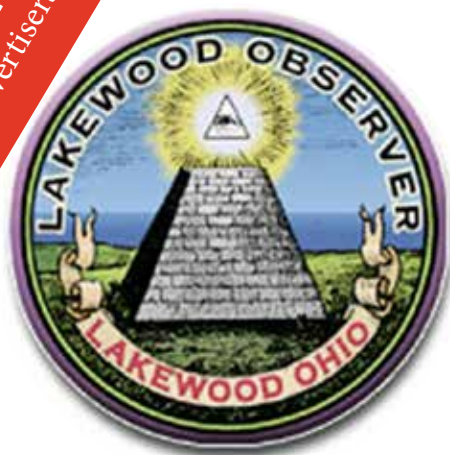


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## Lakewood Arts Festival: Real Art, Real Music, Real Food

by Katherine Isenhardt

For one glistening summer day, Lakewood closes Detroit Avenue, between Belle to Arthur Avenues, to bring artists of all disciplines together along with 15,000 collectors and art lovers. The juried festival hosts over 130 regional and national artists and makers displaying paintings, prints, photography, art glass, ceramics, jewelry, sculpture, fiber and more.

Returning to the festival

this year will be ceramic artist, Sumiko Takada of Studio Takada, featuring carved and inlaid hand thrown stoneware with a traditional Japanese motif. Phillippe Laine from Palm Beach, Florida, a festival favorite, offers one of a kind hand-painted silk fabric. Posch and Gulyas, fine jewelers, hand fabricate original designs from sterling silver sheet and wire, often featuring gemstones, gold, and enamel for color; and Heather Smotzer, fine jeweler,

uses traditional metalsmithing techniques in modern designs. Fine art includes works by George Kocar, award winning Ohio artist who has been

called a “humorous expressionist” and Brett Mason, a Pittsburgh native, who brings evocative landscapes in both oil and watercolor. “The

Lakewood Arts Festival always gets a great crowd who are really receptive and supportive of my work. For this, I make it one of my very few shows out of Pittsburgh.” Brilliantly colored art glass will be displayed by Drew Hovecar including sculpture, platters, and vases. Muralist, Stephanie Crossen said, “I love Lakewood and after going through such a difficult year, it will feel great to come together as a community and enjoy sunshine, art and lemonade close to the lake” Crossen’s Lakewood murals include “Eternal Sunrise/Sunset at Madison and Warren” and “Happy Place” at Belle and



photo by Jim O'Bryan

Everyone stops by the Art Festival, hope to see you there this year.

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## Why A Judge Can Have Empathy And Still Protect Lakewood

by Brian Taubman

My experience as a criminal defense attorney is what separates me from my opponents. I have been in the muck with my clients, and I know the trials and tribulations they have dealt with — something my opponents have never done in their legal careers.

Throughout my legal career, I've learned that as a judge, you can be tough but fair; that throwing down the hammer and max sentencing defendants isn't always the answer. We need a different approach in Lakewood, an alternative to merely punishing people and moving on. It's clear that just punishing offenders does not work. It leads to the overcrowding of our jails, and with no rehabilitation efforts, these individuals become habitual offenders. The old brutal approach does not work; the antiquated crime and punishment approach does not work. My opponents will not change the norm — they are the norm, a product of the same broken system I am attempting to change.

My objective as a defense attorney is not just to exonerate my clients but to guide them through our justice system and show them how to learn from their experiences. As the future Lakewood Municipal Court Judge, my



Brian Taubman  
Candidate for Lakewood  
Municipal Court Judge

platform will be about solutions, not punishments. I will not just lock people up; I will

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## Sherrod Brown, AFL-CIO Endorse Rader

by Matt Kuhns

U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown has endorsed Tristan Rader for Lakewood City Council, praising him as “a leader who will continue to fight for affordable housing, public safety, and a cleaner environment in Lakewood.”

“Tristan understands that the Dignity of Work is not just a slogan, it's how we govern,” said Brown, “that's why I'm proud to endorse Tristan Rader for his re-election to City Council.”

Rader says that Senator Brown's support is a moving vali-

## New Superintendent Takes Over

by Christine Gordillo

This summer marks an important transition for Lakewood City Schools, one that we know will be an important step in the growth of the district and the educational success of its students. With Dr. Mike Barnes having stepped down as Superintendent of Lakewood City Schools last month, the district now looks forward to the tenure of Maggie Niedzwiecki in the role and everything she brings to it.

The superintendent transition occurred one month earlier than originally

announced. Both Dr. Barnes and Mrs. Niedzwiecki agreed this decision would be in the best interest of the schools, the students and the community as there is much to accomplish and plan before students return to school in August.

For the last three years, Mrs. Niedzwiecki served as

assistant superintendent. While in that position, Mrs. Niedzwiecki led an Innovation Task Force and the development of the Vision of a Lakewood Graduate initiative. She also expanded the district's STEM programming

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dation of his work on council, as he completes with a large field in the approaching September 14

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Stopped when I saw the giant Marine and was greeted by United States Marine Corps Staff Sergeant John Tracey, who said, “Looking for a life changing opportunity?” When I said no thanks he smiled and said, “If you know anyone looking for a life changing career, tell them we offer them at the corner of Rosewood and Detroit, 7 days a week.”



# The Mayor's Corner

## Helping Lakewood Families Stay In Their Homes

by Meghan George  
Mayor, Lakewood, Ohio

Lakewood is a community that has risen to meet the challenge of the COVID-19 crisis. So many went above and beyond in their work, and our community came through the pandemic unified in our determination to help those in need. We can all be proud of how our city came through this crisis.

Our city was one of the first nationally to provide COVID funding through our Small Business Rent Relief Program, which helped keep the doors open for over 200 businesses that form the core of our economy and do so much to serve our residents. The grants were effective: our staff's interactions with the business community indicate that the pandemic did not affect Lake-

wood's overall occupancy rate, which is a tremendous feat. Our residential housing relief program was soon launched, and helped keep over 1,400 Lakewood residents in their homes.

Even as we gradually emerge from the pandemic, many residents remain vulnerable, especially those with lower incomes and those who lost employment. With the State of Ohio terminating additional unemployment funds and federal protections against evictions ending on July 31st, a risk of a housing crisis exists for Lakewood's most vulnerable if we do not act swiftly.

You've probably heard that our city received over \$47 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. These funds are restricted in how they can be spent, but fortunately they can be used to assist people facing a threat to their housing due to impacts from COVID-19. My administration has determined this to be an immediate need for a por-

tion of these dollars.

It was a great show of unity when Lakewood City Council swiftly and unanimously voted to approve my administration's recommendation to dedicate \$1.68 million in ARPA funds to provide rental assistance and keep people in their homes. The funds will be dedicated exclusively to low-income recipients who are at risk of losing their housing due to the pandemic.

The timing is right for this new round of rental assistance, with previous CARES Act resources used for rent relief now exhausted. We are excited to partner with the Lakewood Community Service Center to administer these grants, which we expect to help over 400 Lakewood families stay in their homes. Once again, the Lakewood community is rising to the occasion by providing our most vulnerable residents with the emergency assistance they need.

## Stuff The Squad

by Nicole Argenziano

The Cleveland Clinic Lakewood emergency room is partnering up with the Lakewood Fire Department to stuff the squad with school supplies as a way to give back to this great community!

The event will take place August 1 from noon to 4pm in the family health center parking lot on the corner of Detroit and Belle. Please join us and

help make this the biggest donation that the schools have ever seen!

We will also have food, a 50/50 raffle, and face painting for the kids! You will also be able to meet some of your favorite first responders.

*Nicole Argenziano is a registered nurse at the Cleveland Clinic Lakewood Family Center ER.*

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from LakewoodAlive release

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Led jointly by Cleveland Clinic's Emergency Services Institute and the Center for Geriatric Medicine, this program addresses the complex physical and social challenges many older adults present with at the emergency department, such as cognition and mobility issues, lack of social support, or adverse drug reactions.

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## Don't delay. Cancer screenings save lives.



**Brian Haines, MD**  
Cleveland Clinic  
Fairview Hospital and  
Richard E. Jacobs  
Health Center

Now that many of us have had the COVID-19 vaccine, we're feeling more comfortable resuming our daily lives. With that renewed comfort, it's important to remember to reschedule any preventive screenings or medical appointments that were canceled or postponed during the pandemic.

"It's important to get back to making regular appointments and screenings, especially when it comes to cancer," says Brian Haines, MD, an oncologist at Cleveland Clinic Moll Cancer Center at Fairview Hospital and Cleveland Clinic Richard E. Jacobs Health Center at

Richard E. Jacobs Campus in Avon.

Symptoms that may be of concern to check for cancer can include:

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- Cough or hoarseness that persists or changes.
- Easy bruising or bleeding.
- Unexplained pain.
- Dizziness or vision troubles.
- Jaundice (yellowing of the skin, whites of the eyes, or mucous membranes).
- New lumps anywhere, but especially new lumps of the breast.
- Persistent fatigue, night sweats or unexplained infection or weight loss.
- Unexplained fever.
- Unexplained skin moles, especially if they

are dark or change color.

"Discuss the benefits of cancer screenings with your physician. Screenings can often show signs of the disease before symptoms are present and can aid in treatment," advises Dr. Haines.

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# Lakewood Public Library

## “Remembering May 4” Exhibit Examines Lives Of Kent State Students

by Melinda Frank

May 4, 1970 started out as another ordinary day. But for Kent State University students this day would be anything but normal. It was on this day that members of the Ohio National Guard fired into a crowd of demonstrators, killing four and wounding nine Kent State students.

The four students who were killed on May 4 were Allison Krause, Jeffrey Miller, Sandra Scheuer and William Schroeder. In the exhibit “Remembering May 4” the emphasis is not on the tragedy of the event, but instead focuses on the everyday lives of four young college students. This exhibit is on loan from the May 4 Visitors Center at Kent State University and is on display at Lakewood Public Library August 14 through September 27.

May 4 Visitors Center staff members Mindy Farmer, PhD and Lori Boes collaborated with Glyphix Studio, a program within Kent State’s School of Visual Communication Design to design and implement this exhibit. The families and loved ones of the four students



also assisted in the creation by loaning mementos and other memorabilia.

Krause and Miller were participants in the protest while Schroeder and Scheuer were on their way to class when they were shot by the National Guard. In the exhibit, all four students are represented using their own words and memorabilia to showcase the fullness of their lives and stories. Allison Krause is “Allison the Protestor,” Jeffrey Miller is “Our Brother Jeff,” William Schroeder is “Bill: An All-American Boy” and Sandra Scheuer is shown through “Sandy’s Scrapbook.”

“Remembering May 4” is free and open to the public Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Second Floor Gallery.

## Virtual Meet The Author Events In August

by Andrea Fisher

Lakewood Public Library will premiere three exciting new virtual Meet the Author events in August. You can watch these programs on facebook.com/lakewoodpubliclibrary and twitter.com/lakewoodlibrary on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

**August 12**  
Diane Vogel Ferri will discuss her latest book, "No Life But This: a Novel of Emily Warren Roebling." Inspired by a walk across the Brooklyn Bridge, this book is based on the true story of Roebling, who had to take over the construction of the bridge when her husband, the chief engineer, fell ill.

**August 19**  
Jen Hirt discusses "Hear Me Ohio," a collection of essays about leaving Ohio. Hirt, who grew up in Ohio at her

family’s business (Hirt’s Greenhouse), reflects on the places she has lived, finding beauty and fascination in nature.

**August 26**  
Dorf Backderf talks about his book, "Kent State: Four Dead in Ohio," a graphic novel retelling of the tragic story of the Kent State shootings. Backderf shares his own personal experience of when the National Guard came to Ohio, as well as what he found in his extensive research, and how he challenged himself artistically to recreate scenes from the actual historic event.

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

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### Virtual Woke Book Club

*For students in sixth through twelfth grade*  
In this bimonthly book club for teens, inspired by the Read Woke book challenge created by Cicely Lewis, we will read and respectfully discuss books selected to inspire change, embrace diversity, and promote inclusivity. Each month will focus on a different topic and you will choose which book(s) you would like to read from a diverse list of titles. Registration is required and you will receive a Zoom link upon registration. Attendance at both monthly meetings is not required.

**July:** LGBTQ+ Stories  
**August:** Immigration and Refugees  
Wednesdays, August 11, 2021, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. via Zoom.  
Thursdays, July 22, August 26, 2021, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. via Zoom.

### Virtual Book Club – "Something’s Fishy" by Jeff Szpirglas

*For students entering second through fourth grade*  
Join us for two weeks on Thursdays for "Something's Fishy" reading, activities and discussions. Using Tumblebooks and Zoom, we will read "Something's Fishy" by Jeff Szpirglas together.

Register once for both sessions. Registration is required. Register here or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140. You will receive a Zoom link a couple of days before the program.

Thursday, July 22, 2021 and Thursday, July 29, 2021, 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. via Zoom.

### Virtual Book Club – "Bat Cat and the Seven Squirrels" by Eric Walters

*For students entering third through fifth grade*  
Join us for two weeks on Wednesdays for "Bat Cat and the Seven Squirrels" reading, activities and discussions. Using Tumblebooks and Zoom, we will read "Bat Cat and the Seven Squirrels" by Eric Walters together.

Register once for both sessions. Registration is required. Register here or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140. You will receive a Zoom link a couple of days before the program.

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# Election News And Views

## View From City Council

by Councilmember Jason Shachner

Last week I met with the Planning & Development Department to discuss their research on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). ADUs are independent dwelling units, with facilities for sleeping and a kitchen and full bath, that are on the same property as a larger, primary dwelling unit. Our discussion focused on what type of ADU would serve our community best and what changes, if any, will have to be made to facilitate the construction of ADUs in Lakewood. The Planning & Development Department made several recommendations on how we can encourage investment in ADUs, including increasing the allowable primary lot coverage in all single and two-fam-

ily districts while maintaining existing setbacks. I am looking forward to further collaboration with the Planning & Development Department to ensure that we can provide this option to promote ageing in place in Lakewood.

**Reporting ADA Compliance Issues**

If you observe an ADA accessibility issue on any property owned and maintained by the City, you can now file a report on the Report A Problem Portal. Simply choose “ADA Accessibility Issue on Public Property” from the drop-down list and complete the form. This new feature is a result of the work of the ADA Task Force, Councilmember Sarah Kepple, Chief of Staff John Storey, and Lakewood’s IT Department. Great job, everyone.

## Sherrod Brown, AFL-CIO Endorse Rader

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primary.

“Sherrod Brown has earned and kept Ohio’s trust, to a unique degree, by advocating progressive policy which people care about and understand,” says Rader. “That’s a standard I want to measure up to.”

Brown’s announcement arrived the same week as that of the Northshore AFL-CIO. On July 14, delegates of the prominent labor union endorsed Rader for a second



Left: US Senator Sherrod Brown, Right” Tristan Rader.

term on Lakewood City Council, in a unanimous vote.

## Why A Judge Can Have Empathy And Still Protect Lakewood

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help get them the treatment and therapy they need, find jobs, and get back to being contributing members of our community. When a criminal defendant comes through my court, I will find a way to make sure that they never return to that courtroom.

Five years ago, when I previously ran for judge, I wanted to implement a first-time nonviolent drug offender court, a specialized mental health docket, and a revised and revamped diversion program. These are ideals that should have been implemented years ago and still should be today. As a defense attorney, I have had countless successes reforming my clients, and as our future judge, I will continue to do just that.

While I respect my opponents, if they are elected, nothing will change. Lakewood desperately needs to change. It is time for a new approach to how the Lakewood Municipal Court works. I am a different type of attorney, and it’s time for a different type of judge. It’s time for someone who has actively represented citizens to be in charge of the citizens’ court. It’s time for a new approach to

help Lakewood’s people, businesses, and the community as a whole. That is why I believe I would be the best choice for Lakewood Municipal Court Judge. I appreciate your support and, hopefully, your vote in the Primary on September 14.

**Brian Taubman**  
Lakewood resident Brian Taubman is a candidate for Lakewood Municipal Court Judge.

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## Businesses And Projects, Many Things Are Getting Done In Ward One

by Tess Neff,  
Lakewood City Council Ward 1

Immigrant Son Brewery at 18120 Sloane Ave. is opening soon! The owner, Andrew Revy told me they are finishing the construction, they have started brewing, and canning will begin at the end of July. A fun fact Revy told me is there will be a beer named in honor of Zydrunas Ilgauskas (“Z”), a former basketball player with the Cleveland Cavaliers. All you IPA lovers can look forward to trying PerZverence, which will be available in a can or draft. Z himself is an immigrant from Lithuania and has chosen to make Lakewood his home. The full-service brew pub will have an executive chef with a food menu that consists of old world meets the new world cuisine. Need a private room for a gathering or event? Revy has you covered, and he stated the space will be great.

Please welcome new business, Ceram Works located at 17303 Detroit Ave., and opened in June. I attended the grand opening on June 19 and had the pleasure to meet the owners Julian and Maran Rogers. The venue is wonderfully spacious with lots of natural light


that the community can enjoy. The couple offer canvas and ceramic painting to create a unique gift with your personal touch. There is also a private room to gather with family and friends.

Although it looks like a mess, the Detroit-Sloane project once completed will be a beautiful gateway to our western border. The sewer improvements construction continues, and the water main work is completed. Progress was delayed a few weeks due to some unexpected additional work and the wet weather. Phase I work will begin soon which includes paving the north side of the roadway and traffic will be shifted to the south side with a single lane of traffic in each direction. Approximately 45 days later, Phase II pavement work will be performed on the south side of the roadway including adding the multi-purpose trail. Traffic will be shifted to the north side during the 45-day pavement time frame.

Lauderdale Ave. residents are getting a full dose of construction on their street. The project involves a major rehabilitation of the watermain, sewer, and pavement on the very narrow street.

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# Lakewood Potpourri

## Free Food, Community Meals

*compiled by Betsy Voinovich*  
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email trinitylakewoodoffice@gmail.com.  
Trinity Lutheran Church Lakewood is at 1375 West Clifton Boulevard.  
**Madison Park**  
Third Thursdays at Madison Park July 15, Aug. 19 and Sept. 16 from 6-7:30 p.m.  
This summer series hosted by Friends of Madison Park features free community events in the grassy area next to Madison Park's main picnic pavilion near the softball field.  
**Madison Court Block Party**  
Madison Park  
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## Attorney Marc Dann Sues DeWine Over Unemployment

*by Matt Kuhns*  
Attorney Marc Dann, a Lakewood resident, is suing the DeWine administration on behalf of unemployed Ohioans.  
The Federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program provides funds for an extra \$300 per week, for eligible unemployed claimants. Governor Mike DeWine terminated Ohio's participation in the program effective June 26, although the funds remain available.

Dann, a former Ohio Attorney General, filed suit July 6 in Cuyahoga Common Pleas Court, against DeWine and Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services Director Matt Damschroder.  
Dann's core argument is that Ohio law requires Damschroder to seek as much benefit as possible from programs like Federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance. Ohio Revised Code Section ORC 4141.43(I) requires that he "...cooperate with the United States department of labor to the fullest extent...[and] take such action...as may be necessary to secure to this state and its citizens all advantages available under the provisions of the 'Social Security Act' that relate to unemployment compensation..."  
Ohioans from across the state have detailed the harm caused by DeWine's order, in correspondence shared with Dann's lawfirm. One woman wrote "I am a psych nurse, my husband was a machinist for standard aero. Until



planes start flying and families start placing dementia/Alzheimer's loved ones back in facilities we won't get our jobs back." Many others related personal hardship, as well as ongoing problems with Ohio's unemployment bureaucracy. Several people contacted Dann seeking help from other states where Republican governors have also turned away the additional funds.  
Similar lawsuits are underway in some of those states, including Indiana where Indiana Superior Court Judge John Hanley ruled in June that the state must continue paying the benefits.  
"Indiana's statutory language is very similar to Ohio's," says Dann. "We believe we are right on the law and absolutely right as it relates to public policy that protects the interests of the people of the state of Ohio."  
*Lakewood resident Matt Kuhns is a freelance graphic designer, and occasional author.*

## Letter To The Editors

### Who Should Judge Us?

*by Bob Soltys*  
In a few weeks, we'll select the person who will preside over one of the most important things guaranteed to us as American citizens: A fair and impartial trial in a court of law. Serving as a federal administrative law judge for eight years, presiding over felony preliminary hearings as a Navy judge advocate, and thirty-five years of trial and appellate experience before federal, military, and state courts as well as administrative agencies has given me an understanding of the experience, attention to detail, preparation, and seasoning needed to serve the public as a judge.  
Two of the three candidates are highly qualified to serve as a judge. Sara Fagnalli has over thirty years of experience in private practice as a prosecutor and assistant prosecutor, and before state and federal courts. Ms. Fagnalli's résumé includes volunteer work with the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, as Chair of the Lakewood Charter Review Commission, with the Community Development Block Grant Program, as well as a variety of civic organizations. Significantly, she has served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. This shows her knowledge of the law and her ability to mentor others.  
The other qualified candidate, Tess Neff, served as a Court Magistrate for nine years, hearing and deciding cases in the Lakewood Municipal Court and later in the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court. She's been an attorney for almost thirty years. Ms. Neff is a Certified Court Manager and a Certified Court Executive. In 2013 she received a State Community Recognition Award for Juvenile Re-Entry Court. A former police officer, Ms. Neff has served on the Engagement Committee for the Beck Center for the performing arts. She has judicial experience and is a seasoned attorney.  
The third candidate lacks the thirty

years of experience that both Ms. Fagnalli and Ms. Neff would bring to our Municipal Court bench. During just thirteen years practicing law, he hasn't served as an assistant prosecutor, magistrate, or an Adjunct Professor of Law. As for seasoning, when he unsuccessfully ran for judge in 2015, he showed up at Senator Skindell's \$100-a-plate fundraiser at Georgetown Vosh Restaurant in a t-shirt and worn out blue jeans. The incumbent dressed up with a conservative blue suit and a rep tie. Who looked more judicial? Who paid attention to detail? Who prepared for the encounter?  
In the coming weeks, you will select the person who will be responsible for deciding innocence or guilt, and if a fine or a jail sentence should be imposed upon convicted offenders. Ask yourself: Which candidate will give you their complete attention instead of looking down at their cell phone? Which candidate pays attention to detail? Which candidate would you want to decide your fate or that of a family member should they run afoul of the law? Which candidate has really served our community? Which candidate is best prepared to think things through? Who has the most relevant experience? Which candidate "gets it"?  
Being a judge isn't about friendship, the good ole boy network, or going along to get along. It's about maturity, experience, seasoning, thoughtfulness, independence, and experience. It's about doing the right thing, even when no one else is watching.  
The upcoming judicial primary and election will be your only chance for six years to decide which candidate will pay attention and listen to you, and carefully deliberate about the cases that come before them.  
You have an important choice to make. Choose wisely.  
*Bob Soltis is a retired federal administrative law judge.*

## Clark New Rotary President

*by Lynn Donaldson*  
Steve Clark has been installed as the ninety-sixth president of the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River for the Rotary year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, succeeding Gina Gavlak.  
Clark's first exposure to Rotary was his family hosting a youth exchange student from Brazil. He joined the Lakewood-Rocky River Sunrise Club in July 2011 and transferred to his current club seven years later.  
The installation took place at the club's annual Past Presidents Picnic at Elmwood Park. Nine past presidents attended including 50-year Rotarian Thom Geist. Gavlak presided over the ceremonies and inducted Clark, who was joined by his children and their families.  
Past President Marjorie Corrigan (2019-2020) thanked Gavlak for her year of service through the pandemic and gave her the past president pin. Past presidents Julius Skerlan, Larry Yunaska and Bill Huffman attended the grill.  
Sworn in as directors (2021-2024) were Leslie Favre-Krogman, Gina Gavlak, and Harlan Radford. They join

directors Pam Gallagher-Vine, and Jim Lechko (2019-2022), and George Hwang, George Frank, and Chris Arnold (2020-2023).  
Rotary's theme for 2020-2021 is "Serve to Change Lives." The club meets at noon on Mondays at Umerley Center in Rocky River. The club's website is [www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org](http://www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org).

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# Lakewood Education



## It Takes A Community

by Dr. Charles Greanoff

"We don't see funding for small classes b/c officials don't see learning as a humanizing experience- needing individualized attention, relationship building, & community. As long as that mindset exists, billions will go into the idea that learning is mechanical & transactional." I wish I had said this, but I must attribute these sentiments to their author, Selena Carrion, a teacher in the Bronx, rightfully frustrated over the NYC Mayor failure to prioritize reducing school size.

Fortunately, we don't have this problem in Lakewood, for the most part. But the wisdom of her position goes beyond the issue of class size. It captures the fundamental nature of education—or, rather, the educational ideal.

As we ask students to study, read, practice, defer gratification—enhancing their individual capacities--we build relationships and build a school community. These individual-community development imperatives are mutually inclusive, each enhancing the other.

Service to community is the highest possible aspiration—something to remember on Memorial Day, etc—but said service will have so much more potency when individuals have developed a whole range of individual talents. I've served on several boards/community groups, all of whom needed a treasurer. Fortunately, others with skills I lack were able to fill those positions.

We need citizens who will fill seats on school boards, coach youth programs, join the music boosters, etc.

The spirit of community starts at home but can be nurtured—or diminished-- by school. Small class-sizes, co-curricular activities and, indeed, shared, in person learning (inside and outside of the classroom) is the best way to maximize both individual achievement and community engagement. (The class pictured was one of my best ever. Every student played a huge role in our 9th period magic. The Baseball picture is representative of the joy of working toward a common goal).

## New Superintendent Takes Over

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through the use of makerspace classrooms and Project Lead the Way. Mrs. Niedzwiecki has continually innovated opportunities for Lakewood students and Lakewood educators to succeed. We are excited to continue her vision as superintendent.

This has been a positive and productive transition, one that has laid the foundation for success within Lakewood City Schools. The district

looks forward to Mrs. Niedzwiecki's leadership and knows that her guidance and vision will benefit Lakewood City Schools in meeting the challenges of providing 21st century educational experiences for our students.

On Monday, August 2, the Board of Education will host a reception for Superintendent Niedzwiecki prior to its regular monthly meeting. The event will take place in the Lakewood High cafeteria from 6-6:45 pm.

## Summer Meltdown Hybrid 5K & Family Fun Run July 25

by LakewoodAlive Staff

Summer Meltdown Hybrid 5K & Family Fun Run Next Sunday, July 25 - Register Today!

Secure Your Race Registration Now

It's time to lace up your running shoes and start training! Registration is now open for Lakewood Summer Meltdown Hybrid 5K & Family Fun Run sponsored by Melt Bar and Grilled, will be orchestrated as a hybrid event with an in-person race on Sunday, July 25 and a virtual race taking place July 10 through 23 to ensure that all participants have the opportunity to continue this long-held Lakewood summer tradition. The Hybrid Meltdown 5K serves as a fundraiser for LakewoodAlive, a community centered non-profit organization.

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

Day-of registration for the in-person race will be available starting at 8 a.m. on Sunday, July 25.

**Sign Up Today**—The Hybrid Meltdown Race is Quickly Approaching!



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# Lakewood Observer's Foodwood.®

## New Food Ventures In Foodwood, Ohio



Lakewood resident, expert on good eating and State Senator Nickie Antonio stopped by to congratulate Cassandra Fear and Daniel Ang on their new business venture Lakewood AF on Madison Ave. -check them out!

## Businesses And Projects, Many Things Are Getting Done In Ward One

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Residents have experienced water shut off and trickling water. Thank you, Lauderdale community, for your patience and enduring the inconveniences during the construction.

You may have noticed “For Lease” signs displayed at the Trinity Church at 1375 W. Clifton. The property transferred to Scalish Construction, a Lakewood based business, in June. All Architectural Board of Review and Planning Commission approvals were granted for the

mixed-use structure. Currently, Scalish is seeking to lease the property which will require building permits before any construction can begin.

Ward 1 residents and the entire community have a lot to look forward to in improvements, food, arts, activities and beautification.

Ward One Council representative 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.



Breakfast where the power brokers go, The Place To Be.

## The Place To Be Continues To Be The Place To Be

by Jim O'Bryan

Perhaps the title seems silly or nonsensical but it is not. Simply put, Lakewood's legendary “The Place To Be,” still remains a go-to staple for breakfast and lunch, and is the place to be: to be seen, to meet, to be fed, to relax. The diner, or more eloquently put, the Greek diner, is becoming a thing of the past. Diners, and lucheonnettes used to be everywhere, on the street, in stores like Woolworth's. They were included in every comedy show's skits from Jackie Gleason to Saturday Night Live. But like half hour-long situation comedy shows, they have faded into almost just a memory. But not here in Lakewood. Here we are blessed, and you should enjoy it, before it too fades into a memory.

This issue let's look at The Place To Be, located in DowntowN Lakewood. It has been a power meeting spot in the morning when, in the old days, you could see the who's who of Lakewood's business and politics, to kids stopping by for a hearty healthy lunch. And like all diners, the more diverse the clientele, the better it got.

With all this real community ambience the addition of quality well-cooked meals like grandma made is just an amazing plus.



A diner mainstay, Club Sandwich and Fries or Chips!

When you add in the service, which is not just stable but amazing, it becomes a cornerstone that should be treasured. I walked in after not stopping by for over a year, went to a back table, sat down was greeted with, “Hello Jim, the usual?” I thought, Okay, let's see, after all it didn't matter what she brought, it would be great. Five minutes later, out came the breakfast I had ordered many times, but not in over 12 months! THIS IS WHY stability, and locally-owned matters. Lakewood has many restaurants, but the best ones are locally owned or started. From Pier W to The Place To Be.

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## Rotary Club Of Lakewood Celebrates Charter Night

by Larry Faulhaber

Nearly 30 members and guests attended the Charter Night and social of the Rotary Club of Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise. It was hosted at the home of Club Member Bill Minnich in Lakewood. It was an evening for reflection, social gathering and recognition. Eric Jolly, the out-going President, presented the Rotary District Governor's Certificate to Larry Faulhaber in recognition as the Club's Unsung Hero for 2021. He stated that it recognizes Larry's unbridled passion for service, his outstanding connections for our media presence, and his advice and counsel. This was followed by the introduction of Jason

Pickering as the new Club Co-President for the 2021 – 2020 Rotary year. Jason then presented a gift certificate and a commemorative desk clock to out-going Eric for his service during this more than challenging year of the pandemic, closure of our meeting space, and development of our ZOOM meeting formats.

The Rotary Club of Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise members plan and organize many community, youth, vocational and international service projects. To learn more about how you can join with men and women in your area to give back through service in your community, and internationally, contact – sloopyohio19@gmail.com

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# Lakewood Business

## Lakewood Park July 24 Cleveland Shakespeare Festival Is Back

by CSF Staff

Having gone “virtual” last year, CSF is delighted to return to our mission of bringing FREE Shakespeare in the Park to Northeast Ohio.

We missed you. We hope you missed us. While life has not quite returned to what it was, we are beginning to take those tentative first steps into the sunlight. And what better way to catch those rays than with the Bard, a picnic, and good friends hanging in a park? In that spirit, we are presenting one of Bill’s most popular and enduring works, *Romeo & Juliet* - directed by Dusten Welch!

As always, all performances are FREE! Showtime is 7 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. We’ll be trekking all across Northeast Ohio, visiting many favorite haunts as well as some new locations.

Nearby dates for Lakewood residents: Sat July 24th, Coe Lake Park in Berea, 105 S. Rocky River Dr, Sun July 25th BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd, Bay Village, Friday August 6, Lakewood Park, 14532 Lake Ave. Sunday, August 8th,



Lincoln Park, 1200 Starkweather Ave, Tremont.

Interested in volunteering? CSF needs volunteer ushers to hand out programs and assist audience members in finding a place to sit. *Romeo & Juliet* will be staged Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights from July 23 to August 14 in 10 locations throughout the Cleveland area. Volunteers arrive at 6 p.m. Please sign up on SignUpGenius by clicking <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050944a4ae2babfa7-2021>

If you have any questions about CSF ushering, please contact Clark Button at [clark.button@gmail.com](mailto:clark.button@gmail.com).

*For more information, including cast and crew bios, please visit our website: [cleveshakes.org](http://cleveshakes.org)*

## Medical Discrimination Has No Home In Lakewood Or Ohio

by Susannah Selnick

In recent days, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed the Ohio state budget, with a particular line item that has caused tremendous uproar from medical professionals, civil rights organizations, and the general public.

Included in the \$74 billion, 2,400-page budget was a clause allowing health care workers, hospitals, and health insurance companies to refuse to provide or pay for medical services on the basis of moral, ethical, or religious objection. Critics of this language were quick to act, and rightfully so. The mere inclusion of this language allows medical professionals to deny services to LGBTQ+ patients on the basis of moral objection.

Why, then if 14 other line-items included in the budget were vetoed by DeWine, was this allowed to stay? According to the Governor, it is because healthcare in Ohio is plentiful, and anyone who is discriminated against can simply find another provider. In reality, this is not the case, as there are 159 Primary Care Provider Shortage Areas, and 120 Mental Health Provider Shortage Areas throughout the state, largely in rural areas.

Early criticism has come from the Ohio Hospital Association, the Ohio Insurance Association, and the Human Rights Campaign, to name a few. The new law puts the medical rights of over 380,000 Ohio residents in jeopardy, one of the largest LGBTQIA+ populations in



Susannah Selnick talking with Lakewood residents while going door to door.

the country.

It is up to Ohioans everywhere to decry this blatant discrimination and pandering to the anti-LGBTQ+ interest groups. This is a hateful practice that leaves people’s lives in the balance.

I am calling on you, Lakewood residents, healthcare workers, and LGBTQIA+ Allies to protect the lives of our neighbors, call the Governor’s Office and publicly speak out against this discrimination, call for a repeal of this new law.

*Susannah Selnick serves on the Friends of Madison Park community group, Advisory Board for the Lakewood Family YMCA, the Lakewood Chapter of the League of Women Voters, and is a Committee Member on the City of Lakewood Citizens Advisory Committee.*

## What Is CouCou Sentiment?

by Danielle Zann

You may have driven by or walked past a mysterious and quaint shop located on Detroit at the West End of Lakewood called CouCou Sentiment and wondered, “what the heck is a CouCou?!”

The word coucou, pronounced koo koo, is informal French for “hello” or “hey, there.”

You didn’t learn that from your French teacher in high school? No worries. Neither did shop owner and Lakewoodite, Danielle Zann, until some late-night musing on the internet. “My mother and I both studied French in high school but had no clue, but once I learned about it, it stuck, and this idea began to blossom around it.”

Danielle grew up in the Akron-Stow area and studied hospitality management at Kent State University where she hoped, one day, to own and operate her own business. Fast forward 20 years, with many corporate accomplishments but few personal sentimental memories (besides marrying her best friend and biggest supporter, Adam Zann ), Danielle had a new goal in sight: to be an entrepreneur. “... Opening a retail gift shop showcasing my truly eclectic style and allowing customers to find what they need on the go.”

“Having worked in many leadership roles where I was the first one in and last one out, I know that personal time is precious - and often missed. This makes it difficult to shop for a meaningful gift, let alone make an appearance at

a party or get together.” This inspired Danielle to open CouCou Sentiment, a one-stop gift and party supply shop that also offers some amazing services, including gift wrap and balloons.

The ever-revolving goods at this shop are colorful, fun and sassy... with a bit of traditional. “My aesthetic has always been a blend, which I believe allows me to meet the needs of a wide range of shoppers. I want everyone to find their CouCou.”

Danielle is a minority small business owner committed to giving an outlet to lesser known crafters and artists. From the rainbow “love is welcome” door mat as you enter, to the wide range of pride goods, CouCou Sentiment’s commitment to inclusiveness is forward-facing.

The past few years have been an unpredictable roller coaster for us all, and it’s become more important than ever to show those around us, and afar, that we care. It could be a small gesture such as an ornate bag or a hilarious card that can resonate with the ones you care about. Maybe you need a punch of color for the party settings, or maybe you just found something that is perfect for you. Everyone has a perfect CouCou!

Let’s continue to celebrate one another’s milestones. CouCou Sentiment’s curated offerings are available in store at 17409 Detroit Ave in Lakewood and can also be found online at [www.coucousentiment.com](http://www.coucousentiment.com).

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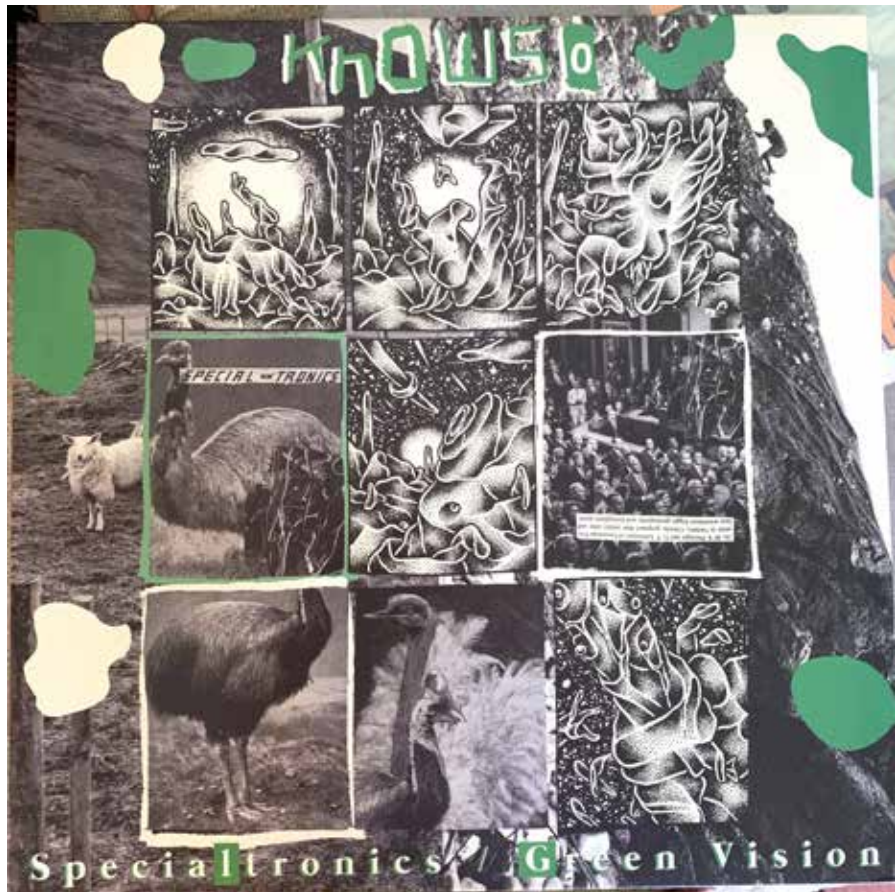
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Know What?:

Reviews Of Recent Releases

By Local Bands, Pt. 117

by Buzz Kompier

**Knowso - Specialtronics / Green Vision - Drunken Sailor Records - 10 songs - LP, digital**

Hot on the heels of last summer's two EPs (which are now also available on one handy 12" record courtesy of Drunken Sailor—recommended by this reviewer), Knowso, restored to their three-piece lineup of Nathan Ward, Jayson Gerycz, and Adam Zegarac, have come through with a full album. Musically, it follows through on the sound of the last few releases—staccato, kind of herky-jerky songs with Nathan delivering most of the lyrics in monotone, a definite Devo influence (I really hate to say that because I'm fully aware every worthless music writer compares any band at all from Ohio to Devo whether they sound in any way similar or not, but Knowso is the one band that actually really does. Take away my reviewer credentials if you must. Revoke my press pass! Oh wait, I don't have one of those). The main thing that stands out on here is that Nathan's lyrics, while never particularly cheery, seem particularly dark throughout most of this record. Right from the start with "Sea Of Tranquility," which is maybe the most depressed sounding I've ever heard the guy (up there with "King Of Things," but at least that one establishes some kind of 'me against the world' narrative). On the two title tracks, "Specialtronics" and "Green Vision," as well as on "Sad Dream," there's a tone of general disgust with the world. I love the lines in "Digital God" about "why do birds think it's morning when it's dark / why do birds / why

do I"— simple, but very effective. This is not to say the band has in any way abandoned their unique sense of humor— the scathingly anti-religion "Prophecy" has a refrain of "I say lobotomize the guy!" and most of the lyrics of "Peaceful and Extinct" are lifted from "Over The Hills And Far Away" by Led Zeppelin (I knew they were very familiar, but I did have to look them up to remember what song it was— I'm sure middle school Buzz would be very disappointed with me for having to do so). It does end on kind of a high note, though, with "Open Up The Book" being the most lyrically optimistic of the bunch, to my ears anyway, even if musically it's one of the most threatening sounding ones here. My trouble is this— I genuinely like most of these songs one by one, but when they appear in a sequence (an album is generally a sequence of songs, as you might know), it does get a little samey. It doesn't exactly detract from the enjoyment, but I can hear a riff in my head and look at the lyric sheet (which I'm very happy was included— I would still like to get the lyrics for the "Look At The Chart" EP at some point) and not be able to match what song it is I'm thinking of. Still, you can't say they don't have their own distinct sound, and again, I still thought it was pretty darn good. 3.5/5

([drunkensailorrecords.band-camp.com](mailto:drunkensailorrecords.band-camp.com))

Are you a local-ish band? Do you have a record out? Email vaguelythreatening@gmail.com or send it directly to the Observer: PO Box 770203, Lakewood, OH 44107.

Dance Is Back!



Nutcracker Auditions For

New Lakewood-Based

Dance Company

by Jennifer Muselin

Ballet Legato is excited to host its first annual production of The Nutcracker, choreographed by Executive Artistic Director, Jennifer Muselin. This is a holiday classic and every child remembers their first Nutcracker performance and the beauty and wonderment of the Sugar Plum Fairy and her brave Cavalier. All performers, regardless of studio, ages 5 & up are welcome to audition. Please email [info@balletlegato.org](mailto:info@balletlegato.org) to reserve your spot and arrive 30 min prior to audition time to fill out audition information.

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Students Ages 8-10 11am-11:30pm.  
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Rehearsals Saturdays: 3:30-6:30pm Children's roles. Sundays between 10am-3pm.

Each scene will not be required every week and will be planned accordingly.

Performance will be held at the Stocker Arts Center's Hoke Theatre/Lorain County Community College, Elyria, Oh on Saturday, December 18, 2021.

For more audition information, visit [balletlegato.org](http://balletlegato.org), visit us on our Facebook event page @BalletLegato or email [info@balletlegato.org](mailto:info@balletlegato.org) with questions.

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# Lakewood Is Art®

## Madison Park Is Happening

by Matt Bixenstein

### Third Thursdays at Madison Park

Friends of Madison Park and Lakewood Vineyard Church present free community events held in partnership with the City of Lakewood featuring refreshments from local eateries, family-friendly activities and neighborly conversation. Each event – scheduled for July 15, Aug. 19 and Sept. 16 – will take place on a Thursday evening (6 to 7:30 pm) in the grassy area next to Madison Park's main picnic pavilion near the softball field.

- Aug. 19 - Live Reggae Music by Local Band  
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## Clifton Boulevard On August 8 Edgewater Sidewalk Fest Brings Art, Music, Play

by Joshua Jones Forbes

This free event will be within walking distance of many Lakewood residents and we are also encouraging attendees to try RTA's upgraded 55 Cleveland State Line.

On Sunday, August 8, Edgewater Sidewalk Fest will celebrate Cleveland's coastal summertime with leisurely fun along Clifton Boulevard. This refreshing return to revelry is produced by Northwest Neighborhoods CDC and its predecessor, Cudell Improvement, Inc., and will feature exceptional local businesses and spur explorations of the beautiful Edgewater neighborhood.

Free and open to all, Edgewater Sidewalk Fest will be centered along Clifton Boulevard between W. 115th and W. 117th Streets with outdoor activities and live musicians from 12pm to 6pm. Come unwind with volleyball, face painting, and oversized tabletop games. Take snapshots at selfie stations, bring your puppy for a stroll, or keep your hands free for treats from Cleveland Cookie Dough, Scoot! Cold Brew, and other food pop-ups. Printed passports will guide your afternoon and give you chances to win prizes.

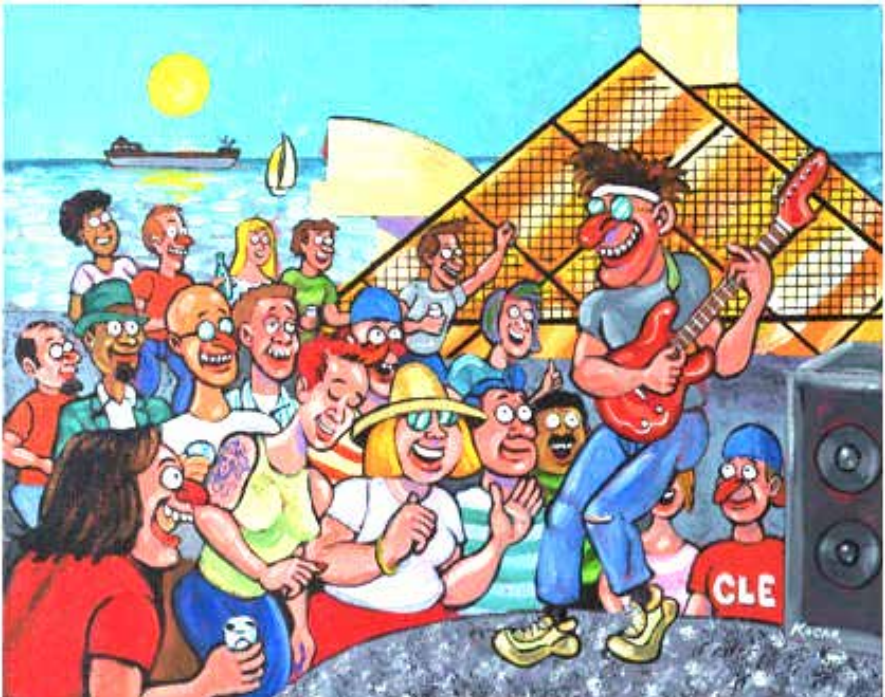
"We are thrilled to bring a free,

all-ages event to our Edgewater community again," said Adam Stalder, Executive Director of Northwest Neighborhoods. "You'll be delighted as you meet our creatives and entrepreneurs who call Edgewater and the nearby Cudell neighborhood home."

Local musicians Red Rose Panic, DJ Richie OneWay, and Floco Torres will provide beats and grooves at our beach-themed, outdoor lounge. City Dogs will set up sidewalk meetings with dogs seeking adoption from the Cleveland Kennel. West 117 Foundation will share their LGBTQ+ community services and plans for the forthcoming Studio West 117 hub. Event volunteers will also encourage three easy excursions: to Detroit Avenue to see live mural painting by artist Stina Aleah, to W. 110th Street for shopping at Urban Planting and Pet-tique, and to Edgewater Park for perfect lake views.

Small businesses along Clifton Boulevard have blossomed over the last year. Be among the first to try the new gourmet popcorn shop, The Fancy

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Lakewoodite George Kocar will be at the festival.

## Saturday, August 7th, 10AM - 6PM Lakewood Arts Festival Real Art, Real Music, Real Food

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Detroit.  
Originally founded in 1978 to bring artists to the city for a street festival, in 1981 the Board of the non-profit decided to fund an annual scholarship for Lakewood seniors continuing to art school. After the Festival, the Board will present \$4,000 to the 2021 recipient, Nola Williams-Riseng, who will attend the Cleveland Institute of Art, this fall.  
The event also funds grants for arts education and programming in the city. Recent awardees include H2O (Help to Others, middle-school students), The Barton Center (senior arts activities), The Beck Center for the Arts (Saturday programs and Lakewood



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Live performance is another aspect of original art to appreciate at this year's fest. Ten performers on two stages include music at the MARS STAGE and CENTER CITY PARK featuring Senegalese drummer Assane M'baye, Luca Mundaca with Alexis Antes, Chris Allen, Meg and the Magnetosphere and more. In addition, The Beck Center offers unique arts-based performances and activities for children and adults.

EAT ON THE STREET food court is located in front of Lakewood Library on Detroit and will offer a selection of the region's best food trucks.

Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the festival, along with additional spacing between the artists' booths.



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