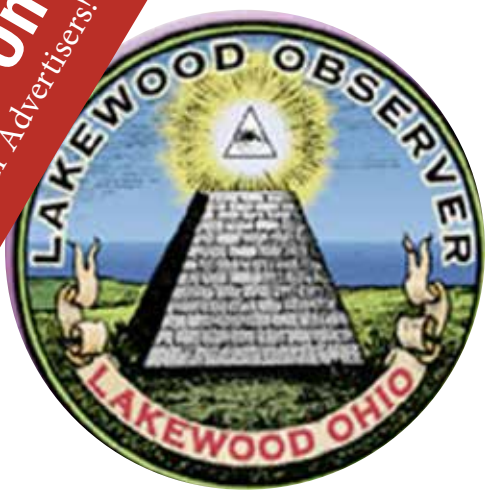


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"All students can learn and succeed, but not in the same day in the same way." - George Evans

## Antonio Condemns LaRose Move To Ban New Ballot Drop Boxes, Suppress Ohio Voters

by Betsy Voinovich

Ohio Senator Nickie Antonio released the following statement condemning Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose for issuing a new directive banning county Boards of Elections from offering additional ballot drop boxes to voters:

"I am frankly sickened by Secretary of State LaRose's actions today. This is an attack on voting rights in Ohio, plain and simple.

"There is nothing in the Ohio Revised Code requiring only one ballot drop box per county.

"Frank LaRose has taken it upon himself to ban additional drop boxes, actively making it harder for Ohioans to return their ballots during a pandemic.

"Frank LaRose is also admitting with this directive that he had the power to add ballot drop boxes all along.

"He ignored our repeated calls for him to act, and now says there's no time to act. This is inexcusable.

"There is still time for Secretary of State LaRose to do the right thing. With nearly three months until Election Day, plenty of counties could add more secure drop boxes, and even install cameras to moni-



State Senator Nickie Antonio speaking at the dedication of Bernice Park Green, as State Rep Michael Skindell looks on.

tor them.

"All the Boards of Elections need is the authority they apparently had all along, until Frank LaRose unilaterally decided to take it away this morning.

"My Democratic colleagues and I will be doubling down on our push to strengthen Ohio's voting process. Ohioans need safe, simple, and secure voting options every election, but especially during the ongoing COVID crisis.

"This is a fight worth having. As John Lewis reminded us, 'people before us died in the fight for free and fair elections.'"

**\*\* Senator Nickie J. Antonio Represents the 23rd Ohio Senate District and serves as Campaign Chair for the Ohio Senate Democrats. \*\***

## Supplies4Success Is Back!

by Nora Katzenberger

As we near the final days of Summer, Lakewood students and their families are preparing to begin a new school year. Since 2011, "Supplies4Success" has been a big part of that process. Many Lakewood businesses have collected supplies generously donated by Lakewood families for distribution to neighbors in need.

Of course, the challenge of the pandemic means a different plan for Supplies4Success this year. Our goal is to provide the same support to Lakewood students while protecting the health and safety of our business

community and volunteers.

**Here's how it will work:**

- **Cash donations** preferred. Cash donations reduce the need for going into stores to purchase supplies. They cut down on the number of volunteers needed to sort supplies for donation and give us the ability to save money and purchase items in bulk. We've made it easy for you to donate online: <http://thelakewoodfoundation.org/lakewood-area-collaborative/supplies-4-success/>

- **Three donation sites.** If you do have items you wish to donate, you can drop them in



## St. Charles Green Is Now Bernice Pyke Park

by Matt Kuhns

Lakewood formally dedicated a new public park named for suffragist Bernice Pyke on August 18, the 100th anniversary of ratification of the 19th Amendment.

Most of the park property—bordered by St. Charles and Belle Avenues, downtown, and the railroad—has been city-owned for decades. Informally known as the St. Charles Green, residents have spent years pur-

suing official park status.

Councilperson Tristan Rader, who emceed the ribbon cutting ceremony, recalled that upon moving next door several years ago, his first visitor was a neighbor collecting signatures to protect the space as a park.

Rader and other elected officials spoke of the accomplishments of Pyke, a Lakewood resident who helped win the right to vote for



Follow this QR Code to find the story written by Mayor Tom George about Bernice Pyke in the Lakewood Observer in 2012

## Lakewood Friends And Neighbors Let's Talk about Voting

by Dan Shields

As we head into the November election, The Observer would like to help you make sure your voice is heard. Here is how YOU take part:

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**Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot:**

**LakewoodAlive's Warren Road Beautification Project Enhances Warren-Madison Intersection**

by Matt Bixenstine

When city leaders, civic-minded residents, local governments, small businesses and a nonprofit organization come together for the sake of community vibrancy, good things are bound to happen. Such is the case with LakewoodAlive's Warren Road Beautification Project Venture through the heart of Lakewood near the intersection of Warren Road and Madison Avenue and you'll notice a transformation has taken place. Thanks to a \$50,000 Community Development Supplemental Grant from Cuyahoga County and a partnership with the City of Lakewood, phase 2 of the



Warren Road Beautification Project has created a rejuvenated gateway into Lakewood's commercial districts featuring an improved pedestrian

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# Mayor's Corner

## We Are Optimistic

by Meghan George  
Mayor of Lakewood, Ohio

Lakewood, like all other municipalities in Ohio, has experienced negative effects from Covid-19 and the corresponding shutdown. Unlike other governments that are primarily reliant upon property taxes, Lakewood's major revenue source is income tax, which is economically sensitive.

The last compiled numbers Lakewood has from July indicated that the City's General Fund revenue is down roughly \$2.6 million from last year's actual collections. We are working hard to be back into the black before year end, but it'll be a tough trudge.

To combat the loss in revenue, we continuously analyze our operations, and have worked to do things differently than in the past. However, reducing General Fund costs in our case means reducing payroll for Lakewood's outstanding and dedicated public service workforce. To help accomplish this, I have been asking employees to voluntarily furlough, and the response has been tremendous. The City will have saved roughly \$320,000 including roughly \$200,000 in the General Fund because of the voluntary time off, which helps plug the huge hole in this year's income tax revenue.

Additionally, overtime (OT) has been scaled back to emphasize only necessities in Police and Fire, as well as Public Works emergencies. To date, OT is down over \$368,000 compared to last year, including \$239,000 in the General Fund.



Mayor George reading her father's story in the Lakewood Observer about Bernice Pyke from 2012!

Although CARES Act funding will help us, (\$2.3 million with a projected \$1.9 million to the General Fund) it is not a silver bullet. With both the income tax deadline and the property tax deadline extended, our financial picture remains foggy, but we'll continue to gain more clarity as the year progresses. A by-product of the tax deadline extension is that it both pushes back and shortens our revenue collection cycle, especially for income tax.

Moving Forward: That all said about this year, we are also looking toward next year realizing that the 2021 budget will be especially challenging, given this year's unemployment (that will negatively effect next year's income tax receipts), our contractual commitments (to essential personnel like our first responders), and the tremendous amount of uncertainty in our hopefully recovering but

still very pandemic economy. These factors make estimating income tax much more difficult.

Additionally, large capital projects, even popular ones like Cove Church, have been put on hold as we wrestle with the desire to move forward with our planned business while weighing the realization that we

must balance those interests with the prospect of becoming overly debt laden and/or eating into our cash reserves to the point where the City's bond rating may be negatively impacted. A lower bond rating will cost the City more in interest on its new debt, and we are working hard to be mindful of the long-term ramifications of today's decisions as we look at the big picture in reducing overall costs.

With the month coming to a close, we are optimistic that August revenues will improve and that the overall revenue shortfall will improve dramatically by year end while we also make the necessary sacrifices and adjustments to balance the 2020 budget.

## St. Charles Green Is Now Bernice Pyke Park



John Pyke (right) hears Council's Resolution dedicating the park to his grandmother.

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Lakewood women in 1917, and to pass the 19th amendment to the Constitution, recognizing women's suffrage nationally.

John Pyke, Jr. said that in 1912, suffragists stood outside polling places on Election Day to promote their cause, and "my grandmother joined them and never looked back."

Besides her advocacy for women's suffrage, Pyke recalled his grandmother as a co-founder of Lakewood's hospital and library, a board of education member, owner of a bookstore on Cove Avenue, the first woman delegate to the Democratic National Convention in history, and the first woman to run for mayor in Lakewood.

Other guests from City Council and

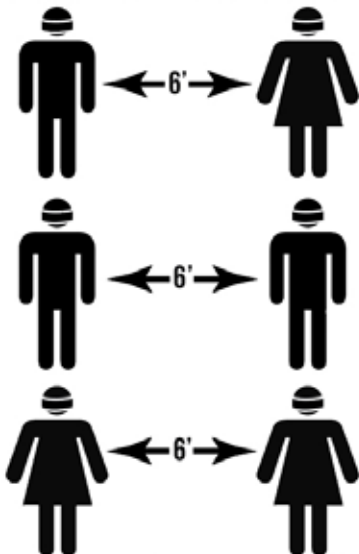
the Ohio General Assembly also spoke, including State Senator Nickie Antonio, and State Rep. Mike Skindell, who presented John Pyke, Jr. with an official proclamation from the state legislature.

Mayor Meghan George read excerpts from a history of Pyke's career, written for the Lakewood Observer in 2012 by her late father, former Mayor Tom George.

George also acknowledged the long struggle for voting rights which continued after ratification of the 19th amendment, and said that "There is still so much to do."

Concluding her remarks on Pyke, Mayor George said "Let's honor her memory by continuing to identify inequality and injustice" and promote inclusion.

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# From The Editors

## Remote School: Families Left Hanging Re-Opening Choices Give Them No Choice

by Betsy Voinovich

Right now, families in Lakewood, like families all around the world, are getting ready for school. This pandemic year comes with some unique challenges, the first of which is location: Where will my child be attending school—in a school building or sitting at the kitchen table?

In accordance with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health’s recommendation that school buildings remain closed and students receive online instruction for the beginning of the school year, Lakewood is starting the school year “remotely.”

What this means is that right now, all Lakewood students have the option of participating in the Lakewood City Schools remote learning program, which allows them to stay home and have their education delivered via school-provided laptops with Lakewood courses, teachers and classmates, using Zoom technology and Google classroom. This option is guaranteed for the first 9 weeks of school.

Families can also choose a second option: eLearning, with a pre-packaged online learning system which, while it has Ohio Dept of Education mandated core courses and some AP offerings, lacks LCS electives, upper level courses, and overall does not have a curriculum that matches Lakewood City Schools’. This system allows students to learn independently, without the interaction of Lakewood teachers and classmates.

### Here's the problem:

The Lakewood City Schools remote learning program stops when buildings re-open.

With the current plan, children are being asked to go back into in-person classrooms when and if Cuyahoga County reaches the "orange" level of infection. Orange is described by Governor DeWine's office as "Increased

exposure and spread." For Lakewood parents who have health issues within their households, or who are unwilling to expose their children to infection, the orange level is not safe enough. They cannot or will not take a chance on sending their children back until there is a smaller risk.

With the current plan, if buildings re-open, these students will be stranded with some fraction of a LCS education, and no way to finish it. The District's current plan for these students is to require them to switch to the eLearning pre-packaged system. They will say goodbye to their teachers, classmates and LCS courses, to participate in a system that is principally online textbooks and in many important cases (upper level classes, specialty classes) cannot match Lakewood's course offerings at all.

If they don't want to do this, the only choice these families have is risking the health of their households and sending their children into the buildings, trading their safety for an authentic LCS's education, because it is the only way they can get one.


Parents are not happy with their lack of options.

A planning survey sent by the District in late June and early July, seeking input on what type of education families would prefer for their children during the COVID 19 pandemic did not present the idea of a prepackaged eLearning model. It was the recipients’ understanding that if they checked the “remote learning” option over the “in school” model, they were indicating a preference for their children to stay at home, taking LCS courses taught by LCS teachers.

Families now feel that their needs were not represented in a decision-making process whose outcome was crucial for their children’s health,

safety, education and social well-being. Their expectation was that the District was working to adjust and improve the remote learning model that was used in the Spring to create a more robust learning experience for students who chose this option, and **continued on page 6**

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COVID-19

# How We Can Stop Covid 19 In Cuyahoga County

by Cuyahoga County Council Representative Dale Miller

I have my opinions about the quality of leadership on COVID-19 that we've received at various levels of government, that but is not the subject of this article. Regardless of the leadership, much of the effort on COVID-19 rests with each of us. If everyone or most of us in our community take the right actions, we can beat back COVID-19 in Cuyahoga County. The following are the actions I believe to be most important:

**KEEP YOUR DISTANCE:** I believe that keeping proper distance from others is the most important preventive action. The general rule of staying six feet apart is a good guideline, but some situations require more. If one is in an enclosed indoor space where people are talking loudly, singing, or coughing, ten to fifteen feet distancing would be required, and hopefully not much time would be spent there. If one is running outside, and you quickly pass another person a little closer than six feet, it would probably not be a problem.

One thing you hear from people who don't want to wear masks, is that it encourages people to be complacent about physical distancing. They're only right so far as emphasizing that physical distancing is the most important thing. Wearing a mask always helps, but does not provide complete protection when one is too close to another person. Always remember that keeping proper distance is the primary preventive action. Everything else adds additional layers of protection.

**WEAR A MASK:** Wearing masks diligently is essential as the second most

essential preventive action. Wearing a mask helps prevent spread for both the wearer and other people who are nearby. The strongest evidence that wearing masks works is that wearing masks is very prevalent in almost all countries that have successfully gotten the virus under control. Masks should be worn at all times when indoors and not in one's own home or vehicle and outdoors whenever one is within 20 feet of other people. A person who is both wearing a mask and maintaining proper distance is very well protected from either getting or spreading COVID-19. The new statewide mask order from Governor DeWine will facilitate an effective statewide effort. Also, don't be one of those people who has their mask around their neck or only partially on half the time. That doesn't get us where we need to be to stop the virus.

**CHOOSE ACTIVITIES WISELY:** Just because a particular activity is open, it doesn't mean that you should participate in it. Essential activities that are required to maintain your household should be done only as often as necessary and with strong attention to preventive practice. Non-essential recreational and social activities should wait until the pandemic is over. There are some social activities, such as weddings, funerals, and graduations that are important markers, and not celebrating them would cause other long-term negative effects. In such cases, the celebrations and observances should be done with careful attention to safety. For example, I participated in a high school graduation event in which we dressed up vehicles and did a parade past the graduate's home.

**OUTDOOR OVER INDOOR:** Strong scientific evidence suggests that outdoor activities are safer than indoor activities. The open air disperses the virus and reduces the chance of significant exposure. Definitely prefer outdoor activities over indoor activities and move activities outdoors whenever you have a say in the matter.

**LIMIT EXPOSURE TIME:** Any potential exposure to COVID-19 can be dangerous, but one is much more likely to contract the virus when exposed for an extended length of time. Make extra efforts to avoid situations involving extended exposures of 10 minutes or longer.

**WASH HANDS FREQUENTLY; CLEAN HI TOUCH SURFACES:** We believe that one is more likely to get COVID-19 from direct inhalation of airborne droplets, but infection can also occur if one contacts infected surfaces and then touches one's face. Frequent and thorough handwashing and sanitizing of frequently touched surfaces reduces the risk of such infection.

**GET A FLU SHOT:** We are very likely to have a bad situation in the late fall and winter when people start getting symptoms and don't know whether it is flu or COVID-19. This will greatly burden the medical system. It is more important than ever to get a flu shot this year. Doing so will save you from having

your resistance to COVID-19 lowered by a bout with the flu and will enable our medical system to be able to handle the flu and COVID-19 at the same time.

**VOTE BY MAIL:** This November's election is important, but so is your safety. Fortunately, Ohio has a long history of voting by mail, and any registered voter may do so by sending in a vote-by-mail request form. The Board of Elections is accepting such requests now. Leaders of both political parties, including Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted, agree that voting by mail in Ohio is easy and safe.

**STAY INFORMED:** There is a lot of misinformation about COVID-19 circulating around, and staying informed is harder because even the best available information changes from time to time. Be very selective about sources of information on COVID-19. There are few 100% perfect sources of such information, but I pay attention to the following: the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Governor Michael DeWine and the Ohio Health Department, Executive Armond Budish and

the Cuyahoga County Health Department, and Mayor Frank Jackson and the Cleveland Health Department.

**MAKE THIS A TEAM EFFORT:** Some people are more likely to suffer serious illness from COVID-19 than others. However, recent evidence suggests that even people who easily recover may suffer long term effects which are not well understood. We're all in this together, and we should be just as wary of transmitting the virus to someone else as we are of getting it ourselves. I don't believe I've seen a more compelling demonstration of the fact that everything we do affects everyone else.

**IT WON'T ALWAYS BE THIS WAY:** I believe we will have a vaccine and effective treatments by the first half of next year. If we all make a really strong preventive effort over the next few months, then almost all of us can be here to celebrate when the pandemic is behind us.

## The View From City Council

by Jason Shachner  
Ward 2 Councilman

The Express Parking Resolution, introduced by Councilmembers Sarah Kepple & Tom Bullock, was passed at August 3rd's City Council meeting. This resolution formalizes the process in which a business can request an express parking space in certain circumstances (e.g., a reserved parking spot in front of a business for customers picking up carry out orders), and also makes the distribution of these spots more equitable. Council recognized that due to Covid-19, Lakewood's restaurants and retailers have increasingly relied on pickup services. Express parking spots will facilitate these quick transactions by ensuring that a space is available nearby the business for short-term use. You can view the resolution [here](#).

Lake Avenue Restriping

The Lake Avenue restriping project is still ongoing but is nearing completion. Please be sure to pay attention to bikers and to the new road markings, including street parking. Cars are only permitted to park on the north side of Lake Avenue in designated areas. Cars that have been parked on the south side of Lake Ave. have interfered with the completion of the lane installation. Additionally, parking on the south side of Lake Ave. effectively eliminates the new bike lane, interfering with bicycle traffic and making biking and driving more treacherous. The City has recently installed signs indicating that parking is not permitted, and vehicles will be towed. The signs are installed on the south side of Lake from Webb to Cove.



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# Legal Aid Continues To Expand As More People Need Help Due To COVID-19

by Danilo Powell-Lima

The economic impact of COVID-19 caused more people to become eligible for free legal assistance from The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. As a result, Legal Aid is taking on an increased number of cases, especially in the areas of housing law and employment law. Already, compared to the same time last year, the organization has seen a 25% increase in landlord-tenant cases and a 46% increase in work-related issues such as unemployment.

Legal Aid is open and available to both new and returning clients, offering online intake 24/7 and phone intake during certain business hours. Hundreds have already benefitted from Legal Aid's assistance and representation during the pandemic.

One person Legal Aid assisted recently is Melissa Benjamin (name changed to protect privacy). Melissa lives with her husband and their three children. She worked as a Lyft driver to make ends meet, but lost her income when Ohio's "stay at home" order took effect in March. Unable to make the family's mortgage payments, Melissa contacted Legal Aid. Her attorney knew that the CARES Act prevented banks from filing new foreclosures, so

she submitted a forbearance request, which was quickly approved. Thanks to Legal Aid's intervention, the Benjamin family is safe in their home as their payments are deferred, giving them time to save.

Anyone struggling with a legal issue that threatens a basic need such as shelter, income, health, safety, or access to education should contact Legal Aid. A toll-free phone line, 888-817-3777, is available from Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm, and 9:00am to 2:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To apply for help through online in-take, available 24/7, visit [las-clev.org/contact/](http://las-clev.org/contact/).

For renters with questions about Ohio housing law and their rights, Legal Aid's Tenant Information Line is available. Cuyahoga County tenants can call 216-861-5955. Ashtabula, Lake, Geauga and Lorain County tenants, call 440-210-4533.

If you are working or are recently unemployed, call Legal Aid's Worker Information Line for answers to work-related questions. Leave a message at any time, and a specialist from Legal Aid will return your call within 1-2 business days, between 9:00am and 5:00pm. All Legal Aid services are free of charge.



## Adult Coloring During COVID-19

by Adelaide Crnko

"Keep Calm and Carry On" seems to be the ubiquitous phrase these days. To deal with any challenge, some may resort to meditation or yoga. I have found my own path to tranquility from an unexpected source...adult coloring books!

They've been around for awhile, but I still find this to be a relaxing and satisfying way to pass time. It is also a creative outlet tailor made for those of us who can't draw to save our lives! The canvas may not be blank, but the final outcome is yours to decide. The possibilities are endless.

With days growing shorter and the restrictions of COVID-19 ongoing, adult coloring books can be a way to tune out the world and unleash unique artistic abilities. If you already have some tucked away in a drawer, give them another try. If not, you can dip your toe in the water without much of an investment. Closeout and "dollar" retailers offer coloring books at bargain prices. There you can also purchase inexpensive sets of colored pencils or

markers (I found the need to also buy markers because the paper stock in one book did not work well with pencils). Books are usually themed and my collection (of 20!) includes topics such as nature/animals, fashion, and optical illusions. I've received some as gifts but otherwise could not resist those I've picked up spontaneously, often at art supply stores when searching for individual pencils in offbeat colors.

Flip through the pages of an adult coloring book and you'll discover that the designs can be very sophisticated and quite intricate. Therefore, focus and patience may be required if you take your art as seriously as I do! There are instances when it will take hours to complete one page.

So, have you already cleaned and purged? Need a break from reading and tv? If you could use another activity during COVID-19, try adult coloring books and let that kid still inside you have a ball!

## Stay Safe! Make It Yours!

by Rachel Gordon

There are a lot of fun masks out there for kids. What was missing, Color Me A Mask founders Gerry Engelhart and Rachel Gordon realized...was the kids! "Give kids markers, and they tend to excel at personalizing," laughs Gordon.

"We both know families with multiple children and wondered how they were going to keep track of which mask belonged to which kid – and the thought of sharing masks seems to defeat the purpose," explains Engelhart. Being artists and in the printing business, it didn't take long for the 'ah hah!' moment to come – if kids designed their own masks it would not only be fun for them, but it would be easy to keep track, both at home as well as at camp, school, etc.

With camps well underway and schools, sports, and other activities getting set to start, it's even more important that kids be able to quickly identify their mask to lower the risk of cross-contamination. "Between social distancing and mask wearing, I think there's going to be a lot less sickness going around in general," said Engelhart.

Gordon, a Lakewood native, is an artist and wanted to make sure kids had lots of color options. The masks come in black with silver and gold markers and white with two markers in



a variety of fun colors. Check out the possibilities at [www.colormeamask.com/](http://www.colormeamask.com/)

It has been quite the learning experience for the two. They came up with the idea and, wanting to make the masks available for kids as soon as possible, were up and running within two weeks. "Figuring out where to get the best masks and markers as well as putting together the packaging and a website – it was a whirlwind!" says Gordon. Engelhart reports that his grandkids had fun designing their own masks – "and there is no question which mask belongs to which kid!"

The Center for Disease Control recommends that all children over the age of two wear a face mask in public to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

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Lakewood Public Schools

# Remote School: Families Left Hanging Re-Opening Choices Give Them No Choice

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that this option would not end partway through the school year.

At the present time the District administration does not have a number for how many families are in this position because the survey did not reflect them.

Right now, some have unwillingly chosen the eLearning option, even though they want to participate in the LCS remote option, in order to avoid the issue of having their LCS education cut off in the middle.

Some are going forward with the LCS remote option gambling on the chance that the District will find a way to continue remote learning for some students when others go back in the buildings or that the county will say sick enough that everyone remains home.

If this doesn't happen, it is the intention of some families to withdraw their students from the District in order to home-school them, in an effort to continue with their Lakewood courses on their own, and/or to allow their students to explore different, more challenging options than eLearning can provide.

Some families, who can manage it, are choosing to withdraw from the District in the next two weeks to begin homeschooling immediately.

Parents are aware that some surrounding school districts are meeting the needs of all of their families by offering a hybrid system for when buildings re-open: classes taking place inside buildings will be live-streamed and/or filmed (saving bandwidth and requiring nothing more technologically advanced than a smart phone) and uploaded online for remote learners. This system allows for in-school and remote learners to remain one class.

A petition has been launched asking that the LCS District prepare their own hybrid model for when schools re-open. The petition is based on two points: one, that students who are physically challenged

or are from at-risk families shouldn't be discriminated against and denied a legitimate LCS education and two, that the District's plan promotes community spread and greater infection within the schools because it forces families into the buildings when they would prefer to stay home, decreasing the number of students in the buildings, keeping everyone safer.

Superintendent Michael Barnes addressed the issue at a recent Board meeting, saying: "I just want the community to know that we hear that concern, we hear that desire and expectation... It takes a lot of planning—details to work out, but we're working on that. We don't have the solution, but we are working. I wanted to make sure that came through clear enough and that the Board was aware of that."

After the meeting, Dr. Barnes was asked to clarify his earlier point. What if parents want their children to stay remote at home with Lakewood teachers when other students go back into the buildings? "We are committed to finding a way to make that happen," he said.

As of Monday, August 17th, parents were being told by guidance counselors that their students would not be able to continue remote classes if buildings re-opened. A somewhat confusing FAQ on the District's website reads:

**Q:** If the District moves to Partial learning model for the second quarter but I am not comfortable sending my child back to the school building, is my child able to learn remotely with a Lakewood teacher?

**A:** If you do not want to send your child back to school under our Partial model, you would have to choose the eLearning LKWD model to continue learning remotely. However, the District is committed to try and find a solution that would allow those who do not want to return to be taught by a Lakewood teacher remotely.

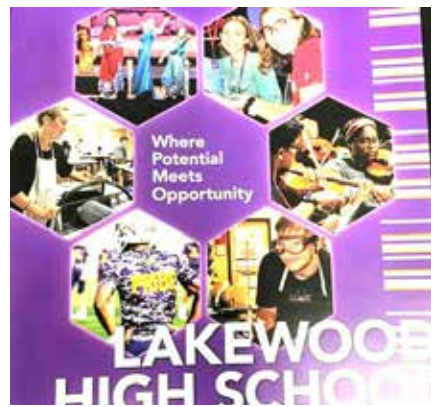
Hmm.

Longtime school board member Ed Favre commented, "This has been such a moving target that it has led to

# Lakewood School District Earns Marketing Awards

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood City Schools earned top honors for its marketing pieces in the Ohio School Public Relations Association's recent annual awards contest. The District was honored with the Best of the Best award in the video category for its video titled "A Place for Everyone," which showed the vibrant educational environment and rich opportunities available to the District's diverse student body. The video was produced by Second Story Productions and coordinated by Communications and PR Coordinator Christine Gordillo. The District was given the Mark of Distinction award, the second-highest honor, in the Special Purpose Publication category for



its Lakewood High School marketing booklet, "Where Potential Meets Opportunity," which was designed by Lakewood graphic designer David Meeker.

some consternation. I understand the parents' point of view: 'I have three options, the best choice for me is the Lakewood remote option, but it's short-lived.'" He continued, "I'd like to see us have a way to make remote learning a permanent option."

When asked for an update on the situation, Superintendent Barnes clarified, "My statement was that [the District and the administration] are committed to finding a way to make it happen, not that it HAS happened." Though they are working on it, he can't promise that there will be a remote LCS-led option available for families after buildings re-open. He said that while he is hoping this is not the case, if a 100% answer is needed right now he has to say that the District cannot

promise extended remote learning, and families should know that.

He said that it would be very helpful in this process to know the number of families that are interested in having this choice. The District doesn't have those numbers-- they only have eLearning and in-person classroom numbers. A large number would compel the District to go from "finding a way to make that happen," to making it happen. If your family is in this position, or you know of a family in this position, Dr. Barnes would encourage you to contact the District and make known your desire for a permanent LCS remote option.

# Lakewood Students Receive Tri-C Honors Program Fellowships

by John Horton

Andrew Griffin and Benjamin Mitchell of Lakewood have been selected for Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) Honors Program Fellowships, which offer high-achieving students scholarships to cover tuition, fees and books as they work toward an associate degree.

The students signed commitment letters with the College during a recent virtual ceremony. Each scholarship — funded by donors to the Cuyahoga Community College Foundation — is valued at up to \$5,120 per academic year.

The College's seventh fellowship class features 54 students with at least a 3.5 GPA and outstanding ACT/SAT scores. By entering the scholarship program, they commit to being full-time students, maintaining a high GPA and earning a degree from Tri-C within two years.

This is the largest fellowship class since Tri-C began the program. The previous high was 46 students in 2018.

"These gifted students chose to come here because they understand the power of a Tri-C education," said Karen Miller, the College's provost and chief academic officer. "I look forward



to celebrating their success at Spring Commencement in 2022."

The honors fellowship places special emphasis on academic planning, mentoring and portfolio building to reflect student work. Smaller honors class sizes also ensure specialized attention for students.

The program is designed to support eventual transfer to a four-year institution to pursue a bachelor's and other advanced degrees. Previous Honors Program Fellows amassed numerous academic honors on their way to earning associate degrees from the College.

For information on the Honors Program Fellowship, including eligibility requirements, contact Rebecca Stolzman at 216-987-4713 or rebecca.stolzman@tri-c.edu.

John Horton is the manager of Media Relations at Cuyahoga Community College.

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# Lakewood's Victory Garden

## OK Gardeners: Round Three

*by Paul Bilyk*

The third round of planting in the Victory Garden takes place in August. By this time, you should have some space opening, or you could also just be tired of green zucchini and ready for something else. Summer plantings are also called succession plantings, the idea is to maximize the growing season by replacing a harvested or failed crop with one that will flourish into the fall. If you are replacing a failed crop, try to understand why it failed and replace it with a crop that has a better chance of success. When preparing soil for fall crops, this may also be the time to consider a low tunnel or a cold frame to extend your season well into the winter. Although planting the spring garden is fun, I find succession plantings to be more enjoyable than the spring. You are not worried about soil temperature or a late frost, you can still see outside at 9:15pm, the beds have been prepped once so the real hard work is already done. Lastly, with a little luck, you can be serving these plants to family as you gather for Thanksgiving or even Christmas.

One of the easiest crops to add to the garden currently is lettuce or any leafy green. Lettuce crops are super quick to germinate and thrive in the cooler temperatures of fall. The downside to a late lettuce is that most lettuces will not tolerate a good frost. However, if you use crops like chard, kale, spinach, or collards, you can pick them well

into January if not through winter in its entirety. Make sure you have a good bit of nutrient in the soil when you plant for fall. To be so healthy for us, these plants need an appropriate amount of nutrient in the soil to grow well. Beans are also an excellent fall crop. You can pick some varieties, just 6-7 weeks after planting.

Cabbage, broccoli, brussels sprouts, and kale are members of the brassica family. Also, included in this group are radishes and cauliflower. These plants pull sugars when the nights are cool and even give the best flavor after a light frost. Quick growing varieties such as Rapini or Broccoli Rabe, can be planted as late as mid-September for a late fall harvest. Be sure to look for aphids on your brassicas, they will be tough to see initially, but they multiply quickly so be prepared.

A quick herb crop should also be considered at this time. Have you been harvesting your herbs a bit aggressively this year? Do not hesitate to plant basil from seed if you do not have enough pesto stashed to last the winter. Another fan favorite is cilantro. Cilantro thrives in the cooler temperatures. If you decide to plant in early August, try to find a shadier spot in the garden. Other herbs to consider for a quick crop include Thyme, Chives, Mint, and Parsley.

Root vegetables are a wise selection for fall planting as well. Carrots can grow well into December on the southern shore of Lake Erie. The ground also

stores them very well. Check them regularly, but unless we have a super wet fall you can leave your carrots in the ground until the ground is almost frozen. Radishes and beets also thrive in the cooler temperatures of fall. When planting root vegetables, remember you will enjoy the benefit of the ground being far

warmer than the air in the late fall. They will keep growing well after the frost has wiped out your peppers.

Regardless of what you fancy in your fall garden, use this time to get some extra produce and maximize what is left of the warm weather.

## Overcoming Obstacles

*by Paul Bilyk*

On a daily basis, at Lakewood Garden Center, we help people overcome obstacles that make it tough for them to have success in the garden. Sometimes these obstacles are easy to overcome and sometimes they are a bit more difficult. The one issue that consistently causes needless struggle is budget, the other is availability. In today's world with all the available technology, the endless supply of bloggers, and the groups pushing accessibility to agriculture, a beautiful and bountiful garden should not be hampered by budget constraints if you have effort and resourcefulness on your side.

Space to garden has consistently been an issue for Lakewoodites. Luckily, community gardening in Lakewood is alive and well. Community garden plots are offered by LEAF each spring, these plots are spaced about town. Other community gardens existing outside of Lakewood include Kentucky Gardens in Ohio City, Ben Franklin Community Garden in Old Brooklyn, as well as numerous others throughout town. These plots have become quite popular as interest in them has grown, but if you plan, and apply for a plot in a timely manner, one should be available. Plots usually go for \$10-25 for the season. The money covers water and some equipment. Learning in a community garden is a given as gardeners love to share knowledge, just ask one. The best part of working in a community garden is that most of the infrastructure for getting started is already in place.

Sometimes people look at the cost of acquiring plants as a hurdle to gardening. It is possible that everything necessary to start your own seedlings can be acquired free of charge if you are willing to put in a little work. Seed exchanges and giveaways have been growing in popularity. You can also save seeds from your own produce. Pots or containers to start seeds can include egg cartons, old toilet paper rolls, or old plastic bottles. Good soil or growing medium can be tough to come by for a beginner, but reusing old soil

mixed with a little compost can get you started free of charge. Work with a plan or mentor if you are going to start mixing your soil. Someone else's failures can save you many headaches. Almost any light fixture can be a grow light if you stop see it as such.

After establishing a low to no cost garden plot and starting the plants, the major obstacles have been cleared. In the Covid 19 world, the major hurdle to gardeners has been availability of supplies to tend to the garden. At the shop this season, we have experienced shortages of potting soil, mulch, tomato cages and stakes, trellises, insect and disease control products, as well as fertilizer. These shortages are probably the most frustrating because it does not matter how much money you have if nobody has the product you are looking for. Some of the easiest answers are probably buried in your garage. Some old lumber with a supply of sticks or branches could be a fence or trellis with a little imagination. A gardener could make their own fertilizer by composting kitchen scraps. Websites like [instructables.com](https://www.instructables.com) offer easy to copy plans to for people of all skill levels. If you don't have tools, Lakewood residents have the option of joining the Lakewood Tool Box, a tool lending library managed by Lakewood Alive. Homemade insect and disease remedies can often be made with everyday household items. A simple internet search can provide recipes.

In uncertain times like these, there are many obstacles to leading a healthy life. Spending time in the garden can help you lead a healthier life in numerous ways. There is no good reason to be limit your garden by not having enough space, money, or available products.

Additional information on products or places mentioned in this article can be found at [www.leafcommunity.org](http://www.leafcommunity.org), [www.kentuckygardens.com](http://www.kentuckygardens.com), [www.benfranklincommunitygarden.org](http://www.benfranklincommunitygarden.org), [www.lakewoodalive.org](http://www.lakewoodalive.org), or by calling Lakewood Garden Center at 216.221.0200.

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# Lakewood Cares

## Three Arches Foundation COVID-19 Response Grants Help Nonprofit Organizations Take Care Of Their Clients And Front-Line Caregivers

by Kristin Broadbent

Recognizing the immediate need for support at the onset of the pandemic, Three Arches Foundation (TAF), a community-focused grant making foundation, established the COVID-19 Response Fund. To date, eight nonprofit organizations serving the people of Lakewood and surrounding communities have received funding for resources towards unanticipated needs and to ensure continued focus on access to care. Prevalent in nearly all grant requests was a common thread of proactively supporting mental health initiatives for the benefit of those served, as well as caregivers and staff.

The health and economic effects of the ongoing pandemic are creating and intensifying significant behavioral health challenges for many individuals and local communities. “The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed and magnified the flaws in our mental health system and the true burden of mental illness in our country,” said AMA President Patrice A. Harris, MD, MA. “Behavioral health care integration can help save lives and is a proven model that has many advantages over a more divided one.”

**Local organizations that received financial resources through the TAF COVID-19 Response Fund include:**  
**Building Hope in the City**

Funding to efficiently repurpose and expand capacity of the Refugee Ambassador Program towards serving and maintaining close contact with refugees and immigrants remotely or in-home within their culture and language comfort, as well as providing health and safety education, well checks and addressing mental health needs.

**Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation for Brain Health**

Funding to implement socially distanced and virtual delivery methods to allow for the continuation of vital music and arts enrichment programs and activity-based experiences for individuals affected by dementia and other brain health issues.

**Cleveland Clinic**

Funding towards the ongoing health, well-being and safety of front-line medical caregivers and first responders fighting COVID-19 in Lakewood and throughout the west side communities, including considerations to ease the burden of their critical roles

within the family environment.

**GiGi’s Playhouse Cleveland**

Resources to help re-open its doors in a safe and sanitized environment to continue free, vital therapeutic-based programming for the benefit of the physical and mental health of those individuals with Down syndrome, as well as their families, enhancing the current virtual offering with structured access to care.

**Lakewood Senior Citizens Inc.**

Hiring of a dedicated COVID-19 Rapid Response Nurse to provide onsite Coronavirus screening and well-being services for residents at the senior-living housing complex, as well as assistance with the coordination of outside health care needs.

**Recovery Resources**

Funding to enhance necessary physical and behavioral health support services for clients, and balance the safety and well-being of front-line staff essential to providing ongoing care and support.

**St. Vincent Charity Medical Center**

To ramp up the work of Peer Recovery Supporters – certified specialists with shared lived experience that provide critical support to west-side inpatients in the early stages of seeking help or in active recovery and most vulnerable to relapse during trying and turbulent times.

**The Gathering Place**

Continued support of the cancer community in Lakewood and surrounding areas with coping programs adapted and enhanced for a virtual environment, as well as increased focus on the mental, physical and emotional health of participants and professional cancer caregivers.

“Early on we observed a shared concern among many nonprofit organizations as local communities faced the reality of disrupted care and the ceasing of relied on services, especially those addressing behavioral health,” said Kristin Broadbent, president and CEO of Three Arches Foundation. “It was inspiring to witness our

grant recipients expeditiously identify unique ways to sustain much-needed programs and services within the communities they serve while thinking about the health, safety and welfare of their own people.”

According to Dr. Charlie Farrell, founder and president of the Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation for Brain Health, “Consistent socialization and interaction are key components of successful engagement and arts enrichment programming that are depended upon by families impacted by brain health issues, including Dementia and Alzheimer’s. Concerned with keeping up the momentum of the face-to-face treatments, our staff and arts professionals mobilized quickly to creatively adapt our community programs for a socially distanced environment.”

In addition to these grants, TAF joined with philanthropic funders across Northeast Ohio to provide emergency relief through the Greater Cleveland COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund. This contribution received geographic priority towards efforts that directly impact people in Lakewood and surrounding communities.

The TAF COVID-19 Response Fund will continue to provide support through the end of August concurrent with the opening of the 2020 Annual Grant cycle for qualified organizations on August 1st. For eligibility and guidelines, please visit [threearchesfoundation.org](http://threearchesfoundation.org).

*About Three Arches Foundation (TAF) – Three Arches Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity that invests in advancing the health and well-being of the people of Lakewood and surrounding communities through grant making. By connecting people, ideas and resources, the Three Arches Foundation fosters a collaborative approach towards investing in organizations whose work directly addresses the continuum of physical and behavioral health issues. For more information, visit [threearchesfoundation.org](http://threearchesfoundation.org).*

*Kristin Broadbent is the president and CEO of Three Arches Foundation.*

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We look forward to the time when we can gather again to sort freshly sharpened pencils and bright new markers! Until then, we appreciate your continued generosity toward our neighbors and friends in need. Join us in keeping Supplies4Success going this year. We need your support, now more than ever!

*Nora Katzenberger is a member of the Lakewood Foundation Board.*

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# LakewoodAlive

## LakewoodAlive, City Of Lakewood To Host “Small Business Rent Relief Program Information Session” Webinar On August 20

by Matt Bixenstine

LakewoodAlive and the City of Lakewood will host a free webinar presentation – entitled Small Business Rent Relief Program Information Session – on Thursday, August 20, from 10 to 11 a.m. focused on offering guidance and answering questions regarding the City’s newly-released rent relief program that seeks to assist members of Lakewood’s small business community.

The City of Lakewood is utilizing approximately \$450,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to stabilize and fortify small businesses negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Small Business Relief Program provides emergency assistance to income-eligible Lakewood businesses with five or fewer employees that have experienced a reduction in revenue as a result of the current public

health emergency.

Members of Lakewood’s small business community are invited to register by visiting [LakewoodAlive.org/RentReliefWebinar](https://LakewoodAlive.org/RentReliefWebinar) and participate in this webinar in order to learn about this program, gain insight into how to complete the application and interact in a Q&A session. Space for attending this webinar is limited, and those interested in participating are urged to register ahead of time. A recording of this presentation will be shared at a later date.

Small Business Rent Relief Program Information Session marks the latest in LakewoodAlive’s ongoing efforts – in partnership with the City of Lakewood and Lakewood Chamber of Commerce – to assist Lakewood’s small business community during this uncertain time. To learn more, please visit our webpage ([LakewoodAlive.org/COVID19](https://LakewoodAlive.org/COVID19)) devoted to compiling resources for assisting Lakewood small businesses during this crisis.



## LakewoodAlive To Host “Knowing Your Home: Concrete Floor Refinishing” Virtual Workshop On September 10

by Matt Bixenstine

A first-of-its-kind workshop for our organization will help you bring new life to your old concrete flooring.

LakewoodAlive will host Knowing Your Home: Concrete Floor Refinishing on Thursday, September 10, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. as a virtual workshop. The ninth workshop of 2020 for this popular home maintenance educational series aims to equip you with the knowledge and confidence you need to pursue a concrete floor refinishing project within your basement, garage or other rooms of your home.

Orchestrated by LakewoodAlive’s Matt Clark and Allison Urbanek, this free workshop will delve into best practices for refinishing your concrete flooring, as well as offer tips for repairing minor cracks and pitting. We’ll

discuss when to repair versus when to replace your concrete flooring, and cover the following topics:

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To reserve your free spot for our “Knowing Your Home: Concrete Floor Refinishing” virtual workshop, visit [LakewoodAlive.org/ConcreteFloorRefinishing](https://LakewoodAlive.org/ConcreteFloorRefinishing) or call 216-521-0655.

Now in its seventh year, LakewoodAlive’s “Knowing Your Home” series draws hundreds of attendees annually. Visit [LakewoodAlive.org/KnowingYourHome](https://LakewoodAlive.org/KnowingYourHome) to learn more. Our workshop series is generously supported by: City of Lakewood, Cleveland Lumber Company and First Federal Lakewood.

## LakewoodAlive’s Warren Road Beautification Project Enhances Warren-Madison Intersection

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environment and significant public art components.

The prominent intersection at Warren and Madison now incorporates two public art murals, an artistic bus shelter, new crosswalks and 15 new trees. Still to come are the addition of eight bike racks and two artistically-wrapped traffic signal boxes. What started in 2018 as a conceptual vision is now a vibrant reality for Lakewoodites and visitors to enjoy.

“The success of Phase 2 of our Warren Road Beautification Project speaks volumes about the unique collaborative nature of our community, and we are truly grateful to our many terrific partners, including the City of Lakewood, Cuyahoga County, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, local artists April Bleakney and Stephanie Crossen, Fifth Third Bank, The Doughnut Pantry, Scherba Industries and many tremendous volunteers,” said Ian Andrews, Executive Director of LakewoodAlive. “This project has been more than two years in the making, and it’s a testament to our volunteer Design Committee, chaired by Rob Donaldson, that we’ve been able to guide this project to the finish line.”

New Splashes of Public Art

Two new art murals serve as the centerpiece of this project. Talented local artists April Bleakney and Stephanie Crossen were chosen to create this public art following a competitive selection process that started last

August with a request for proposals.

April’s art mural depicting an antlered deer with a colorful background was installed on May 27 on the northern wall of Fifth Third Bank. She was inspired by an encounter she had with a deer while in Yosemite National Park, and came to appreciate the peacefulness this animal symbolizes.

“The deer not only is native to Northeast Ohio, but is native to all continents except Australia and Antarctica,” said April. “In researching qualities the deer represents over time and across cultures, you find: firm but gentle, serene and peaceful in times of stress, strong and brave when necessary, highly aware and instinctual. They are a symbol of kindness even during the most challenging times and are often seen as messengers of change.”

Stephanie’s art mural featuring a picturesque sunset (or sunrise, depending on your interpretation) was installed on June 8 on the western wall of The Doughnut Pantry. For this 54-foot-long mural, Stephanie was inspired by the stunning sunsets she’s witnessed at The Solstice Steps and wanted to offer community members an eternal sunshine to bring joy on cloudy days.

“I’ve lived in Lakewood for 10 years and I love it here,” said Stephanie. “I wanted to create an abstract

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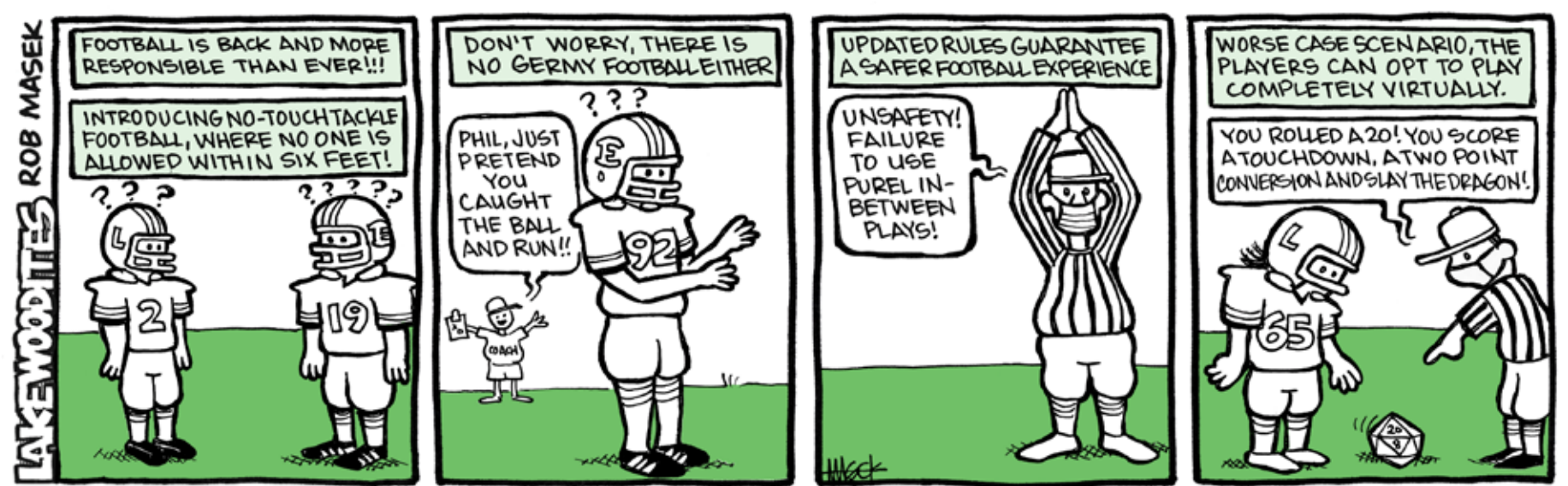
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