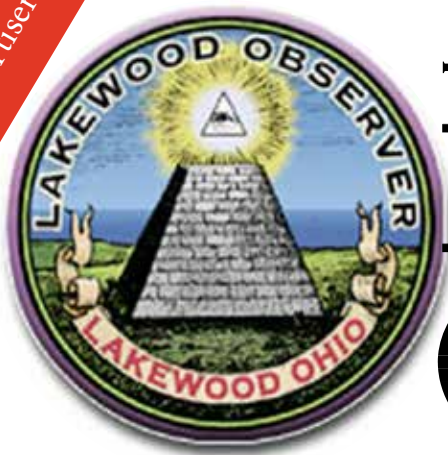


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Arrest Made In Domestic Murder on Elmwood



2004 Elmwood, scene of latest violence.

by Jim O'Bryan

Sunday morning around 9:30 am a call went into Lakewood Police that a woman had heard 5 shots, and then saw a man in a mask run east-bound on Madison. Around the same time a man bicycling by called police reporting that he had seen a man in a mask running down Madison getting into a dark blue Chevy Cobalt and taking off east

bound on Madison.

It was about that time that the first police were arriving at the scene. Entering the apartment building the police located a middle aged male (44) who had been shot in the head and was deceased. Meanwhile police had started looking for the alleged shooter, believed to be a family member of the murdered man's girlfriend.

They later pulled over a gray car on Elmwood and Hillard being driven by a 19-year-old who was believed to be in the apartment at the time. The police detained him and then released him later that day.

On May 4, Wilmarie A. Ford of West 90th Street in Cleveland, 22 years old, was taken into custody and charged with Aggravated Murder. She does not currently have a bond, and her arraignment in Lakewood Municipal Court has not yet been scheduled.

Police also have an arrest warrant for Bruce E. Ford, 23 years old, also of West 90th Street in Cleveland. He has also been charged with Aggravated Murder. He is not currently in police cus-

tody. Both suspects' exact roles in the murder remain under investigation, although it appears that both suspects knew the victim.

To my fellow residents in Lakewood, we must keep our wits about us during this unfortunate spate of violence and trouble in this city.

Everyone needs to take a step back, take a breath and use critical thought starting with the simple fact that crime is down all over the country, including in Lakewood.

While the past couple months have been tough to digest, it is hard to see how Lakewood could have been proactive in any of it.

It is great that people want to be proactive and community is what this town has always been about. As a community, we need to keep our heads and not give in to fear or inner demons and focus on the facts:

The best way to make a city safe is to live in it. Walk the streets, sit on the porches, play and meet in the parks. Busy streets are healthy, safe streets. *Good work Lakewood and Cleveland Police.*



Susannah Selnick, a local business owner and community leader, launches her candidacy for Lakewood City Council. Learn more at www.VoteSelnick.com

Susannah Selnick Launches Candidacy For Lakewood City Council At-Large

by Susannah Selnick

As a pledge to serve every resident of the diverse Lakewood community, I am announcing my candidacy for City Council, on the heels of a recent example of local officials failing to represent the community, as they removed basketball hoops at Madison Park – a move that I protested.

There are so many inconsistencies that I see between what our City enacts and the reality of how it affects people's lives, and the recent decision regarding the basketball hoops affirmed my calling to step up and make a difference. I spoke out and brought my own hoop to the Court - and I'm just getting started as I make the case that the way our Council operates must change. Lakewood

has so much to offer, but that means working hard, having uncomfortable conversations, and seeing a vision for change. I am ready to do that work, to talk to our residents, and embrace a vision for a sustainable, equitable future for Lakewood.

I am running because I am proud to call Lakewood home, and I love everything it stands for – access, progress, and acceptance, too often; however, we only talk about these things, and I want us to actually be these things. The recent counter-productive decision to remove the basketball hoops at Madison Park was the last straw. Rather than search for equitable solutions, connect with the community, and truly engage, our City's first instinct was to take away something

that so many of our residents hold dear. This showed me that it is time for fresh leadership, and I'm committed to being the voice for ALL Lakewood.

I have spent my career advising mission-minded businesses and nonprofits, and believe the City Council should take the same people-oriented approach. That's the approach that I, as a private citizen, took with Madison Park – providing hoops to the community to replace those the city had taken away and launching a community-wide conversation about the deeper issues at play.

I am a roll up your sleeves and get it done kind of person. The situation with the basketball courts was another

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Million Dollar View



by Martha Fleck

A "million dollar view" from her house across the street exclaimed my neighbor on Erie Cliff Drive. The Spring flowers are in full bloom bursting forth their best colors.

Walkers and drivers have been seen reappearing to take pictures of the garden.

A few years after we moved here in 1971, we cleared away a small grassy hill at the side of the house and started a rock garden. Year after year it became more beautiful and colorful. It is surrounded by various bushes and flowers.

An original 100 year old Japanese Maple tree sets off the Century Home. (celebrated in 2018)

The Mayor's Corner

Advocating For Lakewood

by Meghan George
Mayor, City of Lakewood

The past several weeks have been a challenging time for Lakewood residents. Safety is always a focus of my time and energy, but there has been much discussion about how to approach safety in Lakewood. In response to this, I would like to discuss some of my efforts concerning recent advocacy work.

The City of Lakewood has been

calling on our elected officials at the county, state, and federal levels for support on a variety of Lakewood-specific issues. In response to our own recent gun-related activity, we have reached out to our representatives and have urged them to support legislation that provides increased gun-safety measures. Unfortunately, rising gun violence is a problem everywhere across Ohio and the United States. The good news is that there are already

groups of mayors and community activists coalescing into movements for gun reform and our state and federal governments are responding.

I have also been meeting with our representatives to discuss these crucial issues and to advocate on Lakewood's behalf. Just this past week, I had a very productive meeting with the White House's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs where we discussed some of Lakewood's challenges and successes over the past year. Topics we discussed include Lakewood's infrastructure and sewer projects, our COVID response efforts, racial equity, our need for a Community Health Needs Assessment and Climate Change Action Plan, and our police response to recent gun violence. The White House's representatives were eager to discuss our efforts and offer their guidance for steps we should take moving forward.

I have advocated to our state legislators for our community center project, which received a grant of \$250,000 and I supported the American Rescue Plan that will deliver \$50 million to Lakewood. Lakewood has seen its fair share of challenges this year, but I am confident these advocacy efforts will help to move Lakewood forward. I look forward to a prosperous and productive May and want to thank every Lakewoodite for their support.



Mayor George Thanks Representative Skindell For Support Of Background Check Measures

Dear Representative Skindell:

I would like to thank you for your support on the background check measures that have been introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives under House Bill 259. The background checks this bill would require would be an essential piece to Lakewood's fight against gun violence.


Gun violence in Lakewood has been at the forefront of conversation for residents. Three incidents involving firearms have occurred within our borders in recent weeks. We have taken the necessary steps at the local level to try to combat any further gun-related incidents, but more needs to be done at the state level to help facilitate local governments in their fight against gun violence. House Bill 259's background check requirements would be a crucial element in this fight.

House Bill 259's requirement for mandatory background checks of all gun transfers in Ohio and requirement that any transfer be made through a dealer or law enforcement agency would ensure that fewer illegal guns make it into Lakewood's borders. These background check provisions would also help to end gun show, online sale, and private sale loopholes that don't require background checks when purchasing firearms through these avenues, keeping guns out of the hands of dangerous individuals.

Public safety is the number one priority of my administration. Lakewood is doing all that it can to combat local gun violence, and HB 259 would help in this effort immensely. Thank you for supporting HB 259 and any other gun reform legislation that is introduced.

Sincerely,
Meghan F. George
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City Council Life

Update And Overview On Projects Underway

by Tess Neff,
Lakewood City Council Ward 1 Representative

Ward 1 is exploding with many projects that are in progress or close to taking off. We have a lot to be excited about with all the impending improvements, upgrades, and construction. I will highlight some of the changes we can expect to see this year and next. One major City venture is the Detroit-

Sloane Improvement project. A May construction start date is in place. There is a focus on pedestrian safety, and a reduction of a traffic lane on Detroit will support this priority. The Metroparks parkway trail will be extended from the park along the south side of Detroit to Graber. Landscaping improvements will create softer green spaces on Sloane, Graber, and Detroit. In addition, public art will enhance the western gateway

into Lakewood. The project provides an opportunity to upgrade the storm water system as well.

The Beck Center for the Arts received a \$50,000 grant to improve its open green space in front of the building. The green space enhancement will provide a tranquil area for the public and Beck Center patrons to enjoy. If you own an electric car, the electric vehicle charging stations expansion project will land a charger on the Detroit Extension near Rio Street. Lakewood received a combined total of \$50,000 in funding from NOPEC and Ohio EPA to support the expansion of charging stations. Once the four new stations are installed, the City will have increased the total to seven city-wide.

being installed on Hilliard Road. The new lanes will begin at the Hilliard Bridge in Rocky River east to Warren Road. The bike lanes are included in the Hilliard Road resurfacing project design this year with a completion date in 2022. Finally, the long overdue construction at Fire Station #2 is underway and will be completed later this year. The renovation includes adding an apparatus bay, an equipment storage area, and upgraded laundry facilities. The improvements are essential to the care and storage of contaminated firefighter gear and clothing. Our safety forces housed at Station #2 will appreciate the needed safety precautions for their protection. For additional information about Ward 1 and other City projects please visit onelakewood.net.

Tristan Rader Proposes Participatory Budget Process

by Betsy Voinovich

Councilperson At-Large Tristan Rader is proposing that Lakewood set aside \$1,000,000 for a participatory budgeting process. This means that residents of Lakewood could propose projects and programs and then vote on what gets funded. As Councilperson Rader puts it, this is "Democracy in its purest form." He is grateful to Policy Matters Ohio for really leading this charge.

Here is Councilmember Rader's letter to Lakewood City Council:

Dear City Council colleagues,

I propose we allocate \$1 million of the stimulus funds Lakewood is set to receive through the

American Recovery Act for participatory budgeting. The pandemic has affected all of us, and we as leaders have a lot of responsibility to shepherd resources to begin the hard work of recovery. I believe strongly that some of these funds should be directed towards a participatory budgeting process whereby Lakewood residents can make decisions themselves on how their tax dollars should be spent. When the community is empowered to make decisions in this way, they make the right calls.

Participatory budgeting empowers people to decide together how to spend public money.

Hundreds or even thousands of Lakewood residents would vote directly on projects their neighbors have proposed, and the city would implement winning projects with the budget limitations. I'm confident that if this process is started this calendar year and continues through 2022 there will be no issue with meeting federal spending deadlines and requirements. All of this can be built into the process.

Through this participatory budgeting (PB) pilot program, Lakewood would deepen democracy, build stronger communities, and make our budget more equitable and effective.

Nearly one million people across the US have participated in PB, allocating nearly \$400 million, according to the Participatory Budgeting Project, a nonprofit that implements PB strategies in municipalities across the country. We have excellent resources locally to draw from such as Policy Matters Ohio, based here in Cleveland, who can provide education and support through this process.

A not so glamorous, but very important project will near completion and be in full operation in 2022. The High-Rate Water Treatment Facility has been an ongoing endeavor to address high water sewer flows during heavy rains. This is necessary to maintaining clean sewer output to prevent further water pollution. A related component is the Digester Project, which breaks down organic waste so it can be disposed of properly. The system will be fully operational by the end of the summer. Cyclists can get enthused about additional bike lanes

Tess Neff is a 32-year Lakewood resident. She and her husband Rich raised their children here and love being a part of the community. Her public service career expands 28 years and she is grateful for the opportunity to continue to help people and have a positive impact on their lives. Her ten years as a magistrate in the Lakewood Municipal Court and her time on Lakewood City Council have allowed her to engage with residents and understand community needs.

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Virtual Meet The Author Library Events In May

by Andrea Fisher

Lakewood Public Library is excited to host four virtual Meet the Author events this May. You can watch these programs on facebook.com/lakewoodpubliclibrary and twitter.com/lakewoodlibrary every Thursday evening of the month at 7:00 p.m.

May 6

Cleveland's bike attorney and avid cyclist Kenneth Knabe will discuss his new book *Cycling Rights: Bicycles, E-Bikes & Micro-Mobility Devices*. Knabe covers bike laws for cyclists and motorists, advice on how to be safe on the road, what to do if you are involved in an accident and more.

May 13

Brad Ricca will talk about his latest book *Olive the Lionheart: Lost Love, Imperial Spies, and One Woman's Journey Into the Heart of Africa*. Drawing from Olive's own letters and accounts from her travels, Ricca tells the bold and adventurous story of Olive MacLeod, who sets out to find

her missing husband Boyd Alexander.

May 20

Watch local debut novelist Dan Hanson as he discusses the first book in his new mystery series "Murder in the Cultural Gardens." The real life Cleveland Cultural Gardens is the setting for this fictional murder mystery where a body turns up near the bust of composer Franz Liszt in the Hungarian Cultural Garden.

May 27

Rocky River science fiction writer Malcolm Wood talks about his years spent perfecting his craft, and his "Clash of the Aliens" series. In the series, an alien race clashes with humans in post-apocalyptic times. Clevelanders will delight in the real-life locations referenced in the book.

If you miss the premiere, the videos will also be available on the Library's website lakewoodpubliclibrary.org

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Children/Youth Events At Lakewood Public Library

by Nic Starr

Library Pen Pal

For children three years old through sixth grade

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Virtual Local Children's Author Event – Denise Dufala

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Virtual Local Children's Author Event – Kimberly Soderberg

For all ages

Join local children's illustrator Kimberly Soderberg virtually as she reads picture books she illustrated, "Just Like Me," "My Mask and Me," and "Smile With Me."



Summer Reading Club For All At Lakewood Public Library

by Nic Starr

Soar through the air and swim beneath the sea with this year's summer reading theme, "Tails and Tales." From Monday, May 17 to Monday, August 16, children and adults can read their way through the wild world of animals at the Library.

Get ready for some paw-some fun and scurry on over to either the Main Library or Madison Branch libraries to sign up for Summer Reading Club! Participants ages birth through twelfth grade will gather stickers and digital badges as they go, and a special reward awaits those who complete thirty books, ten hours, or thirty hours of reading by Monday, August 16.

To register for summer reading, scuttle by the Main Library or Madison Branch Summer Reading Club Desk starting Monday, May 17 or visit lakewoodpubliclibrary.beanstack.com.

Readers of all ages can participate in summer reading this year, including adults! Immerse yourself in the animal kingdom this summer and share stories with the Tails & Tales Adult Summer Reading Program. Your beach read or commute audiobook could win you a prize this summer, and participating is simple. Each time you enjoy a book, eBook, audiobook or graphic novel, log your book to be entered into our weekly prize drawing. Prizes have been donated by the Friends of Lakewood Public Library.

For more information or to register, visit lakewoodpubliclibrary.beanstack.com

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Virtual Local Children's Author Event – Michael Samulak

For all ages

Join local author Michael Samulak virtually as he reads his children's picture books "A Wonderful Day" and "A is for Africa."

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For students in sixth through twelfth grade

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July: LGBTQ+ Stories
August: Immigration and Refugees

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Lakewood Students Shine



Sadie Tabor's photo earned a runnerup award in the contest.

Students' Art Honored In Congressional Contest

by Christine Gordillo

Congratulations to Lakewood High students Sadie Tabor and Rosie Lipka, whose artwork was honored in the annual Ninth Congressional District Invitational Art Competition, sponsored by Rep. Marcy Kaptur. Sadie earned a first runner-up award and Rosie won the Alice Louise Press Award in the Art to Market category. This event showcases high school artistic talent from the Ninth Congressional District.

The winner of the competition earns a place in the national exhibit at

the U.S. Capitol. As a runner-up, Sadie will have her artwork exhibited in one of Rep. Kaptur's offices. Rep. Kaptur has been presenting this opportunity to her district since 1983. High schools and student artists in Lucas, Ottawa, Cuyahoga, Erie, and Lorain counties are invited to participate.

Congratulations again to Sadie and Rosie, and to their teachers, Dayna Hansen and Arline Olear.

Rotary Recognizes 14 Outstanding West Shore Career-Tech Students

by Lynn Donaldson

West Shore Career-Technical District Outstanding Student Award recipients were honored by the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River via Zoom on April 15.

The 14 students, top performers in their career-technical programs, were chosen for their exemplary accomplishments in the classroom, school activities, clubs, athletics, and service in the community. Each student exemplifies traits of leadership, dedication, responsibility, caring, community involvement, and initiative.

"We are so proud of the Career-Technical Rotary Outstanding Students. They represent the finest West Shore has to offer and we have some amazing students! When young people develop valuable skills, make connections, and build a network while they are in high school, they have an inside track to a successful career. These students are prepared for the real world and have made the most of their high school/career-technical experiences," remarked Bill DiMascio, West Shore Career-Technical District educational coordinator.

School administrators, parents, and students were among those in

attendance. According to Rotarian Nancy Ralls, West Shore Career-Technical District career development coordinator, this is the twenty-third year the club has honored the Outstanding Student Award winners.

The Rotary club will present each student with a check and a plaque to honor their achievements.

West Shore districts are Bay Village, Lakewood, Rocky River and Westlake. This year West Shore is serving 425 students in its workforce development programs.

The 2020-21 Outstanding Student Award recipients are: Ryan Duffy, automotive technology; Jacqueline Underman, community-based training at GFS; Tomaserin Larocque, community-based training at the Wyndham; Matt Dacek, construction trades; Madison Lacquement, culinary arts; Ella Villafane, early childhood education; Mason Orlando, electronic engineering technology; Hay Nay Lwi, health careers; Gabby Toms, media art and design; Shamsa Abdullah, medical office management; Sean McHugh, networking with cyber security; Aiden Erway, engineering/Project Lead the Way; Muzafer Ali, sports and exercise science; and Sarah Whitkofski, theatre arts.

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Lakewood Education

Dr. G's Ranger Baseball Round-Up

by Dr. Charles Greenoff
MAY 3

After years of struggle, the young Lakewood Rangers Softball Team (10-9, 9-4 GLC) made another statement tonight, with a 14-0 win over Bay. Freshman Pitcher Mia Carroll-Greeves, with pinpoint control, allowed only 3 baserunners in her complete game shutout. Junior Inga Wilhelmy (#4) broke open a close game in the 4th with ringing bases loaded triple, and followed that up with another bases loaded blast, this time a base clearing double. Sophomore Jordan Rossen, who splits pitching duties with Carroll-Greeves, had two hits and two RBI. Sophomore Charlotte Beno tripped and was rock solid behind the plate throwing out a would-be base stealer early on.

The Rangers are back to stay. Our roster is very young, and the middle school team is doing well. Coach Yousko and his staff bring energy, positivity and focus, and are clearly committed to program building. Great

things to come this year and beyond.
MAY 2

On Alumni Day, the Lakewood Baseball team treated the Ranger Alumni, family and friends to an exciting come from behind win over Bay. Junior Will Hyatt delivered one of the best pitching performances in recent history with a complete game 2-1 decision over the talented Rockets, who entered the game in the 3rd place tie with the Lakewood Rangers (9-3) in the Great Lakes Conference—just one game behind Buckeye and Elyria Catholic. Hyatt scattered 4 hits, walked only one, and was supported by stellar defense, especially from senior shortstop Carlos Cintron, who made numerous outstanding plays. Sophomore Sully Stojs also pitched in, knocking down a blistering line drive with one out in the 7th and converting a 4-6 double play to end the game.

The Ranger offense was quiet until the 5th, when senior Jameson Supinski once again got the big hit. Sophomore

Luke Jablonowski reached on an error to start the inning, took second on a sacrifice bunt by Cintron, and advanced to 3rd on a hustling infield single by Lucas Winters. After Winters stole second, Supinski stepped to the plate, having struck out two times—a rarity—against the outstanding Bay hurler. With two strikes, Supinski blasted a long line drive off the right field fence—just below our iconic Big Tree—to give the Rangers the only runs they would need.

Hats off to the Bay Rockets, another fine, community based team—on a great game. Today, the guys from the 44107 were just a little better, and hope for the same result in Monday's rematch in the 44140. Long Live Lakewood.

APRIL 28

Down 2-1 in the bottom of the 6th Inning, the sophomore laden Lakewood Ranger Baseball (10-6, 8-3 GLC) squad rallied for 4 runs and held on to beat Normandy 5-3. The big hit was delivered by sophomore

catcher Ben Jablonowski, whose 2 out, 2 run single broke the tie and gave the Rangers their first lead of the game. Sophomore Sully Stojs was the winning pitcher, hurling 2 1/3 strong innings, striking out the last Invader hitter with the tying run on second. Sophomore Mason Ivinskas pitched a strong 4 2/3 innings, keeping his team close when their bats were silent.

Junior Lucas Winters had two doubles, including one leading off the all important 6th. Senior Carlos Cintron played a strong game at short, and also had a double and a run scored. The Rangers travel to Bay to take on the Rockets—who are also 8-3 in the GLC—Thursday afternoon.

It was also a good day for the vastly improved Lakewood Softball squad (8-9, 7-4 GLC). Freshman Mia Carroll-Greeves shut out the Invaders 2-0, striking out 12. Inga Wilhelmy doubled in the only run the Rangers needed in the 1st. These programs are in great hands.

APRIL 27

The sophomore Lakewood Ranger Baseball (9-6, 7-3 GLC) squad posted their 7th conference victory today—13-2—over Normandy. The Rangers were led once again by senior Jameson Supinski, who pitched all 5 innings for the win and collected 2 hits and 3 RBI. Sophomore Sully Stojs got the Rangers on the board with a first inning RBI single, and the Rangers were off and running. Sophomore Emmett Frantz had 2 hits and 3 RBI, the sophomore Jablonowski twins chipped in on offense, as did junior Will Hyatt and sophomore Mason Ivinskas. Junior Lucas Winters and senior Carlos Cintron played excellent defense and stored several runs between them. Normandy Invades Lakewood for a rematch as 7 pm tomorrow (Tuesday) Night. Great team effort today.

APRIL 20

On a bitterly cold, cloudy afternoon—weather barely fit for baseball—the Lakewood Rangers (8-5, 6-3 GLC) rallied from an early 3-0 deficit to defeat Rocky River 8-5. As the icy wind barreled up from Lake Erie onto Wager Avenue, the Rangers rallied with key hits from senior Jameson Supinski and Lucas Winters. Sophomore Mason Ivinskas pitched a strong 5 1/3 innings, earning the win, allowing just 3 earned runs. The key defensive play (one of three DP's turned by the Rangers) occurred in the 5th when Winters threw out—at the plate—a River runner who tagged up on a medium fly ball. Sophomore catcher Ben Jablonowski also made a terrific play, grabbing a short hop and applying the tag just as the River runner arrived. Sophomore Emmett Frantz contributed with a couple of fine plays in the outfield and collected his first varsity hit. Supinski pitched superbly in relief, hurling 1 2/3 scoreless innings, striking out two.

The young Rangers—five sophomores started today—are holding their own against teams with more experience. The rematch with the Pirates is scheduled for Thursday at 430 on the turf at LHS.

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Lakewood Education

Staff Spotlight Honorees: Corrigan & Sedlak

by Christine Gordillo

Each month the Lakewood City Schools selects one or two staff members to be honored as part of its Staff Spotlight feature. The staff members are nominated by their peers. April's honorees are District Nurse Katy Corrigan and Lakewood High and West Shore Career-Tech teacher Bob Sedlak. Read below for more on each of these outstanding staff members:

KATY CORRIGAN

When life began to slow down for everyone due to restrictions necessitated by the pandemic, Katy Corrigan's pace of life significantly ramped up. That's because Corrigan, in her role as District School Nurse, suddenly became the expert on all things COVID for our district. She has been working non-stop ever since.

Corrigan's job became guided by one simple mission: "What can we do in our school system to safeguard students and staff" during this pandemic. We all know that the strategies to contain the pandemic and protocols to stay safe and healthy have constantly evolved. It has been Corrigan's job to stay on top of all those changes and then advise District leaders on how to move forward with the District's educational mission while maintaining the safety and health of everyone.

In her role, Corrigan keeps abreast of all the guidelines issued from national, state and local health organizations. She is the recordkeeper of all reported student and staff COVID cases. She conducts contact tracing and determines who must isolate or quarantine and then communicates that with those affected. She researches and shares the protocols for keeping the students



Katy Corrigan

and staff safe in the buildings. And she answers the continuous stream of staff and parent emails and phone calls at all times of the day, dispensing the latest guidelines for when to stay home and when to return to school.

On top of all of this, Corrigan still manages her usual School Nurse duties, including supervising the District's 10 health aides. Plus, she squeezes in working weekends at Fairview Hospital, where she has become the go-to person for questions on managing COVID in schools.

In her 10 years working as the District School Nurse, Corrigan never imagined the role she would take on this year. It has been super challenging but as usual, Corrigan looks upon it in a positive way. "It's very satisfying and rewarding to be able to help people," she says.



Bob Sedlak

BOB SEDLAK

Walk into Lakewood High math and West Shore engineering teacher Bob Sedlak's classroom and you may be surprised to find shelves full of books that run the gamut from literary classics to "The Baseball Encyclopedia." In Sedlak's classroom, the books are just one of the many ways the 24-year veteran of the District uses to connect with his students.

It makes sense, seeing that Sedlak was an English major in addition to a math major in college. He brings his varied interests into the classroom

such as architecture, opera and classical music in an effort to teach his students more than just math or engineering. He learns about a student's interest and suggests a book or discusses music. He provides his engineering students a list of books to help spark their curiosity. He brings his myriad interests to his role as co-adviser of the super successful LHS Academic Challenge Team as well.

Before coming to the District in 1997, Sedlak had a successful career as a construction project manager and also served as a member of the Lakewood Board of Education for 13 years. Decades later, Sedlak still is excited to connect with his students and finds that even at the tail end of his career, "I can still relate to them well. I still remember how it felt to be their age."

Franklin School of Opportunity teacher Lucas Yousko saw Sedlak's personal approach with students up close when they both sacrificed some of their Spring Break time off to teach middle schoolers participating in the Spring into STEM program.

"I witnessed Bob talking to middle schoolers and promoting his program (Project Lead the Way), building relationships with kids whose minds would be perfect for his program," Yousko said. "Bob developed math and science portions of our food waste initiative, (the topic of the workshop) and was able to let kids dive into the numbers without feeling overwhelmed."

Cheery Coffee And Crepes

At Brewella's On Madison!

by Jean Brinich

We had a delightful crepe breakfast today, 4/22, at Brewella's on Madison! There had been a bit more snow overnight, but the sun was out in all its glory; the blue sky was a delight. The kind cook had produced 2 excellent banana crepes which had remained

quite warm in their take-out boxes, and the coffees, both the drip and the cappuccino, were hot and comforting. As we requested, we ate at the little table just outside the shop on the sidewalk and watched the life of Lakewood slowly pass us by. So precious!



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Clifton Park South has a wide variety of architectural styles.

Southern District Of Clifton Park Listed In The National Register

by Heather Rudge

The Historic Preservation Group, LLC and John S. Pyke, Jr. are pleased to announce that the southern district of Clifton Park has been listed as an historic district in the National Register of Historic Places, joining the northern district of Clifton Park listed in 1974.

Located in the northwest corner of Lakewood, Clifton Park was created in the early 1890s as a master-planned, single-family residential community. It featured curving streets, irregularly shaped lots, park areas and a beach on Lake Erie set aside for the exclusive use of Clifton Park residents. The plan included minimum investment requirements and uniform set-back lines for residences but allowed property owners freedom to design their residences. The result in Clifton Park is an eclectic mix of architectural styles popular in the first third of the twentieth century.

In the mid-1960s Clifton Boulevard was extended through Clifton Park to the east bank of the Rocky

River, and then across Rocky River Valley over a new bridge. This project divided Clifton Park into northern and southern districts.

The northern and southern portions of Clifton Park merited listing as historic districts in the National Register for the historic significance of its community planning and architectural quality and diversity.

The National Register of Historic Places was created by Congress in 1966. It is America's official list of districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects deemed worthy of preservation for their historic significance. For owners of properties in residential districts such as Clifton Park, the listing is honorary and confers no restrictions. Numerous studies of National Register districts across the country have demonstrated that residential properties in a listed district maintain their value,

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May

Aries: The Ram is going to be singing to the tune of “show me the money” this month, with the Sun, Uranus, Venus & Mercury aligned in your 2nd house of finances, expect some surprises.

Taurus: It’s all about the Bull this month, get out of that Bull Pen, & strut your stuff, Jupiter has landed in your house of career along with Saturn, be disciplined & you’ll reap the rewards.

Gemini: The Twins are secretly working behind the scenes, although we know it’s hard for you to keep quiet about anything, there may be some deception in the career corner, keep ears open.

Cancer: The Crab’s focus is on groups, friends & associations, Mars is bringing more energy to your physical routine, get outdoors & enjoy, money may be coming from sources outside of you.

Leo: The Lion is definitely shining in the Jungle this month, career matters look promising, expect a surprise or two, relationships improve, spend some time behind the scenes reflecting.

Virgo: Travel is on your mind, along with higher learning, seems like a good idea to combine the two of them... health improves with a little discipline, more action coming from associations.

Libra: A time of transformation,

inheritances or money surprises are in store, decisions to be made in the career arena, Jupiter is lighting up your house of creativity & romance, go for it.

Scorpio: The Scorpion has plenty of action in the relationship sector, it’s time to get out of that cave you’ve been living in & see the light of day, plan a vacation, think about taking the family.

Sagittarius: It’s time for the Centaur to spend some time focusing on health & service, the two go hand-in-hand this month, communication is key, matters need to be handled involving taxes.

Capricorn: The Goat has plenty of reason to smile, romance & creativity are heating up, watch for tempers flaring in relationships, finances look promising, use discipline, a penny saved...

Aquarian: Mr. & Ms. Independent has a lot of activity centered around the home this month, there’s also some extra energy in the area of service, pace yourself, beware of short circuiting.

Pisces: The Fish has a lot going on in that lake of yours, more people coming to visit, swim on over to a community pond, networking is key, your creativity soars, listen to your intuition.

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

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I Was Already Motorized:

Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 115

by Buzz Kompier

Lucky Pierre - Give It All You Got - no label - 9 songs - LP

One look at this record tells you that it's an unofficial release (a glove-arm, if you will)– the black sleeve with the paper cover glued on, the crappy title, the bizarre track choices– but hey, if a boot is what it takes to get Lucky Pierre stuff out, I'm happy with it. This collects sort of the best of the original singles (the 1979-1983 stuff) and three outtakes from that era. Like I said, I'm a little bit baffled by some of what was excluded here (why leave "Match" off of here when the other two singles on the first side got to keep their b-sides?), but maybe (hopefully) the mysterious benefactor who has provided the world this release is just saving some of the good stuff for "Give It All You Got Vol. 2." As for what is here, it's all pretty great. Like some of the best early "punk" bands, Lucky Pierre could barely be called that except perhaps in attitude. "Fans And Cameras," their first single and the song that kicks this comp off, is as punk as they get (it is pretty punk, but it's sorta new wave too)– it certainly does rock. Kevin McMahon's snotty glam rock vocals on this one are particularly great, and the guitar solo (I think played by John Guciardo) totally shreds. Its b-side,



Tom Lash and Kevin McMahon of Lucky Pierre. Here playing Jimmy's Hyena Club Show at the Phantasy Theater.

"Idlewood" (perhaps named after the street in Lakewood, I'm not certain) immediately displays the other side of the band, in that it starts with a slow piano-driven intro that's sort of glam and maybe even a bit prog, then moves into a Gilbert & Sullivan kind of thing before going full glam. It's very reminiscent of Sparks, actually, and not just in that it's a little bit insane. Then there's a guitar solo that again is pretty great even though it's almost the same one as the previous song. The second single (track three on here) is "Into My Arms," absolutely one of the best Cleveland punk/new wave/power pop/anything songs of

all time. The two guitars (played by Mr. McMahon and Denis DeVito, Guciardo having left at this point) play off each other very well and frankly, Denis kinda tears it up on the solo. Kevin's vocals throughout this whole album are perfectly theatrical– he's very into it, but never in a way that comes off as corny. The "Stetson's" and "Once A Child" twofer that closes out the first side again has the band's strange dichotomy at play, with the pretty straightforward "Stetson's" backed with the multifaceted movements of "Once A Child" (a lot of Sparks influence on this one too). The other half of this album has one more singles track, "Cool Summer Nights," and then three that have never been on vinyl before. "Summer Friends" reminds me a bit of the late '70s/early '80s Kinks material. "Cool Summer Nights" gets even more poppy but no less excellent– everybody loves power pop songs about the summer and here are two



Kevin McMahon of Lakewood.

great ones right in a row! The final two tracks are from the "Fans And Cameras" lineup of the band with John Guciardo on lead guitar (none of this is mentioned on the release, by the way, I did my own research– you can't say I don't care about my work). They're both good tracks but they have more in common with "Idlewood" than anything else: they start slow, they have a lot of different pieces and parts, it's arty, it's punk, it's glam, "Pi Squared" has some vaguely baroque piano, "Don't Say Maybe" has an instrumental passage that I would've compared to Big Star had it not immediately gone into some kind of hard rock thing, it's all very intense, and I'm quite a big fan. Like most releases of its dubious ilk, it's not a perfect release, but it's pretty darn good. Really hoping there are some further releases of Lucky Pierre material soon. 4/5

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Our Lakewood Progress: Community Action Reveals Need For Inclusive Madison Park Redesign

by Laura Rodriguez-Carbone

Everyone in Lakewood deserves a great, and safe, park. All people—regardless of race, ethnicity, age, income level, physical ability, sexual orientation, gender or religion—ought to be able to take advantage of quality programs, places and spaces that enhance their overall health and quality of life. In public health, we know that quality of life is more than just a check-up: Many factors affect the overall conditions that impact physical,

mental, and emotional health.

Lakewood’s parks are a vital community asset, serving a diverse population that includes both residents and visitors. Park usage adds vitality to Lakewood as a destination and supports the small businesses that drive our local economy. It also provides opportunities for people to come together, connect, and celebrate the diversity of our city.

Disinvestment (taking away amenities or programs) in public

assets like Madison Park can lead to decreased usage by residents. Studies by the CDC show that increased crime, and greater violent crime in parks are often associated with lower park usage and lack of investment in its upkeep. Conversations with residents have led to the realization that a redesign of Madison Park is needed to enhance safety near the Basketball Court, which is cut off from the main park area and out of sight from Madison Avenue. City leaders have pledged to include the community in its redesign plans.

The recent community conversations surrounding race, belonging, and inclusion also call for additional work to be done to make Madison Park a hub for community-building. I believe we can achieve this by being thoughtful about how we use the park and what we do to fight the perception that the park is not a safe or welcoming place. An investment in this redesign and in bringing community programming to the park will help satisfy safety goals, public health goals, and foster greater community connectedness. It will also help the city reach individuals and families of color who can suffer from higher rates of health disparities, diminished quality of life, and social isolation. These programs can

also increase access to health opportunities for communities of color, individuals with physical and cognitive disabilities, and members of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Youth safety programs at Madison Park can encourage involvement in ongoing safety efforts that allow everyone to be involved. Adding accessible and sensory playground equipment will help promote acceptance of children and adults with different abilities.

Lakewood will be receiving upwards of \$50 Million from the American Rescue Plan. Redesign that connects the main park with the basketball court, adds safety lighting, a walkway, staff presence, signage, picnic tables, and games to encourage usage are needed. I hope city leaders will follow through to enact these suggestions, as well as preserve and expand the amenities the park provides to prioritize inclusion of everyone in our community.

Laura Rodriguez-Carbone is currently Co-Chair of Lakewood's Anti-Racism Task Force and serves on the Board of Directors for the Fedor Manor Senior Living Community.

Laura is currently the Midwest Regional Outreach and Communications Lead for Combat COVID, working to increase access to treatment options and equity in clinical research in communities of color.

She and her husband, Christopher have been residents of Lakewood for five years and own their home on McKinley Avenue.

Susannah Selnick Launches Candidacy For Council At-Large

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in a long line of examples underscoring that we need change. I’m going to continue fighting for those that want to play at our basketball courts, those who want affordable housing in our great city, those who want to start their dream business in Lakewood.

I am a local entrepreneur and advisor for businesses and non-profits, and know that my experience can provide the much needed change for Lakewood government. I work tirelessly to enact local and global change on a daily basis, and I want to see the same robust energy from our government. I love creating solutions to help impactful leaders, and I will bring that same problem solving ability as your City Councilwoman. I will give a voice to what makes Lakewood special - our new residents, immigrant and refugee families, and entrepreneurs. I will be the voice for everyone who lives and works in Lakewood.

I am a proud, lifelong progressive Democrat with a background both in public health and in entrepreneurship. I have spent my career creating unique development strategies for mission-driven organizations and advocating for entrepreneurs and visionaries. Currently, I work as the Vice President

of Community Development at Jon Thomas Consulting – serving difference-makers and change agents throughout the world.

My experience lies in raising awareness and millions of dollars to conserve natural lands in Puerto Rico, transform the DNA identification process for violent sexual offenders, provide literacy tutoring to underserved children, connect LGBTQIA+ students to a network of mentors, support Northeast Ohio women burdened by breast cancer; establish STEM and manufacturing workforce training programs across Ohio, provide job readiness and case management services for unemployed individuals in Northeast Ohio, create access to basic menstrual hygiene materials for women in state correctional facilities across the United States; establish one of Ohio’s only free dental clinics, implement leadership and entrepreneurship training for girls and young women in the United States; and much more.

As long-time resident of Lakewood driven by service, I also volunteer my time to many impactful organizations in Lakewood. I serve on the Advisory Board for the Lakewood Family YMCA, the Lakewood Chapter of the League of Women Voters, Friends of Madison Park, and the City of Lakewood Cit-

izens Advisory Committee.

I received my Bachelor’s of Arts from Case Western Reserve University, and my Master’s of Business Administration from Cleveland State University. Prior to my work with nonprofits, I worked for local healthcare organizations including Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and University Hospitals. At University Hospitals, I was integral in the planning of the Women’s Health Institute, and the creation of the Ear, Nose, and Throat Institute, and went on to manage the operations of one of

the largest surgical and research departments within the healthcare system. While at CWRU School of Medicine, I performed HIV, cancer, and influenza research.

I am an experienced community leader with a passion for serving others as they seek to reach their highest potential. With a commitment to a vibrant and welcoming Lakewood, I am running to bring a solutions-oriented approach to City Council.

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Lakewood Living

LakewoodAlive’s 2021 Virtual Front Porch Concert Series Performers Announced

by Jacqueline Bon

Research shows that music can be a powerful healing tool, helping us to make memories, build community, and collectively elevating our spirits. Right now, in the midst of a period in which the need for social bonding is perhaps greater than ever, we’re excited to bring the community together through live music.

LakewoodAlive announces its 2021 Front Porch Concert Series sponsored by Bentley Wealth Management of Raymond James will feature nine live musical performances hosted virtually via LakewoodAlive’s Facebook page each Friday evening at 7 p.m. from June 4 through July 30.

Now in its 11th year, the popular music series is staying virtual to ensure health and safety during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, yet LakewoodAlive remains committed to enhancing Lakewood’s sense of community by offering free weekly concerts that families and all music lovers can enjoy.

“We’re excited to host a diverse lineup of performers this year, representing a wide spectrum of sounds from pop to reggae and from soul to swing. I imagine folks celebrating on their patios, dancing and singing along with these amazing musicians,” said Ian Andrews, Executive Director of LakewoodAlive. “We’re thankful to the community and to our sponsors for supporting us and allowing us to bring back this beloved summer series.”

The talented lineup of musical performers comprising the 11th Annual Front Porch Concert Series offers a diverse range of musical genres providing something for every musical taste. Spanning across many genres, each weekly concert remains family-friendly while delving into a variety of different sounds. See the schedule of weekly performers below.

The 2021 Front Porch Concert Series is comprised of returning acts and new performers and kicks-off June 4 with a performance by **Carlos Jones and the P.L.U.S. Band**, a roots reggae band known to make you put on your dancin’ shoes. Carlos has been enter-

taining audiences for over 35 years and will be playing with his current group, the P.L.U.S. Band aka the Peace, Love, Unity Syndicate, a six-piece band dedicated to positive vibrations.

Next up is **Apostle Jones** who are known for keeping their shows fresh, rotating between soulful styles and genres that speak to who they are as people, as musicians to give a good experience to their fans.

Lakewood-based **Diana Chittester**, is a folk-rocker. Known for her acoustic guitar acrobatics, passionate vocals, and intimate storytelling.

Theron Brown is in the business of making you feel good and digging into the roots of jazz, gospel, and fusion. The trio is truly unique and has a sound that is recognized in Northeast Ohio as something to be excited about.

Jul Big Green is a genre blending artist that combines Pop with Hip-Hop and Rock elements. Entertaining audiences with diverse musical arrangements across much of the East Coast and Internationally since 2015, this unique artist truly accomplishes his goal of having a song for everyone.

Becky Boyd & The Groove Train is a four-piece band that plays blues, jazz and R&B classics and originals. Her vocals are outstanding, combining great tone, with tremendous feel.

Mo’ Mojo is a female fronted, hard driving, high energy, Zydeco-based "Party-Gras" band. Mo’ Mojo takes Zydeco music and infuses it with Americana, Cajun, Reggae, Rock & Roll, Funk, R&B and African and Latin rhythms.

Red Light Roxy is a professional band from Cleveland, Ohio that plays an upbeat mix of jazz standards, jump blues, swing, boogie-woogie and a dash of old-school R&B.

Closing the series will be **Front Porch Lights**, a high-energy indie rock 5-piece from Cleveland. The band weaves airy, folk influences with the grit of their Rust Belt roots to create a listener experience both lively and emotional.



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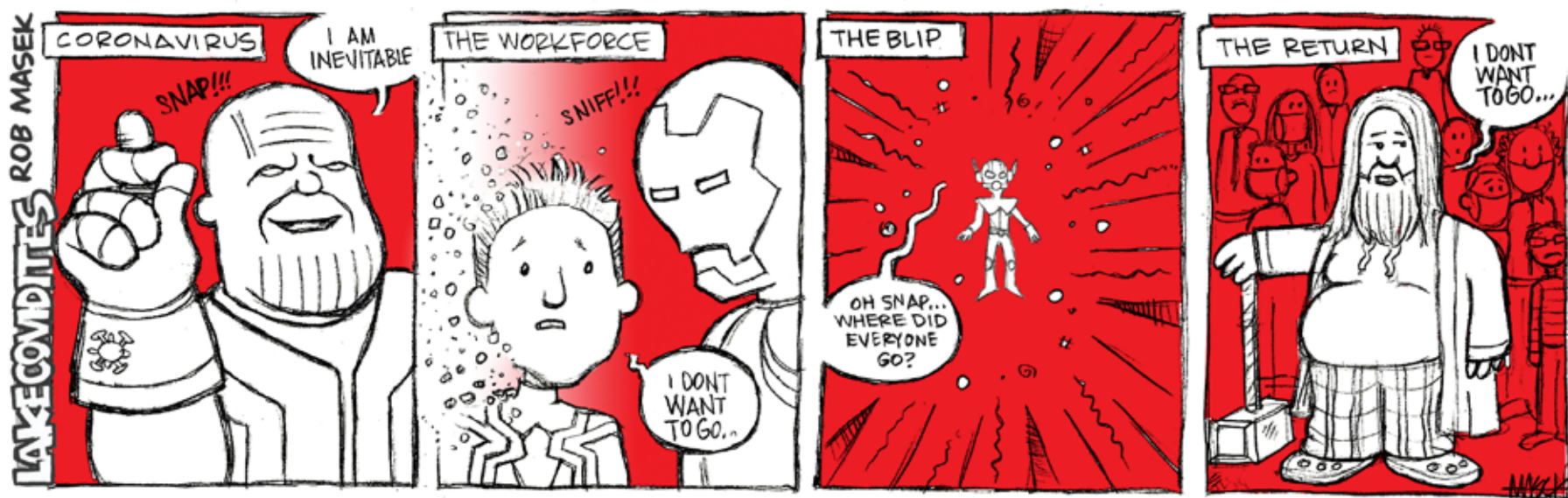


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