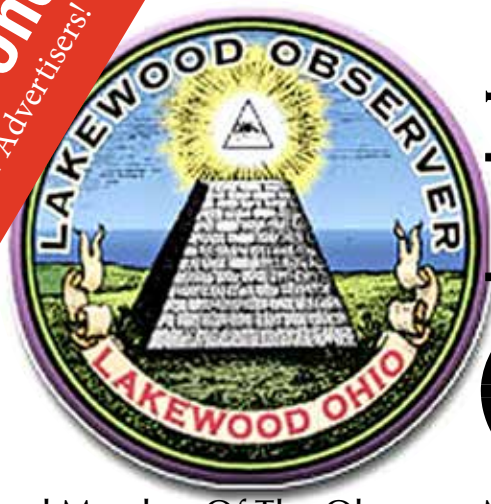


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City Of Lakewood Recommends Plan To Redevelop Former Lakewood Hospital Site

from City Hall

Roundstone Expands Its Lakewood Footprint

On Monday, April 4th, Mayor Meghan F. George and the City's Planning and Development Department will present the term sheet for redevelopment of the former Lakewood Hospital site in downtown to Lakewood City Council. Key to the deal is an agreement for the rapidly-growing Roundstone Insurance to remain in Lakewood by occupying a new multi-story Class-A office building at the corner of Belle and Detroit Avenues.

“This agreement is a significant win for Lakewood on multiple levels, meeting goals that the community set out during the initial visioning process” said Mayor George of the project, which is expected to total in excess of \$90 mil-

lion. “Those aspirations included community and economic development priorities for public space; high quality architectural & environmental design; diverse & affordable housing; active commercial uses; and workforce growth. The elements of this agreement achieve that vision.”

Planning Director Shawn Leininger explained the key aspects of the deal reached with the development team of CASTO Communities and North Pointe Realty on a mixed-use, multi-story building that will anchor the site at the corner of Belle and Detroit, including:

- Office: over 65,000 square foot new, class A office space will be constructed, owned, and occupied by Roundstone Insurance, which is expected to grow to well over 200 employees in the coming



years;

- Commercial: nearly 30,000 square feet of ground floor retail or restaurant tenant(s) in the anchor building that will add energy to the already bustling Downtown Lakewood business district;

- Community Space: a 20,000 square foot plaza and community space that will be used for frequent public events and gatherings;

- Housing: at least 200 units of mixed-income for-sale and rental housing, including

affordable units to address the increasing cost of housing in Lakewood;

- Parking: a parking garage that will serve the development and also provide additional public parking.

Leininger said that having Roundstone as the anchor in the office building allows Lakewood to maintain a growing employer that was otherwise unable to find enough space to remain in the city, and also have hundreds of workers patronizing downtown businesses. “Roundstone has been growing in our city for years, but would likely have ended

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Madeline Cain Lakewood Loses Another Good One



by Jim O'Bryan

Monday morning I received a call, “Jim, Madeline Cain passed away.” It took me back. I knew she was ill and getting worse, but some names are hard to hear mentioned when the Angel of Death comes calling.

Former Mayor Madeline A. Cain, was the first woman mayor to serve Lakewood, from 1996 to 2003. A dedicated public servant whose career also included tenure as Lakewood's Clerk of Council and multiple

terms in the Ohio House of Representatives.

Mayor Cain and I had a rough and tumble relationship. Riverside Drive redevelopment, the West End Development, to name a couple conflicts.

In those days Madeline was a massive frustration to me. But in her retirement she would stop by while walking her dog, talk, reminisce, and opine over the old days.

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LHS Students Sweep Rotary Speech Contest

by Lynn Donaldson

Congratulations to the four Lakewood High juniors who swept the competition in the 77th annual Rotary Club of Lakewood & Rocky River Speech Contest sponsored by Beck Center for the Arts! In the final round that took place March 28, Alex Hodson placed first and earned \$750. Rounding out the top four places following Alex were Grace Lamparyk (\$500), Helen Roche (\$300), and Lydia Kress (\$250).

Contest participants are students from the five Lakewood and Rocky River high schools includ-



From left: LHS Principal Mark Walter, Grace Lamparyk, Helen Roche, Alex Hodson, Lydia Kress, and teacher Amy Garritano.

ing Lakewood High School, Lutheran High School West, Magnificat High School,

Rocky River High School, and St. Edward High School. The speech contestants were asked apply the principles of Rotary international's Four Way Test to a current ethical issue. Students are challenged to identify a topic they feel passionate about and to adopt a point of view from which they will seek to persuade others. The Four Way Test includes the questions:

Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all concerned?
Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

As the winner, Alex will represent the Rotary Club of Lakewood & Rocky River at the

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Rotary Awards More Students



On the left Nancy Ralls, students in no particular order: Sarah Donaldson, Amy Pilgrim, Molly Pilgrim, Brittany Fable, Niki Zhen, Leilah Flores, Anna Weiss, Jacob Goings, Lucy McIntire, Ava Molinski, Emma Kotran, Owen Jones, Aidan Sterling, Laura Kotran and far right William DiMascio, West Shore Education Coordinator at Lakewood High School.

The Mayor's Corner

Good News About Lakewood Hospital Site

I have some fantastic news to share about the redevelopment of the former Lakewood Hospital site. This past Monday my administration presented the term sheet for the project to Lakewood City Council. I am pleased to share the details of the proposed development with you here in the Observer.

This agreement is a significant win for Lakewood on multiple levels, meeting the goals that our community set out during the initial visioning process. Those aspirations included community and economic development priorities for public space; high quality architectural & environmental design; diverse & affordable housing; active commercial uses; and workforce growth.

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by Meghan George, Mayor, City of Lakewood

occupying a new multi-story Class-A office building at the corner of Belle and Detroit Avenues. Roundstone is a rapidly-growing local business, with over 100 employees today and expectations to add 100 more in the next few years. Not being able to accommodate this growth at their current location, this site will serve as their new corporate home for years to come.

Other exciting aspects of the development project include:

A **residential component** that will add at least 200 new units with multiple housing types, including single-floor living and ownership opportunities. Of these units, at least 20% will be affordable and made available to income-qualifying households.

A **public plaza** for the people of Lakewood that provides first-class, programmed, year-round, multi-functional, community gathering, and event space will anchor Detroit Avenue and serve as a central front door to the project.

A **parking garage** that will serve the development and also provide additional public parking to address the overall needs in the downtown area of Lakewood.

Jobs and Increased Tax Base that support our city's workforce goals and economic vitality, with approximately 300 employees that will pay employment taxes and support local businesses

Commercial and Retail Space that fills the footprint on the ground floor of the anchor office building will add energy and additional service / retail / restaurant options to the already bustling Downtown Lakewood business district.

Our City Planning and Devel-

opment team will continue to work hand-in-hand with the development team to ensure that the final product meets our city's high standards for design, materials, and planning. I want to express my gratitude to our development team of CASTO and North Pointe, as well as Roundstone Insurance. It has been a pleasure to deal with true professionals on this project who also make community benefit one of their priorities. We hope to see work beginning later this year. For more information on the project, including site plans, click <https://www.lakewoodoh.gov/city-of-lakewood-recommends-plan-to-redevelop-former-lakewood-hospital-site/>

Finally, consider joining us on Tuesday, April 12th at the new Cove Community Center for a ribbon-cutting and for the State of the City, where I will share more exciting news, updates, and accomplishments from the last year. I hope to see you all there.

Lakewood Launches Community Health Needs Assessment

from City Hall

How healthy is Lakewood? That's the question the Lakewood Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) is hoping to answer.

The Lakewood CHNA will examine a variety of health and wellness factors (social determinants of health) among Lakewood Residents and develop an action plan to inform the delivery of equitable community programs and initiatives. Because we need to meet the needs of the entire community, this CHNA project aims to produce something comprehensive and actionable by the end of this year – a plan for more equitable programs and initiatives to serve all Lakewood residents.

The health of a city is determined by the people who live, work, and play there, and we hope to learn about the health of Lakewood by examin-

ing the social determinants of health. Resources such as food supply, housing, economic and social relationships, transportation, education, and health care all work together to determine length and quality of life.

Identifying Lakewood's strengths and challenges will play a critical role in developing, implementing, and improving health-centered community programs and initiatives.

Community participation and input are essential to highlight Lakewood's unseen challenges and determine how residents can best be served. Should you receive a survey in the mail, we ask that you please take the time to complete and return it so your input can be included. More information is available at: <https://www.communitysolutions.com/lakewoodhealth/>

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LAKEWOOD HEALTH

Healthy Lakewood Foundation Elects New Officers And New Member

by Kate Ingersoll
New Board Member

The Healthy Lakewood Foundation (HLF) is pleased to announce the appointment of Laura Chalker to its Board of Directors. Laura was appointed at the Foundation’s March 2022 Annual Meeting. Laura has been a Lakewood resident for six years and was appointed through a public call for applications and a rigorous candidate review process.

Laura brings a range of expertise both as a non-profit practitioner and leader but also on issue areas related to health and wellbeing including early childhood learning, at-risk youth, and enhancing support systems for families. Laura’s financial management, program development and evaluation, board governance, and nonprofit management skills will be a great asset as the Foundation continues to build operational and programmatic capacity.

She is currently the Executive Director of the Bond Accountability Commission which monitors the expenditure of funds for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District’s construction projects financed through bond and tax levies. She serves as a mentor for College Now Greater Cleveland, a board member of the LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland, and as Membership Chair of the Lincoln Elementary School PTA.



Khalilah Worley Billy, HLF’s new Board President.

Board President

Also at the 2022 Annual Meeting, the Board appointed Khalilah Worley Billy to serve as President of the Board for a two-year term. Khalilah is a native Clevelander and an inaugural member of the HLF Board. She has served since 2018 in a variety of roles including as a Community Engagement Committee member, Co-Vice President, and Interim President.

Khalilah is Senior Organizer with the Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC), a non-partisan organization of faith communities and partner organizations in Cuyahoga County that work together to build power for social justice. Khalilah brings a wealth of organizing and civic engage-



Laura Chalker, Lakewood resident, and recently appointed HLF Board member.

ment expertise to the HLF Board and Lakewood community.

She has led recent efforts to increase testing and vaccination rates in underserved Cleveland neighborhoods, advance criminal justice reform efforts, address gun violence, and support teachers, students, and families in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. Khalilah currently serves on the Board of the St. Luke’s Foundation and lives in Cleveland with her husband and son.

Kate Ingersoll, HLF Executive Director notes, “Khalilah brings a breadth of experience and expertise engaging and uplifting underserved residents in communities. Her keen insight into advocating for programs

and policies that advance health, civic engagement, and address social determinants of health is of great value to HLF. We are grateful for her continued leadership on the HLF Board, in Lakewood, and throughout Greater Cleveland.”

Board Leadership

Also appointed to leadership positions are Rebecca Baas and Dr. Charles Garven as Co-Vice Presidents, Peter Kuhn as Treasurer, and Melissa Federman as Secretary. All appointments are for one-year terms. Becca Baas is a Supervisor with the University Hospitals Rainbow Center for Child Health & Policy. Dr. Garven is a recently retired family medicine physician. Peter Kuhn retired as Chief Financial Officer of Parkland Management Company. Melissa Federman is the Learning and Evaluation Officer at the Nord Family Foundation.

The Board also renewed the following members for three-year terms: Roland Anglin, Kirstin Craciun, Fred Jorgensen (Cleveland Clinic Appointee), Charles Garven, Courtney Noster, and Khalilah Worley Billy.

For more information on all of HLF’s Board members, please visit: <https://healthylakewoodfoundation.org/board/>.

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

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Lakewood Public Library/Schools



When the Lakewood Public Library reopened the main branch, it was a young student, Soule Dimacchia, who turned the key. For the Madison Branch reopening they went back to the children of Lakewood to cut the ribbon!

Madison Branch Reopens

by Andrea Fischer

The Madison Branch of the Lakewood Public Library is now open in its newly renovated building at 13229 Madison Avenue. The Library is currently open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

While the renovation changed the existing footprint of the Library very little, the building now has more usable space, is more energy efficient, and is ADA compliant, while restoring the original grandeur of the 1929 Walker and Weeks construction. In addition to the fully renovated main floor of the Library, which boasts new materials displays, computer area, and study tables with power and USB outlets, the Madison Branch now includes an improved Meeting Room, Youth Program Room, and a Study Room. A pull-through driveway was added as well.

The Madison Branch has served the neighborhood of Birdtown in its current location since 1929. The Madison Branch was located at the corner of Newman and Detroit, and then across the street in what is now part of Mahall's, prior to the current location. Just as Madison Branch Library was built to serve the residents of the Birdtown neighborhood, specifically immigrants and children, the Library is dedicated to preserve that tradition today.

Lakewood Public Library is proud that the 2.1 million dollar renovation was not paid for by a bond levy or property taxes. This project was financed by bequests, patron annuities and endowments, reserves and donations. The community has been very generous to the Library.

With this renovation, Madison Branch Library has strengthened the Library's long-standing tradition of serving our community with books, technology, and other resources, as well as providing excellent service and place for community gathering. We look forward to your visit.

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LHS 12th Celebration Of History



by Dr. Charles Greanoff

Tonight, at our 12th Celebration of History, the Lakewood High School APUSH 9 students created magic.

We celebrated not the Civil War, although the end of slavery and the preservation of the Union give good cause, but the inquiry, commitment and creativity of our students. They played Civil War songs, made food, and created posters on topics such as Civil War

Medicine, John Brown, Harriet Tubman, The Battle of Gettysburg, etc.

The enthusiasm of the many parents in attendance—along with school board members, administrators and fellow teachers—give one a hint as to why we have such incredible students.

Our students are not afraid to take on challenges, to put themselves out there in front of friends, parents etc. They inspire me. Long Live Lakewood.

Paly Foundation: America's Wolves And Tiger! Tiger!

by Jeffrey Siebert

During the month of April, The Lakewood Public Library is hosting the exhibits "America's Wolves" and "Tiger! Tiger!" from the Paly Foundation, an organization dedicated to science-based education and natural conservation.

In "America's Wolves," learn all about the Red Wolf, the Gray Wolf, the Mexican Wolf and the Eastern Wolf, all native to North America. In "Tiger! Tiger!" explore the exciting world of tigers and learn about the innovative

methods being implemented to make sure they continue to have a home in a balanced ecosystem. Explore how these animals benefit their habitats as apex predators and learn what it will take to save them.

These exhibits feature interactive games, quizzes and discussion points that are thought provoking and educational. "America's Wolves" and "Tiger!Tiger!" will be on display in the Main Library second floor gallery from April 1 through April 30, 2022.

LHS Students Sweep Rotary Speech Contest

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Rotary District 6630 Speech Finals at Kent Roosevelt High School on April 9.

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music and visual arts contests will be honored for their work and awarded their prize money at the Awards Reception on April 11 at Beck Center.

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Rotary Assistant District Governor of District 6630 - Adam Sonnhalter inducts and then welcomes Superintendent of Lakewood Public Schools Margaret Niedzwiecki, to the Lakewood/Rocky River Rotary.

Lakewood Public Schools

District Names New Athletic Director, Baseball Coach

by Christine Gordillo

Former Lakewood High math teacher and head basketball coach Robert D. Slone has been named the next Athletic Director for Lakewood City Schools. The Lakewood Board of Education approved the appointment at its March 21 meeting. Slone, whose three-year contract begins Aug. 1, 2022, will replace Sean Jackson, who will move to a teaching position with the District. Lakewood assistant coach Grant Graves was also named the new varsity baseball coach.

Slone is currently the associate principal of Cuyahoga Falls High School, where he oversaw the Black Tiger Remote Learning Academy for all CFHS students during the COVID school shutdown. Slone brings to Lakewood extensive teaching and administrative experience in addition to his impressive coaching resume. Prior to joining Cuyahoga Falls in 2004 as a math teacher, he served as St. Vincent-St. Mary High School's athletic director.

Slone's coaching credentials include four years (2000-2004) leading the Lakewood High boys' varsity team. He took over a struggling program and turned it into a Plain Dealer Top 15 team three of his four seasons. He earned the Greater Cleveland Basketball Coaches Association and All Northeast Lakes District Coach of the Year honors in 2002. He repeated GCBCA Coach of the Year honors during his 11-year tenure as coach of the Cuyahoga Falls team.

Slone has had great success in his coaching career growing robust programs from elementary through high school. In Cuyahoga Falls, he grew the boys' program participation from 57 to more than 400. Slone is eager to return to Lakewood and help continue to grow its athletic program.

"I am extremely excited for the opportunity to return to Lakewood



Rob Slone.

as the next athletic director. I am who I am largely due to the time I spent coaching here. I learned how to win here, and that wasn't always about what the scoreboard showed. We won because we built strong, lasting relationships; we played for each other, the school, and the whole community. I have built so many relationships at Cuyahoga Falls City Schools that will be hard to leave, but I truly feel like I'm coming home!" Slone said.

Slone is a graduate of Ohio University with a bachelor's in Secondary Education and also holds a master's in Educational Leadership from American College of Education.

Slone was not the only major athletic appointment approved at the Board meeting. Ranger assistant baseball coach Grant Graves was named head coach of the Lakewood High boys' varsity team, replacing Mike Ribar.

Graves began coaching in the Ranger baseball program in 2017 and also assisted with the boys' soccer program as the junior varsity coach. He has served as the travel league director for the Cuyahoga Valley Baseball Association's Lakewood team since 2015. Graves, who holds a bachelor's degree in Education from Ohio University, has served as a substitute and summer school teacher for the District and teaches social studies at Fairview High School.




Lakewood's Mayor Meghan George taking questions from 3rd graders.

Q & A With Mayor George At Harrison Elementary

by Christine Gordillo

In honor of Women's History Month and to dovetail with their unit on local government, Harrison third-graders enjoyed a Q&A and storytime with Mayor Meghan George. Thanks to Mayor George for always being willing to come connect with our students!

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Lakewood Ranger Purple & Gold Classic

by Leslie Favre Krogman

Join us this Saturday, April 9th for the first annual Lakewood Ranger Purple & Gold Classic in the LHS Gym.

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Kevin O'Boyle Memorial Scholarship For Former Foster Youth Now Accepting Applications For Fall 2022

by Tricia Kuivinen

Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County (CFACC) is pleased to announce that the Kevin O'Boyle Memorial Scholarship for former local foster youth will be opening for applications April 1, 2022 for the Fall 2022 academic term.

Kevin was a Cleveland native, CFACC and Ohio CASA board member, and active CASA volunteer for 15+ years when he suddenly and unexpectedly passed away in June 2020. Kevin worked as a CASA volunteer with more than 20 foster youth in Cleveland and Chicago, and directed many to higher ed and job training programs as well as direct employment.

CFACC is poised to offer initial awards for up to four students for the fall 2022 academic term. Eligible students must be:

- currently enrolled in a formal post-secondary degree, vocational training or job certificate program in Cuyahoga County

- have a documentable foster child history of at least one year with CCDCFS
- have achieved 50% degree or program/certificate completion
- have documented financial needs based on the FAFSA filing and/or advisor recommendation concerning unique financial circumstances
- referred by their school or program advisor to apply

This scholarship is only open to former foster youth served by the Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services for educational services provided in Cuyahoga County.

The scholarship application and required reference & recommendation forms can be accessed at <https://cfadvocates.org/scholarship-fund/>. For additional questions about eligibility for the scholarship, please contact CFACC: info@cfadvocates.org or 216.325.7747.

Roosevelt Read-A-Thon Raises Over \$11,000



by Christine Gordillo

Roosevelt recently wrapped up its monthlong PTA Read-a-Thon fundraiser and wow, did the students rock it!

With an initial goal of 20,000 hours read, the students collectively read 55,000+ hours and raised just over \$11,000 for Roosevelt Elementary School PTA, Lakewood, Ohio!

Today was a day of celebration as each classroom's highest reader and fundraiser were treated to an ice cream party.

What a cool idea all around!

Keeping Lakewood Doggie Doo-Doo Free

by Robert Toth

I am a long time resident on Edgewater Drive. This area has the highest density population between New York and Chicago, yes? Almost everyone seems to have a dog!! I love animals. However, can we please get some dog waste stands [see photo], installed along Edgewater Drive & Lake Avenue between Cove and West 117th street?? After the recent "big snow melt", walking the sidewalks to avoid dog waste was like hopscotch. We love our pooches. Please can the city provide these stands to residents? Keep Lakewood clean & doo-doo free.

Robert Toth is a senior citizen enjoying the Senior services provided by the City of Lakewood.



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photo by Jim O'Bryan



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Bill Hixson with one of many Easter Bunnies you can pose with.

Hixson's Raises Money For Ukraine

by Jim O'Bryan

Every year until the COVID outbreak, Hixson's put on some amazing shows. While everyone knows Hixson's for Christmas, the place is hopping year round.

Currently Bill Hixson has his massive Easter Egg collection on display with some examples for sale. Some of his favorite Easter Eggs have always been the Pysanky Eggs from the Ukraine. This year with the senseless war raging in the Ukraine, Bill has decided to give 10% of the sale of Ukrainian ornaments to Ukrainian Relief groups, and will match those donations himself.

Bill has many reasons for this show of goodness, those of us who know and love him know how generous he is to children and orphanage groups in Japan and Eastern Europe.

Another reason is that this is the first open show since COVID hit every city in the world very hard. Sadly, it also took Bill's partner and life long

friend Eunice Sowiak from all of us.

So with a heavy heart Bill jumped in to get the store ready for this show with some close friends who have been helping him for years.

Besides the Ukrainian Pysanky eggs, they have eggs from all around the world, and some from local egg artists.

Bill Hixson turns a spry 97 this year, and what better tribute to the Ukraine, Eunice and Hixson's than to stop by with the entire family and check out the Easter Eggs and ornament room, and the many rooms filled with keepsakes and gifts. Make sure to say hello to the legend Bill Hixson and the Easter Bunny.

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Keep your eyes open this year for many other art shows and sales at Hixson's including Bill's incredible collection of Japanese Water Colors and Prints.

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50th Anniversary of Title IX

Dr. Charles Greanoff

2022 marks the 50th Anniversary of Title IX, the transformative federal civil rights law that, among other things, opened up more equitable athletic opportunities to female high school athletes.

Recently, I wrote about the 1974-75 Girls Lakewood Rangers Basketball team (the first interscholastic one) and their leading scorer/rebounder, the late Laura Shestina. They played after school, had to use old, worn down basketballs (boy sized) and had no bus service for road games. They didn't get to play in the East Gym, so parents had to bring chairs.

In the 1970's, the Ranger Girls got little notoriety, but some girls where so outstanding that no amount of inequity could obscure them. Such was the case with Barbara Major ('79), the

most accomplished female swimmer in Lakewood High School History. She was a four-time State Champion (50 and 100 Yard Freestyle as a junior and senior) and still holds school records in those events. Barb was an All-American at Stanford, and participated on two National Championship Relays. She finished 7th in the 100 Meter Freestyle at the 1984 Olympic Trials. But this was just the beginning for this incredible student-athlete.

Barb is now a magistrate judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California. She assumed office on January 5, 2004. Judge Major earned her B.A. from Stanford University in 1983, and her J.D. from U.C. Berkeley in 1987. She started her career as a Law Clerk to Judge J. Lawrence Irving of the U.S. District Court for the South-



Barbara Major

ern District of California in 1987. Between 1988 and 1990, she worked as an Associate for Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon. Her final position before

her judicial appointment was as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of California between 1991 and 2003.

For every Barb Major, there are 1,000, or more, Lakewood Rangers girls that never starred in college, participated in Olympic Trails, or even made the starting line-up. But Title IX, and fierce commitment/dedication, gave them a chance to train, compete and dream--and to begin to take up their rightful place alongside their brothers in positions of power and leadership.

But there is something more here than simply moving towards greater equity for female athletes. This is not a zero-sum game—we all benefit when the talents and aspirations of everyone are given the opportunity to blossom, and we all suffer when any segment of society is marginalized. Title IX, Barb Major and the other pioneering women helped all of us.



APRIL

ARIES: It's all about you this month Ram, strut your finest Easter bonnet & show the world who you are, you'll definitely be the first one out of the starting gate, luck is behind the scenes

TAURUS: Come out of the Bull Pen, you'll want to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt, networking in the community is where it's at, keep things close to your chest until later

GEMINI: Luck is shining on the Twins career this month, we know you

can be two places at once, so leave the office & help a local organization color Easter eggs, it's a win-win for you

CANCER: The Sun is shining on the Crab's career & Jupiter is waving its foreign magic wand, expand your horizons overseas...after all even the Easter Bunny comes out of its comfort zone

LEO: The Lion/Lioness just came into a bit of the Golden Egg, spend that extra cash, take a trip down the Rabbit Hole...you've got enough

animals in that Jungle to handle your affairs

VIRGO: Now we know how particular you are, but the Easter Bunny just sprinkled some of that green & gold fairy dust on you, take that special someone out to dinner, lots of good eats here...

LIBRA: The focus for you is relationships & health, now you'll just have to decide which one comes first, that's a no-brainer, take it easy on the chocolate rabbits or you'll be under the grass

SCORPIO: Where did you hide the Scorpion's Easter basket? No one likes the "hunt" as much as you, use a little creativity, be of service & there may be some heart-shaped love in that basket

SAGITTARIUS: The Centaur gives Peter Cottontail a run for his money on the adventure trail, but your lucky

basket is found in the comfort of your home, make some deviled eggs & enjoy

CAPRICORN: The Goat is a hard one to pull away from the office, get outdoors, color your world with jellybeans, then you can put that serious rabbit to work once you get back home

AQUARIUS: You're probably not a fan of the traditional marshmallow bunny, invite the community over & color your futuristic Easter eggs neon with added sparkly glitter, go crazy

PISCES: The Fish is celebrating in style, your second house of income is lighting up, spread a little bit of the silver dollar amongst the other fish in your sea, host Easter dinner at your pond

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

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Medical-Legal Partnerships Bring Free Legal Aid To Health Care Settings

by Tonya Sams

When you go to the doctor, you probably expect to get answers about health concerns and guidance on how to best care for your body. But have you ever considered that, to get to the root of a problem, you actually might need legal advice? For instance, if your asthma is acting up, poor ventilation or mold in your rental unit could be the cause – and legal counsel can help you compel your landlord to make much-needed repairs. Or, if your son is not getting the supportive services he needs at school, a lawyer can advocate on his behalf in meetings with school administrators to set him up for success.

These issues and more are commonly addressed by attorneys who work for The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland’s medical-legal partnerships with MetroHealth, St. Vincent Charity Medical Center, University Hospitals, and Cleveland Clinic. Medical-legal partnerships (MLPs) help people solve legal issues that may be impacting their health or their family’s health. Together, health care providers, social workers, patients, and attorneys address the “social determinants of health” – those economic and social factors that contribute to 80% of a person’s health outcomes. For example, utility shut-offs, evictions, and lack of money for nutritious food can all create unhealthy home environments for families.

Dedicated Legal Aid staff work in collaboration with medical providers at each hospital site, making it easy for providers to connect their patients with timely legal help (all Legal Aid services are free of cost to income-eligible clients). Legal Aid also trains medical providers on how to recognize when their patients are experiencing civil legal issues, so they can make a seamless referral to Legal Aid staff.

Legal Aid’s mission is to solve fundamental problems for people who have low incomes and are vulnerable by providing high-quality legal services at no cost to clients. Issues commonly handled by Legal Aid attorneys include cases involving housing, domestic violence, employment, income, debt,

taxes, public benefits, and more. Legal Aid’s first medical legal partnership with MetroHealth was founded in 2003. It was the first such program in Ohio and only the fourth in the entire nation. Today, there are 450 MLPs at medical centers in almost every state. Recently, Legal Aid’s partnership with MetroHealth was able to help Jason (name changed to protect client privacy) when his roommate abruptly moved out and he couldn’t afford rent on his own. He applied for subsidized housing, but a decades old criminal

conviction prevented his application from being accepted. During a visit to MetroHealth, a social worker heard about Jason’s dilemma and referred him to an on-site Legal Aid attorney. The attorney submitted a letter to the housing agency that denied Jason’s application, requesting a hearing and documentation of the agency’s reasoning for its decision. Sometimes, criminal background checks will come across people with similar names and personal information and combine all

of that information into one report. After reviewing Jason’s documentation, the attorney discovered that this is what happened in his case. She alerted the housing agency, which proceeded to give Jason a unit right away. Thanks to Legal Aid, Jason was able to avoid homelessness and move into a new, affordable apartment. If you’re struggling with a civil legal issue that is impacting your or your family’s health, call Legal Aid at 216-687-1900 or visit at www.lasclev.org.

MetroHealth Holding Minority Men's Health Fair April 28

By Dr. Charles S. Modlin Jr.

The MetroHealth System’s Minority Men’s Health Fair will be held be held from 5–8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28, in three locations. The free event will feature health screenings and education at:

MetroHealth Cleveland Heights Medical Center, 10 Severance Circle
MetroHealth Broadway Health Center, 6835 Broadway Ave., Cleveland.

The MetroHealth’s Main Campus Outpatient Pavilion, on West 25th Street in Cleveland

When I first envisioned the idea of a free health fair for minority men nearly 20 years ago, I did so because I wanted to do my part to help eliminate health disparities – that is, the higher incidences of disease and poorer health outcomes among different groups of people. As a urologist and kidney transplant surgeon, I’ve seen first-hand the devastating effects that happen when Black and other minority men don’t have early access to health care.

I founded the Minority Men’s Health Fair while working at Cleveland Clinic. After being there just shy of 28 years, I transitioned to The MetroHealth System in September 2021. In addition to seeing patients at the

Cleveland Heights Medical Center and Lyndhurst Health Center, I am Medical Director of the Office of Equity, Inclusion and Diversity. My role allows me to take an active part in MetroHealth’s recruitment of diverse medical staff and in helping to shape MetroHealth’s first Minority Men’s Health Fair.

Although the word “minority” is part of the name, our event is fully inclusive. Men from all racial and ethnic backgrounds can take advantage of more than 30 free health screenings and health examinations for prostate cancer, hypertension, health disease, diabetes and dozens of other conditions and illnesses. Women are also invited to attend.

During my career as a physician, I’ve been honored to play a part in helping men take charge of their own health care. Never has the need for accessible preventive screenings and other health services been more critically important than they are today.

MetroHealth physicians and specialists will be on hand at the health fair to answer questions. Prescription medication assistance, health education and patient navigation services

also will be available. Visit <https://www.metrohealth.org/mmhf> to register to attend. You can also visit the page to sign up to be an event volunteer or to apply to become an event exhibitor.

Our work doesn’t stop when the health fair is over. Our goal is to make it easier for patients and their families to access quality and culturally competent health care. Black and Hispanic individuals are among the minority groups who are most often afflicted and burdened by a multitude of health disparities. But it doesn’t have to be that way.

Early detection and prevention of many of these conditions is the key to saving lives and improving the quality of life for those most commonly impacted by health disparities.

Dr. Charles Modlin is a urologist and Medical Director of the Office of Equity, Inclusion and Diversity at The MetroHealth System. He is a former board member of the Ohio Commission on Minority Health and in 2020 he served on Ohio Governor Mike DeWine’s Covid-19 Minority Strike Force.

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City Of Lakewood Recommends Plan To Redevelop

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up leaving Lakewood soon because there was no other location for them to continue that growth trajectory,” said Leininger, who noted that Roundstone is expected to quickly become the second highest source of private payroll taxes for the City. “The City has been working with Roundstone to investigate various options to remain in Lakewood, and having them as the anchor in this development provides a win-win situation that meets the goals for all involved.”

Roundstone, a national provider of health insurance that focuses on small and mid-sized businesses, was deeply involved in the negotiations and has agreed to terms with CASTO and North Pointe, who will develop the space that Roundstone will purchase. The first floor commercial space will be retained by the developers. CASTO is a national real estate developer based in Ohio with decades of mixed-use development and management experience, and has partnered with local real estate firm North Pointe on the project.

“We’re thrilled to expand our presence in the heart of Lakewood with a new office building,” said Mike Schroeder, CEO and Founder of Roundstone. “We’re committed to our Cleveland roots and creating jobs in Ohio and are grateful to be part of the vibrant Lakewood community. Our entire team is excited by the news and



the vision for the company – pursuing our mission of Quality, Affordable Health Care for All.”

“Our partnership with the City of Lakewood for the downtown development was founded on a shared goal of community benefit for the people of Lakewood,” said Brent Sobczak, President of CASTO Communities. “We have a passion for these kind of complex, mixed-use projects, and the agreement will achieve a well-planned vision to add public space, housing, office, and vitality to Lakewood’s central business district. We are excited to get under way and look forward to being a strong corporate partner in this great city.”

“We’re working closely with the City of Lakewood and the community to create a development with a true sense of place that respects Lakewood’s character,” said Scott Simon, President of North Pointe Realty. “That includes unique public space assets for the peo-

ple of Lakewood to meet and connect.”

Once adopted by Lakewood City Council, the term sheet will empower the Mayor’s Office to negotiate final terms

with CASTO and North Pointe. If Council approves the terms soon, the City and CASTO expect construction work on the site could begin later this year.

The View From City Council

by Jason Shachner,
Ward 2 Councilmember

Council Meeting Highlights

Fireworks Use

In response to the passage of HB 172, which allows adults to use consumer grade fireworks on private property on specified days, the Administration proposed to Council amendments to our ordinance on Fireworks. Currently, no one is permitted to discharge, ignite, or explode any fireworks in Lakewood, unless they are a licensed exhibitor of fireworks authorized to conduct a fireworks exhibition. The proposed amendments delete sections of our ordinance that referenced Sections of Chapter of 3743 of the Revised Code that were altered or repealed by HB 172, which in effect means that our current rules stand, despite the change to Ohio law.

Andrews & Gladys Ave Water Infrastructure Improvements

The City will be removing and replacing the sewer system of Andrews and Gladys Avenues as part of the Clean Water Lakewood Project. This is an important step in ensuring that wastewater does not discharge into Lake Erie. The City will also replace any lead-pipe main water service supply lines with copper water service lines at no cost to the homeowner. Both streets will also be repaved for the first time in 13 years and have new curbs installed.

This is a significant project that will lead to disruptions to residents that live on these streets. We are currently working to find alternative parking options for residents that do not have off street parking available to them. Construction will begin in May of this year and is expected to conclude in July, 2023.

If you would like to receive e-mail alerts about this project please email Collen Gillespie at colleen.gillespie@lakewoodoh.net. You can view updates about the project at <https://www.lakewoodoh.gov/andrewsgladysproject/>. You can view detailed notes from the

public meeting about this project here: <https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:cc239f38-d97f-3157-b0b2-9ef293db8c89>

Lakewood Police Department Annual Report 2021

The Lakewood Police Department recently released its annual report for 2021. While the country saw a significant rise in Violent Crime, the report shows that Lakewood’s Violent Crime Rate remained relatively flat in 2021. Lakewood’s Property Crime totals were down substantially as compared to the previous year.

You may notice in the report that jail costs increased, but that was due to our jail being closed for four months for renovations. This necessitated us to house inmates at the Solon Police Department and Portage County Sheriff’s Office.

The Lakewood Police Department hired 17 officers in 2021 and continues to invest in training and technology. You can read the report here: <https://www.lakewoodoh.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/2021PoliceAnnualReport.pdf>

Contract Awards & City Purchases

2022 City Reforestation Program

A \$131,600 contract was awarded to Greenleaf Group, Inc. to provide trees and installation services for the 2022 City Reforestation Program, including private property plantings. This contract allows the City to plant 400 new trees throughout the City at a cost of \$329/tree. There was a \$16/tree price increase from last year, as the company will now be including deer protection with its services. The contractors provide a warranty on the tree for 2 years after planting.

On that note, in 2021 Lakewood was again named, by the Arbor Day Foundation, a Tree City USA. This was the 45th year in a row that the City has received this award and demonstrates our commitment to our urban tree canopy.

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POLITICS



[From left to right] System Stroke Manager Julie Fussner; System Stroke Medical Director Cathy Sila; Pam Pascal, Parma Stroke Coordinator; Senator Antonio; Christopher Dussel, UH Parma’s Chief Medical Officer and EMS Medical Director; Kristen Petro, Nurse Manager, Emergency Department, UH Parma; and Matt Cole, EMT-P, Manager, EMS Manager.

Senator Antonio Honors University Hospitals Parma Medical Center Stroke Team

by Nickie Antonio

On February 16th, I was honored to be joined by University Hospitals' Parma Medical Center's Stroke Team on the floor of the Ohio Senate to recognize them for excellence in stroke patient care.

UH Parma Medical Center was honored by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association for its commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment, according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines. UH Parma won the Stroke Gold Plus and Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite awards.

Every 40 seconds, someone in the United States has a stroke. The proper treatment can mean the difference between life and death. Additionally, stroke is the 5th leading cause of death and a leading cause of disability in Ohio. Unfortunately, strokes are a health concern that can happen to anyone and have touched many of our lives.

This issue is personal for me, as my

mother died 23 years ago from complications of a stroke. Since I have been in the legislature, I have worked to lessen such a crushing loss for Ohio families through policy measures. We passed Senate Bill 21 last year to establish statewide guidelines for the assessment, triage and transport of stroke patients to hospitals, as well as House Bill 464 of the 132nd General Assembly, which designated key hospitals based on the level of care for stroke victims.

On March 1st, I also introduced Senate Bill 305 to designate May as Ohio Stroke Awareness Month, which will be a crucial step in educating people on symptoms of stroke that may help lead to earlier detections and better health outcomes for patients. According to a recent study at the University of Kentucky Stroke Center, the acronym B.E. F.A.S.T can help people remember the signs of possible stroke to save lives. It stands for:

B- Balance- The person may have trouble with balance.

E- Eyes-They could experience blurred, double or loss of vision.

F- Face- Do you notice one side of their face drooping? Ask them to smile.

A- Arms are they experiencing weakness in one arm? If they raise both arms does one drift down?

S- Speech- Is speech slurred, unable to speak or hard to understand? Can they repeat a short sentence? Does what they are saying make sense?

T- Time to get help. If you notice any of these symptoms, call 911 to get the person to the hospital immediately.

More than two decades after losing my mother, I work every day as a state senator to honor her memory. By working together to raise awareness of stroke, I firmly believe we can save lives and make a difference in Ohio. My sincere thanks to University Hospitals and all those in the healthcare field for their work to do just that every day.

The View From City Council

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Parking Lot Project at 11900 Madison

A \$65,000 contract was awarded to Euthenics, Inc. for professional design services for the parking lot project at 11900 Madison Ave. The City is interested in installing a parking lot on this City owned vacant lot located at the northwest quadrant of Madison and Newman, in Birdtown.

2022 Hazardous Tree and Stump Removal Program

A \$84,000 contract was awarded to Woodland Tree Service, Inc. for the removal of 18 hazardous trees as part of this year's Hazardous Tree and Stump Removal Program. The base bid is \$63,000 for the 18 trees, with the remainder of the funds allowing the removal of additional trees throughout the year if needed. There were no proposals submitted for the stump removal portion of the Request for Proposals, consequently the administration will be modifying the RFP. There are 160 stumps in the City that need to be removed, and it would take the Public Works Department 2-3 years to remove them if done in-house. In the meantime, Public Works will be identifying stumps in equity zones and

attempt to have those removed first to put the City in a good position for free county tree plantings at those sites in the future.

Rear Load Refuse Truck Purchase

A \$320,921 contract was awarded to Best Equipment Company for the purchase of a 2023 Crane Carrier LET-2 Crew Cab & Chassis with 29 Cubic Yard Rear Load Packer Body. Fleet Manager James Holman indicated that lead times for refuse vehicles are currently over a year and this purchase will replace a 2005 model truck. Anticipated life span of a refuse rear load truck is 12 years. The new truck will use diesel fuel. Mr. Holman indicated that electric garbage trucks cost about \$620,000 in the current market. Grants for electric garbage trucks will not open until this summer, with the selection of winners in October. The City will apply for these grants and will attempt to purchase an electric garbage truck next year. Lastly, the department will also purchase 2 side loaders for \$221,082, which will leave only 5 units in the refuse fleet exceeding their 10-year window of useful life.

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Part 1. The Trip

The Last Adventure To The North Of Africa

by Fernanda Quiroga

Hello People! My name is Fernanda. You may have seen me around town or read my story in a previous issue of The Lakewood Observer. In the last article, I told you about the amazing talent of the students I met there. In this article about my experience in Africa I'm going to share with you the long trip that we took to get to the north of Mozambique to visit the Banana Plantation.

Around October of 2018, we were in the last period of our time in Mozambique, and I had heard from another volunteer that we could travel around and make some investigations that could provide valuable information for future volunteers or for the organization to improve their work in the country. My idea was doing an investigation of the banana farms in the north of Mozambique, which is a very interesting project because we would be able to see all the processes of the plantation and see more closely how life is for the people who work there, their routine, responsibilities, and how much support and help we would need to give to be part of this community.

This trip was very long, as you read in my previous articles, trips there are not comfortable and always take much longer to arrive at any destination.



After 20 hours traveling, in a trip that should be 13 -14, we arrived in Nam-pula City in the north of Mozambique, but not our destination. We stayed there for one night, to rest and eat in order to keep traveling the next day to Cabo Delgado. The next morning we started traveling again, this time just for like 6 hours. When we arrived in Cabo Delgado, we realized that we also must take another short trip to get to the Banana plantation, but this time it would be a one hour ride on a motorcycle into the open field, including our baggage. We expected an uncomfortable trip, nonetheless, this was pretty amazing. While we were getting into the land, we saw hundreds of different colors in the sky at sunset.

In the middle of the trip, we stopped to get some water at a small village. When I was buying water, one

man came to me to show me a turtle, it was so nice of him, until he explained that the turtle would be his family dinner. I instantly said, "Please don't do that." He started laughing at me and explained that it is normal in their culture. What he didn't know was that I would not leave that village without the turtle. So, I offered to get him a bunch of different cans of food and rice in exchange for the turtle and explained to him that what I was offering was

more food than that single turtle. Of course, he accepted, and I took the turtle. To continue with our trip, I put the turtle on my chest between my sweater and jacket, bad idea. The turtle was wild, so of course she did not like to be captive, even if I was about to let her free, so she started scratching me, it was very painful. Before we arrived at the banana farm, we stopped and set her free. I'm sure she was happy.

This is part five of a series of articles. Every article that I write and share makes me feel so much better when I don't feel my best. Looking at these amazing memories makes me want to travel again!

Please read more about my world traveling adventures in future issues of the Lakewood Observer.

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Fernanda Quiroga is a Traveler from Chile currently working in Lakewood.

Finding Real Hope In Times Of Trouble

by Jeremy Wise

While other boys were shooting hoops last summer, Lakewood resident Bryce Walden was learning to walk again.

At the end of 2020, Bryce received an emergency diagnosis of a large mass at the base of his brain. During the next several days, he had grueling surgeries. The bad news: he is now legally blind and has a permanent shunt to reduce fluid pressure on his brain. The good news: he is alive and with his family.

For Bryce and his parents, Jake and Rachel, their Bible-based faith and the hope of living forever on a beautiful, peaceful earth was their lifeline. "Honestly, in the hospital, I wasn't scared at all," said 12-year-old Bryce. "I knew that whatever happened, Jehovah would make it right in his promised paradise. I felt he was right by my side, keeping me strong."

This spring, the Waldens join millions of Witnesses worldwide, inviting



all to hear about that hope in a Bible-based lecture "Where Can You Find Real Hope" on April 3, 2022. The public is also invited the following week to the annual Memorial observance of Jesus Christ's death on the evening of Friday, April 15, 2022.

Admission to both programs is free, and no registration is required. Information on attending locally is available at www.jw.org.

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During the recent Lakewood Hospital debacle, she would stop by, and even with the onset of dementia, she would recall bits and pieces of her dealing with both the Cleveland Clinic and UH, and why the contracts were written the way they were. You could identify her various backgrounds while talking with her: teacher, administrator, mayor and the church would all come into play, as she would explain her thoughts and why.

By 2018 it was clear that she was struggling, and slowly losing her battle with dementia, until what came to her so naturally became difficult, if not impossible, to do.

You could see the comment register, but then you would watch it melt away.

Madeline, thank you for every minute you gave the city we both love. Thank you for the many early afternoon discussions.

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Ascension Market Adds Free Bike Clinic And Rodeo, May 14

by Susan O'Donnell and Leah Romanelli DeJesus

You and yours are invited to the fourth annual Ascension Market and Bike Clinic/Rodeo on Saturday, May 14th from 10:00am-2:00pm at Church of the Ascension on Detroit Ave.

Ascension Market is a favorite Lakewood tradition where you are welcome to bring anything you have that you'd like to sell from your home.

Downsizing or spring cleaning? Bring your extras!

No space for your own yard sale? Use ours!

Are you a crafter? Sell your wares!

Hunting for some new treasures? Come see what's available and meet people from the Lakewood community!

Ascension will provide tables and some tents as they're available. It is helpful but not required to call ahead to reserve a table (phone number below). Set-up begins at 9:00 AM. Set your own prices and sell at your convenience. A free will offering to the Church of the Ascension is welcome, but not required.

We will grill out during the event and an inexpensive lunch will be available.

Church of the Ascension is excited to partner for the first time with Bike Lakewood and Ohio City Bike Co-op to introduce a free bike tune-up as well as a rodeo for school-aged children to get bicycles ready for the season and teach road safety. The clinic is open for free small repairs to tires and chains for everyone's bicycles. There will also be children-oriented activities available in our lawn by the playground. Thank you, Bike Lakewood and Ohio City Bike Co-op.,

We are also delighted to welcome officers from the Lakewood Police Department's bicycle patrol who will be there to meet the community and register bicycles for the city.

The Market will take place on the front lawn facing Detroit Ave. and the Bike Clinic and Rodeo will happen in two of our three large parking lots behind the church building by the playground. If it rains, all activities will move inside.

Church of the Ascension is the longest-serving congregation in Lakewood, OH. We are an Episcopal Faith Church, a welcoming community regardless of race or sexual identity. God Loves You -- No Exceptions. It is important to us to give back to our community, so we hope

you will come and bring everyone!

Church of the Ascension is located at 13216 Detroit Ave. Lakewood, (216) 521-8727.

Susan O'Donnell is Senior Warden at Church of the Ascension. She

is an LHS graduate and lifelong resident of Lakewood. Leah Romanelli DeJesus (Seminarian and Candidate for Holy Orders) is being trained for the priesthood by Ascension.

The Winners' Circle Will Be Crowded At The Sunrise Rotary Derby Fundraiser

by Larry Faulhaber

There will be many winners at the Rotary Club of Lakewood-Rocky River Sunrise Derby Fund Raiser on May 6. You can ensure this will happen by attending the event!

Funds raised will support the many service projects of the Club. They include the annual Beck Center Clean-up, Holiday Food Distribution, packing and distributing food for Trials for Hope, stocking Food Pantries, 3rd Grade Dictionary Distribution, Youth Exchange Programs (sending dozens of youths to experience other cultures and welcoming dozens of young women and men into our homes and schools), Foster Care birthday bags & school backpacks, Nicaragua student supplies, emergency Shelter Home Boxes, supporting children's sight in Ukraine, and more.

Please use the RSVP form below, make checks payable to Lakewood/Rocky River Sunrise Rotary Foundation and mail your ticket order today. The Foundation is a 501c3 Corporation and \$10 of each ticket is tax deductible. If you cannot attend but would like to support Rotary with a donation you can also use the form below. Mail your check to:

Lakewood - Rocky River Sunrise Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 16684, Rocky River, Ohio 44116

Individual ticket price: \$30. Table of eight: \$240.

If you are interested in sponsoring a table and having your name in the program, please contact Eric Jolly at ericrjolly@gmail.com

Larry Faulhaber is Public Image Committee Chair for Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise Rotary Club.

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“Knowing Your Home” Schedule For 2022

by Jacqueline Bon

Free Home Educational Series Kicks Off April 7 with How to Contract a Repair

When it comes to your home, you are never alone. There’s no better time than now to take proper care of this important investment, and LakewoodAlive is here to help you every step of the way.

LakewoodAlive announces the schedule for the 2022 edition of “Knowing Your Home,” a free educational series focused on sustainability and home maintenance best practices empowering homeowners to tackle necessary repairs and improvements. Orchestrated by LakewoodAlive’s Housing Outreach Program, this series is designed to benefit a wide range of residents:

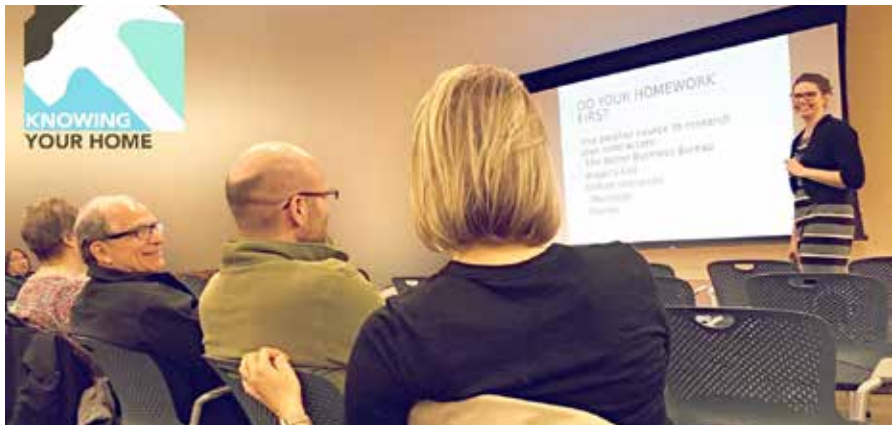
Those considering a home DIY project

Those planning to hire a contractor
Those simply interested in better understanding how their home works

The ninth year of this popular home maintenance program features a collection of 13 workshops taking place from April through November led by experts within the industry. These workshops will cover a wide range of topics designed to educate residents regarding improvements and best practices for their homes. The best part? Each workshop is open to the public and free to attend.

The workshops comprising the 2022 schedule are held at unique locations around the community. Most are presentation format and those that can be held on location aim to offer a hands-on feel, providing homeowners step-by-step direction on how to complete specific repairs. The goal of this presentation is to help remove the guesswork from the daunting task of home repair and improvement projects, getting the work done correctly the first time, saving your precious time, sanity and money.

The 2022 season commences with “How to Contract a Repair” on Thursday, April 7, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This kick-off workshop for the ninth season of Knowing Your Home will focus on the process of working with a home repair/improvement contractor and getting a high quality finished project.



“Knowing Your Home” Schedule for 2022

Thurs, April 7 7-8:30 p.m. - Lakewood Public Library	How to Contract a Repair
Thurs, April 21 7-8:30 p.m. - Lakewood Public Library	Managing Pests
Sat, April 30 10-11:30 a.m. - Lakewood Church of the Ascension	Shrubs & Perennials
Thurs, May 5 6-7 p.m. - Watershed Stewardship Center at West Creek	Rain Gardens & Native Plants
Thurs, June 9 7-8:30 p.m. - Lakewood Public Library	Aging in Place & Technology
Thurs, June 23 7-8:30 p.m. - Lakewood Public Library	Universal Design
Thurs, July 21 7-8:30 p.m. - 1st Choice Roofing Company	Roofing Options & Best Practices
Thurs, August 25 7-8:30 p.m. - Lakewood Church of the Ascension	Outdoor Lighting
Sat, September 10 10-11:30 a.m. - Cleveland Lumber Company	Flooring Materials
Thurs, September 15 7-8:30 p.m. - Lakewood Public Library	Waterproofing Basics
Sat, September 24 10-11:30 a.m. - Cleveland Lumber Company	Kitchen & Bathroom Remodeling
Thurs, October 6 7-8:30 p.m. - Turner Technical Services	Windows
Thurs, October 20 7-8:30 p.m. - Turner Technical Services	Insulation & Weather Sealing

The season continues with “Managing Pests” on Thursday, April 21. This workshop led by Shawn Payne, owner of Lakewood Exterminating will be sharing his tips and tricks for dealing with everyday household pests. Shawn will also discuss how to identify pests in and around your home as well as best practices for sealing up your home to protect it from pests and wildlife.

Registration is also open for “Shrubs

& Perennials” on Saturday, April 30. Join Paul Bilyk from Lakewood Garden Center for an educational workshop focused on how to choose perennials and shrubs making your Lakewood yard beautiful year after year.

Join LakewoodAlive on Thursday, May 5 for a unique trip to the Watershed Stewardship Center in Parma for a workshop on the benefits of rain gardens and native plants. The workshop

will focus on how our gardens can feed pollinators, prevent erosion, and clean our waterways. Naturalist Peter Frank will teach us how our gardens can help protect our environment and will be giving us a tour of the gardens at the Watershed Stewardship Center.

To reserve your free spot in these upcoming Knowing Your Home Workshops visit: LakewoodAlive.org/KnowingYourHome or call 216-521-0655.

“We are excited to announce our 2022 season of Knowing Your Home workshops,” said Allison Urbanek, LakewoodAlive’s Housing & Internal Operations Director. “This workshop series has grown considerably over the years but remains near and dear to us at LakewoodAlive. We truly hope this free series is able to prove helpful and useful for every Lakewood resident.”

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

Please consider donating to LakewoodAlive to support this workshop series along with the other programs offered through the organization that helps us to accomplish our mission of fostering and sustaining vibrant neighborhoods. We appreciate your support.

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LakewoodAlive’s Paint Lakewood Program Kicks Off 2022 Season

by Jacqueline Bon

A fresh coat of paint can do wonders for making your home look fresh and sharp. If your home is in need of an update, a fresh paint job may be more affordable than you think.

LakewoodAlive’s Housing Outreach Program announces the return of its Paint Lakewood Program for the 2022 season. The Paint Lakewood Program’s primary goal involves revitalizing Lakewood’s neighborhoods, while reducing lead hazards and educating residents on lead safety issues. The Paint Lakewood Program is available to low-to-moderate income residents.

This innovative program in partnership with the City of Lakewood, is designed to help make it more affordable for qualified Lakewood homeowners and residents to beautify their homes through exterior whole-home painting, ultimately making their homes safe for their families and the community.

Paint Lakewood will provide a grant of up to \$4,500 to qualified Lakewood homeowners and residents

for exterior paint, supplies and professional labor costs to paint their home. This program offers a grant on a sliding scale to help reduce the cost of an exterior paint job.

“The Paint Lakewood Program is designed to help families tackle this essential home repair by making it more affordable and ultimately more accessible, said Allison Urbanek, LakewoodAlive’s Housing & Internal Operations Director. This program is designed to remove barriers that prevent a home from being kept in good repair along with promoting lead based paint awareness and safety practices.”

Qualified Paint Lakewood Program applicants must meet HUD-established income guidelines, and other restrictions do apply. For more information, visit LakewoodAlive.org/PaintLakewood or contact Alex Schreck, LakewoodAlive’s Staff Program Assistant, at 216-521-0655.

Jaqueline Bon is the Marketing & Development Coordinator at LakewoodAlive. She enjoys the people, places, and events that make Lakewood a uniquely beautiful community.



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