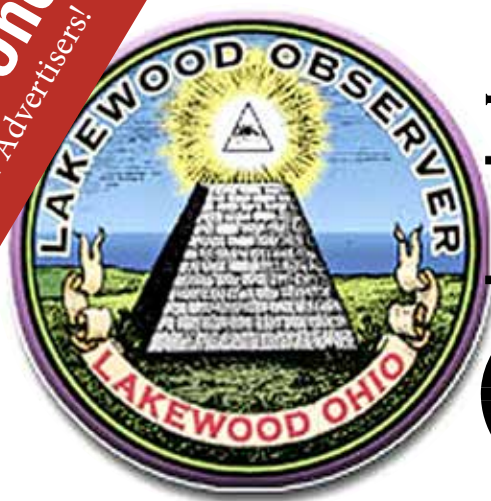


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Mayor George with President Biden earlier this year.

Mayor George Headed To White House For "Building A Better Ohio"

by Melissa Garrett

Lakewood Mayor Meghan F. George to Join President Biden's "Building a Better Ohio" Forum to Discuss Impact of Federal Dollars

Funds invested in Lakewood help achieve key projects and initiatives, provide pandemic relief

Mayor Meghan F. George of Lakewood, Ohio will join a contingent of Ohio mayors traveling to Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, to meet with President Joe Biden to discuss the significant benefits achieved and expected from federal programs and funds.

The "Communities in Action: Building a Better Ohio" forum with President Biden will focus on the impact of the American Rescue Plan, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the CHIPS Act, and other recent federal actions.

In addition to the City of Lakewood, the forum with President Biden will be attended by civic leaders from

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Ex-Councilman Dan O'Malley has been asked to attend as a member of the AFL-CIO, Story page 6

Cove Community Center Celebrates With Intergenerational Picnic

by Laura Jaissle

The first ever Cove Community Center Intergenerational Picnic was a huge success. We gathered together on a perfect summer day and had all ages present for bocce ball, cornhole, face painting, story time, and many other activities. Around 150 people attended this event.

The staff at Cove worked very hard the day before to prep enough homemade food to serve everyone. Our Director, Chad Berry, introduced us to his now famous Macaroni and Cheese, while Amy Chodzin from H2O made delicious Brussel Sprouts, and the secret BBQ sauce was made by our Maintenance Man James Williams.



All in all it was a great day and hopefully the first of many events like this. We thank you all for coming out to enjoy this event!

We invite you to stop by, and check out this beautiful new space. We are already offering a ton of fun and exciting activities and events... but you can expect a lot more!

Chad Berry, Director of Human Services & Laura Jaissle - Assistant Director of Human Services

September 10th

Lakewood Community Festival Set For Madison Park

by Karen Karp

Celebrate family, community and cultural heritage at the 34th annual Lakewood Community Festival on Sat-

urday, September 10, 2022 at Madison Park, 13029 Madison Avenue. The day of fun and activities for the entire family will take place from 11 a.m. to



The Lakewood Community Festival features fun and games, and prizes for kids of all ages.



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The festival is known for a delicious array of national-ity foods including pierogis, potato pancakes, kielbasa, stuffed cabbage and more.

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Strike Up The Band:

Lakewood Light The Night Music Fest Fundraiser For The Leukemia And Lymphoma Society

by Matthew K. Weiland

Following the great hiatus, lifelong Lakewood resident, stalwart and impresario, Billy Blatz, is back once again hosting his annual family-friendly autumn fundraiser benefiting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Northeastern Ohio.

The outdoor festivities will be held Saturday, September 10th from 2:00-8:00 p.m. at the Mercury Lounge (formerly The Avenue Tap House),18206 Detroit Avenue and will be held rain or shine. Admission is \$10.

Headlining this year's celebrity bartenders is Olympic Gold Medal Pole Vaultist, Katie Nageotte, of the Lakewood Nageottes, along with perennial favorites, Jennifer Scott and Lakewood legend, Ralphie. The bands featured are Cats on Holiday and Pompous Ass.

"I've had people very close to me pass on from leukemia," says Billy, who grew up on Edwards and Detroit and still lives with his family in town. Moreover, Billy's longtime friend - see Team Hout - has



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been waging the battle against leukemia and lymphoma. "So the quest to find a cure has been a real personal purpose in my own life for a number of years and I've seen how it can help in saving lives."

Some two years back, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Northeastern Ohio tapped Billy on the shoulder, asking him to come out to Independence. He was welcomed to cheers of recognition for the committed and tireless work he

has performed and the money raised over the past years.

"The respect for Billy from the people at the foundation is impressive and heartwarming," says Jackie Ramey, who helped host the event for five years, speaking about the recognition ceremony. "If you know him, he is very humble and unassuming. And to see people reflect that appreciation and glow is really something special."

This event happens rain or shine.

Matthew K. Weiland is a Lakewood resident.

THE MAYOR’S CORNER

Using Our ARPA Dollars For Maximum Impact

by Mayor Meghan George

Lakewood has been opportunistic and highly successful in seeking federal dollars to support city projects and initiatives. One of our biggest wins was receiving over \$47 million from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) to help lessen the blow that COVID-19 dealt to our municipal budget. While these dollars came with strict guidelines and uses, Lakewood has been aggressive in deploying these dollars and leveraging them to benefit our residents and address the impacts of the pandemic.

The City’s first priority was to immediately deploy over \$1.6 million dollars to the Lakewood Community Services Corporation (“LCSC”) to help qualifying residents pay their rent, stay in their homes or apartments, and prevent eviction, foreclosure, and ultimately homelessness. We also invested \$25 million dollars to reduce the cost to Lakewood ratepayers would have paid to repair our aged citywide sewer infrastructure. The City continued its commitment to public safety by directing ARPA dollars to increase our police department’s authorized number of officers and address ongoing capacity challenges facing law enforcement nationally. Our overall goal at City Hall is to use ARPA dollars in a manner that will have the most far-reaching benefits while also ensuring compliance with ARPA’s strict eligibility requirements.

This week, I presented to City Council a plan for allocating our remaining \$9,000,000 in ARPA dollars, all of which qualify under the federal guidelines for use of these funds, and all of which would have significant benefit for the people of Lakewood. The plan is to use the ARPA dollars in the following projects and priorities:

Housing Stability: The City will continue support of LCSC’s WORK to keep residents housed and prevent homelessness, eviction, and/or foreclosure.

Lake-Clifton Bridge Connector: This will contribute to Lakewood’s portion to facilitate roadway improvements extending from West Clifton Boulevard to the Marion Ramps, including using excess road capacity for: greenspace; multi-purposes trail; tree planting; and community gateway enhancements.

Foster Pool Capital Project: This project will improve accessibility and install a new competition and recreation pool, water play amenities area, splash pad, and bathhouse renovations, while also preventing the loss of one million gallons of chlorinated water due to leakage from aged infrastructure

Recycling & Refuse Facility / Animal Shelter: This new Berea Road facility will serve multiple purposes,

including streamlining and improving city recycling and refuse services, including improved physical space for aged facilities and buildout of our water and sewer infrastructure on the current site in the Metroparks.

Downtown / Hospital Site Prep & Development: These funds will go to necessary site plan preparation and/or development work as needed to allow the redevelopment on site to proceed.

Investment in Municipal Buildings: The City will use these dollars to underwrite the cost of replacing 60-year-old air handlers, with the result of improving ventilation, safety, and energy efficiency of City Hall, as well as other updates to police headquarters.

Public Safety Communications Equipment & Radios: These funds

will help provide new communications equipment to our fire and police personnel to help ensure the highest levels of response to citizen calls for assistance.

By using ARPA funds to pay for these important city services and projects, we feel that we are using these federal funds to create the highest impact for our city and reducing the overall cost to taxpayers.

Coincidentally, this week I will also be traveling with a group of other Ohio mayors whose cities received ARPA dollars to discuss how ARPA funds have been deployed with President Biden and his team.

I believe that Lakewood stands as a model for how to successfully invest ARPA dollars for maximum impact. Our team at City Hall will continue working to position our city to obtain future federal funds to benefit the people of Lakewood.

Welcome New Police Officers



from City Hall

On August 24th Mayor George administered the oath of office to three new members of the Lakewood Police Department.

Congratulations and welcome to Officers Daniel Cooper, Yesica Fong, and Carvell Williams!

Thank you for serving our community!



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Downtown

Downtown Development Update:

Storm Water Improvements At The Site Of The Former Lakewood Hospital

by Roman Ducu and
Mark K. Papke, PE, CPESC

On September 6, the City will begin the next phase of stormwater improvements to the Downtown Site (the site of the former Lakewood Hospital) to eliminate temporary pumps installed during the demolition and remediation of the former buildings. Pending weather delays, this work will be complete on or before December 15, 2022. **This project involves the following work:**

Adding additional soil to the bottom of the excavation area to raise the elevation approximately two (2) to four (4) feet, which is the amount minimally necessary to allow stormwater to drain by gravity and without the assistance of temporary pumps.

Relocate the stormwater pipe that currently runs under the parking lot at the south end of the Downtown Development Site to the tree lawn of Belle Avenue. This includes the removal of several trees located at the southwest corner of the City owned property. Please note that these trees, and many more, will be replaced on the property as part of the redevelopment.

Install a new stormwater pipe that connects the relocated pipe to an existing manhole in Belle Avenue approximately 430 feet to the north

Remove the buried sewer and temporary pump located in the parking lot.

Perform site restoration including pavement, curbs and topsoil/seeding.

Please note there will not be any vibratory compaction taking place and all work will take place during permitted work hours in the City of Lakewood (Monday – Saturday 8:00am until 9:00pm and no work on Sundays and City Holidays).

As a result of this work, the parking lot will be closed beginning September 6, 2022. Additionally, the sidewalk and on-street parking along the eastside of Belle Avenue will be closed as soon as work moves into the street. These areas will be reopened as restoration work is complete. One lane of traffic will be maintained with flaggers during construction hours for the sewer work on Belle.

The general contractor completing the work is The Great Lakes Construction (GLC). It is likely GLC will begin staging equipment to the site prior to September 6, 2022.

Plans for redevelopment of the

Downtown Development Site are still pending review by various City Boards and Commissions. For more information, please visit the link below:

www.lakewoodoh.gov/downtowndevelopment

If you have any questions regarding the construction work, please contact the Engineering Department at (216) 529-6692 or engineering@lakewoodoh.net.
Respectfully,

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Healthy Lakewood Foundation Invites Community To Annual Meeting On September 21

by Kate Ingersoll

The Healthy Lakewood Foundation invites community members to attend its annual community meeting on Wednesday, September 21 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM at the Women's Pavilion at Lakewood Park.

Each year, the HLF board and staff share with the community its progress in advancing health and wellbeing in the Lakewood community. The meeting highlights the work of HLF's grantee partners and current funding opportunities. There will also be a presentation on the City's Community Health Needs Assessment with time for



questions and feedback.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Registration is required and is available on HLF's website: <https://healthylakewoodfoundation.org/>.

We hope to see you there!

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

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Children’s And Youth Services Programs

by Jeffrey Siebert
Family Weekend Wonders

Looking for weekend entertainment for the whole family? Look no further! Drop in to the Library's special weekend story time. Your whole family will enjoy these programs full of enthusiastic stories, engaging activities, entertaining music and clever crafts. Family Weekend Wonders Drop-In Story Time is offered every weekend throughout the year and features a different theme each week to keep things engaging. No registration is required.

Main Library- Fridays- 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Saturdays- 10:30a.m.
Madison Branch- Fridays- 10:30 a.m.

Homework Help

For Students in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade
August – May
Monday through Friday, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Main Library Homework Room and Madison Branch

Students who need a little extra help with homework or just want a cool place to work can come to the Library for Homework Help to get assistance and to use the Library’s resources in a quiet place free of distractions. Students can use their library card to check out a Chrome Book to use in the Library and have access to a variety of school supplies including pencils, pens, crayons, markers, calculators, protractors, and more. In addition, students with Eureka Math™ homework will find grade level Homework Helpers workbooks, companion guides to Eureka Math™. A library staff member is on hand and available to assist with everything from spelling words to solving math problems. No registration is required.

Girls Who Code Club

For Students in Sixth through Twelfth Grade
Monday, September 12, 2022- November 21, 2022, 6:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. in the Main Library Learning Lab
Join our club of intelligent future techie leaders and build confidence, develop leadership skills, and succeed as a team. Club members build coding skills as they complete coding projects with the direction of a club facilitator. Use computer science to create a project while learning the Core4 computer science concepts that form the basis for all computer programming languages. This eleven-week program is designed for all levels of computer science experience. Registration is required.

Meet The Author
“Choose To Lead: A Practical Guide For Educational Leadership”

by Lisa Calfee

“Education done well is transformative.” – James P. Kubacki
In over forty years devoted to the field of education, James P. Kubacki worked hard to transform the lives of the students he served. Though he no longer walks the halls of St. Edward High School, the recently retired president is still making an impact with his new book, “Choose to Lead: A Practical Guide for Educational Leadership.”

Kubacki has taken the greatest lessons of his career and assembled a guide meant to create and inspire effective leaders among the students, teachers, principals, and trustees that shape our learning institutions. The author will visit Lakewood Public Library to discuss the book on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The event takes place in the Main Library Auditorium.

Born to hardworking parents who ran the Pink Elephant Tavern in Westlake (now the Rusty Barrel), Kubacki went on to graduate from St. Ignatius High School, Harvard University

and Fordham University. His robust career has included serving as head of a secondary school, principal, college football coach, college associate dean of admissions and most recently, sixteen years as President of St. Edward High School.

In his book, Kubacki counsels the reader as if they were the new head of school walking through the front doors on day one. He offers insights and tips on what they might expect, how they may be feeling and where to begin.

“First, get to know the lay of the land,” Kubacki advises. “Get keys and wander the campus. Open every door.”

From developing relationships and a vision to managing operations and strategic planning, the author’s guidance extends far past the doors of academia. “Choose to Lead” applies to effective leadership in any field.

The program will begin with a special introduction of Mr. Kubacki by Sean Kearns, St. Edward High School Class of 1988.

Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

September Events At Lakewood Public Library

by Lisa Calfee

Booked for Murder Book Club

If you share a passion for mystery, join the group each month to discuss your favorites and selections made by group members.
Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.
Main Library Meeting Room

September 15, 2022

“The Big Con: The Story of the Confidence Man” by David W. Maurer
Knit & Lit Book Club
Come share your passion for great literature and show off your knitting, crocheting, counted cross-stitch, embroidery and quilting works-in-progress.
Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Main Library Meeting Room

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Meet the Author - "Body of Stars"
Book by Laura Maylene Walter
In a world where female bodies hold the map to the future, Celeste must fight to change her family’s fate. Her childhood freckles, moles and birthmarks come with predictions, but the future may not hold the fate she expects. Author Laura Maylene Walter is the Ohio Center for the Book Fellow at Cleveland Public Library. Her writing has appeared in Poets & Writers, Kenyon Review, and many other publications. Books will be available for sale and signing at this event.
7:00 p.m.
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SPORTS

Dr. G's Ranger Round Up

by Dr. Charles Greanoff

FOOTBALL September 2 Lakewood Rangers vs. Fairview Warriors

On a gorgeous fall (in concept!) night made for High School Football, two local community based teams fought hard throughout, but in the end the Lakewood Rangers pulled away to beat host Fairview 28-7.

The entire Ranger squad, with an assist from our massive, loud and proud student section, produced this victory. The defense was stout after Fairview took an early 7-0 lead on the 1st drive of the game, giving up some yardage, but tightening up in the red zone. The offense was led by junior QB Alex Symons, who was the best/most valuable player on the field tonight. Alex took care of the ball, ran for over 100 yards, scored a rushing TD, threw two TD passes, including a critical 4th and 12 strike to sophomore Jaylan Chappell from the 25 yard line.

After the Warrior TD drive, on the Rangers 1st play from scrimmage Symons rolled right, found Eddie Gillick in the flat, and 70 yards and several dazzling moves later (and with a block from Symons), the game was tied. Senior Josh Bohurjak, who played well on both sides of the ball, sealed the game with a 4th and goal TD carry

mid-way through the 4th quarter. The byline of this terrific win goes to the hard working Lakewood Ranger Football Squad, but the story of this fabulous evening had many authors. Our students, sporting the road crew theme, made it seem like a home game with their numbers and enthusiasm. The Lakewood Ranger Marching Band was and is skilled, energetic and brings it every time. The cheer squad are Ranger loyalists and are a force, and our fans bring the cowbells, along with steady loud encouragement for "Schweter," "Chugs" and all our Rangers.

Congratulations to Coach Thome and the entire Ranger squad. They took a punch early on, but stayed poised and responded with 4 quarters of focused effort. Tonight, both schools created the quintessential American cultural experience. The blend of exciting football, music, and the pageantry of Friday Nights under the lights is unique and special.

The Lakewood Rangers are one team from one town, that gives it all. Long Live Lakewood

GOLF August 30 Lakewood Rangers win 4 straight matches

Last Tuesday, for the first time read the rest of this article online at: lakewoodobserver.com

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Lakewood League Of Women Voters’ Mary Warren Impact Scholarship Winner Teegan McGann’s Winning Essay

by Teegan McGann

"How can our federal, state, and local governments better provide for basic human needs?"

To provide for basic human needs, our federal, state, and local governments must start by making support for these needs accessible. But first, what are these needs? Starting at the most basic system that can transform a generation: education. Education is essential to each child in every community, for it develops the young thinker today into a bright intellectual tomorrow. To have a proper, impactful education that sparks a passion or inspires you to make a difference in our world is an education filled with support—from teachers to community members.

Good teachers, those who love teaching students with a passion, are key predictors of a student’s success. They must be committed to their work and the progress of every one of their students for the betterment of society as a whole. They must be mentors who use teaching as a vehicle to push students beyond their current knowledge. And most of all, they must do this all out of selflessness and devotion to their students. To employ good teachers, the government must value teaching as a high profession in society, starting with a salary increase. Teaching is often overlooked as a “last resort” occupation when really it is one of



Teegan McGann

great privilege and reward. So many of my own teachers have left a profound impact on my life, shaping my morals and values into what they are today.

To effectively ensure this quality of education, teachers must be evaluated on their ability to teach and connect with students. This is tricky, as you can’t measure connection, but you can get a good idea of their commitment based on their involvement with the community. When both teachers and community members uplift and support students outside of school, a security blanket is formed. It is

important for students to understand that they are accepted for themselves, whether participating in a sporting event or musical concert. To celebrate and embrace a student’s passion is the highest level of support you can have, paving the way for student success.

Additionally, the government must provide accessible resources to all students to ensure their needs are met. For instance, no student should have to worry about what their next meal will be, or where they will take shelter for a night. Free meal plans and safe overnight spots for students are essential in ensuring that each child has equal access to education. As well, devot-

ing time and money towards mental health/wellness services and extracurricular activities creates a stage of equal opportunity, regardless of economic status. Thus, providing these resources for students who are eager to learn yet drained from need-based situations in their life is vital for success within a community, ultimately carrying onto the large-scale state and federal levels.

Teegan plans to attend Miami University (Oxford, Ohio) in Fall of 2022 to study Undeclared Business, and then narrow down her studies to something math related (such as economics or analytics).

Emerson Student Throws First Pitch At Guardians/Orioles Game



by Christine Gorillio

Emerson students and staff were decked out in Guardians gear and colors in support of 1st grader Simon (pictured in CLE shirt in center). Simon threw out the first pitch at the August 31st game versus the Orioles as part of the Empower Little Heroes program, which works with the Cleveland Clinic Children’s Hospital. We’re all rooting for you, Simon!

Dan O'Malley To Participate In "Building A Better Ohio" Convening At The White House

from news release

North Shore AFL-CIO Executive Secretary Dan O’Malley will be at the White House this coming Wednesday, September 7th for the Biden administration’s “Communities in Action: Building a Better Ohio” convening. The event is an opportunity to highlight the impact programs like the American Rescue Plan, the CHIPS Act, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and the Inflation Reduction Act have had and will have on Northeast Ohio’s economy.

“I am honored to have been invited to this important event at The White House,” O’Malley said. “President Biden promised to be the most pro-labor president in history, and he has delivered on that promise. Ohio’s workers are reaping the benefits of the president’s economic agenda, and it will be a privilege to tell that part of the story on Wednesday and amplify the voices of working people.”

The American Rescue Plan Act saved an untold number of Northeast Ohio jobs by replenishing the state’s unemployment fund, providing needed stimulus to restaurants, and funding numerous programs from

local government to childcare to emergency rental assistance, among others.

The Inflation Reduction Act is already paying dividends in Ohio, with companies announcing their intention to invest in manufacturing and hire permanent workers for a clean energy economy. The new law will save ratepayers hundreds of dollars annually in energy costs. It will also finally take some of the tax burden off the middle class by requiring the wealthy to pay their fair share of federal taxes.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will create thousands of Northeast Ohio jobs – not just in the construction industry but also in permanent jobs servicing expanded broadband and rebuilt airports and sewer systems.

The CHIPS and Science Act was a critical piece of legislation supporting semiconductor manufacturing that will create jobs throughout the state.

The roundtable discussion, scheduled for 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, September 7th, will be live-streamed.

The North Shore AFL-CIO Federation of Labor is Ohio’s largest central labor council and the organized voice for 80,000 working people.

Lakewood Historical Society Presents: A Peek Into The Past

by Susan Ritter

Lakewood Historical Society is celebrating 70 years since it was founded in 1952 with an exhibition highlighting many items from its permanent collection. "A Peek into the Past" showcases treasures that have been donated, curated, catalogued and stored with the Historical Society during the last 70 years.

You'll see a variety of pieces dating from the 1800s to the 1960s. Included are Victorian dresses, children's clothing of the late 1800s, flapper dresses dating from the 1920s, woolen swimsuits from the early 1900s, men's vests made by a Cleveland tailor, and a selection of hats, umbrellas, walking sticks, jewelry and purses. Visitors will view clothing items for both women and men.

A Victorian parlor furniture set, owned by a prominent Lakewood family, is included in the exhibit. In addition, antique toys, kitchen gadgets, and quilts, created by community members over a century ago, will be displayed.

The exhibit will be held on Satur-



days and Sundays, September 24 and 25, October 1 and 2, and October 8 and 9, from 1 to 4 p.m. each day, at the Nicholson House, 13335 Detroit Ave., Lakewood.

Tickets for "A Peek into the Past" are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children ages 3 to 12. Go to this link to purchase tickets: <https://buytickets.at/lakewoodhistoricalsociety/754712>. Tickets may also be purchased at the Nicholson House on the day of the event.

Proceeds from this exhibition will go towards the preservation and storage of the items in the permanent collection, as well as towards the mission of Lakewood Historical Society.

LAKEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Howmet Grant To Benefit District's
STEM Initiatives

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood City Schools and the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation (LREF) are pleased to announce that Howmet Aerospace Foundation has awarded a \$26,910 grant to LREF that will be dedicated to purchasing robot kits for students. This is the second consecutive year LREF has received a Howmet grant to benefit the District.

The District plans to buy Ozo-bot Evo classroom kits for all seven elementary buildings' makerspaces, which beginning this school year have dedicated STEM teachers to provide curriculum. The two middle schools will also receive the kits for their STEM classes. Ozobot is a smart robot that can follow lines or roam around freely, detect colors, and can be programmed using visual codes. Students will learn hands-on about robotics, math and programming.

"We are appreciative and grateful for the support that Howmet Aerospace Foundation is providing for STEM education in the Lakewood Schools again this year. It is funding such as this grant which allows the Lakewood Schools to take instruction to the next level and truly provide a world class STEM foundation for its youngest students," said LREF Exec-

utive Director Terri Richards.

The District's Director of Teaching and Learning, Steven Ast, added:

"Our students and teachers are so fortunate to have this opportunity thanks to generosity and amazing support from the LREF and the Howmet Foundation. This technology provides teachers cutting edge technology resources to empower students as they work toward the Vision of a Lakewood Graduate. Our students' future will require creative, critical, and design thinking skills, and our teachers are blessed to have these great tools to foster that learning thanks to this grant."

Howmet Aerospace Foundation invests in STEM and technical education as part of its efforts to educate and inspire tomorrow's scientists, engineers and technical experts. The Howmet Foundation is the independently endowed charitable arm of Howmet Aerospace.

LREF serves current students in the Lakewood City Schools by providing educational enrichment opportunities that enhance excellence in learning, and elevate the quality of each and every student's education, at the elementary, middle or high school levels.



Ranger Marching Band
Festival Sept. 17

by Christine Gordillo

We are excited to announce the return of the Lakewood High School Marching Band Festival! The 35th festival will take place this year on Saturday, September 17, 2022. It will kick off with a parade of bands at 6 pm and continue with the first band performance at 6:30 pm. Gates open at 5:30 pm.

This year, the festival, which is the LHS band's biggest fundraiser, will feature 10 Cleveland-area marching bands including:

- Berkshire HS
- Eastlake North HS
- Fairview HS
- Hudson HS
- Oberlin HS
- Rocky River HS

Strongsville HS
Westlake HS
Malone College
...and Lakewood's very own Ranger Marching Band!

Ticket prices are as follows:
Adults - \$9 online, \$10 cash at the gate
Seniors (55+) - \$7 online, \$8 cash at the gate
Students (5-17) - \$4 online, \$5 cash at the gate
Preschoolers - Free!
Programs - \$6 online, \$7 cash at the gate
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LAKEWOOD IS ART

Call For Artists

from City Hall

The City of Lakewood, LakewoodAlive and Cuyahoga County hereby invite all interested Artists to submit qualifications for a new public art piece to be located at the Winterhurst Arena building located at 14740 Lakewood Heights Boulevard in Lakewood, Ohio.

Warren Road currently serves as the primary north-south corridor connecting the Downtown and Uptown Lakewood business districts to Interstate 90. As a gateway into the City of Lakewood, its vibrant business districts and diverse housing stock, this intersection sees over 16,000 cars per day (combined north/south on Warren; one-way west bound on Lakewood Heights Boulevard). The proposed art will be affixed to the façade of Winterhurst Arena, which is the city-owned ice rink that draws skaters and teams

from across the region.

Since 2016, LakewoodAlive, the City of Lakewood and Cuyahoga County have invested \$100,000 from a special county grant to beautify this key corridor by adding 8 public art installations, two new transit waiting environments, nearly 30 street trees, decorative cross walks, planter boxes and the addition of bike lanes on one section of roadway. The project has been designed to be implemented in three phases, with phases one and two now complete.

In late 2021, the City of Lakewood, in partnership with LakewoodAlive, applied for a Cuyahoga County Supplemental Grant Program to fund phase three. The grant monies are an initial investment in improving the quality of Warren Road, a multi-phase effort over numerous years. It was determined

during the grant application that the effort shall be referred to as the Warren Gateway, thereby highlighting the importance of Warren’s connection to and throughout Lakewood. The City of Lakewood received the full Cuyahoga County Community Development Supplemental Grant Program amount in Spring 2022.

Invitation to Participate

Artists are invited to submit qualifications for consideration by the City of Lakewood and LakewoodAlive for the south-east facing façade of Winterhurst Arena at the northwest intersection of Lakewood Heights Boulevard and Warren Road. The nature of the concept will be at the discretion of the Artist.

The art piece shall be affixed to the wall. If a mural is proposed, it shall

be printed, cut, and installed directly adhering to the brick veneer by a print company retained by the City of Lakewood and LakewoodAlive.

Eligibility

This project is open to all local artists. Collaborations and teams are welcome contingent upon demonstration in the RFQ response of previous experience working as a team. Anyone under the age of 18 must include a parent or guardian’s name and phone number with their application.

All submissions must be received no later than: September 8, 2022 by 4:00 PM

For more information go to: <https://www.lakewoodalive.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Winterhurst-Public-Art-RFQ-2022.pdf>



SEPTEMBER

ARIES:

You’ve got the energy of the energizer bunny this month, Ram. Your health is looking great, and you’re looking good to the world. Do something bold, new & courageous...

TAURUS:

This is one time the Bull should stay in the Bullpen; stuff is going on behind the scenes; it just may be a bit of romance; mind your Ps & Qs, and keep a lid on it; no red capes.

GEMINI:

The Twins are the social butterflies of the Zodiac, and this month is no exception. The only difference is that you’ll be doing much more entertaining at home on the range this month.

CANCER:

Lady Luck is still shining on the Crab’s career; get out in that community of yours & spread the word; if you don’t do it, who will...come out of that shell of yours and network, baby.

LEO:

Looks like the Lion’s going to be leaving the familiar jungle to travel afar on foreign land, or maybe you’re just brushing up on your Italian to take a trip overseas, no time like the present.

VIRGO:

It’s time to open your arms up to the Universe and say, “Show me the money.” Yep, you’ve got money coming to you from another source; make sure you’re ready for it on all fronts.

LIBRA:

Your partnership arena is lighting

up, business & personal: there’s a matter or two that you’re keeping quiet for the month, that’s good, it’s not time yet to break the news to the world.

SCORPIO:

Scorpion, keep an eye on your health this month; you’ve got Jupiter there, which could bring expansion or good fortune; the word is moderation; get out; mingle with your friends.

SAGITTARIUS:

The Centaur’s house of romance is blazing, and the career is getting a healthy dose of sunshine from the Universe; remember to keep everything in the positive light.

CAPRICORN:

The hearth is where the heart is, whether it’s a new place or sprucing up the home; you may have a visitor from a foreign land, try some ethnic foods this month, live a little.

AQUARIUS:

Transformation abounds; try looking right under your nose in the neighborhood; you might take a chance and buy a lotto ticket this month; if someone’s going to win, why shouldn’t it be you?

PISCES:

Love and money are swimming in Fish’s lake this month. You deserve to navigate the seas and find a mermaid or two; there’s not another sign as dreamy, mystical & magical as you.

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

Congito Opens Fall Tour In Lakewood

by Martin Jaffe

Well known singer songwriter Congito Jaffe, featuring the poetic lyricism of Lady Ives and the melodic folk music of Congito will return to the Blue Cafe, 15715 Madison, Lakewood, at 6:30 pm, Saturday, September 10 for a FREE concert.

Congito has been playing frequently this summer at esteemed venues including the Arabica coffeehouse in Amherst, the Root Cafe, Working Class Brewery and playing new works featuring the lyrics of published poet Lady Ives of Rocky River as well as material from his recent CD.

This is the fourth appearance by Congito at the Blue Cafe and as he stated, "It is always an honor to share my musical vision with the Lakewood fan base--every concert is a joyful event in a vibrant community."

September 10th Lakewood Community Festival Set For Madison Park

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There will be pizza, of course, and other selections as well. Save room for traditional ethnic pastries, plus ice cream and other desserts.

For the kiddos, the festivities will include an inflatable obstacle course, crafts, games, balloons and giant bubbles.

Keep a look out for the team from the Rocky River Nature Center. They will provide the opportunity to discover and learn about the wild animals who make Ohio their home.

Throughout the day, musical

entertainment will be provided by 2 Guys 12 Strings (11 a.m.), Frank Moravcik and the Band (noon), Matt & Jason (1 p.m.), The Newcomers (2 p.m.), Riley & Flanagan (3 p.m.) and The Jobs (4 p.m.).

The festival is traditionally the last event of the summer. The event is sponsored by the Lakewood Community Festival, Inc. and the City of Lakewood.

Karen Karp is a member of the Lakewood Community Festival Committee.

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Lakewood YMCA Adventure Guides Kicks Off Its New Year!

by Ann Bischof-Bockbrader

The Lakewood YMCA Adventure Guides, also known as Lake Trail Nation (LTN), is a group of families from Lakewood and the surrounding communities with kids from ages 5-14. We provide opportunities for adult caregivers and their kids to spend enjoyable, constructive time together, fostering companionship and an understanding

for a foundation to lifelong friendship. Our activities also allow children and their adults to meet new friends too! Our motto is “Friends Forever!”

Some of the activities we are planning for this upcoming year are: Induction with optional tent camping in the Metroparks, tent camping twice a year at different Ohio State Parks (including a Halloween campout and

trick-or-treating at East Harbor State Park), Moon Rock Bowling, a holiday party, family (board)game night, pine-wood derby, cabin camping at YMCA Camp Fitch, hiking, a city scavenger hunt and community service projects. We gather at least monthly for an activity, and hope to add other activities for smaller groups, such as pumpkin carving, going to museums, biking, skiing, ice skating/sledding, kayaking/canoeing, laser tag, and other member lead activities. There are no uniforms, no badges to complete, no weekly meetings and no attendance requirements. The more you participate, the more you get out of Adventure Guides!

We are starting our 2022-23 year in September and welcome you to join us! We are hosting information and membership registration for potential and returning members at the Lakewood YMCA on September 13 & 14 from 6:00 - 8:00pm. Registration forms are available at information night, at our table at the Lakewood Community Festival on September 10, 2022 or on line at laketrailnation.com. Our first event of the year, our induction ceremony with dinner and optional overnight camping, will be held on

September 24, 2022. Membership from September, 2022-August, 2023 is \$75 per family. \$40 of that going back to the YMCA for facility usage and insurance. If you are new to Adventure Guides, go to laketrailnation.com and register by September 10, 2022 to ENTER A RAFFLE FOR A FREE MEMBERSHIP for your family for the 2022-2023 year!

Our programs launch adults and their children on a journey of discovery, with the child as the explorer and the adult as the guide. Adventure Guides encourages adult caregivers to get to know your kids through shared experiences while your kids are still young and still want to spend time with you! The one-on-one time in a fun, special environment builds important bonds through shared experiences. Whether it is mother, father, grandparent, or guardian with sons, daughters or both, ALL are welcome to Lake Trail Nation Adventure Guides to create great memories together. It is our belief that the best thing you can spend on your child is YOUR time.

Ann Bischof-Bockbrader is a long time Lakewood Resident and a graduate of Lakewood High with two kids in Lakewood City Schools.

September 28

Keep Lakewood Beautiful To Host 'Pop Up, Pick Up, Pour Up' Cleanup Event

by Matt Bixenstine

Keep Lakewood Beautiful is pleased to announce our fourth 'Pop Up, Pick Up, Pour Up' litter cleanup event of 2022. Join our volunteer-led group on Wednesday, September 28th, at 6:30 pm at Lakewood Hardware to do good, have fun, and make friends.

Pop Up - Meet in the parking lot at Lakewood Hardware (16608 Madison Ave) at 6:30 pm. Ample street parking is available in the surrounding neighborhood. Bags, vests, gloves, and litter tongs will be provided.

Pick Up - Help us to pick up litter and beautify the public spaces and commercial corridor near the west-end of Madison Avenue.

Pour Up - Afterwards, around 7:30, we'll head to Mars Bar (15314 Madison Ave) to pour up a drink (pay as you go) and receive a discount on their delicious gyros in celebration of a job well done.

Visit our Facebook event to learn more. We hope you can join us to beautify our community!

Lakewood's Artistic Girl Power



Festival founder Lucy Sinagra attended the Lakewood Arts Fest and happened to run into Karolyn Isenhardt while purchasing a piece at the booth of the artist who was awarded best in show by the Festival. It was a warm and exciting moment.

Scents Make A Difference In Single Mothers Lives

by Tina Francis

Let's help single mothers in the projects with good smelling lotions (like Jergens), soap (like Dove) bath gels (Bed, Bath & Beyond) etc. Please all name brands. The mothers are always getting hand-me-downs, generics, and off brands; I want them to know the congregation at Grace Church think they are special.

I was once a single mother in the projects and we didn't experience anything like aroma therapy! We smell a lot of diapers, adolescent body odors, not to mention their horrendous gym shoes. Single moms stretch whatever they have to make ends meet. It usually doesn't. They sacrifice a lot, unrewarded in the projects. Their boys can eat a whole box of cereal in a day. I

understand their struggle.

Mothers don't even think about themselves, but I do and want them to have a good smelling product just for them. Something as small as a brand new bottle of sweet scented moisturizing lotion is a luxury that can make such a difference in a woman's attitude and outlook on life.

If you can, please bring any of the above products, or others, to Grace Presbyterian Church, 1659 Rosewood Ave, in Lakewood, any Sunday in September between 10 am -12 pm. Parking lot entrance off of Westwood Avenue.

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Division Of Early Childhood And Youth Programming At Cove Community Center

by Laura Jaissle

The Division of Youth and Early Childhood have some ways to help and support families in Lakewood.

*** Family Room**

We could not be happier with our beautiful new Lakewood Family Room at Cove Community Center. This large and inviting space is filled with all kinds

of toys and activities sure to entertain your young child. We are pleased to announce our fall schedule which includes evening hours, after school drop ins, new parent support (including lactation help) for those with babies under one, a special time just for the under three crowd, our longstanding Learn Thru Play program, and a new

PreK lunch bunch group on Fridays. In addition, we will have special events including Miss Emily's Storytime, family movie nights, parent education groups, and parent advocacy opportunities. If you have a special skill or talent you would like to bring to the center, please reach out to discuss. Our fall schedule begins September 6. Please contact Jessica Parker Program Manager City Of Lakewood Division of Early Childhood for more information: 216-529-5018 or check out the Lakewood Family Room on Facebook

* The Kinship Caregiver Support Group is open to any relative caregiver (grandparent, cousin, aunt/uncle, sibling) or individuals identifying as "fictive kin" (family friends, neighbors, etc.).

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Next Groups: 9/15/2022, 10/20/2022

* Active Parenting Classes provide three roadmaps: Early Childhood, School Age, and Teen. These cover every milestone a parent or caregiver may experience with their child/ren. Our group programming is free and offered with a meal and childcare.

If you are interested in learning more about what the Lakewood Area Collaborative has to offer, give us a call at 216-529-6870 today!

Laura Jaissle has been a Lakewood Resident since 2007 and is the current Assistant Director of Human Services for the City of Lakewood.

Rep. Skindell Opposes State Issue 2, An Attack On The Freedom To Vote

by Caitlin Robertson

State Rep. Michael J. Skindell (D-Lakewood) issued a statement opposing State Issue 2 regarding voting qualifications. The proposed constitutional amendment would add restrictions to voter qualifications, potentially barring 17-year-olds from voting in primary elections. Rep. Skindell testified to the Ballot Board, expressing concern that the Board-approved ballot language does not accurately describe the new restrictions to voting that the constitutional amendment will impose.

"I strongly oppose State Issue 2, which will be on the ballot this November," said Rep. Skindell. "Issue 2 would add new restrictions to voting for all Ohioans, taking our state backwards. Further, the Ballot Board approved language on a party line vote that does not accurately warn voters about what they

are voting on. The people need to know the truth. This issue could take away 17-year-olds' longstanding right to vote in primary elections. It also restricts voter registration for an entire month before elections, an unnecessary and deliberate obstacle to voter access. The voting restrictions proposed in Issue 2 are an attack on our freedom to vote. I oppose Issue 2 and encourage Ohioans to reject it by voting 'No'."

The statute granting 17-year-olds the right to vote in primaries was enacted in Ohio back in 1981—over 40 years ago. Studies have shown that permitting 17-year-olds to vote in primaries increases youth engagement. In addition, once a person votes, that person is more likely to vote again.

Caitlin Robertson is the Legislative Aide to State Representative Michael J. Skindell.



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October 11th
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November 8th

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Teen

Ages 13 to 18

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across Ohio, including the mayors of Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Dayton, Toledo, Akron, Youngstown, Elyria, Lorain, Lima, and Athens.

"I am looking forward to joining many of my peers from around Ohio to meet with President Biden and share how cities like Lakewood have successfully leveraged federal funds with other local, state, and community dollars to improve quality of life and achieve transformative projects," said Mayor Meghan F. George. "Through ARPA funds alone, the City of Lakewood has been able to keep people in their homes during the pandemic, invest in cata-

lytic development and infrastructure projects; and improve public safety. The federal government's investment in dense cities like Lakewood has immense impact, and we appreciate the focus that the Biden administration has shown in partnering with communities like ours."

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LAKEWOOD PETS

Registration Now Open For LakewoodAlive’s 15th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade

by Jacqueline Bon

Get ready for a doggone good time! Registration is now open for LakewoodAlive’s 15th Annual Spooky Pooch Parade, a celebration of costumed canines taking place Saturday, October 15 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Madison Park in Lakewood’s Birdtown Neighborhood.

LakewoodAlive proudly announces Ken Ganley Subaru of Bedford as the Title Sponsor. Spooky Pooch Parade consists of a free-to-attend festival at Madison Park, a parade along Madison Avenue and surrounding streets and an awards presentation. A favorite Halloween tradition for Northeast Ohio dog lovers and their families, this community festival is a one-of-a-kind event in the region, providing a tail-wagging good time for canine and human guests alike. Last year’s Spooky Pooch Parade drew 350 canines and an estimated crowd of 3,000 people.

Pre-registration for the parade is \$10 per dog and day-of registration is \$15 per dog. Multiple dog discounts are available with pre-registration only. Humans are free. This community event takes place rain or shine, and proceeds from the parade benefit LakewoodAlive, a community-centered nonprofit organization striving to foster and sustain vibrant and welcoming neighborhoods in Lakewood. Register your dog today.

Festivities get underway with the Spooky Pooch Festival beginning at 12:30 p.m. at Madison Park. Enjoy entertainment, kids’ games and dog-related vendors, including rescue groups and other nonprofits offering canine-oriented goods and services. Kids (and all participants) are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes at this family-friendly event.

The much-anticipated dog parade commences at 2 p.m. Dogs of all shapes and sizes dressed in their finest Halloween fashions will strut their stuff along Detroit Avenue. Judges will award prizes beginning at 3:15 p.m. in a number of categories, including Best Pooch & Child, Best Pooch & Adult, Best Pooch & Group, Spookiest Pooch and Best in Show. Contestants must



photo by Deb O'Bryan

participate in the parade in order to be eligible to win a prize.

“We’re excited for Spooky Pooch Parade to return to Madison Park for its second consecutive year,” said Ian Andrews, Executive Director of LakewoodAlive. “There are so many great neighborhoods in Lakewood and Birdtown is one of our favorites. We are thrilled to celebrate canines and community at Madison Park while embracing park investments made over the past couple of years. This family-friendly community event is a really fun time for everyone who participates.”

For more information and to register your dog, please visit LakewoodAlive.org/SpookyPooch.

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- Jacqueline Bon is the Communications & Design Manager at the LakewoodAlive. She enjoys the people, places, and events that make Lakewood a uniquely beautiful community.*



Senator Antonio (right) and President of the Cleveland Animal Protective League Sharon Harvey (left) visiting with an APL resident.
Photo credit: Mike Petcher, APL Volunteer Photographer

Senator Antonio Shares Resources For Pet Owners

by Nickie Antonio

On August 18th, I had the opportunity to attend the ribbon-cutting and tour of the Cleveland Animal Protective League’s new, fully-renovated animal care and resource center in Tremont.

During the tour, I learned how the expansion would allow more pet owners around Cuyahoga County who cannot afford regular veterinary care to receive care for their pets instead of having to surrender them, so animals can stay with the people they love.

Sadly, the Covid-19 pandemic, economic instability, lack of pet-friendly housing options and rising costs have led to an increase in animal surrenders

both in our state and nationwide. For pet owners in these situations, many shelters offer diversion programs where they can receive free or subsidized pet food and veterinary care, or where pets can be boarded for short amounts of time to prevent permanent surrenders.

Many organizations across Cuyahoga County offer pet food pantries, low-cost animal wellness clinics and surrender diversion programs. If you or someone you know is in need of resources, do not hesitate to contact my office at 614-466-5123 or antonio@ohiosenate.gov, and we will help connect you. Pets are a part of our families, and families must always come first.

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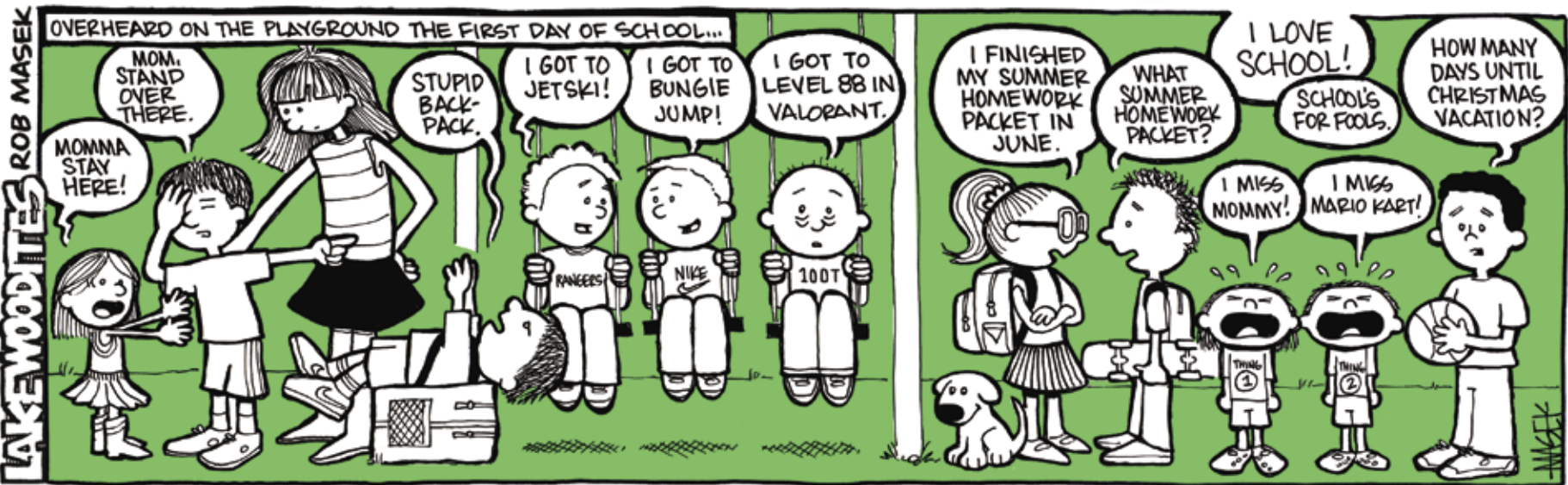
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