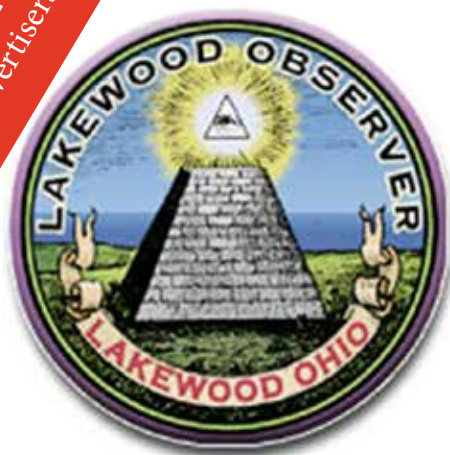


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Matt, Mayor George and Margaret Rose! More on page 2

Lakewood's Newest Lakewoodite!

by Jim O'Bryan

With the good news that Lakewood Census has managed to stay above 50,000 residents, is the even better news that our Mayor, Meghan George has done her share to make sure it stays that way with partner Matt Hagan. Recently they increased Lakewood's population by one with their new baby and Lakewoodite Margaret Rose Hagan.

photos by Jim O'Bryan

City Of Lakewood Making Major Investments At Madison Park

by John Storey

The City of Lakewood provided an update on several capital investments being installed at Madison Park this year. The improvements come as a result of conversations between the Mayor's office, City Council, and Lakewood residents regarding park priorities, including concerns over how to ensure that Madison Park – Lakewood's second largest city-owned park – has

the resources and amenities it needs to serve the city's southeastern neighborhoods.

“I'm very excited about the investments the City is making at Madison Park, and the fact that we were able to quickly and creatively meet many of the community's immediate goals,” said Mayor Meghan George. “I make it a point to listen to what our residents

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Healthy Lakewood Foundation To Hold 3rd Annual Community Meeting on September 22

by Kate Ingersoll

The Healthy Lakewood Foundation's Board of Directors warmly welcomes all members of the Lakewood community to attend its Community Meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held virtually. The meeting is an opportunity to learn about HLF's work over the past year as well as

its upcoming plans for grant-making, collaboration, and community engagement.

Please save the date on your calendar. Zoom meeting invitations will be posted in the Observer, the HLF website, via email, and on Facebook and Twitter. We hope you can join us!

Kate Ingersoll is the Executive Director of the Healthy Lakewood Foundation.

In A Rough Week Lakewood First Responders Shine Again



Recovering the body of Nathaniel Henderson from the waters of Lakewood Park. Here, waiting for the Coroner.



Fifty-seven trees down in the recent storm. Stabilizing a person with 12,000 lbs of tractor on him!

by Dan O'Malley, Lakewood City Council President

This has been an especially busy and challenging week for Lakewood's public servants. But, as usual, they have risen to the challenges. In addition to the normal flow of emergencies and calamities that our firefighters, paramedics, police officers, and Public Works employees must tend

to every day, there were three particular situations I want to underscore, and call attention to the incredible work that Lakewood's taxpayers are getting from the city's workforce.

First, on Wednesday, a backhoe collapsed on top of a man working at a property on Thoreau Ave. Our Fire Dept. and other first responders shot into action immediately,

bringing every last bit of their training and experience to bear in quite literally saving the man's life. Our Public Works Department employees also thought creatively in dispatching heavy equipment to aid in the situation - a critically important decision.

That night, an unusu-

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The Cuyahoga Democratic Women's Caucus



Several Lakewood candidates running for office this fall gathered at Bernice Pyke Park this past Saturday (14th), to chat with residents about why they are each qualified to run for office. The Cuyahoga Democratic Women's Caucus (CDWC) encourages and supports women running for office. The Caucus brought bubbles, hula hoops, corn hole, and snacks.

The Mayor's Corner

Welcome Our Newest Lakewoodite

by Meghan George
Mayor of Lakewood

As many of you know, my partner Matt and I recently were thrilled to welcome the arrival of our baby girl, Maggie. In the short time since, our growing

family has been amazed at how so many of you have reached out to congratulate us with words of kindness and support. While I was humbled by this outpouring, I was not surprised. Lakewood is the kind of place people seek out

to raise their families because of the incredible community found here. We are so grateful to be part of this community.

It is difficult to put in words how excited I am to raise our family in this city where I grew up and am now so fortunate to serve. Lakewood is truly unique in the way we are able to serve families and provide services and amenities. It's a place where generations of children, parents, and grandparents grow up and choose to stay or come back as they set down roots.

You may have also heard about the efforts underway to invest in and improve Madison Park. This effort was driven by community voices who helped my administration and city council understand resident pri-

orities and seize opportunities to make a city gem even better. It's this kind of deep engagement and dedication that has been essential to making Lakewood the ideal place to raise family – or to start a business, retire, get involved, and to live a full life.

Part of what also makes Lakewood great are the events that bring us all together. Thanks to everyone who came out on August 7th to support local artists at the 44th Annual Lakewood Arts Fest. The event was a big success, and others are on the way with Friday Night Flicks and Third Thursday continuing this month and into September, the annual Lakewood Community Festival on 9/11. I hope to see you out and about enjoying the warm weather and all Lakewood has to offer in the weeks to come.

City Of Lakewood Beats Census Estimates, Population Remains Over 50,000

by John Storey

The US Census Bureau released its official population count for the 2020 census, and the City of Lakewood, Ohio once again topped 50,000 in total population, remaining the densest city in Ohio. With a total population of 50,942, Lakewood actually beat the Census' own estimates, and remained the third largest city in Cuyahoga County, and one of the top 20 in the entire state.

"We know Lakewood is a highly desirable place to live, and that interest in calling our city home continues to grow, so I'm not surprised we hit these population totals and beat the estimates," said Mayor Meghan George. For the past two years, the Census Bureau had estimated Lakewood below the key threshold of 50,000, which allows cities to qualify for key federal dollars. Lakewood will remain an "entitlement" community and thus continue to qualify for critical Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) dollars from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

HUD's formula for allocating those block grant dollars allocates 70 percent, after set-asides, to "entitlement" communities. These include larger cities

with populations over 50,000, central cities and urban counties and 30 percent to states which are distributed to smaller communities. These CDBG funds can be used to renovate housing; construct or improve public facilities; purchase real estate; and invest in our infrastructure.

George sees the city likely to have growth over the next decade. "We have added a number of housing units along our major commercial corridors, and there are plans to add hundreds more in the near future," she said. "We have strategically cultivated new housing that is both high quality and also serves a diverse socio-economic market, so I expect our population to continue to trend upward."

George explained her thinking on why the city was able to exceed the estimates and pass the 50,000 number. "We would not have gotten a fair representation without the dedicated work of our city staff, Lakewood City Council and our entire community," said George. "It was all hands on deck, and we communicated the importance of the census count, kept on it, and encouraged our residents to complete the census questionnaire."

John Storey is Chief of Staff to Mayor Meghan F. George.




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3 tips to cope with hay fever.



DeVon Preston, MD
Cleveland Clinic
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Nice weather and sunshine sounds like a recipe for – disaster? That can be the case if you have seasonal allergies. During the warm months in Northeast Ohio, trees, grasses and weeds bloom and flourish.

When plant pollen is inhaled, histamine is released in the body triggering allergic rhinitis – or hay fever. Itchy eyes, a scratchy throat or a runny nose are all signs of hay fever season.

“The body mistakes pollen as something dangerous. The immune system releases antibodies and histamines as a way to protect itself,” explains DeVon Preston, MD, an allergy and immunology specialist at Cleveland Clinic Lakewood Family Health Center.

Dr. Preston offers these top three tips to curb allergy symptoms:

1.Keep your windows closed. Don't use fans; they stir up dust. When you're driving alone, set the air conditioning to recirculate air.



2.Rinse and repeat. “Use saline solution to irrigate your nasal passages. This helps to rinse out allergens and relieve congestion,” says Dr. Preston.
3.Take a shower. Shower after outdoor activities to wash off pollen that may have accumulated.

If these simple tips don't seem to control hay fever symptoms, an allergy test may be beneficial. An allergist can guide you to the proper over-the-counter medication or prescribe something to clear up symptoms.

Additionally, some allergy sufferers may develop asthma.

“The good news is, whether it's natural methods or medical ones, an allergist can work with you to craft a plan that lets you enjoy the outdoors without suffering,” says Dr. Preston.

To make an appointment with Dr. Preston or another Cleveland Clinic allergy and immunology specialist, call 216.444.6503.

Herniated disks can heal with rest, medication, therapy and time.



Rachel Adolph, PA-C
Cleveland Clinic
Lakewood Family
Health Center

One minute you're completely fine, bending down to pick something up. The next minute a shooting, irritating pain is plaguing your neck or back.

“Your pain could be a herniated disk, which occurs when one of

the disks which supports and cushions your spine ruptures or herniates,” explains Rachel Adolph, PA-C, at Cleveland Clinic Lakewood Family Health Center. “As a result, the jelly-like center of the disk leaks, irritating the nearby nerves and causing back and leg pain.”



People experience symptoms of a disk herniation when it presses on a nerve or the spinal cord. A pinched nerve is called radiculopathy and typically causes shooting pain, numbness or weakness. Depending on what nerve is pinched, it can cause pain in a variety of places.

If you have a herniated disk in your lumbar (lower) spine, the pain might come down your leg, buttocks or hip.

If your herniated disk is pinching a nerve in your cervical (upper) spine, you may feel arm pain or weakness that shoots down your shoulder or upper back.

Treatment options may include:

- Ice and rest
- Physical therapy and stretches
- Anti-inflammatory medication
- A dose pack of steroids
- Surgery (extreme cases only)

The average amount of time it takes for a herniated disk to heal is four to six weeks, but it can resolve within a few days depending on how severe the herniation was and where it occurred.

In most cases, a herniated disk is the result of age-related disk degeneration. It can also be caused by improperly lifting heavy objects and repetitive movements, such as pulling, pushing, bending sideways or twisting. Being overweight, genetics and smoking may also increase your risk.

To schedule an appointment with a Cleveland Clinic spine specialist, please call 216.636.5860 or visit ClevelandClinic.org/Spine.

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Understanding Concussions: Youth, High School and College Athletes

Virtual Health Talk: Thursday, September 9 @ 6:30 p.m.

Sports-related concussions continue to be a major concern in young athletes, and any level of concussion can become a serious health issue.

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Meet The Candidates

by *Cindy Strebis*

Meet the Candidates for Lakewood Council At Large, Municipal Court, and School Board on Saturday, August 28 from 9A to 12P. The event is sponsored by the Lakewood Chapter of the League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland and the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce. Lakewood citizens

are strongly encouraged to come to the Kiwanis Pavilion at Lakewood Park to ask questions, get answers, and acquaint themselves with the voting process. To join the Lakewood Chapter of the League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland, please go to lwvgreatercleveland.org.

Lakewood Kiwanis FREE Book Giveaway

by *Anna Bacho*

Lakewood Kiwanis wants every kid to have a book. The club is continually collecting books from-libraries, personal donations, club members and now they want to give them away. Every child needs to have a book to call their own and Lakewood Kiwanis wants to give them that. The books are in the range of picture books for young

children up to Middle School novels. Please stop by The Lakewood Kiwanis Pavilion on August 31, 2021 at noon and The Community Picnic at Madison Park on September 11, 2021 to get your FREE books. The Kiwanis Club of Lakewood is celebrating 100 years of service in 2021. This is just one project we are proud to do. #KidsNeedKiwanis

Another Endorsement To Keep Kepple On Council

by *Andrew Harant*

Cuyahoga County Young Democrats recently became the latest of many local organizations and officials to endorse Sarah Kepple for an At-Large Lakewood City Council position in the upcoming elections. “[Kepple is] a fierce advocate for making government transparent and accessible and will continue to ensure health, safety, and prosperity to Lakewood residents if elected to City Council,” said The Patriots PAC. Cuyahoga County Democratic Party, Cuyahoga Democratic Women’s Caucus, Cleveland Stonewall Democrats, and North Shore AFL-CIO have also each endorsed Kepple, who has been serving on Council since being unanimously appointed in February 2020. “We value bright, enthusiastic, positive leadership in Lakewood,” said State Senator Nickie Antonio, “Sarah has been an effective and responsive leader on council since her appointment last year, and that’s why we need to keep Kepple on Council.” Other

elected officials standing behind Kepple include State Representative Mike Skindell, State Representative Juanita Brent, Lakewood City Schools Board Member Emma Petrie Barcelona, Ward 2 Lakewood City Councilperson Jason Shachner, and Lakewood City Council President Dan O’Malley, who added, “Sarah joined council at a critical time for our city, and she quickly established herself as a leader and a trusted voice in the community. Sarah has served Lakewood with passion and integrity.” What is it about Kepple that resonates so well with all of these groups and individuals? Is it her long history of public service, particularly in public and school libraries? Is it her experience as an entrepreneur and small business owner? Or maybe the leadership and work ethic she demonstrated in activism and community organizing? Whatever it is, one thing is clear—there is a consensus that Sarah has the unique combination of empathy, energy and skill needed to help shepherd Lakewood out of the Covid



by *Andrea Fisher*

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Children/Youth Events At Lakewood Public Library

by *Nic Starr*

Virtual Storytime

For all ages

Join Lakewood Library staff members virtually as they read children’s picture books and share songs, rhymes and finger plays. View these exclusive videos from our website at lakewoodpubliclibrary.org or through our Facebook at facebook.com/lakewoodpubliclibrary.

Virtual Author Visits

For all ages

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Extra Items	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$2.00	\$2.50
Chicken	\$2.00	\$2.50	\$3.50	\$4.50
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City Of Lakewood Making Major Investments At Madison Park


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and taxpayers see as key priorities. This year, people have made it clear that additional resources were needed at Madison Park as soon as possible. I was able to work with my directors and our city team to find and repurpose resources and move quickly to implement those improvements to the park this year while we develop a future long term strategic plan for the rest of the park.”

This month, City crews will install a new connector path to complete a parkwide loop, and also complete water and sewer line work and the pouring of new concrete pads. This initial work will be followed by the introduction of basketball court bleachers, a drinking fountain, a bike rack, and barbeque grills. These items will be installed this year, with timing dependent on staggered delivery from merchants and contractors. The improvements are also being paired with enhanced programming at Madison Park, including a youth mentoring program developed in partnership with the Lakewood Outdoor Basketball Committee.

Mayor George noted that the City was able to move quickly to make the Madison Park improvements happen, despite the challenges of budgeting,



- **Madison Park
Proposed Improvements**
1. Sidewalk trail connection

- Completes park loop
 - Promotes walkers / runners

2. Court bleacher

- Capacity for next teams and spectators (3 row bleacher with 30 seats total)
 - Allows picnic tables to be used by others

3. Park grills

- Amenity to support park / neighborhood events and employees at Screw Factory

4. Drinking fountain

- Amenity to support basketball court

5. Other improvements

- Dedicated pedestrian entry from parking lot
 - Bike racks relocated from parking lot
 - WRDSMTH Mural (gifted)

6. Lift canopy of large tree adjacent to court to 8 feet of clearance

- Improves sight lines into park and court
 - Maintains shade over bleachers and picnic tables

scheduling, and the current difficulties obtaining labor and materials in the market. “None of these capital costs were in our original 2021 parks budget or were expected as part of our ongoing maintenance and improvement calendar at our parks this year,” said Mayor George. “Through our community conversations, new needs were discovered, and it became clear that this had to be a top priority for 2021. My admin-

istration was able to be creative, and dedicate dollars left over from other projects that came in under budget. Although not originally on the radar for 2021, we still were able to make this project happen while living up to our commitment to fiscal responsibility and high quality amenities for our residents.”

The quick action was a result of city staff efforts and community involvement. “I want to thank our team at the City for their hard work and dedication

to making the most of our limited taxpayer dollars while introducing more high quality amenities to our parks,” said Mayor George. “I also want to send a big thank you to the members of the community who contributed, including the Friends of Madison Park, the Lakewood Outdoor Basketball Committee, and the Madison Court Block Party. Lakewood residents are deeply committed, and this project benefitted immensely from community input and engagement.”

The View From City Council

by Jason Shachner
Baseball Field Improvements

At our last Public Works and Sustainability Committee meeting, Mayor Meghan George, School Board President Betsy Shaughnessy, Lakewood City Schools’ Assistant Superintendent Dr. Christine Palumbro, and Council discussed maintenance of Lakewood’s baseball fields. Unlike most cities, Lakewood’s Recreation Department is administered by the School Board. Currently, the School Board is responsible for maintaining the infields and the City is responsible for maintaining everything else. Over the past five years the City has invested \$1 million on lighting, improving the dugouts, bleachers, and other items related to the maintenance of the baseball fields.

Since June, representatives from the George Administration, School Board, and Recreation Department have been meeting to create a Memorandum of Understanding to delineate the maintenance responsibilities more clearly. Mayor George informed Council that she is working with the School Board to prepare a Request for Proposals to improve Foxx Field at Kauffman Park. My Council colleagues and I expressed our support of authorizing the funds necessary to improve all of Lakewood’s baseball fields.

Several members of the public expressed their dissatisfaction with the Recreation Department during the meeting. Unfortunately, City Council does not have any authority over the Recreation Department. If you have a complaint about the Rec-



Olivia Atalanta Shachner!

reation Department, please attend the Community Recreation & Education Commission meeting that is held on the last Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM at the Central Office at Taft located at 13701 Clifton Blvd.

Anti-Racism Task Force Vacancies

Lakewood City Council is seeking new members to join the City’s Anti-Racism Task Force. A successful applicant should be comfortable having candid conversations about race, demonstrate an understanding of systemic racism and have previous experience engaging in social justice issues, advocacy efforts, and/or community outreach.

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Beyond Juicery + Eatery Opens

by Rachael Berner

Beyond Juicery + Eatery, a rising leader in the healthy fast-casual food industry, announced the opening of its seventh Ohio location in Lakewood. Set to open on August 12, the restaurant is located at 15008 Detroit Avenue.

To commemorate the opening, the Lakewood Beyond Juicery + Eatery will host a smoothie social and ribbon cutting event, which will feature free menu items for the community on Thursday, August 19 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. along with a grand opening event on Saturday, August 21 where free 12 oz. Total Energy (strawberry banana) smoothies will be available from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

“It has truly been incredible to see the enthusiasm and positive responses coming from communities across Ohio as we’ve strived to make Beyond Juicery + Eatery a health-focused staple throughout the Greater Cleveland area,” said Prada Masada, operations manager for the Ohio locations. “With fresh food options in such strong demand, I’m confident that Beyond’s rejuvenating vibe will align beautifully with locals in Lakewood, and that this is exactly the kind of restaurant the community has been craving. We are very much looking forward to expanding the brand’s rapidly growing footprint in Ohio even further in the months ahead.”

The iconic wellness-focused eat-

Beyond Juicery + Eatery Hosts
Grand Opening Celebrations At The Lakewood Location
WHAT: Beyond Juicery + Eatery, known for its delicious healthy menu offerings, is inviting the Lakewood community to commemorate the opening of its new restaurant with events featuring free food, smoothies and more!
The new restaurant’s celebration is not limited to just one day, as Lakewood residents can stop by for the festivities either during its Smoothie Social or Grand Opening event. The two events will include:
Smoothie Social & Ribbon Cutting – Thursday, August 19 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm
Free menu items available
Ribbon Cutting at 6:00 pm
Grand Opening – Saturday, August 21 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Free 12 oz. Total Energy (strawberry banana) smoothies offered
The event is open to the public and media. Interviews and photos will be available on-site.
WHY: To celebrate the opening, thank the Lakewood residents for welcoming the new business and demonstrate Beyond Juicery + Eatery’s commitment to “be the best part of someone’s day.”
WHERE: Beyond Juicery + Eatery Lakewood (15008 Detroit Ave)
WHEN: Thursday, August 19 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Saturday, August 21 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

ery looks forward to bringing its “people who care about people” mindset and refreshing business model to Lakewood in addition to the brand’s existing locations in Downtown Cleveland, Cleveland Uptown, Highland Heights, Mentor, Copley and Green, with another currently in development in Brecksville.

“We couldn’t be more excited for the Ohio development team to be introducing our brand to the Lakewood community,” said Mijo Alanis, co-founder of Beyond Juic-

ery + Eatery. “Achieving vast success with their other locations throughout Ohio, I have full faith in their ability to carry through our people-first values and commitment to wellness as they expand their ownership with Beyond. We look forward to supporting the team as they continue to establish the Beyond Juicery + Eatery name throughout additional areas of Greater Cleveland.”

Beyond Juicery + Eatery has fresh food that tastes beyond good. Offering a wide variety of made-to-order juices, smoothies, wraps, smoothie bowls and salads, its commitment to fresh ingredients are what set it apart from other restaurant concepts in the industry. Additional offerings include homemade salad dressings, hummus and salsa, and 100% USDA organic bottled juices and wellness shots.

About Beyond Juicery + Eatery
The Michigan-based, health-focused, fast-casual restaurant concept was founded in 2005 by husband-and-wife duo Mijo Alanis and Pam Vivio in Birmingham, Michigan. The couple recognized the gap in healthy food options, and started Beyond Juicery + Eatery to provide their community with the freshest smoothies, salads, juices and wraps. Founded with a can-do attitude, a mission to do what others won’t and a focus on providing exceptional customer experiences, Beyond Juicery + Eatery started franchising in 2019 and currently has more than 30 restaurants open. Today, the fast casual concept is focused on growing throughout the Midwest.

For more information about Beyond Juicery + Eatery please visit: <https://beyondjuiceryeatery.com/>

In A Rough Week Lakewood

First Responders Shine Again

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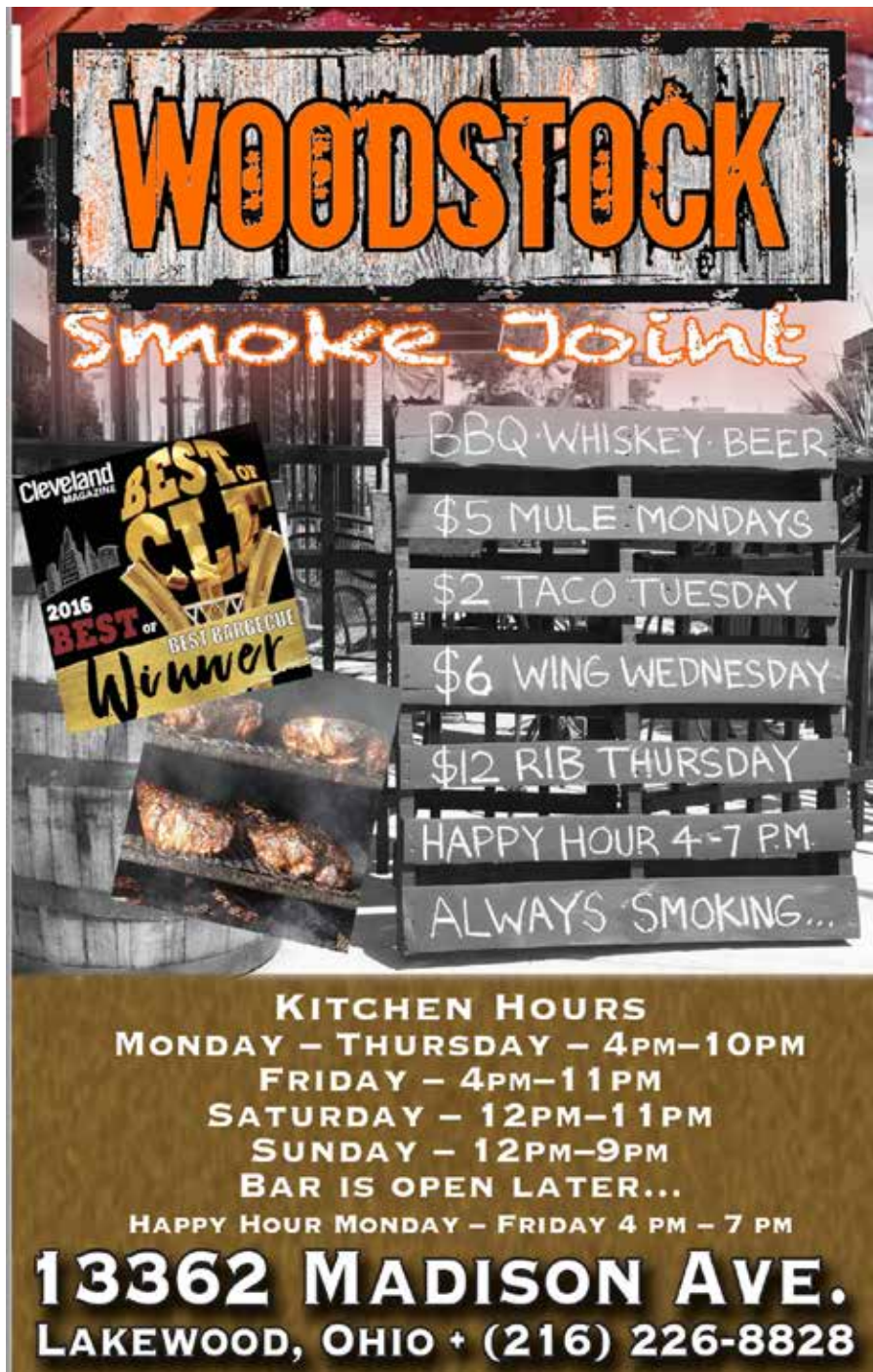
ally powerful storm blew through Lakewood, knocking down trees and power lines and leaving most of Lakewood without electricity. Our first responders and public works employees - who had barely caught their breath from the Thoreau incident - were seen all around the city clearing massive amounts of debris, blocking off power lines, assisting elderly residents who were without power, and attending to the most serious property damage.

As you have likely heard by now, a body was found yesterday in the water at Lakewood Park. I want to acknowledge the firefighters, paramedics, and police officers who were able to professionally and discreetly recover the

man’s body from the water’s edge - no small feat at 7pm on a beautiful summer night at Lakewood Park.

These may seem like extraordinary circumstances to us, but when Lakewood’s public servants show up to work every day they know full-well that any of these kinds of incidents - or much worse - are possible. They have not only risen to the call of duty, but in each case have gone above and beyond it. I couldn’t be prouder or more grateful for their bravery, professionalism, and service to our community.

And a big thank you to the workers at Kufner Towing, Utility Workers Union Local 270, and the U.S. Coast Guard who contributed significantly to these efforts.



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Lakewood Cares

The Lakewood Family Room

by Angela Potts

Many years ago, I wrote an article about The Lakewood Family Room. Yesterdays, turned into yesteryears and now the families that I embraced have young adult children. Yes, they sleep through the night, and yes, they have found their words, and yes, they can do most things on their own. They are now starting and ending their college years, are working in our community, living on their own and dare I say some are on the verge of getting married.

Time has just marched on. We couldn't stop the parade. More births, teenage anguish, different worries and even death were among us, a steady beat, the ticking of a clock, the pulse of a drum. Many friendships stayed strong, morphing into family, some faded and became holiday, crisis or memory friendships. I will forever hold space for this gift that was presented to me.

However, as time for all of us moved along, The Lakewood Family Room has stood her ground of always supporting families. Her space is outside in the green summers and inside during times when hibernation descends. Everywhere I look, I see young families, and I want to shout her message, "Come to me, I will provide." She will connect you to her spirit of community and friendship. She will root your child in their development. She will not always be perfect, but come and take what serves you, she will not mind. I never once regretted falling into her arms.

To all of my yesteryears, thank you



for the wonderful ride, I love you so!
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Follow QR Code to read Angela's article on the Family Room in Lakewood Observer Volume 2 Issue 13.



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Lakewood Education



Five impressive student recipients with members of the League of Women Voters surrounding Mary Warren at the Arts Festival.

Mary Warren Impact Scholarship Inaugural Winners

This is one of the winning essays.

by Sydney Connor Heckeler

There are many times, and many instances, where the democratic process in our country can feel frustrating -- or even like an insurmountable obstacle to change. But, the opportunity to cast a vote and make your voice heard directly to our government is a unique and important part of being an American citizen -- and, more times than not, even one vote can make a huge difference in how our nation is led, how our laws are shaped, and how our future looks.

In Ancient Athens, the people didn't rely on a dictator or oligarchy. Instead, they ruled themselves through an initial form of the democracy our American experiment built and expanded on. Just like in our system, voting was the most vital part of political involvement. The biggest difference between our form and theirs is that they used stones when they cast their votes and we use paper when we cast ours. Regardless, the ability and right to vote was one of the most important and sacred parts of their democratic system. It is equally important in our own.

In more modern times, fights over rights and laws are some of the most contentious when it comes to encouraging (or discouraging) voting. In the early 60s, the movement for Civil Rights began to gain support from America's society at large. But, the Jim Crow laws and segregation of black and white people conflicted with the increasingly progressive feelings many held. The answer was to vote. People across the country used their votes to select representatives who agreed with the need for civil rights. The voices of the many, using their vote to fight for what they believed in, help push America into a necessary, and better, direction.

In any fight for justice that America has seen, voting has been an essential part of creating real change and real action. No other forms of government allow the collective individual to change the government itself. That's why America's democracy -- and the importance of voting -- is so incredible. It's hard to argue that voting doesn't have an impact on policy when it's clear that laws are shaped and changed and born from movements that push their followers to vote for the goals they want -- and it's even harder to argue voting doesn't matter when there are so many that try their hardest to take that right away. As our country grows more tumultuous, more bi-partisan, more divided, it has become more important than ever that the right to vote being utilized to help secure a better future.

by Jim O'Bryan

The League Of Women Voter started the Mary Warren Impact scholarship Program as a way to honor Mary Warren for her 60 years of membership, leadership and volunteerism. They raised the money through donations and are planning to give away \$1,000 scholarships each year. This year enough was raised in Mary's

name to award five of them to some of the most promising young citizens towards their college education. Thank you League of Woman Voters, Mary Warren, all the donors and especially these five bright Lakewood students. The scholarship winners are... Sydney Connor Heckeler, Sophie Philomena Lipka, Annabelle, King Sorge, Quill Keparant, and Jack Connery Ryan.

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From Lakewood Municipal Court 2021 CDC Eviction Moratorium Order

by Patrick Carroll,
Lakewood Municipal Judge

On August 3, 2021 the Center of Disease Control and Prevention of the U.S. Department of Health issued an Eviction Moratorium Order due to the recent, unexpected developments in the trajectory of the COVID-19 pandemic through October 3, 2021. In response to this order, the Lakewood Court will provide a notice to landlords and tenants for every forcible entry and detainer case filed with this court during this period. An Eviction Protection Declaration, as drafted by the CDC, will be included in every eviction complaint served on defendants. Additional information on the procedures to be followed and the applicability of the CDC Eviction Moratorium Order will be provided on the Lakewood Court's website. (www.lakewoodcourtoh.com).

The court is aware of the prior CDC Eviction Moratorium Order that expired, after extensions, on July 31, 2021 and the court challenges and decisions to the validity of that order. See, Skyworks, LTD v. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Case No. 5:20-cv-2407, decided March 10, 2021 (N.D. Ohio) and Tiger Lily v. United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, Case No. 21-5256 (6th Circuit). (appeal pending).

The current Eviction Moratorium Order is a different order, not an

extension of the prior order. The current order has different applicability, including being limited to substantial and high levels of community transmission, which currently includes Cuyahoga County, and other qualifications. While some of the issues in Skyworks and Tiger Lily regarding the validity of the order or the authority of the Director of the CDC may apply to the current order, those issues should be left to be decided by the Federal District Courts after the opportunity to fully review and determine the issues.

In light of the presumed validity of the order and the stated goal to reduce the spread of this deadly disease and the recent surge of cases, the Lakewood Court will comply with the executive order. The CDC Eviction Moratorium Order does not prohibit filing forcible entry and detainer complaints with the court. The CDC Order is also limited to tenants who meet the eligibility of the CDC order and the only grounds for eviction is nonpayment of rent. The Lakewood Court will continue to mediate landlord/tenant cases with its tenants assistance plan, including deferred and/or partial rent payments, and emergency rental assistance availability to attempt to work out a successful outcome for both landlords and tenants, regardless of the applicability of the CDC Eviction Moratorium Order.

APEX Awards Recognize Excellence In Communication At Birchwood School

by Aubrey Fox

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Birchwood School recognized the importance of effective communication as the key to holding their community together and maintaining the academic excellence and character development for which they are known. Their efforts began with an email crafted by eight unmasked administrators in a 10 by 12-foot office mingling in a now unheard-of way as they swapped seats to edit the message. This was the beginning of what earned the Birchwood team a 2021 APEX (Awards for Publication Excellence Competition) Award of Excellence in the category of COVID-19 Media- Education and Training.

Their strategy quickly evolved into a Sunday video series produced by the Head of School and math teacher, Charles Debelak, and a designated webpage called "Communication Builds Community." By the Fall of 2020, this webpage housed all the material designed to educate and train the different audiences within the Birchwood community - teachers, students, and parents. There were links to the Sunday Video Series, a 2020-21 Restart Playbook, videos from the school nurse about the research behind the effectiveness of a variety of masks, and videos demonstrating the new morning entry-protocol and bathroom use for students.

The effectiveness of the communication strategy facilitated a successful return to in-person education in the fall of 2020. Over the summer the school had been transformed to meet the latest health and safety protocols and the videos allowed students, teachers and parents to easily navigate their new daily routines.

This was the 33rd year that APEX has been awarding businesses for publication excellence. There were nearly 1,200 entries in the competition. One hundred Grand Awards were presented to honor outstanding work in 13 major categories, with 471 Awards of Excellence recognizing exceptional entries in 100 sub-categories.

Congratulations to the team that earned this prestigious award and deepest gratitude for holding the Birchwood community together over the last year: Charles and Helene Debelak, Claudia Bixler, Tim LaBar, Nurse Maribel Morales, Cindy McNaughton, Brenda Spicer, Lisa Samarin, and Linda Miyares.

Birchwood School of Hawken is a private, coeducational school in Cleveland, Ohio. Founded in 1984, Birchwood serves students in kindergarten through grade 8. Birchwood's mission is to equip children to lead a life of becoming - growing, thriving, and flourishing - through the development of intellect and character.

birchwoodschool.org

Mr. Flagg, Meet Merlin!

by Laurie Henrichsen

Hospice does not need to be "brink of death" care. When it's accessed at the ideal time, patients enjoy an improved quality of life and can fulfill whatever is most meaningful for them. When Emanuel Flagg began receiving care from Hospice of the Western Reserve's Lakewood home care team, he told the social worker he still had two things on his bucket list. One: Go bowling with his family. Two: Ride a horse.

Volunteer service managers Lori Scotese and Lisa Waryck went right to work to make both wishes a reality through the nonprofit agency's "Moments to Remember." The program enhances patients' quality of life by fulfilling their special wishes.

A gift card was provided so Mr. Flagg could treat his family to a bowling party. And recently, he got to ride a horse!

"Mr. Flagg was all ready to go in his cowboy attire, including a cowboy hat and cowboy boots,"



Julia Wasilewski with Emanuel Flagg and Merlin.

said Julia Wasilewski," hospice social worker. "I joined him at Valley Riding, located at Rocky River Stables in the Cleveland Metroparks.

"The instructor was named Marty, and the handsome horse was Merlin. Marty was wonderful, to say the least. She not only helped Mr. Flagg with riding but provided him with so much education. A couple of facts we learned: horses talk with their tails, and the horse's eyes are their best defense mechanism.

"Marty showed Mr. Flagg how to brush Merlin and allowed him to assist. Mr. Flagg was a natural. He got to ride around the arena many times and gave commands to Merlin. Merlin proved to be a great listener.

"At the end, I asked Mr. Flagg what motivated him to do this. He said: 'I raised five children on



Emanuel Flagg and Merlin.

my own and didn't have the time to experience things like this.' He said he loves to watch Westerns and has always wanted to ride a horse.

"I'm so excited we were able to make this happen for him!" Wasilewski added. "We were finally able to make his dream come true."

Laurie Henrichsen is Public/Media Relations Manager, Hospice of the Western Reserve.

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Lakewood Education



Team photo of Alumni and most current players (in purple)

Lakewood Girls Soccer Season Preview

by Dr. Charles Greanoff

The term “Student–Athlete” can mean different things, but at Lakewood High School, the model “student athlete” excels in the classroom, on the field/court, and in the halls. That is, they are a dedicated student, a good citizen of the school, and of course bring energy and effort to the field. Recently, the Lakewood Rangers Girls Soccer Team has crushed it in the classroom, and have likewise been exemplary citizens. (More on this later). But things are also trending

upward on the field.

The Rangers were a solid 6-3 in the Great Lakes Conference last year and, per Coach Ted Nagel, aspire to catch up with Rocky River, Bay and Buckeye, top squads not only in the GLC but also regional powerhouses. The foundation of this years’ squad is a large and talented junior class, led by 2-year starters Lauren Barber in goal, midfielders Samantha Hudak (a Co-Captain) and Claire McKay, and leading scorer forward Nettie Doren. Attacking Midfielders Ava Carroll and Jane McGinley

have played significant roles from day one and be counted upon to continue their fine play

Junior Co-Captain forward Mallory Zavatchen will be relied on to use her speed and skill to break down the defense and either score or set up teammates. The defense will be anchored by senior Co-Captains Lucy McIntire and Alanna Cunningham, who have started many games over their careers, who will be expected to again provide strong all-around play that has marked their tenure as Rangers.

But, of course, seasons take on a life of their own. There are always injuries and players who emerge out of the pack as games unfold. As soccer is a true team sport, the whole roster will see action, so expect contributions from seniors Sylvie Ballou, Ellie Humphreys, Olivia Lusardo and Reka Sundem, juniors Rosie Lipka, Abby Marsh, Belle Orlando, Claire Morrissey and Grace Hildebrandt, Casey Funk, Sophie Craciun, and sophomore Ally Bookman. When the current juniors graduate, there will be numerous positions to fill. Fortunately, a large and talented freshmen class has arrived, including Luella Darr, Riley Forster, Helen Fraunfelder, Sarah McGinley and Emily Lajack, all of whom might see varsity action this year. Depth is much needed in the rugged GLC, and thanks to these players, the Rangers have it.

Coach Nagel has brought coaching stability and a new focus/energy that the program had been lacking before his arrival two seasons ago. Just as he is preparing for the upcoming season, Coach Nagel and his staff are working in earnest to build the program

from the ground up. Coach Nagel is encouraged by rising participation in Lakewood United FC and hopes to build upon recent momentum. The success on fall Saturdays comes from years of participation in youth soccer.

The “bad” news is that few, if any, of our Rangers will make a living playing soccer. This is true for every high school in the United States. Paradoxically, this is one of the best reasons to have your child join a youth sports program. The focus remains not on some distant professional aspiration, but on skill development, teamwork, persistence in the face of setbacks, leadership, discipline, etc.--all aspects of gainful employment, college success and most importantly, engaged citizenship. Our players are forming and strengthened terrific habits. Youth soccer is a great jump start. The results, on and off the field, are impressive.

The best news, then, is that our students are excelling in the classroom and as citizens. The last two Presidents of the National Honor Society, elected by their peers, were soccer team captains Emma Hirsch—A National Merit Commended Scholar (’19) and Aubree Nagel (’20). Recent graduates will be or are attending Ohio State, Ohio University, Ohio Wesleyan, Harvard, John Carroll, Cleveland State, Heidelberg, Cincinnati and Bellarmine, among others. The girls’ average GPA exceeded 4.0 and was tops at LHS among our larger sports teams. As a teacher who has had many players in class, I can confidently say that their engagement and positive attitude toward learning makes our school better.

This should be another strong academic year, and a fun season. The Lakewood Girls Soccer team opens at Shaker on August 17th at 2 pm.

Chuck Greanoff graduated from LHS in 1977. He currently teaches History and Psychology at LHS.



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Team captains--Alanna Cunningham, Lucy McIntire, Sam Hudak and Mallory Zavachen

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District Revises Return-To-School Plan

by Christine Gordillo

When the District leaders developed its plan for the 2021-2022 school year as it relates to the pandemic, they did so with the data and information that was current at that time. On July 30, when our plan was communicated to families, our county was considered to have only moderate transmission of COVID-19, according to levels determined by the Centers for Disease Control. Since that time, cases in the county have increased to the level of substantial transmission and case counts continue to rise. Of particular concern is the rise in cases among children that the delta variant spurred.

With that in mind, on August 9, the District revised its mask policy for the Lakewood City Schools. Starting August 10, the District now requires all students and staff to wear a mask indoors, except when eating. This is a change from the first plan, which had masks optional for grades 6-12 and required for PreK-5

District protocols and strategies for the 2021-2022 school year:

Masks: Required for ALL students and staff indoors except when eating or drinking.

eLearning Option:
Families who are not comfortable

with their student(s) returning to the classroom may choose our eLearning LKWD option. This is a full-time blended learning program administered by Franklin School of Opportunity. Students work from home on lessons but will be required to meet in-person 30 minutes per week with District staff. Those interested in this option can call 216-529-4037 for more information.

Building Safety Protocols:
Custodial staff will continue to thoroughly clean and sanitize our buildings with special focus on high-touch surfaces. **Other protocols that will be in effect include:**

- Masks required for all students

- and staff
 - 3-foot physical distancing when possible
 - Hand sanitizer available in every classroom
 - Cleaning supplies to sanitize work areas will be available throughout the day
 - Bottle-filling stations on all water fountains. Students should bring a water bottle to school.
 - One-way hallways/stairwells when possible
 - In addition to their daily/weekly checklist, custodial staff to use daily log for facility/restroom cleaning/disinfecting of high touch surfaces using CDC/EPA-approved disinfectants throughout all shifts
- HVAC modifications: reduction of recirculated air, increase of outside air supply & installation of higher MERV-rated air filters.

Suspected Illness Protocol:
We will follow these steps if a student or staff member has suspected COVID-19 symptoms or feels ill during the school day:

- If a student or employee displays COVID-19 symptoms at school or during work, he/she will immediately report to the building's health center where they will be assessed by our nurse or health aide.

- The student or employee will leave campus if COVID is suspected and be recommended to seek medical attention.
- If a student becomes ill during the school day, a parent/guardian must pick up their child from school.
- The custodial team will begin disinfection procedures.
- If a person displays a symptom/s of COVID-19 they should be isolated at home and contact their physician to determine if testing is necessary.
- All positive cases are to be reported to the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) by the physician, testing agency or school district as required.
- If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, you must inform your school office. You may return to school/work when the quarantine period has been completed. Please report positive COVID cases on our Student COVID Reporting Form. The form will reside on the front page of our website throughout the year.

Conditions related to COVID constantly change. Although the District plans to reassess its plan midway through the first quarter, the administration may need to alter the plan at any time.



by Jim O'Bryan



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The Task Force meets in the evening on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Service on this task force is voluntary without pay. Additional information about the Anti-Racism Task Force, including agendas and minutes, are located on the City's website at: <https://www.lakewoodoh.gov/accordions/anti-racism-task-force/> Applicants may email a résumé and cover letter OR application for consideration to Lakewood City Council c/o the Clerk of Council at

council@lakewoodoh.net. The deadline for applications is Monday August 30th at 5:00 p.m.

Lakewood Arts Festival

Last Saturday, August 7th was one of my favorite events of the year, the Lakewood Arts Festival. The Festival features artists from across the country and funds student scholarships and grants to local art organizations. This year, Lakewood High School graduate Nola Williams-Riseng was the recipient of the Lakewood Arts Festival scholarship. Congrats Nola! Stop by Lakewood Public Library to see Nola's impressive artwork.

A Special Welcome

My wife, Michelle, and I are excited to welcome the newest member of our family and the Lakewood community - Olivia Atalanta Shachner! Olivia was born on July 19, 2021, and is an absolute joy. We couldn't be happier!

Hats Off To Our First Responders



Last Tuesday storms blew through Lakewood with 80 mph winds. In a 12 hour period there were 57 different calls for trees down, and wires arcing.



No one was spared, here a small tree is down in front of St. James.



Law Director and acting Mayor Brian Corrigan watches as Lakewood Fire and Police stabilize a person who had a 12,000 lb tractor fall in on him.



According to Fire Chief Tim Dunphy, when they arrived the tractor was resting on the victim’s chest legs and head. They stabilized it with air bag just like they practiced. A call went out to Kufner Towing who arrived fast. They then supported the tractor, while sliding “Matt” out from under the tractor. In the above photo they are stabilizing his head, back and neck, while he give them signals.



The body of Nathaniel Henderson, age 45, of Rocky River was recovered by Lakewood Park. Mr. Henderson was finally identified through fingerprints. Here Mr. Henderson’s body waits at the Metro Park boat ramps for the County Corner to pick up. Cause of death is still not known.



Metro Airflight landed during the extraction at Garfield Elementary School and then ran over with their stretcher. Above, they are returning to the helicopter to take him to the Metro Trauma 1 Center.



“Had it happened in almost any other city, Matt would be dead,” said Fire Chief Dunphy. “Instead he was released five days later and will recover from his injuries.” Week in and week out Lakewood Police and Fire are the best! Thank you! Scan QR Code to see all the photos.



Lakewood Business

Lakewood Historical Society To Host Miniatures Show This Fall!

by Ann Schleckman

Whoever coined the phrase, “Good Things Come in Small Packages” will delight in attending the Lakewood Historical Society’s Small Wonders Miniatures Show! Pull out your magnifying glass and head over to the Nicholson House at 13335 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, to take in this captivating exhibit of over 60 dollhouses, room boxes and miniatures.

Gregory Sent and Julie Warren of the Lakewood Historical Society (LHS) are spearheading this show which runs 1pm-4pm Saturdays and Sundays beginning September 11th through October 3rd. The show will have something for everyone but please note this is not an interactive event and children (and some adults) must be closely supervised. No strollers please!

The exhibit is a celebration of miniatures, dollhouses and room boxes that date from as early as the 1880s to today. The vignettes depict life from medieval times to present day. There will be small rooms less than a foot to large dollhouses almost five feet tall!

Also featured will be nine room boxes on loan from the Western Reserve Historical Society that depict local life from 1600s to 1880s. In addition, the Cleveland Miniaturia Society's President will have a variety of examples of projects their club has made.

One local dollhouse aficionado has contributed four of her favorites: the first tin lithograph dollhouse ever made by T.Cohn (a tiled pitched roof Spanish hacienda style from 1943); a Schoenhut from the late 1920s; a 1970s Lundby Gothenburg from Sweden (styled exclusively with 1940s Strombecker and Renwal furniture and Puppenschule dolls); and an early '70s general store diorama made of balsa wood.

Additional local talent, whose miniature marvels will be featured, include: a teen who designs rooms inspired by HGTV, a local father who has made a Victorian House and medieval castle for his twins and a long-time Lakewood resident, who has been

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Political Forum

Dear Lakewood - Let's Not Repeat Mistakes

by Edward Graham

In 2016 the Lakewood Hospital building at the South-East corner of Belle and Detroit Avenues was torn down leaving a huge hole in the ground as well as a huge hole in the City's revenue stream.

On December 11, 2018 the City entered into a development agreement with Carnegie Management and Development Corp for a Project at that hospital site requiring, among other things, 35,000 square feet of office space. Then, Carnegie spent several months getting the City's Architectural Review Board to approve, on May 28, 2019, a different Carnegie proposal for a project with NO office space. The City would not allow the Project to go forward without the required office space. On April 3, 2020 sixteen months after entering the contract with the City, Carnegie notified the City that it was terminating the December 11, 2018 Agreement.

On April 17, 2020 the Mayor notified Carnegie that "the City performed its obligations" and stated that "I will not be intimidated by Carnegie's illegitimate claims." Unfortunately, on

November 9, 2020 the Mayor, with Council's approval (6-1 vote), entered into a settlement agreement with Carnegie costing the City \$255,000.00. Thompson Hine, after representing the City in forming the Carnegie contract, represented the City again and negotiated that ridiculous \$255,000.00 settlement. The City lost \$255,000.00, while Thompson Hine made money getting the City into that mess and then again made more money while having the City pay \$255,000.00 to the wrongdoer. Is the City now using Thompson Hine for the CASTO/North Point Realty negotiations?

The City has lost both time and money from the Carnegie fiasco. However, the important thing right now is to examine whether a project relying on office space as part of the project makes sense. The current negotiations with CASTO/North Point Realty, Inc. contemplates the same general mixed-use concept consisting of commercial space, residential space, and office space. Other than a different developer, what has changed?

Does a project calling for office space in that location make sense? The

Center North Building, a two minute walk from the northern edge of the hospital property, has recently converted 12 of its 15 floors from office space to apartments because the space could not be rented as offices.

Carnegie, even though it was getting property from the City worth millions of dollars FOR ONLY \$1.00, spent months in front of the City's Architectural Review Board presenting

plans without the required office space. Obviously, terminating this contract was done because office space made no sense.

Albert Eistein is quoted as saying "insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." Is the City going to wind up wasting more money and time pursuing another contract that makes no sense? We would hope not.

Why I'm Voting For Laura Rodriguez-Carbone For Lakewood City Council.

by Jon Gromek

This fall, our community will once again make the important choice of electing our At-Large City Councilpersons. While many great candidates are running, one candidate stands out among the rest - Laura Rodriguez-Carbone.

I've had the honor and privilege of getting to know Laura over the past year. Laura brings a powerful personal narrative to the race. We are both children of immigrants. It's one I connected to. I lived with my Greek grandmother (Yiayia) growing up in the suburbs of Cleveland, who came to the US with my mother in the '60s fleeing a military junta. As a child, I'd listen to her tell stories, and sing songs passed down through generations of our family. One song told the story of children walking by moonlight, risking their lives to attend school in the dark of night when occupying forces denied them an education. The last line goes: " μμ , τ μ / τ μ - "reading, writing/are things of God."

Even though my Yiayia never made it past the equivalent of a third-grade education and could barely read or write, she understood, deep in her bones, that the fight for justice and equality for your community is a sacred thing, a holy thing. She fought to make sure her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren would have a promising future, that they wouldn't take for granted the simple things many of us do, like safe neighborhoods, flourishing communities, and a government that works for its people.

Laura Rodriguez-Carbone has lived that value in her personal and professional life. Currently, she acts as the Midwest Regional Outreach and Communications Lead for Combat COVID. She brings decades of experience in public health and community advocacy (a quality that will be vital to leadership in our community for months and years to come). When our community has called on her to serve, she has answered. She currently serves as co-chair of Lakewood's Anti-Racism Taskforce, served on the Foundation Planning Task Force (Healthy Lakewood Foundation), is a Board Member of Fedor Manor Senior Living, and sits on numerous community boards and advisory councils addressing everything from transportation access to food security. During the

course of this campaign, she has drawn attention to and fought for safe and vibrant parks, equal access to healthcare for our LGBTQ community, and a strong recovery for our small businesses, among many other important issues.

I support Laura's campaign because she shares those same values my grandmother passed to me and that I see shared by so many of our neighbors here in Lakewood- that our community and neighborhoods are sacred and special. We all have a responsibility to build a better future for the next generation. Laura Rodriguez-Carbone is the person best suited to carry out that responsibility on Lakewood City Council.

I hope you'll join me in supporting Laura Rodriguez-Carbone for Lakewood City Council at Large by voting for her in the primary this September 14th! You can learn more about her campaign and get involved by visiting LauraforLakewood.com.

Jon Gromek, Lakewood, OH

Keep Sarah Kepple!

by Sydney Heckeler

My name is Sydney Heckeler and I just turned 18. Although I don't feel like an adult (outside of now being able to buy lotto tickets when I flash my ID at Giant Eagle), I now have the privilege and right of being able to vote. This upcoming local election I know that I will be voting to keep Sarah Kepple on Lakewood City Council.

Since my freshman year at Lakewood High School I have been involved in the promotion of social activism and civic engagement both in my school community and Lakewood at-large. The last three years, my fellow alumni Izzie Bryson and I have hosted Voter Registration Drives during school lunches with the help of the Lakewood League of Women Voters, Action Together Lakewood, and Sarah Kepple. A huge part of what made these pushes to register our peers so successful was the representation from these two groups and the help that these

women provided. If Sarah were to have even half of the passion she has had helping me, and my fellow students, become more engaged with our community and to our civic duty in her role on City Council she would still be better than most representatives -- good thing she always puts in the effort of 110% for everything she does!

I think that it is in the best interest of Lakewood as a community to keep Sarah on City Council. Not only has she shown herself to be a proponent of increased council engagement from regular citizens over her term, but she has actively served her community in any way she can both when she has served on City Council and before. I hope that other voters in Lakewood can see how important Sarah Kepple is to making our community and city a better, more friendly, and supportive place to live, work, and play.

Sydney Heckeler

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Spooky Pooch Parade

Brings Bark To Madison Park On October 16

by Jacqueline Bon

We have some doggone good news! Spooky Pooch is back in-person this year in a new location. LakewoodAlive's 14th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade takes place on Saturday, October 16, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Madison Park in Lakewood's Birdtown neighborhood.

Sponsored by Discount Drug Mart, the family-friendly Spooky Pooch Parade consists of a free-to-attend festival at Madison Park, a parade along Madison Avenue and surrounding streets and an awards presentation. A favorite autumn tradition for Northeast Ohio dog lovers, this community festival represents a one-of-a-kind event within the region, providing a tail-wagging good time for canine and human guests alike.

Registration for the parade will open on August 25. Pre-registration is \$10 per dog and day-of registration is \$15 per dog. Multiple dog discounts are available with pre-registration only. Humans are free. This community event takes place rain or shine, and proceeds from the parade benefit LakewoodAlive, community centered nonprofit organization.

Festivities get underway with the Spooky Pooch Festival beginning at 12:30 p.m. at Madison Park, during which attendees can enjoy entertainment, children's games and dog-related vendors.

The dog parade commences at



2 p.m. Dogs of all shapes and sizes dressed in their finest Halloween fashions will strut their stuff as judges will award prizes including Best Pooch & Child, Best Pooch & Adult, Best Pooch & Group, Spookiest Pooch and Best in Show. Contestants must register and participate in the parade in order to be eligible to win a prize.

"We are thrilled to host the Spooky Pooch Parade at Madison Park as Kauffman Park undergoes major improvements," said Ian Andrews, Executive Director of LakewoodAlive. "This annual celebration of canines, costumes and community will make for a fun and memorable day at the park."

Lakewood Historical Society To Host Miniatures Show this Fall!

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making miniatures since the 1980s, will share some of her collection which has grown to over 30 dollhouses and room boxes.

The Admission Price is \$15 and \$5 for children (3-12). Tickets go on sale on August 15, 2021 and may be purchased online at: <https://buytickets.at/lakewoodhistoricalsociety/552112> Tickets will also be available the day of the show at the Nicholson House. Your ticket includes tiny snacks following the tour.

All proceeds from the Small Wonders Miniatures Show benefit the Lakewood Historical Society's mission to enhance life in Lakewood, offering educational programs for all ages, providing stewardship of artifacts and buildings, and advocating for our historic community. LHS encourages the community participation in the Small Wonders Miniature Show, an event that surely has something for everyone!

For more information, please visit LakewoodAlive.org/SpookyPooch.

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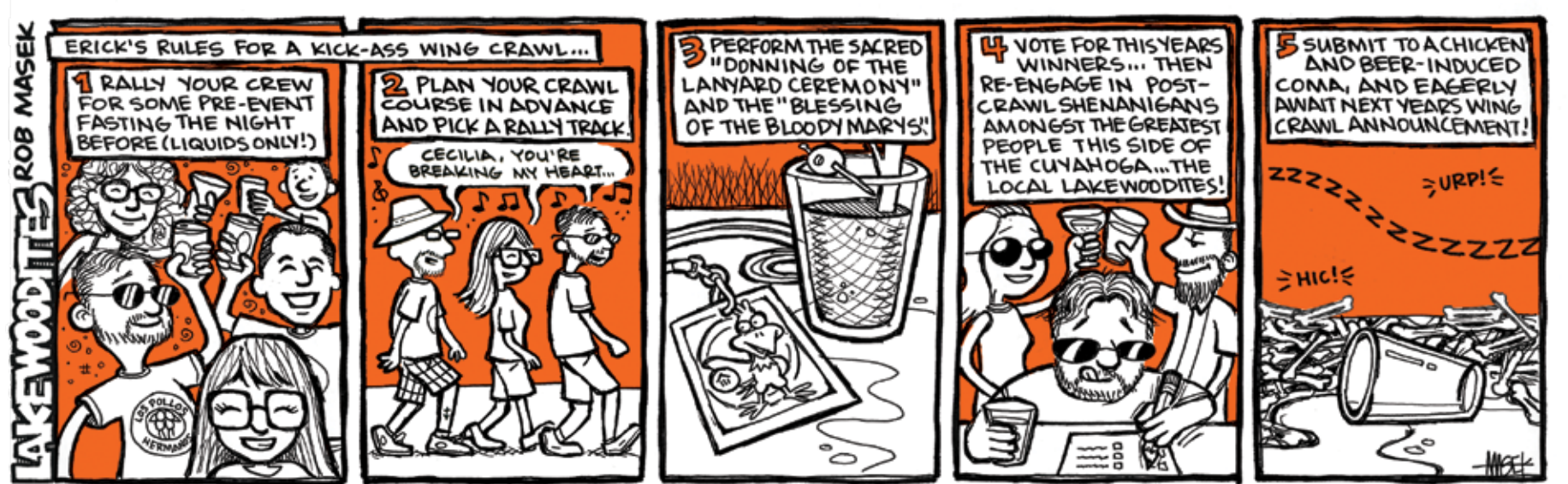
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