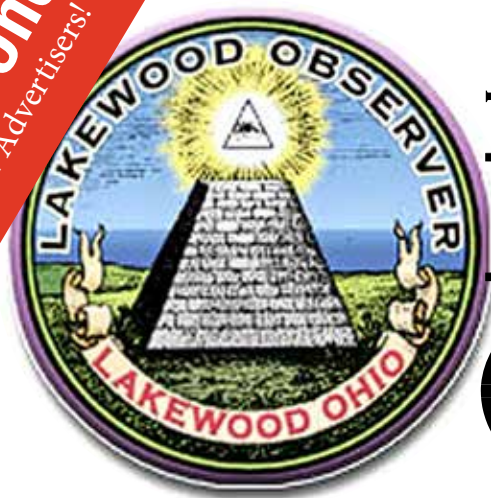


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Christmas Miracle Marine Tower West Garage Collapse



Residents heard a bang, then the building shuddered.



A miracle no one was injured! 10am two days before Christmas and no one was in the garage.

Statement Regarding Marine Towers West

from City Hall

On December 23, 2021, at approximately 10AM, the parking garage at Marine Towers West collapsed.

Lakewood City Fire and Police Departments responded immediately, along with the

Westshore Trench Collapse Rescue team. Mayor George and Building Commissioner Parmelee are also on scene.

The City of Lakewood will continue to provide updates as the situation evolves.

Fire On Wyandotte



Photo from the video by Denny Petkovsek of the fire on Wyandotte. More photos on page 6.

“Another year over, and a new one just begun...
Let's hope it's a good one without any fear.” - John Lennon



We Have A Winner!

This year's top home in the Lakewood Observer Holiday Decorating Contest on Lewis Drive received the most votes in all three areas of voting: primaries, FaceBook and through our website. Thank you to everyone who decorated and voted. A big thank you to the restaurants that put up the prizes: Woodstock BBQ, India Garden, West End Tavern, and the Root Café. You can see the top ten homes on page 7.

Firefighters, Parkside Church and Italian Creations Delivered Over 100 Meals



Members, families and friends of Parkside Church, and Burning River Peer Support stop for a group photo before hitting the streets.

by Jim O'Bryan

While all the excitement was going on down at the garage collapse, some Lakewood Firefighters with members of Parkside Church had their 2nd Annual Burning River Peer Support Network Holiday Food Drive.



They delivered over 100 meals to families, or as they put it: “Times are more difficult than ever, and we are hoping to bring some relief to those who are stressed about giving their families a Christmas they deserve.”

Burning River Peer Support Network and Lakewood Firefighters Local 382 teamed up raising money to get pre-made holiday meals for those in need.

The meals were prepared and provided by Ross Keller's Italian Creations, one of Lake-

wood's finest restaurants and catering businesses. So you know they were good!

Burning River Peer Support Network is a non-profit that Lakewood Firefighters Ryan Fairbanks and Ryan Birth started. Its mission is to help reduce first responder suicide and to support their mental health and wellness through outreach, prevention, and education.

With everything else going on that day, these guys never stop giving to this community. One of a million reasons why we love and respect all of you.

Do You Promise To Serve...

Applicants Lined Up For The Ward One Seat

With Ward One Council Person Tess Neff being elected to the Municipal Judge spot, Lakewood City Council must take applications for the open seat according to our City Charter. Then Council will vote on the replacement for Judge Neff.

We are listing the applicants with QR Codes which link to their full applications for the seat.



Kyle Baker



Lindsey Gridina



Aidan Lawrence



Laura Rodriguez-Carbone



Brian Ventura



Judge Neff swears in Councilperson-At-Large Tom Bullock as the family looks on.



Judge Neff swears in Councilperson-At-Large Sara Kepple



Judge Neff swears in Councilman-At-Large Tristan Rader



Municipal Judge Tess Neff ready to hear the cases of Lakewood.



Kent Zeman swears in Lakewood School Board members Betsy Shaughnessy (top) and Nora Katzenberger (bottom)

Lakewood Schools And Library

January Virtual Story Times - Children's And Youth Services

by Jeffrey Siebert

Virtual All Day Just Baby 'N Me

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Thursdays, January 13, 2022- Thursday, February 17, 2022

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Wednesdays, January 12, 2022- Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Make sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter to stay up to date on library news, programs and events.

January Virtual Meet The Author Events

by Andrea Fisher

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

January 6

Ohio author Jyotsna Sreenivasan talks about her award winning collection of short stories, "These Americans." The stories are inspired by Sreenivasan's own experiences as an Indian-American growing up in the Midwest. Sreenivasan is also the author of the novel "Laughter Fell from the Sky," as well as two children's books and numerous short stories for literary magazines.

January 13

Rock photographer Janet Macoska and writer Peter Chakerian talk about their book, "Bruce Springsteen in the Heartland." Cleveland was instrumental in launching "the Boss" to stardom. This collection of rarely seen photos capture Springsteen in concert in Northeast Ohio throughout his career.

January 20

In "My Ticket to Ride: How I Ran Away to England to Meet the Beatles and Got Rock and Roll Banned in Cleveland (A True Story from 1964)" Janice Mitchell tells the wild true story of how she ran away from her home in Cleveland and went to London during the height of Beatlemania. In this memoir, Mitchell reflects on how women and youth culture threatened cultural norms in the 1960s.

January 27

Local author Holly Maholm talks about her collection, "Offered Magic: My Life Among the Unicorns," a collection of episodes from her long-running fantasy series first published in Chicago's Grab Magazine. The series features a cast of LGBTQ+ magical unicorns who come together for parties, romance and other unexpected adventures.

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

Make sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter to stay up to date on library news, programs and events.

Lakewood High School On Lockdown

by Jim O'Bryan

Monday, January 3, as students were getting ready to head back to school, one Lakewood High student thought differently.

Threats were made, and some

students told authorities. They immediately locked down the school while the student was found and taken into custody. The all clear was given before most knew there was an issue. Good work Lakewood Schools and Police.

Lakewood League Of Women Voters Mary Warren Impact Scholarship Winner: Annabelle King Sorge

by Annabelle King Sorge

Of course voting is our civic duty, our ode to democracy and our expectation as a citizen, but voting possesses more than that. As a seventeen year old AP Government student anxiously awaiting the end of my senior year, I am even more anxiously awaiting the day I turn eighteen and am granted the ability to vote. If society loses the urgency to vote, democracy will be in danger.

We must examine two terms when determining why voting matters so much in our Democracy: social capital and political efficacy. In Robert Putnam's Bowling Alone, he addresses how the American community's decrease in both social capital and political efficacy will result in the demise of the country. Social capital is the networks of relationships among people who live and work in a particular society, enabling that society to function effectively. As Putnam states, "Americans of all ages, all stations in life, and all types of disposition are forever forming associations..." (Putnam, 65). These associations that take place at the booths keep democracy alive--voting keeps democracy alive. Similar to social capital, is political efficacy--the citizens' faith and trust in government and their belief that they can understand and influence politi-

cal affairs. If people vote, the trust in government increases as the results are coming from the people.

To some, voting is completed as a chore is--dreading leaving the house and venturing into the booths thought of as the future. But by showing up to the polls, social capital and political efficacy increase--it brings the nation together and proves democracy works. People engage with one another. The way voters interact with each other on election day creates trust. But, as Putnam observed, voter turnout has been declining. This causes an issue; the less people who trust the government the less people who show up to vote. The act of voting is necessary for our Democracy to perform in an effective manner.

Communicating with other's while performing a constitutional right is so important to a country. It's a transformative act. It allows once teenagers to become adults whom Democracy depends on. Our Democracy needs these civic interactions to occur, we need people to care and to engage in conversations. It's a social responsibility that separates us from other counties. When we neglect to vote, we are choosing not to exercise the most basic element of our nation. These seemingly trivial acts are what keeps our Democracy together.



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Calling All Lakewood Conservatives And Patriots

by Keith Davey

Two things became very clear to me during this past election.

First, the Conservatives in our city, which surprisingly there are quite a few, would like to have the ability to get together and express their opinions with other like-minded individuals. Second, the voter turnout in Lakewood, Cleveland and the nation as a whole was pathetically low.

It hit me, that if the Conservatives in Lakewood and Cleveland would unify and get to the polls, we could make a significant impact on the outcome of ballot issues and elected offices. This will be especially important in the upcoming 2022 election.

As a result, we have decided to start up a new organization of Conservatives and Patriots residing in Lakewood and the Cleveland West Park area. The vision for this organization is to meet on a regular basis to discuss and educate one another on the important issues of our time. We intend to always seek the truth and not be swayed by certain news outlets or other social media sites.

We will encourage getting our family, friends and neighbors out to the polls to vote in local, state and

national elections. We will work to make our organization a credible voice for Conservative principles and values.

The goal is to meet at a local restaurant or pub on a regular basis in Lakewood or West Park.

The kick-off event for our organization will be held on Wednesday January 19th from 6:30-8:30 pm at Hatfield's Good Grub located at 16700 Lorain Avenue at Kamms Corners. Ample parking is available across the street behind Walgreens and can be accessed off West 168th Street or Alber Ave.

Guest speakers that evening will be Lee Weingart, Candidate for Cuyahoga County Executive and Denise Salerno, Candidate for Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge.

Please feel free to bring your friends and neighbors. All are welcome!

If you need more information or would like to discuss further, please email me at: kd44107@yahoo.com or call me at 216-385-8730.

Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you all on the January 19th.

Lakewood Dads Celebrate 10th Episode Of "Better Off Dad" Podcast



Matt Bixenstine (right) and Tim Dewald, co-hosts of the Better Off Dad Podcast, posing at Madison Park with their kids.

by Alyse Lamparyk

Months into their respective stay-at-home journeys, Tim Dewald and Matt Bixenstine have reached a milestone they did not necessarily plan for: ten episodes of the Better Off Dad podcast.

The thirty-something fathers and Lakewood residents launched their production six months ago as a passion project to embrace progressive parenting while developing a platform to help others in their journey. Better Off Dad aims to offer dad jokes, self-deprecating learning moments and a fresh take on topics ranging from parenting to childhood development to progressive family issues.

Now 10 episodes into their pod-

casting careers, and having garnered more than 1,000 streams, this dad duo has had time to properly reflect on their transition from cubicle to caregivers, and they're convinced neither fatherhood nor podcast were ill-conceived.

"When we started this project, I figured I'd spend a lot of time talking without anyone actually listening to a word I said - so basically just like parenting," said Tim. "But we've gotten a great response from dads and all kinds of parents that just want to share stories and a laugh. I knew it would be cathartic recording this podcast, but I've been so excited to see a community build as well."

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Winter Registration is Open!

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Tough End To 2021



Lakewood Fire, Police and Rescue were on the scene of the garage collapse in minutes. Many residents responded to the sirens instead of the “feeling like an earthquake.”

A Couple Days Later...



Fire Department called to a fire on Wyandotte, where the people got out safely but some of the pets were lost in the fire. Here the owner checks out a ferret but she did lose a sun conure, a king snake, multiple fish and tarantulas.



The following afternoon inspectors entered the structure and declared the rest of the building sound. The reason for the collapse has still not been made public.



One of the many cars caught in the collapse.

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Some of the cars still in the garage, showing just how precise the cave in was.

Mayor Meghan George speaks with Fire Chief Tim Dunphy after they confirmed no one was in the garage at the time of the collapse.

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Top Ten Holiday Decorations

If your house is on this page, the Lakewood Observer has some prizes for you. Prizes include: Dinner at Woodstock BBQ, Lunch at India Garden, Weekend Brunch at the West End Tavern, coffee and great food at the Root Café. Please contact us to claim your prize! email to:production@lakewoodobserver.com or call 216.407.6818.



Healthy Lakewood

Signature Health Lakewood Expands Free Screening Services For Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs/STDs)

by Kim Hill

Thanks to a grant from the Ohio Department of Health, Signature Health is expanding its free, walk-in infectious disease screening services to include testing for four sexually transmitted infections (STIs/STDs): gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, and trichomoniasis. This new offering was first made available to existing Signature Health patients in early August and recently launched for community members earlier this month. Free STI screenings are available at Signature Health's Lakewood office, 14701 Detroit Ave., Suite 640, Lakewood, OH 44107, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday between 9am and 3pm.

To aid in offering rapid, walk-in STI testing, Signature Health has acquired two binx io machines. This innovative piece of equipment tests and provides results for chlamydia and gonorrhea in approximately 30 minutes, so an individual leaves the office knowing their status and any prevention or treatment next steps. Signature Health is currently one of the only organizations in the state of Ohio to offer this type of testing. Testing for gonorrhea and chlamydia is done through urine analysis or a self-administered vaginal swab; testing for syphilis is done through blood with a finger stick; and trichomoniasis is tested through a self-administered vaginal swab. All tests are available to individuals 15 and older.

"Signature Health is a North-east Ohio leader in offering accessible infectious disease care to our community members," says Sarah Hoehnen, DO, Medical Director of Infectious Disease at Signature Health. "In addition to sharing a positive or negative result, our prevention counselors pro-

vide resources and can link people with treatment or prevention services, often that same day if needed."

Everyone should be screened for HIV and hepatitis C at least once. Everyone who has ever been sexually active should be screened for sexually transmitted infections, which are particularly common among people ages 15 to 24.

Read the rest of this health article online at: lakewoodobserver.com

Lakewood Dads Celebrate 10th Episode Of "Better Off Dad" Podcast

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Tim and Matt began recording in Tim's attic last summer and have since covered everything from childbirth (episode 4) to traveling with kids (episode 5) to insufficient paternity leave policies (episode 8). In episode 9, the duo took on the particularly taboo topic of the urologist and shared personal experiences with infertility and vasectomy. Each episode features coverage of topical news and updates on their ever-changing children.

Several episodes thus far have included enlightening guest interviews. Keeping it local, they first interviewed a fellow Lakewood stay-at-home dad who, when time allows, is developing a virtual reality video game that incorporates his autistic son's drawings (episodes 4 & 5). Then the cofounders of Fathering Together, an online network that provides a space for dads to ask questions and support one another, shared stories from man-

New Year's Eve In Lakewood 1973

by Dr. Chuck Greanoff

December 31st, 1973 in Lakewood, Ohio...

What are you doing on this New Years Eve?

An elegant dinner at the Blue Fox, or perhaps a low key takeout evening with Lawson's chip dip and sandwiches from the Beef Coral?

How about a movie at the Detroit Theatre, perhaps American Graffiti or the The Poseidon Adventure?

Get your reservations early if you want to dine at Millers, and gear up for some sticky buns and the world's most eclectic salad tray.

If you want some fresh air, exercise

and maybe some romance, think about a skate a Winterhurst. (Not sure about the rumors of a new, indoor rink) or if the weather cooperates, at Lakewood Park by the Old Stone House.

For ice cream, it's the upstart Helen Hutcheys or the venerable Malley's—or take out at Franklins.

I especially miss the Detroit Theatre and Millers, but am thankful that Lakewood looks pretty much the same as it did in 1973, with tree lined streets, unique century homes with front porches, and a dearth of soulless subdivisions and strip malls.

A walk down Arthur, the street on which I grew up, looks much the same as it did in 1973, though many—but not all—of the stately oak trees have been felled over the years by storms, disease and the like.

No more theatre, but there are just as many, if not more, small independent stores/restaurants/coffee shops/bars than ever.

Lakewood Park has been transformed from a nice to a magical place.

When you grow up in Lakewood, it's hard not to develop a keen sense of place, comforted in the knowledge that another Lakewood cannot be created by simply plowing under more cornfields. Our place is quite special.

Happy New Year. Long Live Lakewood.

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Flora And Fauna

A-List Predator Wild Life Returns To Lakewood

by Jim O'Bryan

For those of us who grew up in Lakewood and are over the age of 50, we know just how devoid of WILDLife Lakewood was.

Even the Emerald Canyon of the Metro Parks was pretty empty except for carp and suckers in the river, goundhogs, squirrels and the occasional lost deer.

In the 21st century this has changed in a big way.

Rocky River now has world class

fishing for trout and salmon. We get the migrations of the warblers and the Monarch Butterflies in such great numbers the photos could be in "National Geographic." And the raptors, a family of species that harken back to the dinosaurs. They are cunning, fast and very powerful birds of decent size. From the smaller Peregrine Falcon, aka the Fastest animal in the world, to the Bald Eagle, all can be seen along the rim of the canyon in Lakewood.

Peregrines, along with the Red

Tail Hawks, have killed off most of the wild pigeons and other birds.

Then we have the majestic eagles and owls. One thought to be courageous and strong, the other, wise and composed.

Lakewood has at least one pair of Bald Eagles, and it would appear we are getting a second pair. To see these birds fly and hunt makes you understand why they were chosen over the turkey for the national bird.

And, each winter for the past 6

years or so, the Snowy Owls who are seen in the Arctic, have been seen in greater numbers in Ohio.

Three at Edgewater Park, one in Lakewood, one at Burke Lakefront Airport and two at Cleveland Hopkins.

I encourage you to keep your eyes open and your head up when walking in Lakewood, especially along the lake. You can always check the LO's Observation Deck for latest sightings and more photos.



These two Bald Eagles have been spotted regularly along Lake Road. Bald Eagles mate for life, so it was great seeing these two checking out the local trees.



This Snowy Owl was in a tree about a block west of the two Bald Eagles.



This Snowy Owl has been hanging out at the Edgewater Yacht Club on the docks and telephone poles.

Fishing With My Dad



by Gregory Norris

While coming home through the park on a 40-degree December afternoon from completing some errands. I noticed many anglers out taking advantage of the nice weather. I particularly noticed what appeared to be a father with his young daughter fishing on the bank of the Rocky River. This sight took me back 50 years to when I was a young boy fishing on the banks of the Rocky River with my own father.

My father, who passed away thirty plus years ago, liked to take us fishing in the evening, then for an ice cream cone, if neighbor kids or friends were around he would take them too.

My Dad worked two jobs but always seemed to find some time to spend with us doing an activity we enjoyed like playing Baseball, Bicycling or Fishing etc. Sometimes it was not a lot of time, but he was available for us.

As I got older my pastime became golf. My dad was not a golfer, but encouraged it. I still fish when I have time, which is not often due to career and golf coaching demands. When I do fish I head for Lake Erie for Perch

or Walleye or an Ocean Fishing Charter trip to chase the big fish I dreamed about as a young boy, but what I do miss and remember is the life conversations I had with my Dad on those fishing trips along the riverbank.

I thought about those not too long ago when a former golf student told me they quit playing, because it reminded them of their dad who traveled all week, came home on the weekend and played golf, not paying that much attention to the family, and they did not want to be in the same situation.

This former golfer had not been one of my students, but the recommendation I had for them was to make golf a family activity and spend time together learning and playing. If not golf, make sure you spend time doing activities with your family or just be present and create positive memories because your kids will remember either way.

In other words balance free time between personal time and family time. We need personal time but our families need to make positive memories with us as well.

This year I will fish again from the

riverbank and remeber old memories and make new ones.

Gregory Norris is a 28 Year Corporate Security Professional and 16 Year Golf and Life Skills Coach with First Tee who enjoys writing.

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Lakewood Cares

Community West Foundation Awards \$2.6 Million In Grants

by Maria Estes

The Community West Foundation Board of Directors approved \$584,300 in fourth quarter grants bringing the grand total to \$2.6 million awarded in 2021 to 81 non-profit agencies located in Cleveland, western Cuyahoga and Lorain Counties. The recipient organizations for fourth quarter grants include:

Connecting for Kids - \$12,300 - Funding for the Ask Us 1:1 program which addresses the needs of local families who have children struggling to cope with the after-effects of the pandemic
Galilean Theological Institute - \$5,000 - Capacity Building grant supporting the En Conjunto Community of Hispanic Houses of Worship Collaborative

Good Knights, Inc. - \$5,000 - General operating support to build and provide beds and bedding to children in Lorain County
LifeAct - \$20,000 - Program Support for suicide prevention programs for Grades 6-12
Rocky River Meals on Wheels - \$10,000 - General operating support

to provide low-cost, nutritious meals to Rocky River, Fairview Park and Lakewood residents

Lakewood Community Services Center - \$40,000 - General operating support for emergency food programming

Seeds of Literacy - \$35,000 - Continuing support of basic education programs

Village Project - \$40,000 - General operating support to provide nourishing meals and extended care and services to people experiencing cancer

West Side Catholic Center - \$42,000 - Program support for the Resource Center and Moriah House

Malachi House - \$45,000 - General operating support to provide palliative and hospice care to those who are poor

Stella Maris - \$50,000 - General operating support for the full continuum of care for chemical dependency treatment and mental health services

Youth Challenge - \$35,000 - Continuing support to connect young people with physical disabilities and teen volunteers through adapted sports, recreation, and social growth activities

YWCA / A Place for Me - \$40,000 - General operating support to expand services for young people seeking stable housing and other forms of support

Women's Recovery Center - \$20,000 - General operating support to address the needs of women affected by substance use disorder and trauma

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Rotary Foundation Awards \$74,455 In Grants

by Lynn Donaldson

Grants totaling \$74,455 from the Lakewood-Rocky River Rotary Foundation will provide scholarships, encourage student achievement, fight hunger, and foster programs for community health and wellness.

Each year, the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River seeks grant applications from non-profit organizations that serve our youth, adults and community within Lakewood and Rocky River. Since its creation in 1952 by then-Club President Carl Dryer, the Foundation has enabled the club to provide over \$1.25 million in student scholarships and grants. This has been accomplished due to the generosity of the club's philanthropic membership.

This year, the club will award \$15,000 in scholarships to high school seniors and present \$7,000 in prizes to student winners in the club's annual speech, music, and art competition.

A \$5,000 award goes to the Lakewood Community Services Center for its food delivery program.

Five organizations each received

a \$3,000 grant - Elle's Enchanted Forest for a Braille panel, piano panel, and communications board; Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation for food and gift cards; Lakewood/Rocky River Meals on Wheels for equipment, supplies, and Zippy Meals software; Rocky River Assistance Program to purchase food; and St. Edward High School for its chicken coop and community garden expansion.

Grants of \$2,500 each were awarded to LakewoodAlive for its Project Safe senior program; Lakewood Foundation/H2O for its Home Alone program; Beck Center for student scholarships; Neighborhood Family Practice (North Coast Health) for its charitable care program; and Trinity Lutheran Church for access to One World Everybody Eats resources.

GiGi's Playhouse was awarded a \$2,000 grant for its One on One Literacy program; Rocky River United Methodist Church's Twice Blessed Free Store received a \$2,000 grant to purchase personal items for those in need, and Youth Challenge, a \$2,000 grant

for its volunteer committee.

A \$1,500 grant will assist Lakewood Foundation/Division on Aging with its Age in Place initiative. Connecting for Kids received a \$1,300 grant for its Meet & Greet Resource Fair.

Grants of \$1,000 each went to the Lakewood High School AYF to sponsor students to attend National Leadership Conference in June; the Rocky River Parks and Recreation Foundation for its summer concert series; and the Rocky River Senior Center to assist with senior transportation.

Lakewood Public Library was awarded \$840 for its StoryWalk outdoor reading program, and Lakewood Foundation/Lakewood Family Room, \$655 for play items for its new location.

The local club was chartered in 1926. Rotary International is the world's first service club organization, with more than 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs in more than 160 countries worldwide. Rotary, along with its partners, has reduced polio cases by 99 percent worldwide since its first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.



JANUARY

ARIES: The Sun starts the year off in your career house, the Ram's New Year's Resolution: "Wouldn't it be great if you could finish just one thing?" We know how many projects you have going.

TAURUS: It's time for the Bull to get out of the Bullpen, the Sun's focus is on foreign travel, New Year's Resolution: make a change, come out of your comfort zone for goodness sakes.

GEMINI: Jupiter, the benefic planet is in your house of career, slow

down...the Twins are like the road-runner, have a little patience this year, take time to actually see where you're going.

CANCER: For the Crab Jupiter & the Sun have aligned themselves in your house of relationships & foreign travel, this year...do something that scares the living hell out of you.

LEO: The Lion starts the year off with the focus on health & other people's money, take your generosity this year & make this the King/Queen's year of the cause, donate to a charity or two.

VIRGO: Virgo starts the year off with a little romance, New Year's Resolution: take those damn white gloves off, lay off the criticism, doesn't that drain your energy?...Use it on that herb garden

LIBRA: The year starts off with the focus on home/health; New Year's Resolution: Just DECIDE, take yourself to one of those places with 12 different burgers & pick one in 5 minutes or less.

SCORPIO: Come out of the cave, get out in the community at the start of the year, this year resolve to OPEN UP,

you're locked up tighter than a coffin that's been nailed shut...try it.

SAGITTARIUS: The Centaur starts the year off dealing with finances & money, we know you like to jump off the beaten path without looking, this year try planning those wild adventures.

CAPRICORN: The Goat is still at the office from 2021, this year resolve to take some time out for you, friends & family...close the MacBook, shut off the smartphone, & enjoy some me-time.

AQUARIUS: Take some time reflecting at the beginning of the year, yep, go "inside" the box for a change...those new-fangled gadgets & your eccentric inventions will still be there waiting.

PISCES: Finally, the Fish has waited 12 years for Jupiter to come around again in Pisces, this is your year, the only thing I ask, is take off those rose-colored glasses & come back to reality.

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

We Remember

Lakewood Lost A Good One - Mail Carrier Sherry Glenn



Sherry Glenn's old Post Office truck all done up to lead the procession.

Community West Foundation Awards \$2.6 Million In Grants

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Joshua and Caleb Leadership Center - \$15,000 - Program support for the Mother Lead Program to provide in-depth support to refugee and immigrant mothers located on the near west side of Cleveland

Refugee Services Collaborative (Catholic Charities) - \$50,000 - General operating Support for the collaborative's 12 partner agencies as they prepare for a large Afghan resettlement in our community in 2022

In addition, these agencies received a portion of Community West's Community Impact Fund allocation which amounted to \$122,300 for the final quarter of the year. This fund was formed because a local philanthropist decided to fund alongside Community West and encouraged others to trust the thorough vetting process of the Foundation. The Community Impact Fund contributions are distributed directly to grantee nonprofits quarterly. These unexpected dollars help bolster the important work being done to provide for basic needs in the community.

Community West Foundation announced they are reorganizing their grant cycle process for 2022 requesting that non-profit agencies within a specific area of their mission apply in a specific timeframe. This change is intended to increase efficiency and effectiveness of the grants review committee because it will provide them with a global view of all the agencies being funded in a specific area i.e. food security, homelessness, etc. For more information on the grant cycle as well as deadlines to apply, visit www.communitywestfoundation.org/ApplyforaGrant.

Maria Estes is Community West Foundation, Marketing & Communications Director.



Stretched all the way up Cook Ave. with many residents paying their respect.



by Jim O'Bryan

On Saturday, December 4 at 11am over 40 US Postal trucks and vehicles lined up in a show of love and respect for one of their favorite colleagues, Sherry Glenn. Sherry had worked at the Lakewood Post Office for decades, and was always just a pleasure to run into.

For most of her time at the Lakewood Post Office Sherry worked downtown Lakewood businesses and residents. She loved the route and all of us loved her. She was upbeat and positive with a big smile. She delivered her route right up till two weeks before she lost her long battle with cancer.

They parade of trucks took place on Sherry's old route #39, Warren Road, Gladys, Cook, St. Charles, and Belle.

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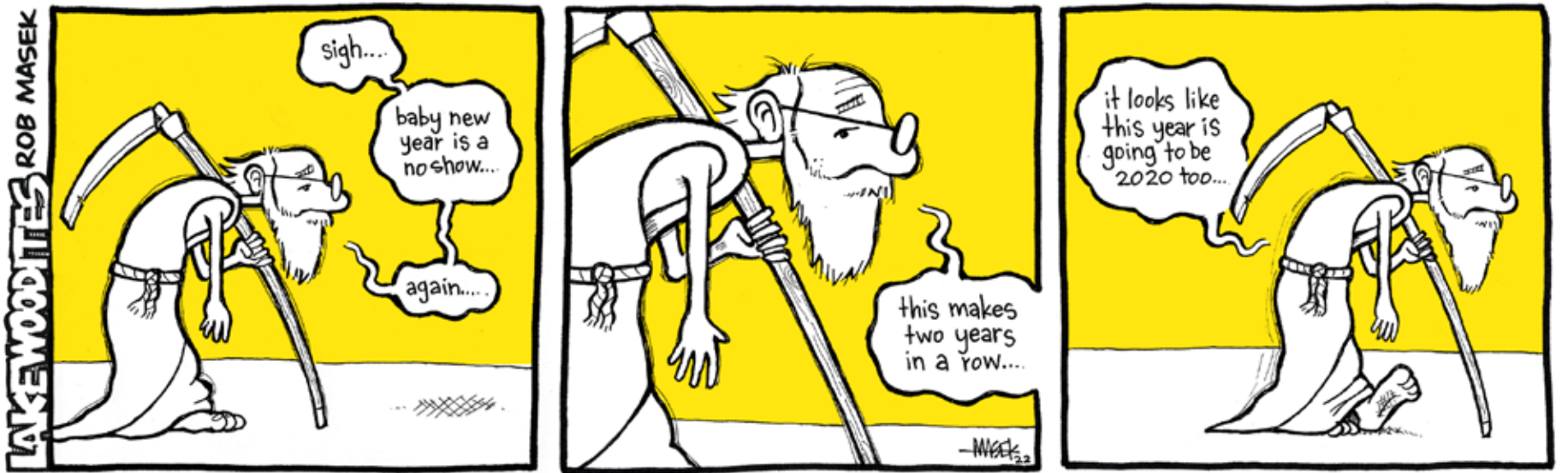
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