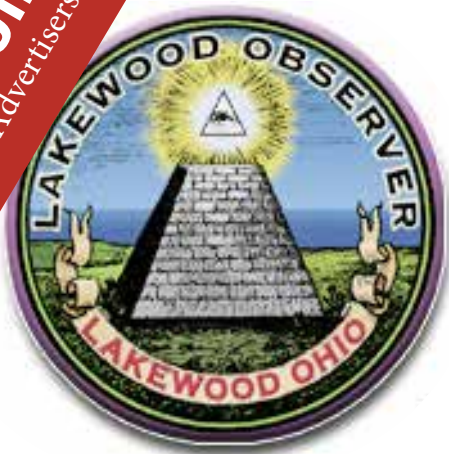


Free – Take One!
Please Patronize Our Advertisers!



THE LAKEWOOD OBSERVER

Proud Member Of The Observer Media Family Of Community Written And Owned Newspapers & Websites

Volume 16, Issue 11, June 3, 2020

Congratulations LHS Class Of 2020



photo by Jim O'Bryan

Nearly 400 LHS students graduated one at a time at the Lakewood Civic Auditorium. The process took four days and provided each student with the earned honor of walking across the stage, getting a diploma, congratulations from the Administration and some photos for the family. Here, Sean Wheeler and family watch Evan Wheeler graduate.

Dr. Barnes' Statement On Racial Injustice

by Dr. Michael Barnes
Superintendent of
Lakewood Schools

We are brokenhearted and saddened over the senseless death of George Floyd. Mr. Floyd's death, and many like his before, is a painful reminder of the systemic racism that still persists across so many of our nation's institutions and society as a whole.

We stand in solidarity with the fight against racial injustice.

However, we do not condone violence. We are committed to promoting a culture of respect, tolerance, and inclusion for all people. Our District is composed of students of all colors and creeds who come from more than 25 countries. Each of them deserves a future free of soci-

etal injustices that may impede them from reaching their greatest potential.

We all must be united in ensuring that justice, dignity, and respect for all are pillars of our value system. This unity is absolutely necessary. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Each of us must challenge ourselves to be part of the solution. To stand by idle is to perpetuate the problem.

As a public school system, it is our obligation to provide equity in education to every single student. We are blessed to have a Board, administration and staff that are focused on educating the whole child, with an emphasis on empathy and compassion. However, we can do better. We promise to examine our own practices that may have implicit biases embedded within them.

We commit to being a partner in problem-solving and finding creative solutions and strategies to ensure that the words equity and justice are not just hollow platitudes, but truths that our students can count on moving forward.

As we all struggle with life during a once-a-century pandemic, with a struggling economy that has disproportionately harmed communities of color, and now nationwide protests on top of it, talking with our children about the state of our nation and the injustices that many of our fellow citizens face is more important than ever.

continued on page 10



photo by Jim O'Bryan

Mayor George On The Peaceful Demonstration in Lakewood

by Mayor Meghan George

George Floyd's death was tragic, senseless, and has left our nation heartbroken. Like too many before him, Mr. Floyd's story is a painful reminder of our society's underlying issues. I stand in solidarity against racism of any kind.

The peaceful demonstrations over the course of the past few days have encouraged a national discussion. Tonight, that discussion came to Lakewood. Demonstrators marched through our community and brought crucial

positive attention to this important movement without the distraction of a few people who are intent on destroying property or putting lives in danger.

As Safety Director, I deployed all the resources of the City of Lakewood to ensure a safe place for everyone involved. I am grateful for the Lakewood Police Department's and Cleveland Police Department's professionalism and positive interaction with the demonstrators this evening. I am proud to be part of this community.

Black Lives Matter Protest



photo by Jacob Chabowski

Peaceful protesters after getting gassed in front of the Justice Center in downtown Cleveland. More photos online at lakewoodobserver.com.



LHS grad holds up a Black Lives Matter sign as the graduation parade goes through Lakewood.

Photo by Mike Deneen

Mayor George's Corner

by Mayor Meghan George

One important role in my job as mayor is to be the chief advocate for our community as a whole. In some cases, I approach businesses who might move to Lakewood from another county or state. Sometimes I talk to the media about the good stories we have to share of strong people in our community. I am regularly bringing our interests to our elected representatives at the county, state, and federal levels to

Lakewood Police Investigator Pat Fiorelli Retires



Pat seen here in his SWAT gear at a stand-off in Lakewood. Thanks for the 32 years! Enjoy your retirement.

ensure that Lakewood's voice is heard and Lakewood's people are getting what they need from every level of government. Recently, I have been calling on our congressional delegation to fight for you and me in Washington.

We are entering the third month of the coronavirus pandemic. We have seen Congress pass four stimulus bills totaling over \$2.4 trillion. However, with the exception of a few dollars here and there to reimburse us for disposable masks and latex gloves, city halls across the United States have been left out. We need assistance from the federal government. This is not unique to Lakewood, all municipalities are facing serious financial implications due to COVID-19.

I've sent multiple letters to Congresswoman Kaptur, Senator Brown, and Senator Portman. I thanked them for all they have done on our behalf and implored them to do more. We need Congresswoman Kaptur, Senator Brown, and Senator Portman to prevail upon their colleagues and pass a bill that provides money to local governments. The City of Lakewood's revenues are down but our responsibilities remain the same: to continue to provide the services that our community expects and deserves.

Please know that your help during these last several weeks

has been tremendous. The people of Lakewood have stepped up and helped one another and our team at City Hall to handle this crisis together. The Small Business Rent Relief grant program, the parking meter moratorium, and the lifting of rush hour parking restrictions are a few ways my administration is adapting and addressing your needs. The volunteers we've had delivering meals to seniors isolated in their homes and the people responsibly sharing our parks—I see you and I thank you. We will weather this storm and get through this together.

Stay healthy and safe.



Lakewood's Mayor Meghan George.



"George Floyd's death was tragic, senseless, and has left our nation heartbroken. Like too many before him, Mr. Floyd's story is a painful reminder of our society's underlying issues. I stand in solidarity against racism of any kind." Mayor George

Family's Dental Needs

LAKESWOOD DENTAL GROUP
216-221-0300
17117

5 Great Reasons To Call Us

- 1) Convenience... We'll see you immediately and fix your problem now!
- 2) Money... We are affordable and will help you with your insurance.
- 3) Fear... Do not worry, our work will be done comfortably
- 4) Time... We realize your time is valuable. We will not keep you waiting.
- 5) Our Promise... We stand behind all the work we do.

WE ACCEPT MOST FORMS OF INSURANCE INCLUDING MEDICAID.

Lakewood Dental Group

216.221.0300
17117 Detroit Ave.
Lakewood, OH 44107

THE LAKEWOOD OBSERVER

Your Independent Source for Lakewood News & Opinion

Published twice a month with a current circulation of 10,000+ copies. The paper is made available free of charge and can be found at over 130 business locations within the City of Lakewood and on our website. The views and opinions expressed in this publication do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the publisher and staff. Copyright 2020 • AGS/The Lakewood Observer, Inc. All rights reserved. Any reproduction is forbidden without written permission.

The mission of the Lakewood Observer is to attract, articulate, and amplify civic intelligence and community good will in the city of Lakewood and beyond.

Become an Observer!

As a product of citizen journalism, The Lakewood Observer is looking for people, ages 3-100, to get involved in the paper and the city. We are looking for volunteer writers, photographers, designers, and illustrators to help with the production of the paper. It does not matter if you are a professional or amateur, our editorial staff will be glad to help you through the process. Register to our website Member Center where you can submit stories, press releases, letters to the editor, photos. No need to register to post online calendar or classified ads.

Upcoming Submission Deadline
June 12, 2020
June 26, 2020

Publish Date
June 17, 2020
July 1, 2020

www.lakewoodobserver.com
216.407-6818 OR 216.339.2531
PO BOX 770203, Lakewood, OH 44107

Lakewood Observer

PUBLISHER Debra O'Bryan	EDITOR IN CHIEF Margaret Brinich	ASSOCIATE EDITOR Betsy Voinovich	ADVERTISING Sales Manager 216.407.6818
-----------------------------------	--	--	---

ADVISORY BOARD - Steve Davis, Heidi Hilty, Jeff Endress, Jim Crawford, Steve Ott, Margaret Brinich, Betsy Voinovich

OBSERVATION DECK BOARD - Jim O'Bryan, Meg Ostrowski, Heidi Hilty, Dan Alaimo, Betsy Voinovich

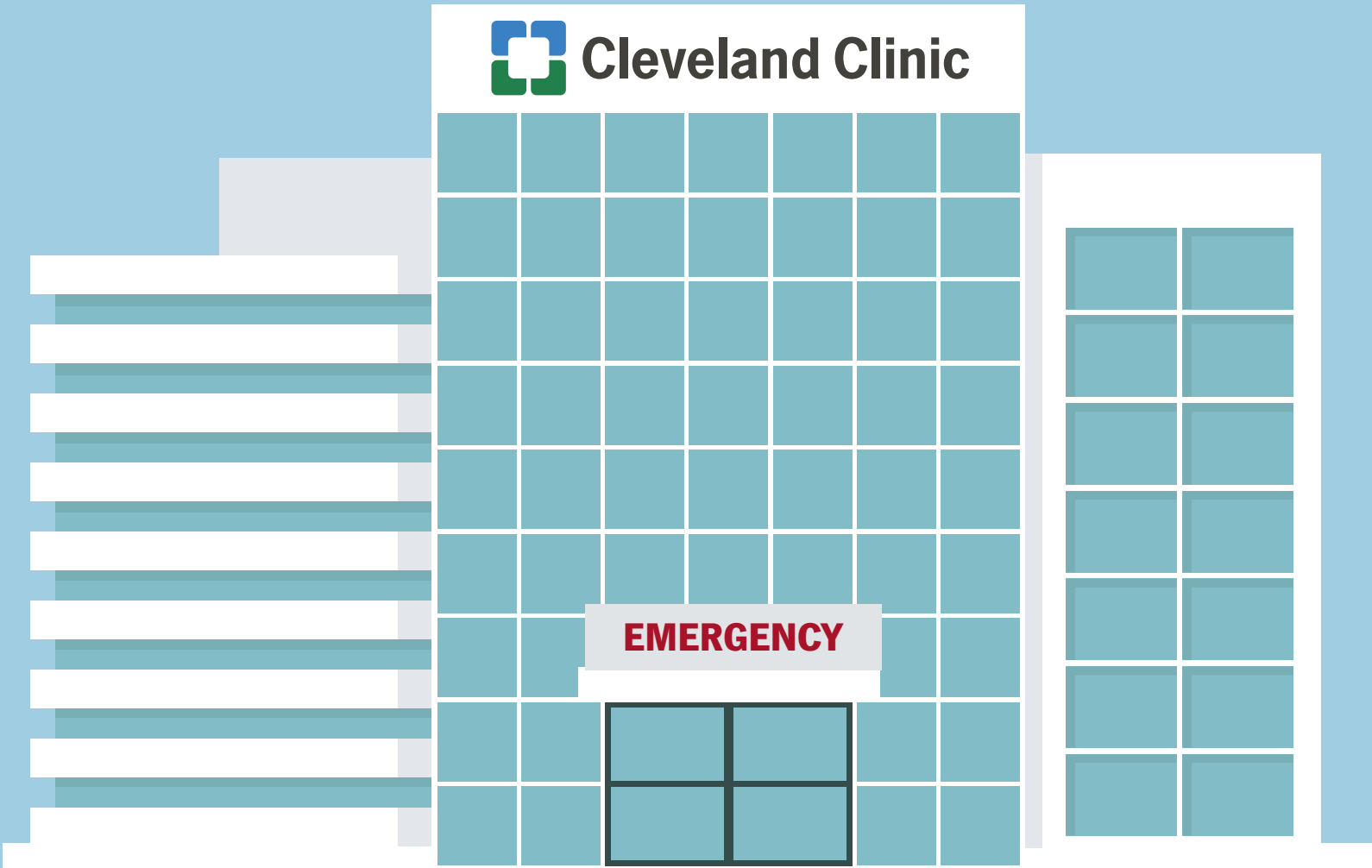
ILLUSTRATIONS - Rob Masek, Jim O'Bryan

PHOTOGRAPHY - Jacob Chabowski, Mike Deneen, and Jim O'Bryan

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS - Anna Bacho, Dr. Michael Barnes, Paul Bilyk, Matt Bixenstine, Lynn Donaldson, Andrea Fisher, Mayor Meghan George, Christine Gordillo, Scott MacGregor, Ted Nagel, Jason Shachner, Bob Soltys, Eva Starr, and Elizabeth Voinovich
Matt Bixenstine, Christine Gordillo, Laurie Henrichsen, Carly Moran, and Jim O'Bryan

Celebrating Over 16 Years of Free Speech and Intellectual Diversity in Lakewood, Ohio: www.lakewoodobserver.com

When it can't wait,
we're here.



All Emergency Departments
are open.

You don't plan for emergencies to happen, but we do. At Cleveland Clinic, your safety is our top priority, which is why our Emergency Department locations are open, sanitized and safe. We're always ready for your most urgent medical needs.

Get the care you need from a team you can trust.

ClevelandClinic.org/Emergency



Education

Lakewood Expands Outdoor Dining Facilities

from City Hall

On May 7, Governor DeWine announced that restaurants may resume outdoor dining service on May 15, 2020 and indoor dining service on

Lakewood Responds To Outdoor Dining Announcement

by Betsy Voinovich

The announcement that Lakewood will allow expanded outdoor dining is receiving mixed responses from Lakewood citizens. It's good news for restaurants who can make up for having less customers because of Covid 19 restrictions and for their patrons who will have shorter waits if there are tables outside. Those who feel the opening is coming too soon, is dangerous, and will promote an increase in Covid 19 cases, feel that this expansion will make a bad situation worse. Then there are those holding their breath (literally), being careful, and waiting to see what happens.

My own first reaction (posted on the LO Deck on May 25) might sound a little hysterical:

"I'm sure they (City Council) don't want Lakewood to get the reputation of being party city where people come from other towns to congregate and spread disease, then go home to their quiet safe communities. They don't want a hot spot in Lakewood with their name on it."

The fact is Governor DeWine declared restaurants open, and our City Council has to deal with it, as do we.

May 21, 2020. The City of Lakewood is taking active steps to support the hospitality industry in Lakewood while protecting the residential community and public health and safety for all. The

Another poster wrote: "As I drove down Lakewood streets yesterday they were filled with happy joyous people and one in a hundred wore a mask if that. Patios, bars, restaurants with packed tables."

No matter how sensible the rules might be, without enforcement they are worthless.

Facts dispel fear, we hope. It seems that everyone agrees that council must have a solid plan for enforcement. And not "that's for the police or building inspectors"--a plan for this situation. These are extraordinary times, in which people's lives are at stake, ordinary enforcement plans can't be relied upon.

I emailed my four council representatives, Ward 2's Jason Shachner, and the three council people at large, Tom Bullock, Tristan Rader and Sarah Kepple for more information. I will share their replies in the next issue.

We are very good at living together in our densely populated community. We are up to the challenge of taking good care of one another and keeping each other safe; we have to require our council and Administration to lead the way.

City will continue to follow all recommended protocols and guidance and comply with all orders and restrictions from public health leaders at the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, the Ohio Department of Health, and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health.

Mayor Meghan George said, "My administration is working together with City Council, the Planning Commission, and the restaurant operators, to move swiftly and enable businesses to emerge from this economic crisis. These modifications are a step in the right direction. We will continue to review other avenues to support our business community throughout this pandemic."

The expansion of outdoor dining facilities into parking lots and the public right-of-way will enable restaurants to provide dining services in a safe and responsible manner for the community.

Expansions can be made under the following conditions:

- The outdoor dining facility shall not be available for use after 10:00 pm, but Planning Commission can set an earlier closing time for the outdoor dining facility based upon the unique aspects of each application.

- Indoor dining may serve up to the smaller of 50% seating capacity or 30 seats. (Planning Commission may expand the maximum on a case-by-case basis, considering parking requirements, residential impact, safety, compliance with the Community Vision, etc.)

- The application fee for a temporary conditional use outdoor dining permit will be waived.

- Outdoor dining facilities shall require a barrier where it is located within a parking lot, within the parking area located in the public right of way, or where alcohol is served.

- If an establishment is not serving alcohol, lower insurance requirements may be available.

- No entertainment or speakers will be permitted in outdoor dining areas.

AROUND THE

Friday Fish Frys during Lent



Every Fish FRYday buy one fish fry and get the second half off! Dine in only! Friday, March 8th starts our famous Lent specials. Come in for our Perch Dinner, Haddock Fish Fry, Shrimp Louisiana, Beer-Battered Cod, cabbage and noodles, and much more!

Book your fundraisers and special events With Us!

Tuesday and Sunday are \$2 Taco Nights

Best Brunch In Town! Saturdays at 11am & Sunday 9:30am

Mondays - Buy One, Get One - Black Angus Burgers

Wednesdays - Try our \$5 Menu!

18616 Detroit Avenue

216.521.4413 • www.atccafe.com

CORNER

EATERY

DRINKERY

FUNNERY



Security Plus

of Northeast Ohio

Keith Davey
Security Advisor
Keith@securityplusneo.com

Smarter Security for
Homes - Businesses - Churches

* ALARM SYSTEMS * HOME AUTOMATION * VIDEO SURVEILLANCE
* ENERGY MANAGENT * ACCESS CONTROL * SENIOR WELLNESS

440-320-6019

aMaezing

Book online or call 330-221-1883

MEN & WOMEN'S CUTS

Men & Women's Cuts, Color, Styling

15314 Detroit Ave.
The Phenix Salon Suites #105

aMaezing.net "You deserve the best."

health markets

The Smarter Way to Shop...

- Health
- Medicare
- Small Group
- Life Insurance
- Supplemental
- Long-Term Care
- Retirement

Call today for your FREE QUOTE!
216-228-0765
www.clevelandinsurance.info
16506 Detroit Rd. Lakewood, OH 44107

Carl Lishing Licensed Insurance Agent

HealthMarkets Insurance Agency is the d/b/a, or assumed name, of Insphere Insurance Solutions, Inc. which is licensed as an insurance agency in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Not all agents are licensed to sell all products. Service and product availability varies by state. HMIA000589



Fedor Manor
Apartments

Affordable Senior Housing Community

When you walk through the door,
you know you are home.

Seniors
Make us your NEW HOME this spring!

12400 Madison Ave. • Lakewood, Ohio
216-226-7575
TTY 1-800-750-0750







www.fedormanorapartments.com

Council's Page

Outdoor Dining Resolution Passed

At a Special Council Meeting held on May 21st, City Council unanimously passed Resolution No. 2020-31, authorizing the Planning Commission to grant temporary conditional use permits for outdoor/seasonal dining facilities during this state of emergency to qualifying applicants.

The intent of the resolution is to allow bars and restaurants to expand their outdoor dining areas to allow for more room for social distancing. The thought is that adding more space will allow the restaurant to serve a similar amount of people they typically serve, while providing the required 6 feet distance between seating areas.

To understand the impact of the resolution it is important to understand the normal process for bars and restaurants to obtain conditional use permits for outdoor dining. Typically, for a restaurant to obtain a conditional use permit for outdoor dining they must apply and get approval from the Planning Commission. Additionally, the Architectural Board of Review must approve all design plans. The Planning Commission uses Lakewood Codified Ordinances **1161.03 SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USES** and **1129.13 1129.13 SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS FOR OUTDOOR/SEASONAL DINING FACILITY** when determining if an applicant should receive a permit. The Planning Commission is also free to add any conditions that it deems appropriate. All applications are heard at a public meeting where residents can voice their concerns.

The resolution allows the Planning Commission to waive any of the requirements contained in Lakewood Codified Ordinances 1161.03 and 1129.13 but only if the Planning Commission finds that by a two thirds vote that the waiving of the requirement will not cause substantial harm to the health and safety of the public and is in accordance with the Community Vision. For instance, **1161.03(t)** requires that the outdoor dining area is directly adjacent to the restaurant. If an applicant would like to have outdoor dining in an area that is not directly adjacent to its restaurant, like in a parking lot, then she would have

by Jason Shachner Councilman Ward 2



to provide a plan and ask the Planning Commission to waive the requirement. The Planning Commission can approve that plan only if two thirds of the members present vote and agree that waiving that requirements will not cause substantial harm to the health and safety of the public and is in accordance with the Community Vision.

The resolution also creates added protections for residents. For one, no entertainment or speakers are permitted in these areas, they cannot be in use after 10:00pm, and if there is a temporary or permanent structure being proposed then the Planning Commission must obtain an opinion from the appropriate safety department, Building Department and/or City Engineer.

The resolution does not give carte blanche to business to start putting tables on the street or to shut down streets as they see fit. There is a transparent and open approval process through the Planning Commission that applicants still must go through to receive a conditional use permit under this resolution. Additionally, the permit is only valid until October 31st or when the state of emergency is over, whichever is first.

I drafted the resolution in a way that allows applicants to get as creative as they can and for the Planning Commission to allow for creative solutions as long as they find that it will not cause harm to the health and safety of the public. Melt, El Carnicero, Cleveland Vegan, Salt+, Harry Buffalo, LBM,

Mars Bar, and Mahall's have already submitted applications. Those applications will be considered at the June 4th Planning Commission Meeting. Please visit <http://www.onelakewood.com/accordions/planning-commission/> for instructions on how to participate in the meeting.

To gain a better understanding of the deliberative process that Council engaged in that lead to the passing of this resolution I encourage you to visit <http://www.onelakewood.com/councilvideos/> and view the May 18 Council Meeting, May 19 Housing, Planning, & Development Committee, and May 21 Special Council Meeting. This resolution was thoroughly discussed during all three meeting and included input from the Fire Chief, Chief of Police, business owners, and residents that chose to participate. I think you will find that the resolution was debated at length and improved throughout those meetings.

Parklets

A previous version of this resolution contained specific language regarding parklets. Parklets are "public seating platforms that convert curbside parking spaces into vibrant community spaces. Also known as street seats or curbside seating, parklets are the product of a partnership between the city and local businesses, residents, or neighborhood associations. Most parklets have a distinctive design that incorporates seating, greenery, and/or bike racks and accommodate unmet demand for public space on thriving neighborhood retail streets or commercial areas." City Council voted 4-3 to remove that language. The purpose of that language was to signal that as a city we are interested in exploring the concept of parklets. Members that wanted to remove the language believed that the City was not ready to review such requests and did not want restaurants to spend too much time or resources creating plans.

We had a robust and productive discussion about parklets at the Housing, Planning, & Development Committee meeting held on May 27th. Council in partnership with the mayor will work to create guidelines for temporary parklets. We hope to have the guidelines completed in the near future so that businesses can utilize this resource this summer.

George Floyd

On May 25th, George Floyd was killed by a Minneapolis police officer. Sadly, George Floyd's death is not an anomaly. The number of people of color whose lives were cut short by the police is overwhelming. The killing of George Floyd has ignited a passion amongst us that has burnt away decades of apathy. I have often described white privilege as the power of being afforded the benefit of the doubt. I cannot imagine the burden of having to constantly prove to those around you that you are not a threat. It must be exhausting, the never-ending exercise of making those around you comfortable with your existence.

Nearly ten years ago, when I worked with Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People, I met a woman from Mt. Pleasant that shared a story about her son. Growing up, her son was respectful and incredibly hardworking. Every day after school he would go to the bus stop to get to his afterschool job. He was never late. Until, one day, a police officer stopped, and strip searched him at the bus stop. Why was he suspicious? Because he was at the stop at the same time, every day. His mother told me that the incident had a great impact on him, and he was never the same. He quit that job and eventually started down a path that led to his incarceration.

You can't win for losing. You can do everything right your whole life, but if your skin is a certain color, then to some that's all that matters, that is all that defines you. That anger, exhaustion, and exasperation sparked protest throughout the country, including here in Cleveland. We saw images of people marching in solidarity, and images of people being destructive; images of police being supportive, and images of police brutality. The message is clear. Enough is enough. As a country we never truly grappled with our history of racism and it is about time we start listening when communities are telling us that something is wrong. I will continue listening and working to bend the arc of the moral universe towards justice.

If you are interested in subscribing to the newsletter please visit <https://mailchi.mp/shachnerforlakewood/newsletter>. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to e-mail me at Jason.Shachner@lakewoodoh.net or call me at (216) 714-2150.

the Root cafe

15118 detroit ave

lakewood, ohio 44111

216.226.4401

www.theroot-cafe.com

espresso bar

bakery

vegan

vegetarian

kitchen

BROKEN WINDOW PRINTING

SCREEN PRINTING & EMBROIDERY



School & Team Uniforms
School Spirit Wear
Corporate ID Wear,
Restaurant Wear
T-Shirts, Sweats,
Pants, Hoodies, Hats,
and much, much, more!
Call today and find out how
we can solve your promotional woes!

For a quote call: 216.849.2868

Email: brokenwindowprinting@gmail.com

www.brokenwindowprinting.com

FB brokenwindowprinting © IG Broken Window Printing

Education

Garfield To Receive \$10K Cox STEAM Grant

by Christine Gordillo

Garfield Middle School has been awarded a Cox Charities Northeast Community Grant for \$10,000 for its STEM and art programs. Principal Robin Beavers, who submitted the grant application, said the money will be used to purchase equipment such as 3D printers and supplies for creative artwork. "We are excited and motivated to utilize these funds for the growth and development of our students' innovative ideas," Principal Beavers said.

Lakewood City Schools has expanded its STEM programming across the middle school and elementary levels in the last couple of years and the recently passed levy will help with further additions to the programming at all levels.

Cox Charities Community Grants are given each year to deserving non-profit organizations dedicated to STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) education programming for youth in Cox footprints across Ohio, Connecticut and

Lakewood Kiwanis Club Awards \$100,000 In Scholarships To 10 Students

by Anna Bacho

Lakewood Kiwanis Scholarship Foundation is proud to announce our 2020 recipients for this year's graduating seniors. The following 10 graduates are being awarded \$10,000 over the next 4 years in \$2500 increments for their academic, citizenship and leadership abilities.

This scholarship fund is funded through the efforts of The Kiwanis Club of Lakewood. The Lakewood Pizza Bake-off and Annual Scarecrow Festival are just two of our major fundraisers.

Congratulations.. Nate A. White, Lakewood H.S., Sydney Wilhelmy, Lakewood H.S., Annie P.

Gallagher, St. Joseph Academy, Olivia G. Vuyanich, Lakewood H.S., Audrey Stahl, Lakewood H.S., Emma P. Hisch, Lakewood H.S., Mollie P. Gallagher, St. Joseph Academy, Sean P. Mahoney Lakewood H.S., Cameron Levis, Lakewood H.S., and Emily McIntire, Lakewood H.S.

The Kiwanis Club of Lakewood is the leading service organization in Lakewood and this year we are celebrating our 100 year anniversary. Along with our scholarships, we also support Lakewood High Key Club, Harding Builders Club, K Kids Club's at Grant, Horace Mann, and Family Life B&A Care at Harrison and Emerson. #KidsNeedKiwanis

Rotary Honors Speech, Visual Arts Student Achievement

by Lynn Donaldson

Winners of Rotary's Four-Way Speech Contest and visual arts competition have been announced.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River, the contest annually showcases the incredible talents of students attending one of five high schools – Lakewood, Lutheran West, Magnificat, Rocky River, and St. Edward.

Beck Center for the Arts in Lakewood has been a valued partner of Rotary for this event, serving as the liaison to educators at the high schools and providing the venue and judges for various phases of the competitions.

Typically, the speech contest finals take place during a Rotary club meeting, and both the speech and music winners are honored at an award ceremony at the Beck Center where the visual arts pieces are displayed in the Jean Bulicek Galleria. Due to Ohio's Stay at Home restrictions, none of these events, including the annual music competition, were able to occur.

The student winners were announced in a virtual awards ceremony video prepared by Beck Center. It was featured on Beck Center's Facebook page and the Rotary club's website.

Speech contest first place winner

was Katy Spillsbury who spoke about "Gerrymandering." Also honored were Mohamed Manaa, second place, "Human Rights Violations Against Muslims in China;" and Katie Healy, third place, "Genetic Modification." Honorable mention awards went to Sara Jarecke, "Body Image," and Madelyn Tumbleson, "Rape Allegations." All students are from Lakewood High School.

Speeches must be of original content and be based on "The Four-Way Test of Rotary" which asks, "Is it the truth, Is it fair to all concerned, Will it build goodwill and better friendships, and Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

This is the 75th year for the club's speech competition, and the twenty-third year that the Beck Center has collaborated with the Rotary club for this student competition.

Visual arts winners were Audrey Warren, "Inner Terror," ink on paper, Lakewood High School, first place; Colin Wheeler, "Heisenberg," mixed media, St. Edward High School, second place; and Jennifer Nyo, "Lunar New Year," photography, Lakewood High School, third place.

Honorable mentions went to Sarah Corbin, "Cactus Tea," clay and glaze, Lakewood; Sophia Kostik, "Sprite,"

PTA Awards Include Teacher Of The Year, Mrs. Rudy

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood Council of PTAs handed out its annual awards in a virtual presentation that included the award for the District Educator of the Year and scholarships to four seniors.

Teacher of the Year Award was given to Garfield Middle School art teacher Leah Roudebush. Mrs. Rudy, as she is known, began the Garfield Holiday Open House to provide holiday decor, toys, and clothes for families in the community. She is an inspiration and mentor to many and strives to help students meet their full potential.

The other PTA Educator of the Year honorees for their respective school buildings were also recognized: Lisa Blasko, Harding Middle School; Megan Coe, Lincoln Elementary School; Cindy Vullo, Roosevelt Elementary School; Jennifer Frank,

Horace Mann Elementary; and Tracy Somoles, Grant Elementary School.

The PTA Council also honored the overall success of four seniors. Earning \$1,000 scholarships each this year were Emma Hirsch, Mayfeh Mahmoud, Olivia Vuyancih, and Sydney Wilhelmy.

The Helping Hand award goes to a staff member in the school buildings other than a teacher who goes above and beyond in helping students and staff. Harrison PTA member and volunteer Pat Maille, who has helped tutor students in reading and math and created a sign language club, is the Helping Hands winner.

The President's Award went to Garfield PTSA member Kristen Moran for her work in outreach and engagement. Congratulations to all the honorees!

Don't Be Left Behind! Sign Up To Stay In Touch

by Ted Nagel

The Lakewood Girls Soccer Team is a program on the rise. As a coach during the COVID 19 pandemic, I'm very concerned that the incoming freshmen may not get all of the information they need and someone may fall between the cracks. I want to make an appeal to parents and players to get in touch with me if you are an 8th Grader (rising Freshman) thinking about playing soccer in High School. The team usually has Captain's Practices soon after school lets out for the summer. I am talking to the Captains, the Athletic Director and reading OHSAA guidance for how best to do that and when we can start. In the mean time, the team is doing physical and training challenges each week to stay in shape and stay sharp.

LHS Girls Soccer finished the season at 7-7-4 in a very tough Southwest Conference last year. We are moving (along with the rest of the school to the Great Lakes Conference (GLC) this Fall. This should make the team a little more competitive in conference play, increase friendly rivalries with our closest border cities and towns including Rocky River and Fairview and cut down on travel a bit. The GLC is still very competitive with perennial powerhouses Rocky River, Bay Village and Buckeye. We look

forward to this new challenge.

You'll also be joining the smartest team in town. The Girls Soccer Team had the highest team GPA in Fall Sports in 2019. All of our team captains were on the LHS National Honor Society last year and this year. And 2020 grad Emma Hirsch recently passed the Presidency of the LHS NHS to returning Captain Aubree Nagel. You couldn't be joining up with a better group of role models. If you have a daughter interested in trying soccer either as a player who already loves the game or as an athlete interested in trying the game for the first time, please get your information to me, Coach Ted Nagel. You can contact me at TJNagel84@gmail.com or comment on the Facebook pages for "Lakewood Girls Soccer" or "Lakewood High School Girls Soccer." We are training already! Don't miss the opportunity to keep up with the team. Official tryouts are currently scheduled for August 1st. I look forward to meeting some new, dedicated soccer players. For you younger girls, get out there and join up with the Lakewood Soccer Association or the Lakewood United Football Club. The best way to make the team in the future is to join a team now! Check them out online or at the Lakewood Recreation Department.

Ted Nagel is the Lakewood High School Girls Varsity Soccer Coach.

acrylics, Rocky River; and Meagan Walsh, "Strike," jewelry piece and box, Magnificat.

Over 80 pieces, of numerous styles employing various media, were submitted. A jury of visual arts educators selected outstanding works that met the contest requirements. From this gallery, the judges chose the award winners.

"This annual event is a wonderful way to acknowledge the talents of our youth," stated Ed Gallagher, Beck

Center director of education, "and the quality work of the participants truly shows that the arts and creativity are alive and well in our community."

In recognition of their achievements, all winners received a cash prize from Rotary, made possible by the Lakewood-Rocky River Rotary Foundation.

GRADUATION 2020

Highlights of the senior parade photos of all the cars and families online. Congratulations to all of the graduates in lakewood, ohio!



Lakewood Observer

Lakewood Public Library Planning For A Safe Reopening

by *Andrea Fisher*

Since closing to the public in March, Lakewood Public Library staff have been maintaining phone and online reference, as well as closely monitoring and planning for the library’s eventual reopening. While a date to reopen the Library buildings has not been determined, a number of safety measures have been established and the Library is fully prepared to serve the community safely.

On May 4th, the Library resumed drive-up window service at Main Library, and started curbside service at Madison Branch, so that patrons could begin borrowing library materials again. In order to safely circulate items, library staff have their temperature checked daily, wear masks and gloves, and maintain a rigorous cleaning schedule. The Library asks that patrons return all items in the exterior book returns, so that the items can be quarantined for 72 hours before being checked in and put back into circulation, in accordance with a study conducted by the Institute of Library and Museum Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Library is also adhering to University Hospitals’ Healthy Restart Playbook, the Cleveland Clinic’s Getting Back to Work Safely and the State’s Responsible RestartOhio guidelines.

When the Library reopens to the public, face coverings will be required for all patrons and staff. The Library installed cashier guards at all public service desks, reconfigured seating to allow for social distancing and also



placed hand sanitizer throughout the Library. Work stations and public areas are regularly cleaned and disinfected. Public computers will not be available to patrons when the Library first reopens, and when they are made available, patrons will be limited to one hour a day.

As the Library continues to prepare for a safe reopening, patrons can call and email reference questions and library item requests Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and place holds requests online. Patrons can also register for library cards via email at contact@lakewoodpubliclibrary.org or by phone at (216)226-8275, ext. 130 or at (216)228-7428 during library hours. Summer Reading Club, “Imagine Your Story” is also being offered this summer. Children from birth through 12th grade can register online or in person at the south entrance at the Main Library from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and at Madison Branch’s front door from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Check back to the Lakewood Observer, lakewoodpubliclibrary.org, as well as the Library’s Facebook and Twitter pages for updates.

It Ain't Over Til It's Over

by *Bob Soltys*

Although we’re not even close to being out of the woods yet vis à vis COVID-19, some of us are acting like we already are - not keeping a safe distance, and not wearing a face mask. These risky behaviors emphasize the need to remember that we’re all interdependent.

Much ado has been made of the perceived ‘need’ to “Make America smart again.” What we do need to do is to start thinking again. So, let’s think about some of the myths that are being used to justify the careless behavior that has emerged since Ohio and the rest of the world started reopening.

“I’m young and COVID-19 won’t affect me.” While not everyone who’s infected by COVID-19 has symptoms or gets sick, if you’re infected you can still pass it to others – including your partner, children, parents, and grandparents - if you don’t wear a face mask and don’t maintain physical distancing.

“Wearing a mask doesn’t help because the virus is so small.” Virus particles are small, but a mask or face covering filters out droplets of your breath that may carry the virus if you are infected. Because not everyone who’s infected gets sick, you could be

infected and passing the virus along without knowing it. Wearing a mask protects others. Physical distancing protects you and others.

“Making me wear a mask violates my rights.” Do you really want to exercise your right to get sick, die – or infect or kill someone else? Everything we do affects others. The opposite of careless is caring.

“I have a right to go out to eat, and to open my business.” Nobody’s saying you can’t eat out or reopen your business. But you do not have the right to hurt other people. And that’s what you might be doing if you don’t stay six feet away and don’t wear a mask.

Why six feet away? A recent study by van Doremalen et al, “Aerosol and surface stability of SARS CoV 2 as compared with SARS CoV 1 in the New England Journal of Medicine recognizes that forceful breathing by asymptomatic people while singing can spread COVID-19. (Cite: 3 New England Journal of Medicine 82(16), 1564–1567.) A growing body of scholarship supports that COVID-19 can spread in the droplets, or aerosols, of our breath as we exhale. When you breathe and talk, those droplets can travel as far as four to five feet away from you. A properly

Legal Aid’s Response to COVID19: Full Services Available + A New Resource

by *Danilo Powell-Lima*

The COVID-19 pandemic has not only threatened the health of our community, but it has also magnified the needs of Northeast Ohio’s most vulnerable residents. As a growing number of people struggled to secure basic needs such as shelter, income, and safety, The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland mobilized its resources to continue fully serving Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain, and Geauga counties. Since March 14th, Legal Aid attorneys have been working with clients remotely through emails, texts, phone calls, and video calls.

On April 9th, Legal Aid launched the Worker Information Line, which provides clear, direct answers to questions about work or unemployment benefits. Those with questions can call at any time and leave a message clearly stating their name, phone number, and a brief description of their question. A Legal Aid staff member will return the call between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Calls

are returned within 1-2 business days. Cuyahoga County residents should call 216-861-5899; Ashtabula, Lake, Geauga, and Lorain County residents should call 440-210-4532.

Legal Aid’s long-standing Tenant Information Line remains available to answer housing questions for renters who have questions about their responsibilities during this time. Cuyahoga County tenants can call 216-861-5955; Ashtabula, Lake, Geauga, and Lorain tenants can call 440-210-4533. As with the Worker Information Line, tenants should clearly provide their name, phone number, and description of their question, and can expect an answer within 1-2 business days.

Despite the closure of in-person applications for service, Legal Aid remains open to new clients through 24/7 online in-take, available at lasclev.org/contact/. The online application takes 10-20 minutes to complete. After submission, applicants receive a phone call from Legal Aid within 2 business days.

Correction

by *Adelaide Crnko*

Dear Readers:

A correction must be made to one of the song titles (70 total) woven into the body of my piece from May 20, 2020 (“Mama Mia! Here We Go Again!”). The line should have read “we won’t get fooled again,” not “be fooled.” My apologies to all, especially to The Who and their fans!

Legal Aid’s phone lines have also remained open. Those interested can call (toll-free) 888-817-3777 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the lines are available from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For those unable to communicate fluently in English, lasclev.org/contact/ has information about calling Legal Aid in a number of languages, including Spanish, Arabic, and Mandarin.

worn mask can prevent spreading droplets and the virus.

“The virus is fake news.” COVID-19 is real. Physicans proposed the germ theory of disease as early as 1025 A.D., and the scientific community has accepted it since the groundbreaking work of Louis Pasteur (for whom the process of Pasteurization is named) and Robert Koch during the 19th century. Following the invention of the electron microscope in 1931, scientists were able to see viruses such as the polio virus, the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and more recently, coronaviruses, including the one that causes COVID-19 disease.

Established scientific techniques and diagnostic tests including the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) – a method of rapidly copying genetic material so it can be studied and whose usefulness was recognized when its inventor shared the 1993 Nobel Prize in Chemistry – have identified a unique strain of coronaviruses (which are named for the spikes jutting out from their viral capsid, or coat) which has been designated as SARS-CoV-2. “SARS” stands for Sudden Acute Respiratory Syndrome. The SARS-CoV-2 virus can infect people and can cause

COVID-19 disease in people.

Symptoms of COVID-19 disease can include headaches, difficulty breathing, weakness, loss of taste, loss of smell, aches and pain, and others. Medical evidence documents that in extreme cases – particularly, but not limited to - people over 55 years of age, who have diabetes, high blood pressure, asthma, COPD, or cancer – the immune response to COVID-19 can overwhelm the body, resulting in death.

COVID-19 remains a threat until enough people are vaccinated against it, enough of us develop immunity as COVID-19 makes its way through our world, and we have enough medication and other ways to treat it.

COVID-19 ain’t our first rodeo. During the Second World War, we Americans and our Allies worldwide sacrificed and worked together to defeat our enemies. Their sacrifices for the good of others earned them the respect that goes with being called “The Greatest Generation.”

Like those who went before us, we have a chance to be great, by remembering that what we do affects others, by wearing a mask, maintaining physical distancing, and helping those who are in need. Thank you.

Lakewood Victory Garden

Pruning, Feeding And Planning

by Paul Bilyk

As the calendar flips to June, most of us have planted our gardens and are now tending to them diligently. Early crops are being harvested while summer crops are setting root and reaching for the sun. Now is the time when a little extra effort can make the difference between failure and filling your pantry and freezer for winter. The month of June should be dedicated to pruning, feeding, and planning.

Pruning or pinching your plants encourages branching, builds stronger stems, reduces disease, and increases your harvest. Two plants that are fun to pinch to promote

branching are peppers and rosemary. Pinch the top set of leaves once your pepper plant has 6 or 8 leaves. You should also pinch the first set of flowers on your peppers or at least harvest the first peppers a little early to promote much larger crops later in the season. Tomatoes should be pruned to promote air circulation and allow sunlight to the fruit. Greater air circulation in the garden helps fight blights and mildews. If you planted row crops such as radishes or carrots, your pruning now is also called thinning. Make sure you provide adequate space for your crops to reach maturity.

Feed. Feed. Feed. Making sure

your garden is well fertilized is essential to bountiful harvests. Regular feedings of an all-purpose fertilizer should be applied as recommended as well as any supplemental feeds. For the all-purpose consider Plant Tone or Happy Frog All Purpose, these organic granular fertilizers should be applied monthly for most vegetables. Additionally, for plants that bear fruit, consider a calcium supplement. Bone meal and lime are good choices for tomato gardeners looking to avoid blossom end rot. Do not spend all summer tending to your plants for little to no harvest, because you didn't feed them. Container gardeners should consider more frequent feedings as nutrients are depleted from pots at a quicker rate than the ground.

Preparing for the harvest this year will be as important as anything you do if you are planning to freeze, can, or dehydrate for the

winter. Get your supplies and get them early. There still seems to be hoard mentality regarding certain products and gardening supplies are amongst them. Pick up your canning jars early, make sure you have a good set of pruners, get plenty of vacuum bags and have a plan. As you harvest your spring crops, think about what you will plant for late summer or fall, get those seeds early as supplies have been depleted globally.

Good preparation now will lead to a more enjoyable gardening season. In addition to pruning, pinching, feeding, and developing a good plan for summer, remember to stake your plants early, water and weed regularly. Also consider keeping notes on your successes and failures, anymore photos are easier than ever, too. Lastly take some time in the sun to relax and enjoy summer, it's why we live here.



18514 Detroit Avenue,
Lakewood, Ohio 44107
phone:216.521.7684
fax: 216-521-9518


WEST END TAVERN

VIEW MENU'S AND WEEKLY SPECIALS @ WESTENDTAV.COM

MONDAY - FRIDAY 11:30A.M. - 2:30 A.M.
BIGGER BETTER HAPPY HOUR 4 - 7 P.M.



WALL TO WALL TRANSFORMATIONS
Plaster Repair
specializing in plaster and
lathe restoration
216-255-8529
fully insured, free estimates





Full Tuition Assistance

If you or your family has experienced financial hardship as a result of COVID-19, Tri-C® can help with full tuition assistance. Whether you are looking to get started or your four-year plans have changed, check out our programs and resources. Register now for summer and fall classes.

Available to residents of Cuyahoga County.
Possible through federal grants and the generous support of donors to the Tri-C Foundation
Online Learning Program at Tri-C ranked among nation's best

tri-c.edu/startnow
216-987-6000



Dear Valued Customers

Thank you Lakewood for your support and patronage in making India Garden your favorite Indian Cuisine Restaurant in Northern Ohio.



INDIA GARDEN
18405 DETROIT AVE. ■ 216-221-0676

Open Daily Lunch 11am - 2:30pm
Lunch Buffet Still Only \$11.95
Sat. & Sun. 11:30am - 3:00pm
Dinner 5pm - 10pm
Ask About Gift Certificates And Catering

Lakewood Observer



The group of protesters that came through Lakewood last night, earlier in the day at Cleveland’s 1st District Police Department. Peaceful, meaningful protest all day.

Dr. Barnes’ Statement On Racial Injustice

continued from page 1

I encourage us to stand in solidarity against acts of racism, disrespect, and inequitable treatment of all people. We must all take a stand against racism. Let this be the moment when our children some day look back and say, this is when we stood together for change.

Sincerely, Dr. Michael Barnes
Superintendent

Below are some resources we hope you find helpful:

How to talk to your children about

protests and racism

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/01/health/protests-racism-talk-to-children-wellness/index.html>

George Floyd. Ahmaud Arbery. Breonna Taylor. What do we tell our children?

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/05/31/how-talk-kids-racism-racial-violence-police-brutality/5288065002/>

Talking to Kids About Racism and Justice (books, websites, articles):

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1s0lCA3FluIVhK6DFE2d3uYCipc6ApY8Gn2rMwm6fYqw/edit?usp=sharing>



At 1st District Police Station in Cleveland good dialogue moments before the Chief took a knee and handed out hugs.



Two days earlier force and tear gas brought confusion and anger.



JUNE

Aries: Embrace your sensitivity this month Ram, with Mars, your ruling planet still in Pisces, scale down those combative energies of yours & help out your fellow Lakewoodites.

Taurus: The Bull has been a bit stubborn about coming out of its pen, good thing most people aren’t wearing red masks, or donning superman capes, go ahead & show some love instead.

Gemini: The Sun & Venus are joined in the Twins backyard, spread the gratitude, & watch the ripple effect spread through your neighborhood like Mr. Rogers, double your blessings.

Cancer: Mercury is in the Crab’s beach house, & goes Retrograde on the 18th, it’s time to accept yourself, pin-cers & all, then toward the latter end of June look in the self-reflection mirror.

Leo: The Lion spread so much

kindness in that Jungle last month, it’s time to reap the benefits, your creativity is sky high, manifest whatever pleases you Lion/Lioness, then roar.

Virgo: You’re still working on that compassion muscle of yours, the peace you seek comes from the peace you create, practice finding one thing you like about everything in your day.

Libra: You’re usually the quiet one in the corner, it’s time to make some waves, show the world you know how to shake it up, you might just surprise everyone, including you.

Scorpio: The Universe is trying to send an important message to you, put your stinger away, put your fears back in your cave, & for now listening with your heart leads to intimacy.

Sagittarius: The Centaur is having a challenging time with Jupiter Retrograde in Capricorn, you’re feeling the

push-pull effect way too much, yes-no, yes-no...just decide.

Capricorn: It’s time for the Goat to speak his mind, let the truth be known with integrity, are you afraid to rock the boat? Honesty is the best policy is not just a cliché, speak the truth.

Aquarian: Reconsider your commitments, did you pile that plate of yours to the sky, it’s time to scale down, what is truly a priority & what is you just didn’t want to say no?

Pisces: The loaves & fishes have multiplied in that huge lake of yours, your boat runneth over, gratitude abounds, with Mars still in Pisces, you’re sprinkling that energy all around.

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

NUNZIO'S
Pizzeria

Visit Sicily Without Leaving Home

Fresh Authentic Italian Cuisine
Pizza • Pasta • Sandwiches • Salads • Wings

SINCE 1990 • 26 YEARS IN BUSINESS!

U.S. COMMERCE ASSOCIATION
BEST OF CLEVELAND FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE YEARS
2009 & 2010

NOW SERVING 3 LOCATIONS!
Lakewood • Fairview Park
Rocky River

OPEN:
Monday - Saturday
4pm - 3:30am
Deliveries until 3:15am

Sunday
2pm - 1:30am
Deliveries until 1:15am

PIZZA	Small 6 cut - 9"	Medium 8 cut - 12"	Large 12 cut - 16"	Party Tray Half Sheet
Plain	\$7.00	\$8.50	\$11.00	\$12.00
1 Item	\$7.50	\$9.25	\$12.00	\$13.50
2 Items	\$8.00	\$10.00	\$13.00	\$15.00
3 Items	\$8.50	\$10.75	\$14.00	\$16.50
4 Items	\$9.00	\$11.50	\$15.00	\$18.00
Deluxe	\$9.50	\$12.25	\$16.00	\$19.50
Extra Items	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$1.00	\$1.50
Ext. Cheese/Spec. Topp	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$2.50	\$3.50

Available Items: Pepperoni, Sausage, Mushrooms, Onion, Green & Red Peppers, Anchovies, Ham, Bacon, Fresh Garlic, Black, Olives, Hot Peppers, Ground Meat, Pineapple, Jalapeño Peppers
SPECIAL TOPPINGS: Artichoke Hearts, Tomato, Broccoli, Chicken

17615 Detroit Ave. • 216-228-2900

www.nunziospizza.net

BENTLEY
WEALTH MANAGEMENT OF
RAYMOND JAMES®

MICHAEL A. BENTLEY
Vice President, Investments

Bentley Wealth Management of Raymond James
159 Crocker Park Blvd, Suite 390 // Westlake, OH 44145
O 440.801.1629 // C 216.513.0933 // F 440.801.1636
www.bentleywealthmanagement.com // michael.bentley@raymondjames.com

© 2016 Raymond James & Associates, Inc., member New York Stock Exchange / SIPC. Raymond James® and LIFE WELL PLANNED® are registered trademarks of Raymond James Financial, Inc. 16-BR3AP-0073 TA 04/16

Celebrating Over 16 Years of Free Speech and Intellectual Diversity in Lakewood, Ohio: www.lakewoodobserver.com

LakewoodAlive



April Bleakney was inspired by an encounter she had with a deer while in Yosemite National Park

LakewoodAlive's Warren Road Beautification Project Brings Public Art Mural To Wall Of Fifth Third Bank

by Matt Bixenstine

The first of two new public art murals at the intersection of Warren Road and Madison Avenue went up on May 27.

For this mural, located behind Fifth Third Bank, local artist April Bleakney was inspired by an encounter she had with a deer while in Yosemite National Park, and came to appreciate the peacefulness and serenity this ani-

mal symbolizes.

LakewoodAlive thanks April and its many terrific partners, including the City of Lakewood and Cuyahoga County, for making this collaborative project possible. Install for this mural was completed by Scherba Industries. LakewoodAlive looks forward to sharing more details about phase 2 of its Warren Road Beautification Project in the coming weeks.

Registration Now Open For Virtual Meltdown 5K, 1 Mile Family Fun Run & Walk



Registration is now open for the inaugural Virtual Meltdown 5K and Virtual 1 Mile Family Fun Run & Walk taking place July 15 to July 31.

by Matt Bixenstine

Ready, set, go! Registration is now open for the inaugural Virtual Meltdown 5K and Virtual 1 Mile Family Fun Run & Walk taking place July 15 to July 31.

In an effort to ensure health and safety for our community during the COVID-19 pandemic, these popular centerpieces of LakewoodAlive's Lakewood Summer Meltdown sponsored by Melt Bar and Grilled will be orchestrated as virtual races this year, offering participants the opportunity to continue this long-held Lakewood summer tradition.

The Virtual Meltdown 5K serves as a fundraiser for LakewoodAlive. Lace up your running shoes and complete the race at your convenience anytime between July 15 and July 31. Participants can opt to conquer the actual Meltdown 5K course, or complete the race in another fashion of your choosing, such as by running through your neighborhood or using a treadmill.

In addition to supporting LakewoodAlive, your participation in

the Virtual Meltdown 5K comes with the following perks:

A special edition Virtual Meltdown 5K commemorative t-shirt

Prizes for top finishers in each age category

A voucher for a "buy one, get one free" beer token offer redeemable at the Beer Garden during the 2021 Lakewood Summer Meltdown (age 21+)

Race participants are encouraged to share their pride by posting a race-day selfie on Facebook and Instagram using hashtag #VirtualMeltdown5K for a chance to be featured on LakewoodAlive's social pages.

For those Meltdown fans, young and old, interested in a more relaxed exercise experience, the 1 Mile Family Fun Run & Walk is priced right at \$12 per participant and intended for anyone to enjoy.

Visit LakewoodAlive.org/Meltdown to secure your registration for either or both virtual races and start training today.

Lakewood's #1 choice for interior and exterior painting

Neubert PAINTING

Serving Northeast Ohio Homeowners since 1975

Quality Painting.
THAT'S ALL WE DO!

Call us at 216-529-0360 for a Free Consultation!
neubertpainting.com

HOME ALONE PET SITTING, INC.



In Home Pet Care While You Are Away

Experienced Veterinarian Technician

Bonded & Insured
216-548-1543
djmhokin@gmail.com
homealonepetsittinginc.com



Rehab Professionals of Cleveland, Inc.
Physical Therapy

BACK PAIN GOT YOU DOWN?

We Can Fix That

Dr. Anthony DiFilippo, PT
Dr. Edward Aubé, PT

13535 Detroit Avenue @ Elbur
216-221-2525 www.rehabpros.net
Evening Hours / Same Day Appointments
Most insurance accepted, Medicare, Workers Compensation



Roman Fountain
Pizza & Subs

NOW OPEN

Roman Fountain is one of the most well-known and loved pizzeria in Lakewood, Ohio. Roman Fountain has been serving up pizza since the mid 1950's with award winning pizza, calzone, stromboli, subs, pasta, wings, and salads.

Whether carryout or delivery, we provide your family with the freshest of toppings (over 25 to choose from) on our pizza. With dough and sauce made daily from our own recipe and freshly grated blend of mozzarella & provolone cheese, we provide a great pizza for you and your family

At Roman Fountain you can find all your favorites:

- Pizza
- Calzones
- Stromboli
- Salads
- Pasta
- Subs
- Wings
- Appetizers
- Desserts
- Dinners

To see our menu or coupons please go to www.romanfountain.com
Or stop by at
15603 Detroit Ave
Near the corner of Lakeland Ave

Call us at 216-221-6633

giant eagle

Senior Shopping Hours
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 6am – 9am

The Back Page



Carabel Beauty Salon & Store

Full Service Salon For Females

Are you bored?
Have your ignored YOURSELF?

We're here for you.

Cuts, Styling, Color, Perms, Ear Piercing,
Mani, Pedi, Polishes and Products.
Cuts for females of all ages.
Flowers, Bows, and Accessories
to complete your own individual style.

CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT FOR BEST SERVICE.
FREE PRIVATE PARKING. CHECK WITH ID OR CASH

Follow Us On Facebook
To See Accessories
and New Ideas!



15309 MADISON AVENUE • 216.226.8616

Skettle Automotive

15501 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, OH

NOW OPEN ON SATURDAY

Tim Skettle Owner, Technician

Formerly at Steve Barry Buick
For an appointment CALL

216.226.5993



The Lakewood Observer Serving
Lakewood Residents & Businesses Best, For 16 Years

In Print & Online
And Now In 20 Other
Communities!

Isn't it time you joined with
this history making,
award winning project?



CALL
216.407.6818
TODAY!

TROY BRATZ

Real Estate Agent

Residential / Commercial
Lakewood Resident


216.702.2196
TroyBratz@KW.com
@TroyBratzKW



kwELEVATE
KELLERWILLIAMS.

SOLD SELL now for top dollar
BUY for your future
INVEST in the community

We're here to help
you keep going.



Adjusting to a new way of working isn't easy, but
we're here to help you keep business moving. With
tools for working together, even when you're apart,
and dedicated 24/7 support, we'll help make this
new way of working work better for you.

To learn more about our resources for making it work,
visit coxbusiness.com/working or call (216) 535-3323.

COX
BUSINESS®

Not all services are available everywhere. Learn more at coxbusiness.com.
© 2020 Cox Communications, Inc. All rights reserved.

This paper is written, produced, and delivered by residents of Lakewood.
Isn't it time you joined with us?
Visit the "Member Center" today to sign up and submit an article to the LO!
www.lakewoodobserver.com/members/login
If you would like to help this history-making 17-year-old project continue getting out the
words, stories and images of your fellow Lakewoodites and you have a business, contact
production@lakewoodobserver.com and we will send out an advertising kit!