. They want an a councilman who they can count on not just for constituent services, but who will also play an active role in passing legislation to improve the city. My experience at the Statehouse makes me well qualified to accomplish these goals.

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I opposed the closure of Lakewood Hospital and would have voted against the Master Agreement had I been on council.

This was a bungled process lacking transparency. It was also unnecessary since there were valid proposals to keep the hospital open that were ignored.

For city hall to not only allow its largest employer to leave, but to help usher it out the door was unprecedented. Many communities fight tooth-and-nail to attract jobs, so to allow this to occur was devastating.

A better option would have been to “right-size” the hospital with an agreement between the hospital association and MetroHealth. Their micro hospital concept could have resulted in quality inpatient care while also allowing for a sizable parcel of land to be redeveloped. It could have been a win-win. Instead we now have the distinction of being the largest city in Ohio without a hospital.

4.) *A big complaint from both the elderly and those without cars is the loss of the community circulator. If elected what would you do to make the community more accessible to all? (100 words or less)*

You can read all of the answers online at: lakewoodobserver.com.

LO School Board Candidate Q & A

Linda Beebe

1.) Why do you want to be elected, or re-elected, to the Lakewood Board of Education? Why should we vote for you? (100 words or less)

I bring some distinctive contributions to board considerations. My connections to Lakewood Schools are strong. My children Aaron and Megan are Lakewood graduates. My husband Dr. Bruce Beebe taught in Lakewood for 30 years. As one whose children are now grown, I can focus the needs of all children. As a former teacher both in Lakewood and Scotland, I bring classroom experience into policy discussions. I love reading about learning theories and best practices. As an older person I bring a different perspective to policy discussions. As an attorney, I can bring my knowledge to considerations with legal implications.

2.) What do you see as the three biggest issues facing the Lakewood School District? Explain how will you address one of them? (100 words or less)

I will continue to seek to lower expenses by reducing staff in line with declining enrollment and to seek out opportunities for group purchasing. I will support the district's efforts to lobby for effective state support for the district to relieve the burden on local taxpayers. I will encourage the district leadership to look for creative ways to increase programming at reduced cost, while maintaining a talented and strong teaching staff and without cutting arts or extra-curricular education.

3.) It seems that every week we hear of another terrible school incident and this year we have been informed of threats in our own schools. What are your ideas to keep our children as safe as possible in our schools? (100 words or less)

We have to face the terrible fact that schools can be targets of evil people or involved in community-wide disasters. I support continuing to work with Lakewood Police to provide training to staff and students of appropriate responses to Active Shooters, Tornados, or Fire. I support the retaining of security officers at Lakewood High and the presence of local community policy officers in the other schools.

4.) In a city dedicated to wellness, if elected or re-elected, what will you to do make sports, recreation and extra-curricular activities more abundantly available to Lakewood students and families?

In an era when we all worry about childhood obesity and the effects of hours spend in front of a television or computer screen, I believe we need to focus on opportunities for children to get exercise and stay fit. This includes encouraging all students to walk or ride to school when the weather permits. Programs like Last weeks' Community Ride to the Park and Walk to School with Dad are a start. I also

Emma Petrie-Barcelona

1.) Why do you want to be elected, or re-elected, to the Lakewood Board of Education? Why should we vote for you? (100 words or less)

I have served the residents of Lakewood as a school board member for the last 8-years and believe I have done a good job. I would like to continue to provide leadership and support the district in carrying out the new district vision. I'm excited about the leadership that Dr. Barnes and Mr. Zeman bring to the district and I add value to the board through my board and professional experience, as well as my first-hand knowledge of the district as a parent, informed by what other parents and stakeholders share with me.

2.) What do you see as the three biggest issues facing the Lakewood School District? Explain how will you address one of them? (100 words or less)

The consistent area of focus of the schools is serving all children as well as possible, given the realities of funding, and meeting the variety of needs of children given the experiences, strengths, growth areas, and backgrounds that each individual possesses. As a school board member, I will continue to focus on the budget priorities and managing resources effectively and appropriately, while investing in areas that may need additional attention. Finally, while managing enrollment changes across the district, I will pay particular attention to ensuring that all buildings have consistent access to supports and programs.

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Communication, paying attention, along with consistent safety planning, will help support a safe environment for our children and schools. One part of school safety includes having safety standards and limiting access to the buildings in consistent ways as the Lakewood Schools do now. Safe schools are ones where students trust the adults and fellow students to be looking out for them and feel comfortable sharing information. Listening and sharing information is critical in order for the professionals to assess any situations and the Lakewood schools has tools and people to help get information to the right people quickly.

4.) In a city dedicated to wellness, if elected or re-elected, what will you to do make sports, recreation and extra-curricular activities more abundantly available to Lakewood students and families?

The Lakewood City Schools, through the schools, the recreation department, and the City, have many options for recreation, athletic, and wellness pursuits. By

Michael C. Callahan

1.) Why do you want to be elected, or re-elected, to the Lakewood Board of Education? Why should we vote for you? (100 words or less)

I'm running as an advocate for the Lakewood City Schools. I am a lifelong Lakewood resident, as is my wife. We have two children currently attending Lakewood City Schools (Grant Elementary and Emerson Elementary). We have a third child (age three) who will attend school in the district. Our children are having a positive experience; however I believe that young families are not sufficiently represented on the Board. If elected I would represent families of young students as a fellow parent. Also, as a public sector manager and parks & recreation professional, I bring valuable perspective to the Board.

2.) What do you see as the three biggest issues facing the Lakewood School District? Explain how will you address one of them? (100 words or less)

The three biggest issues are the impending operating budget shortfall, state report card rankings, consistency in class size. Regarding budget shortfall, it is very important that the district have effective communication with the community and meaningful dialogue. An operating levy will be necessary at some point in the future and the district must be clear about reasons for it and the efforts taken to operate as efficiently as possible while delivering the highest quality of education to all students.

I'd also like to comment on the state report card, in that the grade does not tell the story of the Lakewood City Schools; but since it is a metric used particularly by prospective residents, we must strive for improvement.

3.) It seems that every week we hear of another terrible school incident and this year we have been informed of threats in our own schools. What are your ideas to keep our children as safe as possible in our schools? (100 words or less)

Our school district has a great relationship with law enforcement, emergency protocols in place, and has good lines of communication with parents. School buildings are equipped with cameras, automated doors, and other security measures. The district security supervisor and staff do excellent work keeping our children safe.

I encourage district leaders to stay current on school safety best practices so they may be utilized where practical. A city councilperson suggested to me that schools host the offices of Lakewood Police ward officers as a way of increasing police visibility in schools. I support further exploration of the idea.

Andrew Meyer

1.) Why do you want to be elected, or re-elected, to the Lakewood Board of Education? Why should we vote for you? (100 words or less)

I want to be elected because I can provide a very real value to Lakewood's Board. I've always been very interested in education, community and government. Now that my wife and I have had our first child after many years of struggle, our interest in local education has leapt to the forefront. My first professional job was as a substitute teacher. I subsequently became an attorney and participated in local groups and organizational or governmental boards and commissions. I have a track record of being independent minded and innovative, but collaborative and results oriented throughout my professional and civic life.

2.) What do you see as the three biggest issues facing the Lakewood School District? Explain how will you address one of them?

Thorough, careful review of the budget. I pride myself on my personal fiscal responsibility. At age 39 my wife and I have paid off all our debt; student debt, mortgage, car loans. And as a small business owner, I make sure I don't spend more on overhead than what I take in. Work on new ways to focus on the individual student while understanding the limitations imposed by state guidelines. Improve best practices; I would work towards a new consortium or cooperative effort to meet and exchange best practices and ideas with local Cuyahoga County school districts.

3.) It seems that every week we hear of another terrible school incident and this year we have been informed of threats in our own schools. What are your ideas to keep our children as safe as possible in our schools?

Part of safety is psychological; making students feel safe when they walk in the door and also by identifying and heading off threats. I support maximizing school counselors. Most school shooters have been identified early, needing help. Counselors can identify potential threats early and can also help provide comfort for children who need it. Space limitations prevent a complete deep dive on the issue, but I'd encourage those interested to read <https://www.forbes.com/sites/evangerstmann/2019/09/07/why-schools-should-end-active-shooter-drills-immediately/#7a6a74d82a92>.

Current School Board member and candidate Tom Einhouse declined to answer readers' questions.

You can read all of the answers online at: lakewoodobserver.com.

Lakewood Forum

Why I Support Laura Rodriguez-Carbone For Lakewood City Council

by Teresa Schleicher

I was proud to cast my vote for Laura Rodriguez-Carbone in the September primary, and I'm glad she will be on the November ballot.

Laura has been working hard all year, not just campaigning for herself but helping others here in Ward 1. From looking out for seniors, to finding answers to questions about local government, this is what we can expect from her on city council.

Laura's campaign has been very impressive. The quality of her campaign materials is thoughtful and professional. She has listened to residents and responded with real ideas specific to our community--nothing

about Laura is generic.

The volunteer energy which Laura has inspired says a lot. The ability to bring people together, and motivate them to work hard on behalf of a vision for a better city, is real leadership.

We will have real listening, real service to others, and real leadership on our ballots in Ward 1 this November. Laura Rodriguez-Carbone will get my vote for Lakewood city council.

Teresa Schleicher is a 32-year (accumulative) resident of Lakewood, and has been a Lakewood homeowner for 8 years. She is the proud aunt of two Lakewood City Schools students. She works in the nonprofit sector and is a precinct leader in Ward 1D.

Letter To The Editor: What Are People Breathing?

by JeanBrinich

I have been concerned whenever I have go by the Lakewood Hospital demolition site, wondering what the people in the neighborhood are having to breathe. Spraying some water hardly suffices in these hot dry days to keep down particulate matter.

I noticed when I checked air quality today, 9/21/19, that it is "unhealthy air quality for sensitive groups." In fact, the

air quality index today is 141 (less than 50 is deemed good), while that in New Delhi, India, a city renowned for its air pollution, is 71 which puts it at moderate.

Perhaps the Lakewood official in charge of air quality monitoring can put us at ease with her/his explanation. Thank you.

Jean Brinich is a retired family nurse practitioner, relocated to Lakewood almost 4 years ago.

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and committed to public education my entire life.

I am running again because I am confident that I bring some distinctive contributions to board considerations. Having school board members without children in the district currently can work to the district's advantage; my role as one whose children are grown is to focus on the needs and experience of all the children in the district. Having someone with teaching experience on the school board brings someone with educational theory and classroom experience into policy discussions. I am an education "nerd"; I love reading about learning theories and best practices. Having someone older on the Board provides a distinctly different perspective from the younger members with children still in school. As an attorney, I attend school law seminars and can bring that knowledge to considerations with legal implications.

I am proud of what we have accomplished in my years on the Board of Education. The most visible of these accomplishments is the complete renovation and/or replacement of all school buildings. We are completing those projects this year with the re-servicing of Taft School as the site of School Board Offices, an expanded pre-school program and further education classrooms. Also, Franklin School will be utilized for the District's Alternative Education

program. By hiring competent Superintendents and Treasurers, we have continued to be fiscally responsible, cutting staff to reflect declining enrollment while maintaining programs and increasing our attention to the needs of individual children. Our diverse population is challenging, but the rewards of seeing children succeed are greater.

I want to remain on the Board for the next four years to implement more emotional and physical health support for students. I want us to expand academic opportunities for all: more college credit programs, new and relevant career tech opportunities, advanced Chinese and other specialty courses at the high school. I want the district to look seriously at the international Baccalaureate Curriculum. I want to make sure we have completed implementation of the replacement and maintenance plans for the new facilities. I want to continue to monitor ways we can protect children from bullying and harassment amid the pitfalls of social media. I want to make certain that the Board of Education remains committed to great educational opportunities for all students. The success of our public schools is tied closely to the growth and health of the entire community. I want to continue to be involved in and advocate for a superlative public school.

Linda G. Beebe is a Lakewood resident and member of and candidate for re-election to the Lakewood Board of education.

Police Union Endorses Jeff Wise for Council

by Matt Kuhns

The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 25 has endorsed Jeff Wise for Lakewood City Council, Ward 3.

The union's endorsement is a powerful statement of support for Wise, a first-time candidate facing an incumbent city council member in November.

Wise has emphasized a record of public service for Lakewood, demonstrated during his years working in the Ohio Statehouse. Along with this experience, his campaign has offered a positive vision of inclusive representation and practical problem-solving.

Following a committee interview and recommendation, Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 25 members voted to endorse Wise's candidacy.

"Our law enforcement officers are on the front lines each and every day working to keep Lakewood safe," says Wise.

"Their endorsement shows my

strong commitment to public safety and support for those who serve our city. I am honored to have their confidence."

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest organization of law enforcement professionals in the United States, and Lodge 25 represents more than 500 members on the west side of Cuyahoga County.

The FOP joins a broad coalition of endorsements for Jeff Wise, including the Ohio Environmental Council Action Fund PAC, State Representative Michael J. Skindell, Cuyahoga County Progressive Caucus, and national advocacy groups Democracy for America and Our Revolution.

Lakewood voters will elect city council representatives for the city's four wards, along with other local offices, on November 5. Early voting begins October 8. For more information visit wiseforlakewood.com.

Debunked: O'Leary's Pretend Endorsement

by Bonnie Sikes

Two campaign mailings have now alleged that "The Lakewood Democratic Party" has endorsed Sam O'Leary for mayor.

"The Lakewood Democratic Party" doesn't exist, though. There's no such group.

The only formal organization of Democrats local to Lakewood is The Lakewood Democratic Club, which made no endorsement for mayor at its September 26 meeting.

O'Leary's campaign sent out two mass mailings before the club even voted, however, inventing a "Lakewood Democratic Party" endorsement out of thin air. One mailing even featured a made-up logo.

As these misleading claims have

hit mailboxes, The Lakewood Democratic Club has stated directly that no formal Democratic organization specific to Lakewood has endorsed a candidate for mayor this year.

The Democratic Club considered applications from various Democrats, including candidates for mayor O'Leary and Meghan George. No mayoral candidate reached the threshold for endorsement when the club voted on September 26, and no 2019 candidates had any basis for claiming or implying endorsement by the club prior to its September meeting.

Voters should rate O'Leary's invention, of a "Lakewood Democratic Party" to endorse him, as "definitely false."

Bonnie Sikes is a Lakewood resident.

Hello, I Am Canvassing For Meghan George

by Trudy Hutchinson

I am happy to knock on doors for Meghan George, candidate for Mayor of Lakewood. I like to participate in direct democracy and Meghan George is the best candidate for the office of Mayor. When I combine my political preference with civic activism I grab a list of registered voters and I go for a walk.

If I have knocked on your door I hope that you enjoyed our conversation as much as I did. I learn so much when I ask you about your issues and concerns. Many of you have opened my eyes concerning traffic congestion and speed. Others have shared your views on development in Lakewood--a subject that also interests me. You are informed and thoughtful and you support this community.

It interests me that while Lakewood residents express a high level of awareness of local issues, there is a wide range of opinions on direction and goals. It is this diversity of positions on issues that

guides my choice of Meghan George for Mayor. Meghan George, who currently serves as At-Large City Council Member, is well-suited to the position of Mayor because she is open and honest in her current representation of Lakewood citizens.

Meghan George will lead on complex issues. She has the insight to identify the delicate balance between commercial growth and residential interests and redevelopment and historic preservation. Meghan George has the ability to review the day-to-day functions of City operations. She has the experience to apply a 360-degree view of City operations and close gaps that exist in city services.

If I come to your door before you cast your ballot, I hope we will have a productive conversation and that you will then vote for Meghan George for Mayor of Lakewood.

Trudy Hutchinson is a Lakewood resident interested in community activism.

Lakewoodites In The News

Lakewood Native Katherine “Katie” Liston Named Oberlin College Assistant Varsity Soccer Coach

by Tim Liston

On August 15, 2019 lifelong Lakewood native Katherine “Katie” Liston was named Assistant Coach of the Oberlin College varsity women’s soccer team. The opportunity arose when the former Assistant Coach left to become the Head Coach for CWRU. Katie had spent the last two years training goalkeepers for Oberlin’s men’s and women’s teams on a part-time basis while pursuing her medical career. Now, as Assistant Coach, Katie’s duties will expand greatly to include practice planning, player development, recruiting and whatever else Head Coach Dan Palmer assigns to her.

Katie was justifiably excited about this new opportunity, saying “Not many 24-year-olds get the chance to coach at the college level. I’m a little bit nervous but mostly excited. It’s a lot of hard work, having my first day be the first day of the team’s preseason. But having already spent two years helping Coach Palmer, I’m very well-acquainted with the program and most of the student-athletes.”

In addition to her two years training goalkeepers at Oberlin, Katie brings a wealth of background to her new position, mostly as a player. Katie was a four-year starting goalkeeper for Carnegie Mellon University (2013-2016) where she established several program records, including most wins and most shutouts (season and career). Katie helped guide the CMU Tartans to back-to-back UAA conference

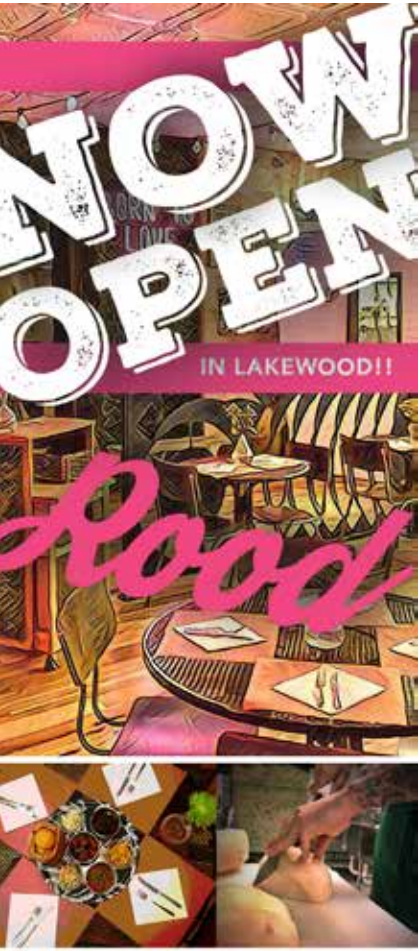


Katie Liston

championships and four consecutive NCAA tournament berths. She led the Tartans to the Sweet Sixteen in her sophomore year (2014), during which she also received several team and UAA conference awards. In 2015 Katie was named the Eastern College Athletic Conference D3 Defensive Player of the Year. The ECAC is a consortium of universities across the Northeast and

Mid-Atlantic states. Katie graduated from Carnegie Mellon in 2017 with a B.S. in Neuroscience and a minor in Biology. While at CMU Katie fulfilled all of the traditional STEM requirements, including chemistry, biology, math and physics. CMU’s Neuroscience program also requires anatomy, physiology and genetics. Katie is proficient in Spanish. She aspires to a career in medicine as a Physician Assistant but is taking this time off from her pursuit to give coaching a try. Katie does plan to use the connections that Oberlin provides to volunteer her services in healthcare, pursue additional classroom training, and continue her daily workouts. But for the next two months it’s all about college soccer, this time from the bench. Perhaps someday Katie will land a university home at which she can commence her PA studies and coach part-time.

Way to go Katie!



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Danger:

Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 95

by Buzz Kompier

Fan Fiction - No Frontier - Just Because Records - 11 songs - cassette, digital

Fan Fiction returns with the follow-up to their tape from last year, the lengthily-titled, "I Thought You Said The Legend Wasn't Real." 11 tracks of perfectly decent indie rock, all catchy and hooky. Not particularly heavy stuff, but not lightweight either. I think most of the best material is on Side B, like the upbeat "Catch 22" and the sorta-power pop "Creeps," maybe my favorite track on the thing. Side B also closes with a hidden acoustic track about how great a dude Fan Fiction's lead guitarist Joe Vecchio (who also runs the Just Because label) is. It's actually a pretty heartwarming track, another favorite here, and when I think about it, yeah, Joe's probably near the top of the list of people who deserve a song in their honor. Overall, it's a decent tape, though it doesn't have the total hits the first tape had, like "Teenage Landlord." I guess my problem is that it's not quite poppy enough on one hand and then not aggressive enough on the other, though that's really my impossible gripe and not their fault. A solid, likable release either way. 3/5

(justbecauserecords.bandcamp.com)

The Society - You Girl - B-W Records / My Mind's Eye - 2 songs - 7"

Here's a really good archival find.



The Society (most of whom were Lakewood High School students) would later morph into the Damnation Of Adam Blessing, but this is their 1967 debut, unheard until now. These tracks are both absolute killers. "You Girl" is a garage fuzz pounder, with incred-

ible guitar playing throughout and a similar vocal line to The Sparkles' "No Friend Of Mine" and, indeed, sounds like something pulled straight off of "Nuggets." There's a guitar solo barely a minute into the song and great call and response vocals: "You're a LOSER!" sings Bill Constable, answered by the rest of the band singing, "You girl!" A total teenage monster here. The B-side, "Lonely," is also absolutely great, trading the fuzz guitar for a slower, organ-driven sound. I wasn't quite sold on it the first few listens, but it really grows on you. And when you think about it, all the best garage singles have the destructo first side with the cool-down flip: "Open Up Your Door" has "Once Upon Your Smile," "Talk Talk"

has "Come On In," and "You Girl" has "Lonely." Both sides sound great, too, courtesy of Cleveland Recording and Ken Hamann. Great packaging as well here: looks truly vintage, phenomenal band photo on the cover (and more cool photos on the insert), and interesting and informative liner notes from the garage rock genius Tom Fallon. For fans of garage rock or local stuff or local garage, this is pretty essential. 5/5

(mymindseye.bigcartel.com)

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

Lakewood Author Publishes First YA Novel

by Jim Harmon

When Tony Harmon graduated from Lakewood High School in 2015, he didn't feel like he had much direction for what was next. So he picked up a pen and a legal pad and decided to write a story.

The story, titled "Dante's Fall" is a young adult fantasy fiction novel that describes a young man who wakes up in a strange land with no recollection of who he is, save for the smart phone in his pocket.

"I had this story in my head, but I never really considered myself a writer," said Harmon, now 22 years old. "I had time on my hands, so I thought, why not? I wrote the whole thing out on a legal pad."

His father, Jim, remembers the moment he discovered his son writing the novel. "I walked into Tony's room and he was sitting on the floor in the middle of a fan of paper. I asked him what he was doing. He said, 'I'm writing a story and these are all my characters. I'm trying to figure out how they fit together.'"

Jim said he backed slowly out of the room, surprised and delighted that his son would undertake such a task. "I'm a high school English teacher by trade, so I knew he was character mapping. I didn't want to ruin his process, so I backed out of his room and closed the door."

That was the beginning of a four year journey in which Tony would write four novels. His first one was released for free on Apple Books on September 27, 2019. He plans on releasing the story on other platforms soon.

"I have no idea if people will like my story, but I enjoy the writing process. I'm giving the first novel away for free."

The idea, said Harmon, is to give readers a sample of his work, and if it does well, then he'll publish the next three in the series for a modest fee.



Books because they have the ability to add widgets, which allows the reader to interact with the story in ways a traditional book doesn't."

For example, when the main character, Dante, pops his earbuds in and listens to a song, the reader can tap a link which plays the song on the page without leaving the app. "It's a whole new way to read and experience the story," said Harmon.

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Lakewood Fiction

The Rockport Miracles - Part 4: Episode 16: "The Ballad of Derecho Dan" Continues

fiction by Scott MacGregor

Upon discovering that Little Dan had escaped the hospital, Police Chief Tom Graber ordered his patrolmen to search the building. They soon found Little Dan's gurney in the parking lot, along with 20-five gallon buckets filled to their brims with freshly made pasta fazool from the kitchens of Little Italy.

Chief Graber screamed "Jesus, Mary and Joe-Bob!" and told his men to freeze. Quickly, his keen mind adjusted to the changing situation and he ordered his men to deliver two of the buckets to the Rockport police station, leave three buckets for the doctors and nurses in the ER, and send 15 buckets to the bingo hall at St. Swithens Church that had been converted into a Red Cross Shelter. "Our work here is done, boys," he concluded.

As for the whereabouts of Little Dan, Chief Graber wasn't worried. The Chief had known Little Dan all his life and was confident he'd never venture any further than nearby River City. He'd considered for a moment that the three Joes may have taken him to Cleveland's east side but, after all, it was 1976. In those days, the west suburbs like Rockport were provincial and exclusive. It would've been unthinkable for any self respecting west shore



man or woman to be found east of the Cuyahoga River unless it was for a ball game or a St. Patrick's Day parade. One didn't go to the east side unless it was absolutely necessary.

Unbeknownst to everyone, Little Dan's Aunt Rowena Gridley was still at the hospital. She'd been able to escape the chaos in the ER and made it up to the top floor of the hospital. There, her sister, Wilmena, (Little Dan's mother) was slowly recovering from injuries sustained during Storm 5.4. Wilmena, was awake and aware, but no one had yet told her the bad, the worse, or the worser news about Little Dan, the Gas

& Lube or the death of her nephew, Maynard Gridley. Sadly, that task fell to grief stricken Rowena.

On another front, Cleveland's only remaining meteorologist had fled town. Bick Baxterly, Cleveland's own "Wizard of Weather", had tried with all his might to make sense of the phenomena that plagued Rockport. He blamed everything from the lack of advanced satellite technology to his messy divorce for failing to predict the disasters. Then, on the day after Storm 5.5, he went on the air for the last time crying and screaming that it was "all God's fault". That comment resulted in massive viewer outcry and motivated an evangelical anarchist from Akron to blow up the gazebo in Baxterly's backyard. Channel 7 quickly replaced him with the weekend weather girl, Babs Emily. Babs had been a former Miss Ohio and amateur ventriloquist who did her weather show with a dummy named Captain LaddyBuck.

Bick Baxterly wasn't wrong about the weather technology available to him. In 1976, civilian radar and weather satellites were mere toys compared to what the military had at its disposal. In fact, on the night of Storm 5.5, a NORAD satellite had detected a mysterious anomaly in the atmosphere over the upper Great Lakes region. Unfortunately, both the anomaly and the top secret technology that detected it were classified and would not be revealed to civilian authorities for several years. Until then, Rockport was on its own.

Meanwhile, the three Joes made it to the east side with Little Dan in the back of their van. When they arrived at one of the Joe's mother's house in Little Italy, they pulled him out the van, still mumbling incoherently, and carried him into the house. (In those days, yanking unconscious people in and out of vans was a fairly common sight in

Little Italy.) "Wassa matta wit 'im?!" screamed a little Italian lady who was stirring a giant pot full of pasta sauce on the stove. "Mama, this is Little Dan", said the Joe huffing and puffing under the strain. "He's had a terrible shock! He's lost his papa, his mama, his gas station, and even his teeny-tiny, ugly dog!"

The eyes of the little Italian lady grew as big as saucers. "WHAAAA?" she blapped, sounding like a crow. "Accch! He jus' need to eat somethin'!! Take him to da cellar-I fix'im a plate!" The Joes carried Little Dan down the narrow staircase into the basement and laid him on a table next to a wine press. After a few minutes, the little Italian lady came downstairs with a steaming bowl of pasta. "Eat dis'!!" she screamed, "C'mon snap out o' it and eat! It good fo' you!"

Little Dan wouldn't accept the food. He just kept mumbling, "I lost my dad, my mom, my dog, and the Gas & Lube..." The little Italian lady barked, "Wassa matter you?-you crazy?" and began smacking Little Dan in the forehead with a big wooden spoon that splattered pasta sauce all over his face. The three Joes pulled her away and shoed her back up the stairs. Insulted, she yelled, "Acch! Lunatica! Throw'im in da lake! Get uncle Joe to help you!"

The little Italian mother had a point. Food was THE pathway into Little Dan's psyche. After all, it had been the taste of Wilmena's famous tuna salad that brought Little Dan out of a similar funk right after his father had died. Fortunately, his aunt Rowena was already on the case. While Little Dan was being spoon whipped in Little Italy, a tense conversation had been taking place by Wilmena's bedside at Rockport Hospital. "Listen, Wilmena", said Rowena, "my boy is dead, your boy is in big trouble! For the love o' Pete, you must give me the secret recipe for your tuna salad!"

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The Root Of It All

by Sam Abigail

I work at the Root Cafe VERY intentionally.

The most prevalent lesson I took from my education at the university of Notre Dame is the question, “How can my gifts serve the world?”

The Root Cafe ACTIVELY serves the Lakewood and Cleveland community in so many ways it’s difficult to even begin to quantify.

What sets The Root apart and has kept me there for 4+ years (with no end in sight) is the daily function of this cafe.

We open at 6 and set the tone for so many people’s days. Doctors and nurses, journalists, teachers, local government officials, retired you-name-its, artists, social workers, preachers, activists, and architects (when I mention each of these roles, I am thinking of literal people who I know and have connected with almost every day for these past few years, I’m not being hyperbolic.)

Each of these individuals choose to

start their day at The Root with a coffee or a scone or maybe both. They carry that experience and energy with them throughout their day and through their work.

We support local artists by showcasing their work or being their place of work!

We support local musicians. Many of the Cleveland bands that are absolutely crushing it right now got their start at the Root’s open mic.

We support our diverse, kick-ass, funky, fun, and caring employees by providing a living wage, by listening to their feedback and ideas and very often gratefully, gratefully implementing these suggestions and ideas, and by providing a fun work experience that isn’t just a set of hours spent mindlessly solely to pay bills. Our staff supports each other’s lives outside of work and interests, hobbies, tours, gigs, and goals are highly prioritized when schedules are being created. I can honestly say that my Root bosses are my family (sometimes literally with cuddies and

siblings working together, etc...)

We support farmers locally and abroad through ethically sourced, organic ingredients INCLUDING our coffee beans which is very difficult to do in today’s world where exploitation of international farmers is an accepted norm.

We support local roasters and they support us HUGE shoutout to duck rabbit coffee for recognizing what we do and joining forces to provide a non-commodity cafe experience with us.

We support community health by being one of the ONLY organic restaurants in the area serving vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options.

We also support community mental health, physical health, and I wouldn’t feel I was overstating it to say, spiritual health as well by crafting a walk-up, get out of your CAR, see some sunlight and plants, TALK TO SOMEONE (probably someone who is vastly different than you), eat a plant, drink a plant, receive a smile in-house experience.

We have Jerry, the 60-something war veteran and poet who comes to the Root every night to connect with people of all ages in his community and write poems for them.

We have countless regulars who make a conscious effort to support our cafe while simultaneously providing awesome conversations, book recommendations, and invitations to incredible events they are involved with happening around CLE.

We have many friends who hang out sipping on water that add so much to the vibe of our cafe and at any other location I’ve worked or even been to would likely be asked to leave.

We have BABIES! Welcome to breastfeed, explore and even join in the workday.

We have two incredible owners that have taught me about unconditional love, support, parenthood, and integrity through their actions. I have witnessed Julie and Bobbie make countless decisions over the years and each and every time I hear them think through things I am honored to work for these beautiful people. Their values

have helped me to shape my own.

The Root may not be perfect but I am damn sure that my gifts are serving my community with the hours that I spend at this place and I sincerely hope I continue to be able to do so.

It’s really the choices we make each day that cause the world and society to continue to change.

I guess maybe just think about it the next time you have the choice to go through a drive-thru or to park and support a small biz likely to give you a more personalized, healthy experience.



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Local Photographer Greg Murray Highlights “Pit Bull Heroes”

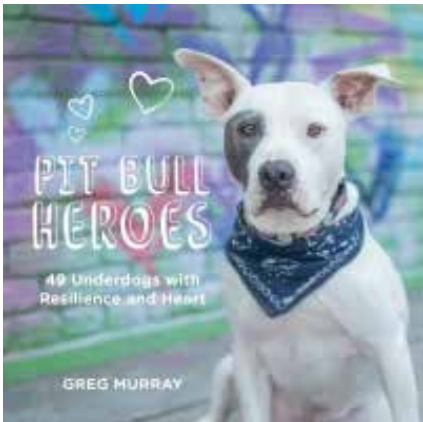
by Frank Melinda

When it comes to dog breeds, pit bulls have the reputation of posing a dangerous threat to our neighborhoods. Greg Murray’s latest book proves that these dogs can have a very different role in our community. Former strays, working dogs, family pets and social media stars are among the “Pit Bull Heroes: 49 Underdogs with Resilience and Heart.”

One example is Charlie, a Lakewood resident and pit bull mix whose story rallied hundreds of supporters together and resulted in the end of the pit bull ban in 2018. Lakewood photographer and animal rescue advocate Greg Murray was one of the voices leading the charge against breed specific legislation in Lakewood.

Charlie is just one of the dogs profiled throughout the book, which shows that man’s best friend is not limited to one dog breed. The stories are inspiring and unexpected. Chad serves as a therapy dog at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia; Apollo sniffs out narcotics as a police dog, and dog-fighting rescue Meryl is now inspiring others and wagging happily at an animal sanctuary

Many of the featured dogs come



from Northeast Ohio. Greg himself is a Northeast Ohio native who lives in Lakewood with his wife, Kristen, and their two rescue dogs, Leo and Kensie. His work has been featured in Huffington Post, Today, Daily Mail, Elle, People, Cleveland Magazine and other media outlets throughout the world.

Hear the stories behind the photos on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. Greg will discuss the book and the dogs that inspired its creation. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event. Greg’s photography is also on view in the Main Library Second Floor Gallery through October 31.



From the FREE LO Deck: Lakewood firefighters practice cutting accident victims out of cars with Gary Claus from Genesis. Check it out lakewoodobserver.com/forum

Carabel's Kitty Cat Contest

by Bonnie Fencil

An exciting fall season is here and we want to reach out to new and regular customers. How? By offering some free prizes.

Here is how it goes: we will set up a display of a black cat. Take your picture with it and post it on the internet for fun.

Inside the Carabel Beauty salon and store will be a prize for girls between the ages of 4 and 16 for a voucher that is good until the end of the year for a free hair cut. For girls starting at age 17 and beyond there will be a voucher for a shampoo and hair treatment which expires at the end of the year. Services will be by appointment. Our phone number is 216 226 8616.

We intend to get the cat up for the Scarecrow festival, October 7th



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Lakewood Living



LakewoodAlive To Host “Knowing Your Home: Moisture & Ventilation” Workshop On October 17

by Matt Bixenstine

From showering to washing dishes to drying clothes, many of your daily activities add moisture to the air. But how can you ensure moisture doesn’t prove a menace in your home?

LakewoodAlive will host Knowing Your Home: Moisture & Ventilation on Thursday, October 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Clock Electric (1624 Coutant Avenue). The 14th workshop of 2019 for this popular home maintenance educational series will focus on demystifying moisture, ventilation and their connection (to each other), and on how to develop a good plan so that your home is as happy and healthy as it can be.

Led by our friend John Turner, this workshop will cover various topics related to moisture and ventilation:

- Identifying common moisture issues in bathrooms, kitchens and basements
- The three M’s (Moisture, Must and Mold)
- Troubleshooting issues and identifying problems
- Ventilation: How to make a game plan when you are making improvements like insulation and air sealing to

- ensure proper air circulation
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 - Make Up Air: What is it and do I need to worry about it?
 - Ensuring healthy inner-air quality
- To reserve your free spot for “Knowing Your Home: Moisture & Ventilation,” 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. 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.

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

Nightmare On Merl Avenue

by Wes Carney

As the fall season begins, so comes the time for tricks and treats. How do you plan to spend the spookiest holiday of the year? If you’re looking for something fun, free, and close to home on Halloween, consider attending the scariest experience Lakewood has to offer: Nightmare on Merl Avenue!

Local residents may recall the Lakewood Haunted House Series. From 2009 to 2013, a group of dedicated individuals came together to share their passion for Halloween and create free haunted pathways for the people of Lakewood. Each year came with an incredible production that hundreds of people enjoyed. And now, six years later, it is rising from the grave!

This Halloween, the series will return under the new name of Nightmare On Merl Avenue. The pathway

will feature scary scenery, upgraded effects, and fantastic actors. We’re committed to making this performance our best yet!

Nightmare On Merl Avenue will be open from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Thursday, October 31st, and admission will be FREE FOR ALL! The location is 13303 Merl Avenue, near Saint Edward High School. The event is open to all ages, but we recommend that children under the age of 12 are accompanied by an adult. Candy will also be given out to trick-or-treaters.

Treat yourself to a real scare this Halloween at Nightmare on Merl Avenue!

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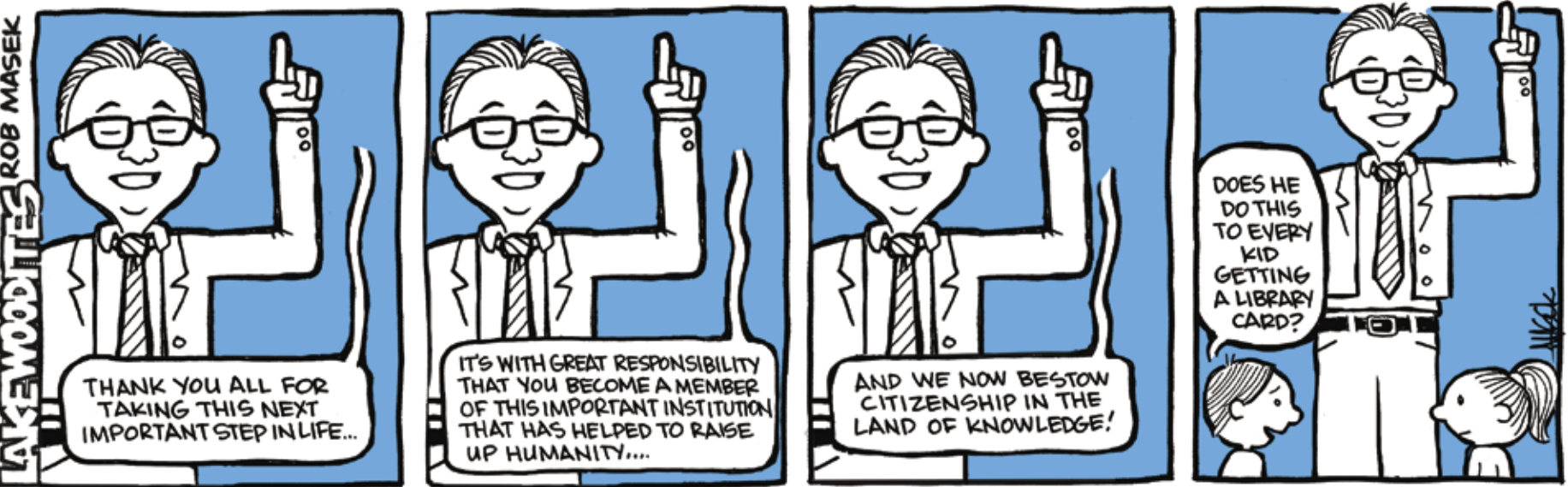
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