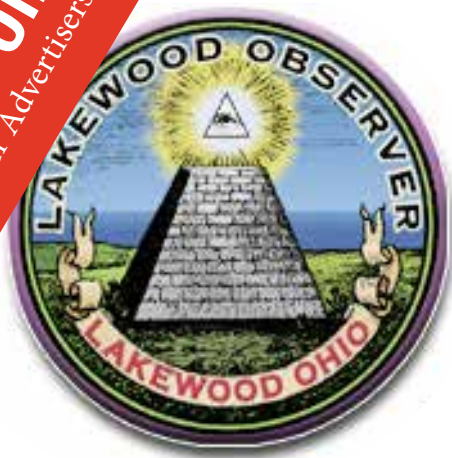


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## Kucinich Weighs In On Lakewood Hospital

by Dennis Kucinich

On Monday September 21, 2015, Former Congressman Dennis Kucinich held a news conference in front of Lakewood Hospital. Here is the text of his speech:

*Lakewood Hospital has been the focal point of one of the most important community struggles anywhere in America. The people of Lakewood have come together to insist on their right to keep and to protect their Lakewood Hospital, which has served our community for 108 years.*

*This morning I stand with Save Lakewood Hospital and those in support of their efforts*

*as a continuation of eighteen years of service to the Lakewood community, two in the State Senate and 16 years in the US House.*

*The operation of this hospital has been a century-long practice of the healing arts, of mercy, of charity and love. Generations in Lakewood have been served and saved by the talented medical and support service staffs. In addition, families from Cleveland, Rocky River, Bay Village and Lorain have all used Lakewood Hospital's medical services.*

*Today Lakewood Hospital is in a pivotal battle to determine whether it will survive as a*

*community hospital*

*It is said by those supporting the closing of the hospital that it is losing patients and losing revenue and cannot financially sustain itself. But a careful analysis of the record, together with documents which recently surfaced in a law suit, will show that Cleveland Clinic engineered a steady decline of Lakewood Hospital, one that can be reversed.*

*Here is some background: In 1996 Cleveland Clinic and the Lakewood Hospital Association, which is an extension of the Clinic's management, signed a "Definitive Agreement" for the Clinic to manage and operate Lakewood Hospital, through 2026.*

*In 2007 and 2008 the Lakewood Hospital Board of Trustees approved a Master Plan that would result in a new hospital. That proposal was submitted to Cleveland Clinic to approve funding for a \$69*



With protestors in front of Lakewood Hospital as his backdrop, former Congressman Dennis Kucinich addresses the media.

*million, 245 bed facility.*

*In 2009 a plan called the "Vision for Tomorrow" was announced by the Clinic and its Lakewood Hospital Association. The plan was specific. Lakewood Hospital's future would be protected through the establishment of medical centers for excellence in geriatrics, orthopedics, neurological service and for the treatment of diabetes*

*and endocrine conditions.*

*In consideration of the promises specified in the "Vision for Tomorrow" in 2010 Cleveland Clinic gained approval from Lakewood City Council to move pediatric and trauma services out of Lakewood.*

*The Council passed a resolution which read, in part, "The City and Cleveland Clinic*

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## Meghan George For Lakewood School Board

by Meghan George

I've lived in Lakewood all my life, except for my years in Columbus at the Ohio State University where I obtained a degree focused on education.

I am running for School Board because I believe I can bring fresh, new perspectives to the Board. There are lots of exciting things happening at the schools and in Lakewood in general. New challenges need new perspectives.

I believe I have unique qualifications to bring to the

board. As mentioned, I have held a license in Education and am currently attending night school and am in the final stages of achieving my Masters in Education Administration from Cleveland State. I have held an Ohio Teacher's license, and I was employed three years as a para-professional at Harding Middle School.

I currently work downtown in the private sector for a company specializing in benefits. I advise our clients on **continued on page 6**

## Petrie-Barcelona Announces Re-Election Bid For School Board

by Emma Petrie-Barcelona

I am pleased to announce that I am running for re-election to the Lakewood School Board. My experience over the past four years, most recently as Board president, has deepened my understanding of the complex issues facing the Lakewood City Schools. I have become well versed in the intricacies of the school construction projects and state policy on testing, budgets, and evaluation. While there is so much in the schools to celebrate and have pride in, we have more work to do, work that requires stable and qualified leadership. I would appreciate your support in my continuing service to our

school district.

I ran and am running for School Board again because my resourcefulness, passion, and range of experience combine for a fresh approach in serving the students and community. As a proud graduate of the Lakewood High School class of 1995, I am pleased that we maintain traditions that we hold dear while innovating and finding new ways to positively impact the students and community. My education (bachelors and masters degrees) in economics and public policy and career in non-profit **continued on page 8**

## Ward One Councilman Anderson Seeks A Second Term

by David Anderson

Process matters. Whether it concerns decisions regarding Lakewood Hospital, approval of the city's annual budget or the identification of which streets to repave in any given year, I have consistently advocated for due diligence and procedure while serving as Lakewood's Ward One elected Member of Council since 2011.

As many may know, I was appointed to an unexpired term on Council in 2011, then was elected to a full term that November. My reason for wishing to serve on Council is to help every Lakewood neighborhood meet and exceed its potential. Quite honestly, as a husband, father of four and a landlord, Lakewood is the greatest place I have ever lived

and I simply want it to be the best it can be for everyone.

As Ward One Councilman, I stand on my record of originating and promoting ordinances, codes and strategies to provide more tools to effectively deal with challenging properties and neighbors. I also have worked hard to improve the city's strategy for advancing the quality **continued on page 3**

## Elect Patrick J. Metzger To Ward One Lakewood City Council

by Patrick Metzger

One of the great things about Lakewood is that there are plenty of volunteer opportunities to jump into, get involved in the community mix and ways to try to make a positive impact on the way things happen in town. Another great thing is that there are so many people willing to be involved, give their time, be productive and try to accomplish good work. The will for Civic Involvement is simply one of Lakewood's strongest

suits. Much of what I'm tied to in Lakewood includes these same things – things that are satisfying to me personally and helpful to others. And so, I'd like to bring some focus to this spread of involvement by asking you elect me to the Lakewood City Council as a Ward 1 councilman.

Some of this broad involvement comes in the form of having been a part of the Lakewood Soccer Association as a Trustee, coach and parent of players; other parts include

having been involved in Boy Scouts of America especially with the Cubs in Lakewood; and – by some measures the most fulfilling roles, as an appointee to the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) and the Lakewood Planning Commission (LPC). Along the way I was asked to give input to a Housing Advisory Committee as housing and foreclosures moved front and center in the community because of the financial turn in 2008.

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aspire and commit to provide appropriate services suitable for the Lakewood Community and to maintain the near and long-term viability of Lakewood hospitals.”

In recognition of the assurances it received, Council’s resolution from June 10, 2010 further states:

“The citizens of Lakewood and the elected officials have been assured continued, active participation in key decisions impacting the Vision for Tomorrow Plan and related Centers for Excellence for the duration of the lease term.”

“The city joins Lakewood Hospital Board of Trustees in giving public cognizance and support to the Lakewood Hospital Vision for Tomorrow plan including its Centers of Excellence emphasis as described in the April 6, 2010 letter from Cleveland Clinic leadership to the City of Lakewood.”

But, based on documentation only recently produced through the law suit, from 2007 to 2012, the Clinic and its steering committee shockingly plotted a secret plan which, if implemented, would dismantle and demolish the same Lakewood Hospital.

Additionally, the Cleveland Clinic hobbled Lakewood Hospital with tens of millions in unwarranted charges for administrative services to make it appear Lakewood Hospital is unable to make a profit.

Recent court action has produced documents proving the dismantling plan was “secretly under consideration at the very same time that representatives of CCF were providing public assurances and pronouncements as to the long term sustainability of Lakewood Hospital.”

Here are copies of documents which recite the promises of the Clinic to Lakewood, and here are copies of secret, confidential documents of the plan to destroy the hospital.

The proof in these documents demonstrates a remarkable record of duplicity which demands public attention, media scrutiny and a full explanation from Cleveland Clinic. [Distribute documents].

In light of this new information, City Council should intervene in the law suit and file a brief supporting the citizens of Lakewood.

Furthermore, Council should take legal action to compel the Clinic to build the new hospital it promised Lakewood, along with the placement of the promised “Centers of Excellence” in the new Lakewood facility.

In the alternative, Council should investigate Cleveland Clinic’s conduct with respect to Lakewood, particularly since council was induced to pass legislation to permit the Clinic to move vital pediatric and trauma services from Lakewood, in exchange for a new hospital with new services.

Even as we approach the November election, behind the scenes efforts are underway to close the hospital, at the very time evidence is emerging of broad deception. No action should be taken to close Lakewood Hospital without a vote of the people.

If Council were to rush ahead with the closing before the election, I would personally insist on a Grand Jury investigation of the whole matter.

Repeating, now that this new information is on Lakewood’s public

officials to put a halt to any plans to close the hospital and to join the citizens’ law suit which seeks damages for the underhanded attempt to shut Lakewood Hospital.

As more information is brought forward, the people of Lakewood have a compelling interest in passing the Lakewood Hospital charter amendment to protect their rights.

Finally, I call your attention to an unsigned letter, dated July 3, 2014 from the Mayor of Lakewood to Dr. Brian Donley, President of CCF regional hospitals in which a protest was lodged over the Clinic’s plan to build a 60-bed facility 20 miles west of Lakewood.

This happened while Lakewood Hospital received \$3.7 million of money through the Lakewood Hospital Association and Lakewood Hospital Foundation monies to improve the rehabilitation services.

The mayor stated in the letter that rehabilitation services “delivers approximately three million dollars of contributions to the financial performance of Lakewood Hospital” and the absence of the monies would be “devastating.”

The letter concluded the service losses “are in violation of the letter and spirit of the definitive agreement between Lakewood Hospital board of trustees and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.” This was an appropriate statement from the Mayor of Lakewood.

However, only six month later

Mayor Summers said Lakewood Hospital should be closed.

Why in the world did he say that? When did the Mayor know that Cleveland Clinic’s intention was to close Lakewood Hospital? Why would the Mayor ratify Cleveland Clinic’s tactics? What does he think of the new evidence brought forward?

What happened to the letter the Mayor wrote to Cleveland Clinic protesting the damage to Lakewood Hospital’s rehabilitation services?

Why would the Mayor allow the transfer of a portion of the \$120 million asset, which belongs to the people of Lakewood, to Cleveland Clinic in exchange for relatively paltry compensation.

Why would the Mayor not seek another operator for the hospital in an effort to keep Lakewood open? Why would he turn his back on Metro Hospital?

Why would the Mayor, in a Letter of Intent with the Cleveland Clinic and the Lakewood Hospital Association, agree confidentially not to negotiate with any other hospital system, essentially giving the Clinic a privileged, non-compete position from which to close Lakewood Hospital?

Is this not a violation of public trust? The Clinic intends to close the only hospital in Lakewood, which also happens to be the city’s largest employer, with 1,688 workers in 2014. Lakewood Hospital brings \$300 million in yearly

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# Kucinich Asks Ohio’s Attorney General Mike DeWine To Open Lakewood Hospital Investigation

by Betsy Voinovich

Dennis J. Kucinich, former US Representative, continued his efforts on behalf of Save Lakewood Hospital by asking Ohio’s Attorney General, Mike DeWine, to actively participate in a pending taxpayers’ case to protect “in excess of \$80 million in cash assets, held by two charitable trusts in Lakewood.” The state is already a party to the citizens’ suit filed against the Cleveland Clinic Foundation (CCF) and other defendants. Kucinich is asking the state to take an active role in blocking the hospital closing and CCF’s moving of medical of medical

services to other community hospitals wholly owned by CCF.

Kucinich is encouraging the state to become active participants in the case through “instituting a motion for injunctive relief.”

“The City of Lakewood owns Lakewood Hospital, a charitable trust. A second charitable trust, the Lakewood Hospital Foundation (LHF) was established solely to support the continuing and ongoing operations of Lakewood Hospital,” Kucinich wrote in a letter to the Attorney General, in his request for immediate action to “preserve the status quo and to prevent

harm to consumers until this case is resolved on its merit.”

Earlier this week, Kucinich was joined by a large number of Lakewood residents who rallied outside the hospital as Kucinich related new developments in the court case, which establish that while CCF was providing assurances to the Lakewood community that it would sustain the hospital, it was embarking on a secret plan to “decant” or dismantle the hospital and distribute services and equipment throughout the Cleveland Clinic system in northeastern Ohio.

“The \$80 million in cash assets does not include the value of the buildings or the equipment,” Kucinich said. “It is the big prize in all the phony machinations to close Lakewood Hospital.”

single party, which is using its extraordinary market power to force the closing of Lakewood Hospital, thereby gaining the assets of the charitable trusts.

Here are the facts: The City of Lakewood (City) owns Lakewood Hospital, a charitable trust. A second charitable trust, the Lakewood Hospital Foundation, was established solely to support the continuing and ongoing operations of Lakewood Hospital.

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation (CCF) is under an agreement, in force from 1996 through 2026, to manage and operate Lakewood Hospital. In recent years, CCF provided published, written assurances and statements of specific plans to sustain Lakewood Hospital during the term of this agreement. The City took specific action in reliance upon CCF’s commitment to sustain Lakewood Hospital. However, perhaps simultaneously, CCF covertly proceeded to develop and execute a secret plan to “decant” Lakewood Hospital into other CCF properties.

A recent court filing (Friday, September 18, 2015) made public the here-to-fore secret decanting plan, which was concealed within CCF’s Master Plan for Fairview Hospital.

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of Lakewood’s housing stock. There is always more work to do in these areas but I feel Lakewood is more than just on the right track. I want Ward One and all of Lakewood to know that there is much fire left in my belly and that I enthusiastically seek a second term on Lakewood City Council.

As a Member of Council, I certainly feel as though I am an important part of Lakewood’s governing structure. However, I do not feel I am part of Lakewood’s inner circle. For example, while I appreciate the work of many organizations and officials, I rarely attend fundraisers for individuals or causes. I have, however, never shied away of asking tough questions, requesting more information and process, joining Lakewood Alive volunteers to paint houses and sweating alongside fellow Cross Point Church parishioners to help clear tall weeds, bushes and trees from the yards of vulnerable residents.

So, I’m not really “in” and I’m not really “out.” I participate fully and serve the residents of Ward One and all of Lakewood, but, I also greatly enjoy my family and my work and do not regularly participate in Lakewood’s web of established civic, community and appointed leaders, per se, which would take up much of my family time. I feel this aspect of how I operate helps me remain as objective as possible when considering important issues such as Lakewood Hospital.

Regarding the hospital itself, while there is nothing uncomplicated on this matter, I find much of the information provided to Council and the community to be unclear, less than thorough and not entirely unbiased. I have and will continue to fight for unvarnished and objective reports which may hopefully lead to a more fact-based outcome that will gain the community’s support. Overlooking the biases, the lack of clarity and not being attentive or receptive to alternative viewpoints early in Council’s process have been interpreted by some as a less than stellar process leading toward a predetermined outcome.

It is unquestionable that more than a dozen hospital service lines have been severely curtailed, discontinued

or transferred since 2005. In fact, I have difficulty in identifying even one Lakewood Hospital Association decision designed to add patient volume and operating revenue. All the decisions point toward reductions termed “cost repositioning projects.” It’s the classic chicken versus the egg question: What declined first, patient volume or services? I don’t know for sure and I can’t read minds. What I do know is that this hospital started winding down years ago and we have a significant decision to make moving forward which must be based on all available and clear information. The outline of the now expired Letter of Intent with the Cleveland Clinic might be the best option possible. However, with so many unanswered questions related to process and content, it is hard for me to place complete faith in that option.

In addition, I feel the imperfect process over the last couple of years has led many in our community to express a lack of confidence in the option of replacing Lakewood’s full service hospital with a Family Health Center. Many believe this is a backroom deal cloaked in secrecy. While I do not believe that, necessarily, what I do believe is that if residents’ faith and trust in the way the city conducts business erodes, then we have much more to lose than a hospital.

What should be a vibrant community discussion about the provision for our future health care needs has devolved into a situation where all sides are talking past and not with each other. The resulting lawsuit and proposed Charter amendment are the results of individuals not having faith and confidence in the process. For my part, while I have fought for objective information and more transparency and engagement, I apologize for not being persuasive enough to ensure all voices have had an equal opportunity in this debate and process.

Now into the 2015 campaign cycle, with so many sides drawing lines in the sand on so many issues, I have chosen not to hold any formal fundraising events to solicit campaign donations from organized groups in Lakewood looking to advance a particular issue. I have made this decision out of a desire to protect my

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# Council Approves New High Speed Fiber Network

by Christopher Bindel

The September 21, 2015, Council meeting was called to order at 7:36 P.M. by Council President and Ward IV Councilwoman, Mary Louise Madigan.

The first item of business had Council returning to a topic that was introduced back in May. The Mayor asked Council to consider a resolution that would allow the city to enter into a contract with OneCommunity, an Ohio non-profit cooperation and its subsidiary, Everstream, Inc. with the purpose of installing a fiber optic communication system in Lakewood.

The City of Lakewood has used Cox Communication for its communication needs for 35 years. A year ago the Administration met with representatives of Cox who informed them that their arrangement was no longer current and if the city needed additional services their cost would go up. Considering the increased use of internet services for regular day-to-day business, not to mention those of some of the City's newest programs, and those that could still come, the Mayor felt the uncertainty made the City vulnerable. Seeing the City's internet use growth, he thought the schools might run into a similar problem.

After the meeting with Cox, the Administration began looking into alternatives. At one point the City considered installing a communications system themselves with a local company that installs such networks, but quickly came to the realization that the City is not in the business of managing physical networks, nor should it be. During this process the City met with OneCommunity which has had success helping set up other communities with communication systems. OneCommunity will shop around for the best provider for the system and will offer a system with substantially more speed. The City currently has a download speed from Cox of 150 Mb/s, a newly installed system in Lakewood would have download speeds of 1 Gb/s.

The City received proposals from both Cox and Everstream, through OneCommunity, with Everstream coming in substantially lower. The annual fee for the network maintenance, which is locked in for 20 years, would be \$3,000, which though the Cox fee was not reported, is supposedly cheaper. In terms of internet cost, Everstream will give the City its internet for free, which over the 20 years of the agreement will save the City almost \$800,000, nearly the entire cost of the network installation.

The network will also become available for businesses in the Madison and Detroit corridors. The Mayor said he believed that some of the businesses could probably also use the bump in speed.

There were a few people present to speak on the matter. The first was Cox Communications Public Affairs Manager. She began by reiterating that Cox and Lakewood have been partners for 35 years and that Lakewood was actually the first municipality to switch to Cox. She then said that the network the City is looking for already exists. Cox has built and has been running a system in Lakewood that meets the City's demands. The City has been using this system for free for 3 years,

she said, while Cox waits for a response to the contract they sent to the City. She ended by saying she does not see why the city would spend \$900,000 of tax payer's money for a network that already exists and asked the City to not move forward with the current proposal but move forward with a formal RFP.

Next, Cox Communication's Business Sales Manager told Council that when comparing the current and proposed systems the differences are minor, however that he feels that Cox has a superior network. He cites that the proposed Everstream network will have 144 strands while Cox has three times that. He gave the network coverage for the schools as an example. The proposed system would have 12 strands for the schools whereas the Cox network currently has 12 strands preschool. He ended his statement by asking the City what they thought the timeline would be for installation of the new system, and what their contingency plan would be if Cox decides to cease service in the interim.

Bill Major, the Everstream Vice-President, then spoke to Council. He said that they will bring 117 miles of new fiber to the City, including coverage for the City, the Schools, police, and fire. He said they will bring a speed that is not currently available in the City while saving the City money in the long run. In terms of the number of strands he said that they have found 48 strands which "is fundamentally more than enough." He then ended by

saying that it is "about time there is some competition in your municipality."

The Mayor asked Michael Coletta, the Manager of the City's Information Technologies department to explain why a formal RFP process was not followed. He said that in a RFP process once the proposals come in there is no counter negotiations that happen, so you are stuck with the terms of the proposals. In terms of the network coverage, Mr. Coletta said he was able to do things like ask for free internet, whereas had they put that in an RFP, they would have likely gotten no response.

Councilman Tom Bullock (At-Large) said that he was really excited about the prospects of this new network. He believes that it could be something to give Lakewood an edge in attracting businesses to the City.

Council proceeded to pass the resolution unanimously.

Moving on, the Mayor then asked Council to consider a resolution which would create a Public Art Task Force in Lakewood. The Task Force would first and foremost be responsible for helping select public art for the new Solstice Steps project. However they would also have a broader responsibility of helping the city to develop official guidelines for what public art should be in Lakewood and how to go about selecting it. The City has already looked at the guidelines, ordinances, codes, master plans, and selection methods of many other cities and hopes that the Task

Force will be able to use that information to help the City come up with its own system crafted for Lakewood's needs.

Council referred the matter to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

Law Director, Kevin Butler then ask Council to consider granting the Planning Commission an extension on considering a matter. The Planning Commission is considering a proposal from Councilman Sam O'Leary to turn St. Charles Green into a park. According to the Lakewood's codes they have 50 days to consider such a proposal before making a decision. Wanting to make sure they are thoroughly considering the situation they would like to take a bit more time to make their decision. Director Butler wanted to make Council aware of the situation and asked for them to make him aware if they had any objection to the extension.

The last item on the agenda was Fire Chief Gilman asking Council to pass a resolution proclaiming the week of October 4-10, 2015 Fire Prevention Week. Representatives from the Fire Department will be visiting schools to speak to children about the importance of fire safety and having two fire escape plans. They will also have demonstrations with their firefighting equipment. The theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week is "When it comes to smoke alarms, it's about location, location, location."

Council passed the resolution.

With no further business before the Council, Council President Madigan adjourned the meeting at 8:52 P.M.

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very close one-on-one time with the public, and very tight involvement with fellow appointees brought together in some very long hours and drawn out consideration towards making the right decisions. Work on the CAC primarily involved hearing from block grant applicants who sought public monies to help improve homeless shelters, provide daycare services, and support services for people experiencing physical violence among the many needs that low-moderate income families experienced. The CAC then determined a formula to award dollars based on demonstrated need and an even allocation based on "greater needs." This experience has reinforced with me the level of diverse and broad needs in the community. This is all the more reason why the City has to remain responsive and sensitive to individuals.

The LPC generally hears requests from businesses and individuals seeking permission of the City and compliance with Zoning and Planning regulations when starting something new or making changes to their property. It is in this role that I am most glad to have had a voice in some of the more significant developments happening in Ward 1 such as McKinley Place, a \$12 million dollar investment in 40 townhouses, or the many restaurants and establishments requesting outdoor dining approvals and even approvals

from Lakewood Schools newest schools construction. It's in this committee I've had front row seats to the rejuvenation of the City's commercial complex the creativity of which is demonstrated by the sheer variety of businesses coming to town. I've learned a lot from my fellow Board Members and take great instruction from their collegiality. I have real, in-depth experience in what makes Lakewood tick, and know how we can maintain the forward motion that continuous reinvestment and churn brings to our community.

Professionally, I bring nearly 20 years of experience in community, economic and housing development to the table. Much of this experience is at the municipal level and all of it includes public involvement, working with elected officials and the tangle of bureaucracy to get work done. My education has come in the form of strong hands-on, personal experience, by earning a Master of Science, and following up with and ABD PhD in public administration and urban policy subject matter.

During the day I am the Director of a County Port Authority and work to help companies understand how bonds issuance and finance packages will better position them to bring productivity and jobs into the community while creating a framework to maintain their longevity. I know what the private sector wants in order to feel secure with the long term

implications of putting down roots; likewise, I know the type of guarantees the public wants to make sure companies aren't feeding at the public trough only to leave the community "high and dry." A difficult balance to-be-sure.

Another part of my day is occupied as the Assistant Director of a County Land Bank where one of the tasks is to weed out and demolish blighted, vacant and abandoned housing. All told our program has identified and demolished upwards of 400 units dragging down the morale, value and safety of neighborhoods. Every blighted unit sucks the life and money out of the community and represents a very frustrating and intransigent problem for everyone. A somewhat broader role the land bank plays is to cull delinquent property tax payers with an aggressive approach to enforcement across-the-board. I'm proud to play a role on both levels and I think this type of work strengthens public will. I know the value that housing has to a City like Lakewood and I understand what it means to protect all of our investments from the degradation brought by poor housing stock.

The balance of the day is spent helping shuttle children to events, mow the lawn, maintain the house and try to spend time with my family - and of course run for City Council. On another note, I would like to say that all this business has a point by mentioning that my wife Melissa and

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City News

The Judge's Bench:

Lakewood Small Claims Court

by Patrick Carroll

Minor damage to property or contract disputes can be upsetting. It can be even more frustrating when the amount of the damage is low. Often, hiring an attorney would cost more than the amount of the loss.

If the amount of the loss is \$3,000 or less, the municipal court has a small claims option. The goal of small claims court is to provide a fast and fair option to traditional court proceedings. The filing fee is considerably less than a regular civil case.

Small claims hearings are informal and geared to allowing individuals to resolve uncomplicated claims quickly and inexpensively. The people can represent themselves without an attorney and are encouraged to do so. A small claims hearing is an alternative to a full-blown civil trial.

It is the closest thing to the "Peoples' Court" or "Judge Judy," without the drama. No chairs are thrown. While the judge might ask questions, it is done without the attitude. (Television scouts check the Lakewood Court's docket on a regular basis to look for possible television material.) There were 174 small claims cases filed in the Lakewood Court last year.

The hearing is simple, usually with only the two parties. Either party may bring other witnesses. The parties and witnesses are sworn and they give their version of their claim or defense. Each party is allowed to question the other party or witnesses. If a witness is unavailable, an affidavit or sworn written statement can be used instead, as long as the written statements are trustworthy.

In the Lakewood Court, the judge or magistrate will write up a report making specific findings if the facts are disputed by the parties. This way, both parties understand how the case was decided. If the magistrate hears the case, either party can file objections to the judge within fourteen days after receiving the magistrate's report.

Some examples of small claims cases include:

- A minor fender bender when the damage is not much more than your

deductible.

- Home repair contracts when extra work was done or the homeowner is not satisfied with the work.

- Recovering a security deposit by a tenant after moving out of the apartment.

- Car repairs.

Not all small claims cases are adversarial. Many times the judge or magistrate will discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the case with the parties. Instead of deciding the case, the parties settle the case by mutual agreement. Each gives in a little and both walk away satisfied with the result.

**How do I start a small claims case?** All cases start with a written complaint. The Lakewood Court Website, ([www.lakewoodcourtoh.com](http://www.lakewoodcourtoh.com)) has a complaint form. A hearing is scheduled between 15 and forty days after filing. The clerk will serve the complaint on the defendant.

**What should I bring to court?** The person bringing the case always has the burden to prove the case. Photographs

and receipts are always helpful to show the damage and the cost of repair or replacement.

**Are documents always required?**

Each case is different. Sometimes, the sworn testimony might be enough. If your claim is about property damage or repair work, pictures are very helpful to explain your claim. If you paid for additional repairs, bring the receipts.

**Can I get a jury trial?** No. Because a small claims case is meant to be quick and informal, you give up the right to a jury trial when you file a small claims case.

**What happens if the defendant does not show up for the hearing?** As long as the defendant has been served with the complaint, the case will proceed without the defendant. The bailiff will swear in the person who will explain their claim to the judge and present pictures, receipts and other documents.

**What happens if I win?** Once the judgment is entered for you, you can contact the defendant to request payment. If the defendant refuses to



Judge Patrick Carroll

pay, there are other ways to collect on the judgment including attaching a bank account and garnishing wages. While there is a fee for these proceedings, the fees can be added to the amount owed by the defendant.

Litigation, by small claims or otherwise, should only be used as a last resort. No one likes to get sued, even for a small claims case. Many times a quick call to the other party may resolve the dispute without going to court. If not, small claims may be an effective remedy.

Lakewood Receives 'Auditor Of State Award With Distinction'

by Colin McEwen

For the second year in a row, the city of Lakewood has received the Auditor of State Award With Distinction for its 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

"This significant and important award from the state of Ohio affirms our obligation to be excellent stewards of our taxpayers' dollars," said Lakewood Mayor Michael Summers. "It also confirms the continued hard work of our entire finance department."

The award is presented to the top 5 percent of governments that meet specific criteria during their financial audit.

"This culminates years of improving the city's financial position, tightening internal controls, and

implementing fiscal best practices," said Jenn Pae, the city's finance Director. "This would not be possible without the hard work of the Lakewood Finance Department employees, and the much-valued assistance and input of the City's Audit Committee."

The Auditor of State Award with Distinction is given to entities that file an annual CAFR and timely financial reports, as well as receive a "clean"

audit report. The clean audit report means that Lakewood's financial audit did not contain findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Single Audit findings or any questioned costs.

"Good finance is important to everything government does," said Dave Yost, the State Auditor. "Sound budgetary decisions depend on clean and accurate books."

Meghan George For Lakewood School Board

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their benefit structure, cost savings and cost benefits, so I have an understanding of the business side of Cuyahoga's County's 97th largest employer.

I attended St. Luke Elementary and graduated from Lakewood High School. I am a homeowner on Wyandotte Avenue and am committed to Lakewood past, present and into the future.

My family values also are an important part of my desire to serve you as a school board member. My mother spent a career in social work, most recently for Catholic Charities. My father's family has a long history in Lakewood and in the Lakewood schools. My grandfather taught Chemistry at LHS in the 60s and 70s and my grandmother taught elementary students at Hayes and Grant during the same period. My dad and my uncles all graduated from Lakewood High.

My deep Lakewood roots provide

me with unique insight in Lakewood values. Lakewood residents want top quality academic opportunities, without frills and wasteful spending. We need quality educators and must be willing to pay fair market value for their services. Thanks to you, the Lakewood voters, we will enjoy top quality new buildings and facilities. We need to be creative in utilizing these facilities to their utmost for educational, extracurricular, including music, theater, community and recreational activities.

Also, I want to make it clear I am not running with a grudge against someone or against the schools, or because I have a hidden agenda. I simply believe because of my background and experience, I can bring new, positive perspectives and energy to our schools. Our children and our community deserve continued excellence and I want to carry on that Lakewood tradition. I ask for your vote to do so.

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# Open Letter to Lakewood

We have a unique opportunity before us in Lakewood. We can transform healthcare – with a new state-of-the-art medical facility, including a 24/7 Emergency Room. The Lakewood Hospital Association (LHA) is committed to keeping vital healthcare services in Lakewood and is working toward a new master agreement to reach that goal. In the last few months, we have heard many rumors and misinformation. To clarify the situation, we offer these facts.

Lakewood Hospital Association is responsible for running the hospital – not the Cleveland Clinic, not the city of Lakewood. If LHA runs out of money, the hospital will close, leaving the city with a large, vacant, out-of-date building to renovate or demolish. And there is no guarantee that any hospital system would operate a facility or Emergency Room in Lakewood.

We are trying to avoid that situation by reaching a new master agreement that keeps healthcare in Lakewood long term.

Under a proposed agreement, Lakewood residents keep vital healthcare services:

- A **new, state-of-the-art medical facility** will keep nearly all – 94% – of the services that Lakewood residents currently use.
- A new **multimillion-dollar community health foundation** to improve health and wellness for Lakewood residents.
- A six-acre site for city redevelopment, bringing in hundreds of thousands in new tax revenue each year.
- The Cleveland Clinic moving their family physician medical training program to Lakewood and paying fair market value for the land needed for the new facility and Emergency Room.
- All current Lakewood Hospital employees offered jobs with the Cleveland Clinic or an affiliate.
- **Services** that will still be available include things like primary care, family medicine, a 24/7 Emergency Room, pediatrics, chronic disease clinics, lab tests, physical/occupational therapy, X-rays, blood work and other specialty outpatient services determined by community needs.

The hospital building needs \$90 million in renovations. Lakewood Hospital currently loses over \$1 million every month, already \$8.5 million this year. LHA must act to protect healthcare in Lakewood. Doing nothing is not an option.

While change is difficult, doing nothing means Lakewood loses access to healthcare and an Emergency Room. A new agreement means continuing services – and that is best for Lakewood. The LHA is working hard to protect healthcare services that Lakewoodites need.

For more information, visit [onelakewood.com](http://onelakewood.com).

Signed,

Your Neighbors on the Lakewood Hospital Board of Trustees

## Lakewood Hospital Association



# Lakewood Public Library

## LPL Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

### Thursday, October 1

#### Meet the Author - “Expert Insights: Business Gurus Share Tips to Accelerate Your Business Growth” by Diane Helbig

If you are looking for innovative ways to grow your business and ensure its long term prospects, look no further than this new book from business maven Diane Helbig. She’s gathered wisdom from some of the world’s best business minds who have appeared as guests on her radio show and compiled it all in one handy place. It’s the kind of book you’ll reference over and over again as your business grows and grows. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

### Saturday, October 3

#### “Continental Divide” (1981) directed by Michael Apted

A hard-nosed reporter goes from covering corruption in the mean, crowded streets of Chicago to following the flight paths of eagles. This is a side of John Belushi that most people haven’t seen—the credible, complex lead of a gentle romantic comedy. It makes his early demise that much more tragic. As Ernie Souchak, Belushi does his job of uncovering the truth a little too well and soon his life is in danger. His editor orders him to the mountains to interview an eccentric (and quite lovely) naturalist who studies the endangered bald eagle, despite the fact that she loathes reporters and civilization in general. The filmmakers try very hard to disguise the romantic inevitabilities—see how much fun they have toying with the conventions of the train station farewell—but in the end, love conquers all.

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

### Sunday, October 4

#### Hip to That

“Hip to That,” a four piece jazz band, swings the socks off the Library. Playing jazz standards, crossover charts, and even a few pop tunes, Hip to That is a diverse group that puts their own flavor into each song they do.

2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

### Tuesday, October 6

#### Science & Religion: Some Philosophical Questions

An Alleged Tension: Do science and religion stand in some sort of fundamental opposition to one another? Should religious beliefs be based on evidence and argument just like scientific beliefs are? Or does such an approach simply miss the point of religious practice altogether?

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

### Wednesday, October 7

#### “Misfortune on Cleveland’s Millionaires’ Row”

by Alan F. Dutka

Extreme wealth could buy a mansion in Millionaires Row but not immunity from unsavory business dealings or shameful behavior. May Hanna gave her millionaire ex-husband’s Pinkerton detectives the slip to sneak out of the country. To escape financial ruin, James Potter, the manager of a prominent Euclid Avenue apartment building, gave his family cough medicine laced with poison, killing his entire family including himself. Married to a Millionaires Row doctor, the infamous con woman Cassie Chadwick posed as Andrew Carnegie’s illegitimate daughter and forged a fake five million dollar check. Author Alan Dutka delves into sixteen tales of anguish and deceit that offer a startling perspective on Cleveland’s super-rich. Discover what really happened behind the elegant mansion facades of Millionaires’ Row when author Alan Dutka presents tales from his new book, “Misfortune on Cleveland’s Millionaires’ Row.”

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

### Thursday October 8

#### Friends Preview Book Sale

#### Memberships may be purchased at the door

6:00 Friends Booksale Room (Basement)

#### Meet the Author - “Vietnam: 35 Years After the Fall of Saigon” by Mark Zannoni

In this breathtaking and haunting photographic narrative, Mark Zannoni offers an American perspective on modern Vietnam. A Cleveland-based photographer who specializes in documentary work, Zannoni has taken some astounding pictures throughout Asia, but he is particularly interested in the country that served as the battleground for one of the United States’ most controversial conflicts. From HaiPhong to Kon Tum, from Saigon to Dak To, Zannoni chronicles Vietnam’s current economic and social environment, while capturing the scars left over from many battles, like fresh injuries from unexploded ordnance and the long term impact of chemical defoliants. Despite the luxury format and the gorgeous color photography that adorns nearly every page, this is no simple coffee table book. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

### Saturday, October 10

#### Friends Book Sale

9:00 a.m. Friends Booksale Room (Basement)

#### “The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance” (1962) directed by John Ford

“This is the West, sir. When the legend becomes fact, print the legend.” This famous film quote, uttered by a newspaper editor near the end of the movie, says a lot about how stories of the west have come down through the decades. In this story, a prominent politician and his wife, played by James Stewart and Vera Miles, head west for the funeral of John Wayne, a rancher pal from the old days. But something is not quite right. Ford then takes us back to the Wild West via an extended flashback where we meet Liberty Valance himself, played by Lee Marvin. You will want to shoot him, too. Tonight’s installment of Terry Meehan’s Westerns of the Sixties discussion series includes a special guest, film scholar and author Philip Skerry, who has published a variety of works on the cinema, including two books on Hitchcock. Phil’s latest book, “Defining America: Ten Essays on the Western Film,” will be available for sale and signing.

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

### Sunday, October 11

#### The Bountiful Bassoon

Very few musicians learn to play the bassoon these days—even fewer use the instrument to play folk, jazz, rock and blues music. We think that’s a shame because the instrument’s dark, reedy timbre—often compared to a well-trained baritone voice—possesses an enchanting, otherworldly agility in which we heartily enjoy losing ourselves. Those unable to place its rich, old world sounds in their memory might think back to the grandfather in Peter and the Wolf—or the third verse of The Turtles’ Happy Together. (Listen closely!) We’re not sure what originally attracted Michael Goldstein to this mysterious and moody instrument, but we love to hear him play.

2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

### Tuesday, October 13

#### Science & Religion: Some Philosophical Questions

Arguments For and Against God’s Existence: What are the most influential philosophical arguments for and against the existence of God? Do any of them actually work? If such a being does exist, what would he/she/it have to be like? Is it really possible to know anything about the nature of such an entity?

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

## LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

### Sunday, October 11

#### Lakewood Lego® League

#### For youth in kindergarten through fifth grade (caregivers welcome)

Use LPL’s collection of Lego®Bricks and your own imagination to create fabulous new structures and designs each month. No registration, but numbered tickets will be given out first-come, first-served.

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Main Library Activity Room.

### Saturdays & Sundays

#### Family Weekend Wonders

Make the Library a part of your family weekend time with programs featuring stories, activities, music and crafts. These free programs are offered every weekend throughout the year at both the Main Library and Madison Branch. No registration is needed. Check out our website ([www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth)) for times and upcoming themes.

Main Library Activity Room and Madison Branch Auditorium

### Wee Ones Drop-In Story Time

#### For families with children under 2 years old

Spend a part of your family weekend time clapping your hands, tapping your feet, singing nursery rhymes and, of course, sharing books. No need to register in advance.

#### Madison Branch Children’s and Youth Services

Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. and Sundays at 3:30 p.m. through November 22.

## Petrie-Barcelona Announces Re-Election Bid For School Board

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management and compliance add value to Board decisions. Having experience with issues relating to taxes, impacts on low- and moderate-income households, community development and compliance are a sound basis for understanding education policy and the public schools in Lakewood.

We have had a number of major successes over the past few years such as the passage of the bond issue to complete the reconstruction of three elementary schools and the rest of the high school—thank you Lakewood citizens for that support! We went out to the bond market for the construction bonds and refinancing of other debt and received very high ratings from the ratings agencies, almost unheard of in the industrial Midwest. Borrowing and refinancing debt at lower interest rates resulted in refunds to the taxpayers. Last year, the district and all three bargaining groups in the district completed successful negotiations, resulting in 4-year stable contract agreements with all groups. Late last year, it was announced that Superintendent Jeff Patterson was Ohio’s Superintendent of the Year. Additionally, we have had talented and thriving students constantly recognized for their civic contributions and academic, artistic, and athletic performance. Alongside the educators who guide and teach them in countless ways, we have many people in the district who are great models of achievement.

Why do I want to continue to serve the community on the Board? We are in the midst of a complex construction project, unprecedented in Lakewood in scale and scope. The district must constantly readjust to state and federal policy and requirements. In the past we could anticipate policy overhaul every few years, but changes happen with much more frequency now, creating challenges and uncertainly for our administrators, teachers, and families. Stable leadership on the Board, especially one that works well together and with the schools, is important in maintaining stability in the district.

In addition to serving on the Board, I am a full-time working parent of two students in Lakewood schools (currently in a transition space). My husband is glad to be part of the Lakewood community, though he was not raised here. Given the time and energy that serving the Board well requires, I am thankful that I have a supportive family who appreciates my commitment to the community.

I have received a number of endorsements and support from many Lakewoodites and I am very grateful for their support. Please contact me or visit my Facebook page “Emma for School Board” for more information about my campaign. I respectfully ask for your vote for re-election on November 3rd so I can continue contributing toward stable, experienced, and well-functioning leadership for the Lakewood City Schools.



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“Hip To That” Fills In And Swings The Library

by Elaine Rosenberger

Come see “Hip to That,” a four piece jazz band, as they swing the socks off the Library. Playing jazz standards, crossover charts, and even a few pop tunes, Hip to That puts their own flavor into each song they do. Their music is swinging and often gets people out of their seats and dancing. Stepping in for the originally-scheduled Acclarion, who is unable to travel from Canada, Hip to That will perform on Sunday, October 4 at 2 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.

Jazz combo members attending Cleveland State University initially decided to form a jazz quartet for a Thursday Concert Series, but they loved playing so much that they decided to stay together and form Hip to That. The band consists of Maria DiDonato, Joe Rangel, Lee Kolarik, and Dave Deitke. DiDonato has won area songwriting and singing competitions including The Great Lakes Bard Competition, National Singing Star Competition, and the Generation Next Songwriting Competition. Rangel, guitarist and vocalist, has been studying jazz since he was fourteen years old. Kolarik, a Music Education major at CSU, was also a drum line leader at North Olmsted high school. Dave “Ziggy” Deitke plays guitar, bass, harmonica, and slide guitar. His charity, Busking 4 Bread, helps area musicians earn money for local charities and shelters.

Hip to That enjoys all the songs they play, but their all-time favorite is the first song they ever played together. As DiDonato explains: “It is a mash up of the two standards ‘Hit the Road Jack’ by Ray Charles and ‘Fever’ by Peggy Lee. The result is a man trying every possible tactic to get his woman back, but she ultimately tells him to ‘hit the road.’ We also put a hip hop back beat on the tune, so it’s really neat!” Hip to That’s concert takes place on Sunday, October 4 at 2 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. Admission is free and open to all.

LPL To Show Acclaimed Documentaries During Jewish FilmFest

by Amy Kloss

Musical theater and World War II history are two of the topics being explored during the ten day 2015 Cleveland Jewish FilmFest, October 8-18. Last year, more than 5000 people attended films at venues around Cleveland, and this year, Lakewood Public Library is pleased to be part of this nine year old festival.

On Wednesday, October 14, the Library will screen “Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy” and the following night will show “50 Children: The Rescue Mission of Mr. and Mrs. Kraus.” Both films are documentaries shown on television in 2013, and each tackles a unique, fascinating story of 20th century Jewish history.

“Broadway Musicals” explores the role of Jewish composers and lyricists in the creation of the modern American musical. Over the 50-year period of its development, Broadway musical numbers were created almost exclusively by Jewish Americans, and songs such as “White Christmas” and “God Bless America” became part of the cultural fabric of America. The film features interviews with composers and writers, footage of famous Broadway performances and rare clips, such as Irving Berlin singing “God Bless America.”

On October 15, the FilmFest takes a serious turn with the screening of “50 Children: the Rescue Mission of Mr. and Mrs. Kraus,” which tells the story of an ordinary couple who carry out an extraordinary rescue plan. In 1939, as the Nazis passed laws to harass, ghettoize and impoverish European Jews, people living in Germany were desperate to emigrate. Restrictive immigration policies in the U.S., along with rampant anti-Semitism, hindered their efforts. Risking their own lives, a Philadelphia lawyer and his wife secured enough visas and passports, traveled to Vienna and helped 50 Jewish children escape genocide. This was the largest group of children to be rescued and brought to America during World War II. Nine of them appear in the film, along with old footage and photos, which include rarely shown street scenes from Nazi Germany and Austria.

Both films will be shown at 7 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. Admission is free and open to all. For more information on the Jewish FilmFest, visit [www.mandeljcc.org/filmfest](http://www.mandeljcc.org/filmfest).

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Teen Craft...Monster Magnets!

by Nicka Petruccio

Make it creepy. Make it cute. Make it creative. Then stick it on the fridge. Stick it in your locker. Stick it anywhere that needs monsterring up. I’m talking about handmade polymer clay monster magnets!

Lakewood Public Library is looking for a few creative sixth through twelfth graders to come participate in this free two day craft program where we’ll use colorful polymer clay and some simple tools to craft whatever creative creatures we can imagine. Day one will be spent sculpting our monsters, then on day two after they’ve been baked solid we’ll complete the project with paint, add-ons, and magnets.

Make sure you can attend both days. Registration is free but space is limited. This program will take place on Saturday, October 3rd and Sunday, October 4th from 7-8 p.m. in the Lakewood Public Library Main branch Multipurpose Room.

Register by calling 216-226-8275 ext. 140 or logging on to [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.com](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.com). Registration is free but space is limited, so sign up now!

Homework Help At The Lakewood Public Library

by Julie Strunk

For students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Need a little extra help with your homework or just want a cool, safe, quiet place to work after school? Come to either the Main or Madison Branch Libraries for help and resources. Our library staff will be available to assist students in understanding their homework instructions and how to use library resources to complete their assignment. Pencils, pens, calculators, rulers, paper, and many other supplies are available for students’ use during these hours.

There is no need to register. Homework Help is held weekly in the Children and Youth Services’ Homework Room, Monday-Friday, 3 to 5 p.m., from now until Thursday, May 19, 2016.

\*Homework Help will be closed for school holidays and vacations.\*

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# Lakewood Schools

## National Merit Scholars Lead LHS Academic Honors

by Christine Gordillo

Each September, we honor Lakewood High School's top academic performers from the previous school year as measured by the National Merit Scholarship and Advanced Placement programs. This year's academic stars include two National Merit Semifinalists, two National Merit Commended Scholars and 75 AP Scholars, including three National AP Scholars.

Leading the way are LHS' two National Merit Semifinalists: seniors Amanda Cabot and Jonathan Pizzo. About 1.5 million students in over 22,000 high schools entered the National Merit Scholarship competition, with approximately 16,000 top scorers named Semifinalists. Students enter the competition by taking the PSAT their junior year. Semifinalists represent less than 1% of U. S. high school seniors and are the highest scoring entrants in their state. Lakewood High's two Semifinalists are now eligible to continue on in the competition in hopes of being named a Finalist and receiving one of more than 7,400 scholarships to be awarded in the spring.

In addition to LHS' two Semifinalists, seniors Rose Beisel-Linn and Fox Milenski were named National Merit Commended Scholars for placing among the top 5% of PSAT participants. Although they will not continue in the scholarship competition, students named Commended Scholars have demonstrated outstanding academic



From left: National Merit Commended Scholars Fox Milenski and Rose Beisel-Linn, National Merit Semifinalists Jonathan Pizzo and Amanda Cabot.

potential by their strong performance in this highly competitive program.

In addition to LHS' National Merit honorees, a number of members from the Classes of 2015, 2016 and 2017 have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the Advanced Placement Exams taken each spring.

**National AP Scholar**, an award earned by averaging at least a 4 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams:

**Class of 2015:** Devon Chodzin, Renee Klann and Sarah Matthiesen

**AP Scholars with Distinction**, an award earned by averaging at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams:

**Class of 2015:** Sam Borick, Devon Chodzin, Laert Fejzullari, James Fesko, Nicholas Guerin, Charlotte Hisel, Julia Houk, Renee Klann, Sarah Matthiesen, Emma McKeon, Matthew Morgenstern, Grant Senger, Abigail Shuga, Parker Smith, Shawn Sovie, Bely Stockman, Kathryn Urban, Gregory Watson, Sean Weddell, Taylor Wohlfeil

**Class of 2016:** Emily Brown, Amanda Cabot, Zeke Dalisky, Robert Fehrenbach, Morgan Fox, Zakat Inak, Jonathan Pizzo, James Toner

**AP Scholars with Honor** earn their

recognition by averaging at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams:

**Class of 2015:** Matthew Bango, Alexandra Bellardo, Callan Foran, Maxwell Koster, Emily Marek, Simone McClendon, Benjamin McKinsey, Kayla Sadeckas, Aaron Swartz, Ryan Swingle, Andrea Thompson, Kyle Wagner

**Class of 2016:** Rose Beisel-Linn, Claire Black, Benjamin Bulchik, Alexander Figueroa, Veronica Gordon, Nicole Harris, Jonathan Lasko, Abigail Norman, Sage Petrone

Finally, LHS had 26 **AP Scholars**, who earned the award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are:

**Class of 2015:** Sam Baker, Nathaniel Bonacuse, Maren Bullock, Connor Cimino, Marcel Dunay, Colby Karel, Ryan Mitchell, Paul Sangree, Avery Satayathum, Jonathon Solymos, Luke Walkush

**Class of 2016:** Evan Aldrich, Erlind Allkushi, Emily Bundy, Christin Donahoe, Timothy Einhouse, Aoife Fox, Adam Giffels, Alex Grunder, Atticus Kenny, Justice Marks, Kathleen McHugh, Fox Milenski, David Miller, Predrag Troca, Alexandra Tubbs

## Concerts Kick Off With Orchestra Pops And Choral Symposium

by Christine Gordillo

The first concerts of the school year are just around the corner. All five of our LHS orchestra ensembles and our two middle school orchestras will put on their annual Pops Concert on Thursday, October 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Civic. Musical selections will include Lady Gaga Fugue-which is a mash up of a Bach Fugue with a Lady Gaga song, themes from John Williams, including Wars, Jurassic Park and Raiders of the Lost Ark.

Full group selections include Dark Horse by Katy Perry, Pi Tunes (a song created by assigning pitches to the first 32 numbers of Pi) and Baba Yeti, a video game song.

The Lakewood High Fall Choral Symposium will be held on Wednesday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m. and will feature the a cappella groups The Fourtes and Vive L'Four, the Chamber Choir and the Symphonic Mixed Choir performing excerpts from Handel's "Messiah."

## Come Chat With Supt. Patterson

by Christine Gordillo

On Thursday, October 15, Superintendent Jeff Patterson will hold the first of a series of Superintendent Chats he has scheduled for this school year. The chat will take place at 6 p.m. in the Ranger Cafe, located near the front

entrance of Lakewood High School.

No reservations are needed, just show up with your questions and comments!

Light refreshments will be provided by Ranger Catering, run by the Culinary Arts students of the West Shore Career-Technical District, housed at LHS.

## Ward One Councilman Anderson Seeks A Second Term

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own objectivity on the evaluation of any program or ordinance that comes before Council. Yes, my campaign has accepted contributions from individuals who wish to support me because I represent their values and outlook. However, again, I have chosen not to solicit contributions from any group or organization that may look to get something back in return at a later time.

While the Lakewood Hospital issue currently dominates the landscape, we should not forget that our city (1) survived the economic meltdown better than most of our peer communities, (2) passes balanced budgets without asking residents to increase

the payroll tax (our 1.5% rate remains one of the lowest in the county) and (3) continues as a safe community with excellent homes, schools, parks and city services.

We will survive the tough issues before us – we always have and always will. I feel these challenges will lead to a healthier community and that the future looks bright for our great city. Thank you and feel free to call or email at any time.

**Yours in Service,**  
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# Lakewood Schools

## LHS Football Updates: Homecoming & More

by Mike Deneen

### RANGERS STILL SEEKING FIRST WIN

Many fans expected 2015 to be a tough season for the Lakewood Ranger football team. The Rangers are playing their first season in the Southwest Conference, which is widely seen as the best conference in the greater Cleveland area. Their transition from the West Shore Conference, which had smaller schools, is akin to a college program switching from the Mid American Conference to the Big Ten. Halfway through its ten game season,

the team is still fighting for its first win. Recent games have followed a frustrating pattern. In its three most recent games (against Olmsted Falls, Avon Lake, and North Olmsted) Lakewood has played competitively well into the second half of the game. However, fatigue sets in by the fourth quarter, allowing opponents to seal the win. The large number of Rangers that play both offense and defense is a major factor.

There have been some bright spots. Senior Michael Goolsby has emerged as one the Cleveland area's best playmakers. He returned two kickoffs for touchdown

early in the season, quickly establishing his reputation. Opposing teams have subsequently started doing "pooch kicks" to avoid Goolsby. However, he has become the team's best receiving threat, scoring touchdowns and making key receptions. In the North Olmsted game, he even took snaps at quarterback while Jack Witri was sidelined with an injury.

Maleek Mims and Quentin Palmer have been workman-like running backs, grinding out yardage the old-fashioned way. This has helped the passing game to show improvement over the 2014 season. The defense has been opportunistic, creating turnovers via both fumble and interception. This has enabled the team to play well in the first three quarters of many games. However, there is tendency to become worn down late in games, a byproduct of many two-way players.

Things won't get any easier for the Rangers in the second half of the season. It begins on October 2nd at Avon, one of the top teams in the Cleveland area. Midview, another league power, also remains on the schedule.

### HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES A HIT

The September 25 home game against North Olmsted was part of Lakewood High School's Homecoming celebration. As in recent years, a parade from Lakewood Park to FFL Stadium was held before the game. In a switch from previous years, the Homecoming

King and Queen were named in a pregame ceremony rather than halftime.

Shannon Wood, a member of the LHS tennis team, was named Homecoming Queen. Evan Levis, a member of the marching band and other musical projects, was named Homecoming King. Also in the Homecoming Court were Ashley Beckett, Taylor Booth, Alexendria Donegan, Erin Gregg, Naoimy Vega, Darnell Howell, Atticus Kenny, Jarod Macaluso, Alfredo Mercedes and Abdallah Snobar.

### LHS ALUMS RETURN TO PERFORM WITH MARCHING BAND

Hundreds of alumni attended Homecoming, reconnecting with old friends and checking out the school construction. One of the most popular aspects of Homecoming is the annual performance of the LHS marching band alums along with the current band. This year was no exception, as dozens of alums returned to join the halftime performance.

"It feels like a lot of memories," said Jenna Poland, Class of 2013. She, along with her friend and classmate Alisha Miller, were part of the flag corps. "I miss marching band," said Miller, as she excitedly waited along the sideline before taking the field. Former Rangerette Christina Dziak (now Christina Humble), from the Class of 2001 shared their enthusiasm. "It brings back memories," she said.

## Lakewood Girls Cross Country

by Abbey Gleason

It is hard to believe that we only have 3 weeks left in the regular season before the SWC Championship meet!

This past weekend, the LHS Girls Cross Country team traveled to Cleveland Heights to compete in the VASJ McDonough Invitational. A special thanks to Mr. Ahearn for coming out and supporting us at the meet! It meant a lot to our athletes!

**Varsity @ McDonough:** Our Girls finished 3rd in a field of 11 teams in the Varsity Red Race (for larger schools). The girls finished with 106 points, behind St. Joe's with 88 points and North Royalton with 20 points. Our varsity team was led by Senior, Mallory Shaw with 7 points, Senior, Cate Schleckman with 21 points, Junior, Lauren Lowell with 23 points, Sophomore, Jing Feng with 27 points, and Sophomore, Abby LaForm with 28 points.

**JV @ McDonough:** Our Girls

finished 3rd in a field of 8 teams in the JV Reserve Race. The girls finished with 88 points, behind St. Joe's with 39 points and Chagrin Falls with 31 points. Leading the girls were Senior, Leah Robertson with 8 points, Junior Margot Lybarger with 13 points, and Senior, Hannah Allenson with 18 points.

**Athlete of the Meet:** Our athlete of the meet for this week is Senior, Elena Dyke. Elena finished at McDonough with a time of 24:58.7, a 48 second PR for the season at one of the most difficult courses with the much talked about "HILL." Congrats to Elena.

**Next Meet:** This weekend, our JV (running the Varsity Race) and Open teams traveled to the Cloverleaf Invite at Cloverleaf High School in Lodi on September 26th. The Varsity race was at 11 a.m. and the Open raced at noon. Thanks for your continued support of our program!

## Ranger Boys Win McDonough XC Meet

by Stephanie Toole

The Ranger Boy's XC Team dodged the inclement weather two weeks in a row, they could not dodge the infamous 'HILL' at Forest Hill Park in Cleveland Heights. One of the toughest terrains for a cross country course in Ohio, the McDonough Invite lived up to it storied reputation! No golf cart for a pace car here....only a tractor could traverse that terrain!

The Lakewood Boys Varsity Team finished 1st with 61pts in the 16 team field, ahead of Howland 64pts, the reigning team champion 5 years running. North Royalton 106pts and Westlake 109pts rounded out the top 4 teams.

Leading the Rangers with his 3rd place finish was Jr. Henry Bish. Rounding out the top five scorers for the Rangers were, Jr. Ty'Saun Blevins 9th, Jr. Micah Swartz 12th, So. Joe Burtzlaff 18th, and Sr. Jacob Gregory 19th.

Both Bish and Blevins had key finishes. Each of them out kicking a Howland runner for the Lakewood Team win.



Pictured here left to right: Head Coach Stephanie Toole, Joe Burtzlaff, Jacob Gregory, Ty'Saun Blevins, Nic Binfield, Gunnar Stockman, Micah Swartz, Henry Bish, and Assistant Coach Jacob Ott

The Lakewood Boys JV Team ran well on the rugged course finishing 4th (106pts) behind St. Ignatius, who sent their 'C' 1st (27pts) and 'D' 2nd (67pts) teams to McDonough and 3rd place Mayfield (69pts) in the 16 team field.

Scoring for the JV Rangers were: So. Evan Budzar (11th), So. Julius Alvarez (17th), Fr. Joey Toole (21st), Jr. Ethan Nieves-Stames (28th). and Jr. Josh Owen (31st).

The Rangers most recently traveled to the The Todd Clark Cloverleaf Cross Country Invitational on September 26th.

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LAKEWOOD MAYORAL CANDIDATES

**Michael Skindell**  
**Occupation:** Attorney/Legislator  
**Qualifications for Office:** Education: Cleveland-Marshall College of Lakewood (JD 1987); Walsh College (BA Business & Political Science); Other Qualifications: Service to Lakewood as Councilperson and State Legislator. Former Ohio Assistant Attorney General. Working for open government.  
**What do you feel is the most challenging issue facing the city of Lakewood?**  
Mayor Summers backroom deal to close Lakewood Hospital  
**How would you address this issue?**  
Restore trust at City Hall. Enforce the contracts to operate our hospital. Seek legal remedy for the harm. Ensure strong oversight and an open process.

**Michael P. Summers**  
**Occupation:** Mayor, City of Lakewood  
**Qualifications for Office:** Education: Lakewood High ‘72; Wittenberg University, B.A. ‘76; Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management MBA ‘78.; Other Qualifications: 32 years owner, President of Summers Rubber Company; Lakewood School Board, 2 terms; Lakewood City Council Ward 3, 3 years; Mayor of Lakewood, 5 years  
**What do you feel is the most challenging issue facing the city of Lakewood?**  
EPA clean water compliance, Transforming healthcare delivery for 2nd century  
**How would you address this issue?**

EPA: Deliver on obligations agreed to in 2014 EPA permit by investing in sewer separation projects. Healthcare: invest in new, state of art outpatient delivery services that better meet our community needs, and is financially viable long term. Improve local access for prevention, early detection to better address chronic conditions.

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES: WARD 1

**David Anderson**  
**Occupation:** Clinical Mental Health Counselor  
**Qualifications for Office:** Education: Master’s in Education – Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Cleveland State University; Other Qualification: Being a longtime resident of Ward 1 and a registered voter are my obligatory qualifications. I have never been accused or convicted of any crime. I am also the owner of multiple Lakewood homes.  
**What do you feel is the most challenging issue facing the city of Lakewood?**  
The complicated discussion surrounding the future of Lakewood Hospital.  
**How would you address this issue?**  
Much of the hospital related information Council received seems unclear, less than thorough and not entirely unbiased. I have and will continue to fight for unvarnished and objective reports which will lead to a more fact based outcome. Overlooking this step could be seen as steering toward a predetermined outcome.

**Patrick J. Metzger**  
**Occupation:** Director, Lorain County Port Authority, Assistant Director Lorain County Land Bank 11  
**Qualifications for Office:** Education: BA Political Science; BA English; MS Urban Policy; ABD PhD Public Administration/Urban Affairs; Other Qualifications: Long term involvement in city wide organizations among them service on the Citizen Advisory Committee; Planning Commission; Trustee and Coach of Lakewood Soccer Association.  
**What do you feel is the most challenging issue facing the city of Lakewood?**  
Guarding Lakewood’s strengths as a whole.  
**How would you address this issue?**

Promoting a creative and energetic short term development climate. Continue work attracting stable long term growth opportunities in commerce and housing such as McKinley Place, Ryan Homes, planning for downtown growth, entertainment, bars, restaurants and small businesses. Continuing to make open, inclusive and sound financial decisions concerning city assets.

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES: WARD 2

**Paul R. Beegan**  
**Occupation:** Architect  
**Qualifications for Office:** Education: St. Ignatius HS; Purdue University – BS Civil Engineering; Miami University –Master of Architecture; Other Qualifications: Husband & father of three; 15 year Summit Avenue homeowner; Lakewood-based business; Lakewood Alive Board, Housing Chair; Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Committee; Fedor Manor Board; St. Luke Church, Parish Council Chair & Finance Committee  
**What do you feel is the most challenging issue facing the city of Lakewood?**  
Strengthening owned and rental Housing to serve the next century  
**How would you address this issue?**  
Maintaining Lakewood as a community of choice for homeowners and renters alike by continuing and expanding an impactful exterior maintenance program and setting aggressive standards for rental properties and their owners. All opportunities should be explored to creatively reinvent existing homes and apartment buildings while supporting new infill housing options.  
**Sam O’Leary**  
**Occupation:** Attorney  
**Qualifications for Office:** Education: BA Political Science-Public Policy (George Washing-

Candidates Night At Lakewood City Hall

by Mary Osburn  
The Lakewood Chapter of the League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland and the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a candidates’ forum in the auditorium at Lakewood City Hall, 12650 Detroit Avenue, Thursday, October 1 at 7:00PM. At that time, candidates for Lakewood School Board, Municipal Judge, City Council and Mayor will present their positions on issues and answer questions from the audience.  
Candidates for School Board are Linda Beebe, Gregory Calleri, Tom Einhouse, Meghan F. George, Kristine Pagsuyoin, Emma Petrie-Barcelona.  
Candidates for Municipal Court Judge are Patrick Carroll and Brian Taubman,  
Candidates for City Council are David

**Sam O’Leary (Ward 2 Continued)**  
ton Univ.) & JD (Cleveland Marshall) ; Other Qualifications: Current Ward 2 Councilman; lifelong Lakewood resident; former member Lakewood Board of Zoning Appeals; Lakewood Tax Incentive Review Council; Lakewood City Schools Alumnus; Current board member; Lakewood Historical Society; Lakewood Ranger Education Foundation.  
**What do you feel is the most challenging issue facing the city of Lakewood?**  
Urban Sprawl  
**How would you address this issue?**  
We must develop a multifaceted approach bringing together county and state officials to meaningfully address regional planning and policy impacts on outmigration. Spanning from development to issues like infrastructure and transportation, we must ensure Lakewood’s status as a community of choice in our region and a city by design.

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES: WARD 3

**John Litten**  
**Occupation:** Executive Director, St. Vincent de Paul Society  
**Qualifications for Office:** Education: Master’s Degree in Public Administration, Cleveland State University, BFA, Ohio University; Other Qualifications: 15 years of leadership experience running non-profit organizations and several volunteer roles within Lakewood, including the Citizens Advisory Committee, President of Winterhurst, Lakewood Hospital Association and coaching baseball and soccer  
**What do you feel is the most challenging issue facing the city of Lakewood?**  
Improving Neighborhoods, their safety and their sustainability  
**How would you address this issue?**  
It starts with neighbors knowing neighbors. I have made it a centerpiece of my campaign to have a block watch on every street of our ward, so that we can meet our strong police force half way, get to know each other better, and possibly help each other out more.

**Mark A. Schneider**  
**Occupation:** Assistant Law Director and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Parma Heights  
**Qualifications for Office:** Education: The Ohio State University College of Law, J.D. 2000; The University of Michigan, B.B.A. 1997; Other Qualifications: Assistant Director and Prosecuting Attorney for the city of Parma Heights, 2011 to present; State Representative, 2009-2010.  
**What do you feel is the most challenging issue facing the city of Lakewood?**  
Preserving inpatient healthcare and jobs at Lakewood Hospital  
**How would you address this issue?**  
I would exhaustively pursue all opportunities to preserve inpatient care for residents. Council must conduct its own, independent examination of the current state of Lakewood Hospital and the decisions that must be made to ensure its future. Deliberations must be public, transparent, and should include the Save the Hospital movement.

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES: WARD 4

**Daniel J. O’Malley**  
**Occupation:** State Director, working America/AFL-CIO  
**Qualifications for Office:** Education: B.A., John Carroll University; Other Qualifications: I have many years of experience advocating for working families at the local, state and federal level on issues like retirement security, job creation, education and health care.  
**What do you feel is the most challenging issue facing the city of Lakewood?**  
The uncertain future of Lakewood Hospital.  
**How would you address this issue?**  
I would thoughtfully consider all options with the goal of preserving an inpatient hospital. My ultimate obligation as a councilperson will be to always advocate for the best interests of Lakewood residents. I also want to foster a more open and collaborative environment on council.

about matters that are of concern to them.  
The League of Women Voters is committed to providing information to voters about candidates and issues in preparation for casting their votes. We recommend visiting the League website at [www.lwvgreatercleveland.org](http://www.lwvgreatercleveland.org).  
The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce is committed to promoting business in Lakewood and providing an environment that creates a high quality of life to Lakewood residents.  
Please join the League and Lakewood Chamber as together as a community we learn more about the candidates who seek to represent us.

LAKEWOOD SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

**Linda Beebe**  
**Occupation:** Attorney at Law  
**Qualifications for Office:** Education: B.A. from Kent State Education: University; J.D. Cleveland Marshall; Other Qualifications: School board service – 35 years. Taught English and history for 18 years including 3 years in Scotland. Involved community member.  
**What do you feel is the most challenging issue facing Lakewood Schools?**  
Educating every child- effectively and efficiently using every tool available.  
**How would you address this issue?**  
I believe the role of the Board is to enable the professional employees to maximize the learning opportunities for every child. This is a complex process requiring hiring best possible staff, providing adequate financial support, and increasing professional development opportunities as we struggle to understand how every child learns.

**Gregory “Woody” Calleri**  
**Occupation:** Founder, Burning River Lacrosse  
**Qualifications for Office:** Education: MBA-Finance BA-Economics NYS Teaching Certificate in Social Studies and Math; Other Qualifications: 5 plus years in teaching (HS, College), 10 plus years in finance (research, strategic planning, investments), and 12 plus years of small business ownership (creative problem solving, public relations, contract negotiation).  
**What do you feel is the most challenging issue facing Lakewood Schools?**  
The mismatched prioritization of our financial, educational and instructional resources.  
**How would you address this issue?**  
I will:  
- put teachers back in classrooms and listen to their feedback on improving effectiveness  
- focus on fundamental skills needed to succeed not the constant pursuit of the quick fix  
- find ways to support and fund our communities’ priorities (e.g. music)  
- better manage our finances.

**Thomas H “Tom” Einhouse**  
**Occupation:** VP – Facilities and Capital – Playhouse Square  
**Qualifications for Office:** Education: BA- Business, Baldwin Wallace; Other Qualifications: Lifelong resident, LHS Graduate; Chair of Zoning Board and Planning Commission; VP of School board; Member of PTA; Co-chair of 50-Year Committee to Redesign Lakewood School Buildings. Parent of LHS graduate and LHS student. Successful 1st term on school board.  
**What do you feel is the most challenging issue facing Lakewood Schools?**  
Finish building the schools so students have equitable learning environments.  
**How would you address this issue?**  
I am committed to sharing my professional experience in managing complex projects from design through construction, along with a deep understanding of the issues and challenges. I also bring institutional memory having co-chaired the “Fifty Year Committee” in 2001 and the initial phases of community input.

**Meghan F. George**  
**Occupation:** Oswald Companies where I consult employer groups on benefits they offer their employees  
**Qualifications for Office:** Education: Graduate of Lakewood High School and Ohio State University. Obtained a teaching license from Cleveland State and near completion of a Master’s Degree in Education Administration; Other Qualifications: Experience working in the Lakewood Schools and the private sector.  
**What do you feel is the most challenging issue facing Lakewood Schools?**  
Continue to be a top school district in the state

LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT CANDIDATES

**Patrick Carroll**  
**Occupation:** Judge  
**Qualifications for Office:** Education: Saint Edward High School, 1970; Cleveland State University, B.A. Economics, 1974; Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, J.D. 1977, Cum Laude & Law Review; Other Qualifications: 25 years of judicial experience with over 12,500 trials. As sole judge, I am the traffic, criminal, civil, mental health, drug/alcohol abuse, veterans, & housing judge.  
**What would you like the citizens of Lakewood to know about the municipal court?**  
Efficient, fair and responsive to the community. Judge Carroll received national award for treatment of mental illness and drug abuse. The court’s primary responsibility is the safety of the community. Accountability for those who break the law with consideration for drug/alcohol treatment. The court protects landlords, tenants, and housing stock.

**Brian M. Taubman**  
**Occupation:** Attorney (Criminal Defense & Personal Injury)  
**Qualifications for Office:** Education: Shaker Heights High School, 2001; Kenyon College 2005; Capital University College of Law 2008; Other Qualifications: I have served as an attorney in courts throughout Ohio since 2008, working to better my clients by ensuring they receive the help they often need and not just excessive incarceration and fines.  
**What would you like the citizens of Lakewood to know about the municipal court?**  
The future of people’s livelihood, jobs and families shouldn’t be influenced by the mood of the Judge. Lakewood needs programs that help drug addicts and adults who are first time, non-violent offenders. Lakewood deserves a court that represents the people, while balancing the interests and security of Lakewood.

Meghan F. George (School Board Candidate Continued)

**How would you address this issue?**  
Lakewood has always been considered one of the top school districts in the State of Ohio. The challenge today and moving forward is to remain one of those top schools and to address this issue we need to be recruiting and hiring the best and the brightest teachers and administrators.

**Kristine Pagsuyoin**  
**Occupation:** Educator, Cleveland State University, Teacher Education  
**Qualifications for Office:** Education: M.Ed, DePaul University, BA, University of Akron; Other Qualifications: For more than 25 years, I have worked in the field of education, non-profit consulting and community outreach, corporate training and management, and within the Lakewood community as a volunteer advocating on behalf of kids and families.  
**What do you feel is the most challenging issue facing Lakewood Schools?**  
Funding of public education and effective community engagement.  
**How would you address this issue?**  
School budgets should reflect the values of a community while still being accountable to taxpayers. I’ll vote to protect high performing programs like music, and advocate at the state level for a fair funding formula. I’ll engage the community and establish effective communication channels that are transparent, collaborative, and responsive.

**Emma Petrie-Barcelona**  
**Occupation:** Nonprofit management, compliance  
**Qualifications for Office:** Education: MS Urban Studies, Economic Development Cleveland State University College of Urban Affairs; BA Economics, Public Policy, History St. Mary’s College of Maryland; Lakewood High School; Qualifications:Member, current president, Board of Education. Parent of students, lifelong resident. Former swimming coach, trustee Lakewood Alumni Foundation. Career focused on community development, active in Lakewood.  
**What do you feel is the most challenging issue facing Lakewood Schools?**  
Completing construction project and state policy and funding.  
**How would you address this issue?**  
Lakewood’s \$100,000,000 construction project in challenging conditions has dual needs of ensuring state partnership while completing the community’s buildings. Ohio policy and funding changes occur more frequently straining teachers, administrators and students. My experience on the BOE with these issues and reelection supports continuity and stability of quality leadership.





# Election 2015

## Mark A. Schneider For City Council: A Career Spent In The Service Of Others

by Mark Schneider

I am proud to be running for Lakewood City Council, Ward 3. The support I received in the primary election is humbling. I have enjoyed meeting so many residents at their doors and at community events. I promise to fight for the residents of Ward three on the issues that matter: safety, economic development, city services, transparency, and accountability.

I am proud to be endorsed in this race by the Northshore Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, the Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council, the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 25, Teamsters Ohio D.R.I.V.E., the United Auto Workers C.A.P. Council, and many other union locals.

This run for office is an expression of the civic duty that has driven my entire career in public service. If elected, I plan on bringing my unique experience at the state, county and local levels of government to task for the prosperity and progress of Lakewood.

I will focus on economic development as a priority to continue the positive trend Lakewood is on and utilize even more public-private partnerships to enhance our growing, vibrant business community.

I will address public safety by coordinating residents with police and prosecutors to bring about a new era of community-based policing and prosecution.

I will approach our City's budgeting process in a responsible manner, searching for cost savings through regional cooperation with surrounding communities, to ensure that we keep the high level of services we have come to expect, and deserve, while remaining a community of destination for working families.

I will fight for inpatient care at Lakewood Hospital. Over 80 percent of the residents that I have met at the doors in Ward 3, particularly the elderly, depend on Lakewood Hospital as their primary source of inpatient health care. I will exhaustively pursue all opportunities to meet that demand of Ward 3 residents. While I respect the individuals who serve on the Hospital Association Board, Council must conduct its own, independent examination of the current state of Lakewood Hospital, and its own independent examination of the strategic decisions that must be made for its long-term future. Council must have all necessary tools at its disposal, including independent corporate counsel, a real estate broker, and an investment bank if necessary. Most important, all deliberations must be public and transparent in order to make this a community process. Members of the Save the Hospital movement should be a real part of this evaluation process to ensure that all paths are included and evaluated. Council, in ensuring the long-term viability of our health care system, needs to address the very real need for inpatient acute treatment at whatever capacity our community can support.

When I opened up a law office in Fairview Park years ago, and ultimately made the decision to move to the West Side, I could have lived in any city. I chose Lakewood to make my home because it is

a vibrant, progressive community, filled with friends. Lakewood is teeming with proud citizens who contribute every day to make our community better. Having spent my entire career in public service, I have always felt it was my civic duty to give back to my community. That is why I ask for your vote this November 3.

My career spent in public service has prepared me well for this position:

After graduating from the Ohio State University College of Law, I began my legal career as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in the Office of the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor. After handling thousands of violent felony cases, at the age of twenty-nine, I was promoted to the elite Major Trial Unit, responsible for countless prosecutions of homicide and sexual assault, including Capital murder prosecutions. My time as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney allowed me to aid victims of crime in their darkest hours and to fight for the safety of Lakewood and every community in Cuyahoga County.

In November of 2008, I was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives. As a State Representative, I worked with local officials and businesses throughout Northeast Ohio to create jobs. Notably, I fought for and received over \$5.5 million in state assistance to leverage many times that in private investment to bring over 400 new, good-paying jobs to Northeast Ohio. In addition to my work with Northeast Ohio businesses and local governments, I was a primary sponsor of the Ohio Film Tax Credit, responsible for thousands of new jobs in this state. I also was a primary sponsor of the Technology Transfer Bill, which allows public universities to have a financial stake in technology created on their campuses, facilitating the creation of new start-up companies. I also supported the renewal of the Third Frontier Program, an innovative program that has created thousands of local jobs in Northeast Ohio.

Since leaving office at the end of 2010, I have worked for the City of Parma Heights as an Assistant Law Director and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. I have enjoyed my work in local government, advising the Mayor and his administration, City Council, and all of the City's Boards and Commissions. Like Lakewood, Parma Heights is called upon to perform more for its citizens with less resources and revenue from the State. In addition to fighting for the safety of the City, I played a key role in creating the City's Community Reinvestment Area and Community Improvement Corporation, innovative economic development tools that the City utilizes to attract investment.

That experience will allow me to hit the ground running to get things done for Ward 3. I am also a member of St. Luke's Parish, the Lakewood-Rocky River Sunrise Rotary Club, The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, and the West Shore Bar Association.

I humbly ask for your vote this November 3.

For further information, visit [voteschneider.com](http://voteschneider.com), follow me on Twitter @LKWDSCHNEIDER, or follow the campaign on Facebook.

## From Lakewood, For Lakewood, And Here To Stay

by John Litten

In the September 8th primary, I was privileged to receive nearly 47% of the vote in a four-way race. It was an active primary, and I am very excited to move on to November and to have the continued opportunity to serve the residents of Ward 3. I would like to commend J.T. Neuffer and his supporters for running such a respectful campaign.

The primary was an important step, but I take nothing for granted, and will work very hard the next six or so weeks to meet more of you, to connect, to answer questions, and to be the councilman Ward 3 needs.

From day one, when I announced my candidacy back in January, I said that I would meet as many residents as I could, by getting to as many of your doorsteps as I could. I was very successful in that effort, having gotten to every voter's door in the ward. Since the primary, I am finding the second time through to be even more enjoyable, as conversations are now developing into working relationships with residents. Last week, I even ran into our old mailman from when we lived on Wyandotte!

Ward 3 wants a community leader who will listen carefully, serve their needs first, and who will be there for them now and into the future. I've dedicated my entire career to community service, and I'll devote that same level of commitment and respect to Lakewood residents.

### On City Council, I have pledged to:

- Improve safety by helping to create a block club on every street in Ward 3, so neighbors know one another, know how to partner with police, and so housing quality in neighborhoods improves;
- Strengthen the entire community by serving those most in need. We need to insure that kids have the nutrition

necessary to concentrate in school, seniors have wellness visits and are safe in their homes, and families can access preventative health care before a chronic condition becomes a serious disease;

- Keep Lakewood sustainable in every sense of the word, so the community is cleaner, greener, and healthier; so its government is financially responsible and lives within its means; and so Lakewood's century homes are well-maintained and can anchor thriving neighborhoods that attract growing families for another 100 years.

I want Ward 3 residents to be on a 'first name basis' with their Councilperson. I have always found that's the best way to serve. I will meet Lakewood residents face-to-face and take a hands-on approach to problem-solving.

I am also proudly endorsed by the Lakewood Firefighters Local #382, and I am committed to maintaining public safety at full force levels, providing our emergency responders with the best training and equipment.

I was born in Lakewood and have been a part of the community throughout my life. I am raising my family here and I have served the community as a resident, volunteer, coach, and father and have worked for more than 15 years professionally as a leader of community service organizations. In short, I am proud to be a part of the fabric of this community, and my goal is to use my Lakewood leadership experience to serve the people of Lakewood. I have no aspirations of seeking higher office beyond serving the people of Ward 3 as its councilman.

I will continue to work diligently for the people of Lakewood into November and beyond. I respectfully ask for your continued support this November 3rd.

## Elect Patrick J. Metzger To Ward 1 Lakewood City Council

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I try to encourage our three grade-school children to be involved as well – either as students at Lakewood Catholic Academy, through commitments to sports in LSA, Lakewood Rec, Ballet at the Beck, band, either Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts or even making it to mass at St. Clement or St. James (depending on which part of the family is going at the time...). Our position is that it's important to be involved, be active and maintain commitments. Civic involvement is after all one of those tides that lifts all boats.

There are some pressing things that deserve attention in Ward 1 especially concerning traffic control, efforts toward commercial development and crime in the neighborhoods. If you've seen kids playing in the yard, biked on or live next to crowded roads then you understand the need to curtail fast moving cars as

one of Lakewood's key traffic issues. Of particular note is reducing traffic flow on the Clifton extension, slowing traffic through neighborhoods and addressing streetside parking – something addressed by recent parking plan updates. The west end of Lakewood needs to be brought more fully into the rejuvenation making its way westward. As this happens the western entry of town will attract a lot more business. As for crime, if you've ever had your car rummaged through in the middle of the night by thieves passing through your neighborhood then you understand how supporting the courts and safety forces goes a long way toward maintaining responsiveness and service.

If you'd like to speak some more about particular issues, or would like to get involved, please email me at [patjmetzger@gmail.com](mailto:patjmetzger@gmail.com).

# Election 2015

## Vote For Calleri - Because It's Time For A Change

by Woody Calleri

My name is Gregory Calleri and I am running for school board. My background includes 3+ years on the city's audit committee, 5+ years in teaching, 10+ years in finance, and 12+ years of small business ownership. I've also regularly attended our school board meetings for years and I am a member of our Hayes PTO and Harding PTSA organizations. These real world experiences and skill sets will allow me to find the creative solutions necessary to address the financial, educational and instructional challenges we are facing.

**Why The Status Quo Is Not Acceptable:** The incumbents will tell you that our schools are rated "Excellent" by the state of Ohio. What they don't tell you is that approximately 62% of all schools in the state of Ohio are rated excellent and that our exact ranking is 352 of 611. Our graduation rate ranks us in the bottom half of the state. Over 50% of our students going to college have to take either remedial Math or English. Only 41% of our students taking the AP tests receive the 3, 4 or 5 needed to get college credit. They will also tell you that we need more money to improve the situation without telling you that over 85% of the districts in the state of Ohio that have excellent ratings do it with a lower per pupil cost.

- To address this I will:
- put our teachers back in the classrooms to teach,
  - identify ways to support and fund our music programs,
  - better manage our finances to create sustainability,
  - design an actual roadmap that engages all of our stakeholders,

**Put Our Teachers Back In The Classrooms To Teach:** We need to put our teachers back in the classroom and better utilize our most important resource. One of the reasons our students are struggling is because our teachers/students are being pulled out of the classroom too often. In one year, my daughter lost over 30 days of instruction. The board needs to act immediately to reduce non-instructional events, expand instructional opportunities and create an environment that allows teachers and students to focus on teaching and learning.

**Identify Ways To Support And Fund Our Music Programs:** Lakewood is known for its music and arts programs. These programs provide many benefits and are a priority to our community. As such, we should be nurturing them, not cutting them. Instead, our board decided to reduce staffing, which in turn reduced program offerings. Furthermore, the board has told the Music Boosters that they must fundraise \$324,000 for previously approved music facilities at the new high school. This was not their only option.

Rather than make these cuts, our school board should have reviewed our finances for possible source of funds. At a recent financial audit committee meeting (where only 1 board member attended), I was able to use my financial knowledge and skills to locate 4 sources

for the needed funds. Unfortunately, our current school board members saw no options and made reductions instead.

Similarly, when the building levy was floated and subsequently passed, there was an assumption that it included the money needed to fully construct the music rooms with proper acoustics. However, our Music Boosters were recently informed by the school board that they needed to raise an additional \$324,000 for this construction. This money was originally in the construction budget but, as confirmed by Mrs. Beebe at the June School Board meeting, was used for other priorities. (See video at [www.calleriforschoolboard.info](http://www.calleriforschoolboard.info)). Rather than do this, the board should have reviewed all financial options. Doing so would have shown that there were 2 sources of funds to pay for this.

These are just two examples of the way our present board is unwilling to develop or even explore creative solutions even when they are presented to them.

**Better Manage Our Finances To Create Sustainability:** Our school's current financial forecasts show losses of over \$14 million in the next 4 years. This means that without significant changes, our School Board will have to ask for their 4th levy in 8 years. This is not due to revenue losses (our revenues are flat), but is a direct result of our School Board's inability to control spending and create a culture of financial sustainability. This, in turn, has led to reductions in staffing and program offerings.

I know that we can provide the same services without reducing staff or program offerings because I have worked in the finance field for over 10 years and I currently sit on the city's audit committee. I have seen first-hand the policies and cultures that successful companies and cities use and I know that our school board could benefit from the same disciplines.

However, to do so, our school board must reexamine its current practices and expenditures. They need to remind themselves every day that the dollars they are privileged to spend come from families who may be struggling with their own financial difficulties. They need to see every \$50,000 in expenditures as a teacher and realize that any unnecessary expenditure could amount to a teaching position lost.

We don't need a levy, teacher layoffs, or program cuts. We need better financial management and a board that focuses on being the best steward of our residents' tax dollars it can be.

**Design An Actual Plan/Roadmap That Engages All Of Our Stakeholders:** The Superintendent's slogan of "Top 20 in 20" is a great slogan but what does this really mean? Few, including most of our board members, knew what metrics this was based on when questioned. What underlying challenges need to be addressed for this to happen? What resources do we need to accomplish this? What are the 1, 3 and 5 year targets for this goal?

The most successful schools have roadmaps that include:

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## Kristine Pagsuyoin: Promising To Serve Students, Parents And Teachers

by Kristine Pagsuyoin

For more than 25 years, I have worked in the fields of education, corporate training and management, as a non-profit consultant, and have served on several boards within the Lakewood community working on behalf of kids and families. My husband, Art, and I have lived in Lakewood since 1998 and have two children who attend Lakewood City Schools. In addition, I've had the privilege to serve as a Lakewood volunteer as a coordinator of the Phase 3 Steering Committee for the Lakewood City Schools, as a member of the education committee for the City of Lakewood Community Vision Committee, I co-organized the first "Welcome to Lakewood," co-founded the "Brake-4-Kids" Speed Awareness Initiative, and served for over 4 years as a member of the Lakewood Family Collaborative leadership team.

Serving as a member of the Lakewood Board of Education will allow me to continue to serve Lakewood with the expertise to understand issues from the perspective of teachers, parents and students.

First, I'm an educator. I have over 10 years of classroom experience teaching in diverse urban school districts and I currently teach in the College of Education at Cleveland State University. In my job, I teach new teachers how to navigate the current educational landscape so that they can be effective teachers. Teachers need the support of their community, not just financially, but must be given opportunities to share their knowledge and to be an integral part of the decision-making process. As president of the Lakewood Council of PTAs,

I worked closely with the Lakewood Teachers Association to pass a joint resolution, "Time2Teach/Time2Learn to End the Overuse and Misuse of Standardized Testing." Education is my passion—I will bring a fresh enthusiasm along with an extensive background in teaching.

Secondly, I understand parents and the challenges families face today as they try raise and educate their kids. I've been a PTA member for 15 years and recently ended my term as president of the Lakewood Council of PTAs. During my term, we served over 1200 parents and teachers, and as president, I worked directly with our superintendent to identify parent issues and to solve problems. Parents have shared with me that they want engaged board members who are responsive to their concerns. Simply, they want to be an active partner in the educational process. I have a proven record of listening and then responding by working with the administration for positive solutions. For example, I co-wrote the "Parent-School Partner Survey" which led to the successful passage of the "Resolution to Increase Parent Involvement in the Lakewood City Schools," resulting in ending early release days. I have a proven record of leadership that is action-oriented and that results in policies that are best for kids and families.

Third, and most importantly, I know kids. Sure, my kids attend Lakewood City Schools, but I understand how students learn. Lakewood students are serious about their education and make positive contributions to the Lakewood community. Although funding issues will continue to pose challenges for our district, I believe

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## The Lakewood Republican Club - A Very Lakewoodcratic Club

by Matthew Markling, Lakewood Republican Club President

The Lakewood Republican Club will be publishing our candidate endorsements for the November 2015 election in the next edition of The Lakewood Observer. In the meantime, we are grateful for the opportunity to briefly explain why the LRC is a very Lakewoodcratic club.

The Lakewood Republican Club is a candidate political action committee with a mission dedicated exclusively to advocating and demanding honest, transparent, and accountable leadership throughout the City of Lakewood. As a candidate political action committee, the LRC is prohibited from endorsing or supporting issues.

The Lakewood Republican Club will endorse candidates who promote and practice honest, transparent, and accountable leadership regardless of party affiliation, but with a preference for Republican candidates whenever possible. The Citizens of Lakewood value nonpartisan elections for all elected public officials. Accordingly, all candidates for

the November 2015 election have been invited to seek an LRC endorsement. The LRC endorsement invitation letter can be viewed on our website at [www.lakewoodrepublicanclub.org](http://www.lakewoodrepublicanclub.org).

The Lakewood Republican Club encourages and supports Republicans seeking elected and appointed public office provided they are dedicated to the LRC's mission. We invite all such Republicans to join the LRC.

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# Election 2015

## My Commitment To Lakewood

by Mayor Michael P. Summers

**Dear Lakewood Residents,**

Serving our community as the mayor of Lakewood is the most important job I've ever had. It is a job to which I have given my all. It is not a stepping-stone. I have no ambition for any other office and politics is not my career. I serve as mayor because I love Lakewood.

In the last few years, Lakewood has made hard choices that are producing transformational results. As a community, we took on our school infrastructure and decided to create a new environment that suited the changing needs of our students. Our buildings had stood for decades, but changing technology and student needs meant it was time for Lakewood City Schools to prepare for their second century.

I grew up attending Lakewood City Schools, and watched as my children attended their first days of Elementary, Middle and High School as proud Rangers. As the schools they attended came down, I couldn't help but remember those times – their first choir and band concerts, first football games, and final graduation. But, as new schools begin to dot our city, and new children are having new first days in classrooms that meet their needs and begin to graduate with abilities and access to technology and learning that

exceed anything I could have imagined, I am hopeful for the future of our city.

Our downtown is burgeoning. As a community, we again made hard choices to redevelop our downtown. We took a bold stance, and have over \$80 million dollars in new private investment and 75 new local businesses bringing vibrancy to our downtown. I grew up watching my family run our own small family business close to Lakewood. We too made difficult decisions that transformed our familiar family business into something new and different, with growing pains along the way.

Now is the time to tackle our next difficult decision. In Lakewood, we embrace our diverse citizenship, our changing needs, and our commitment to history. I have said many times that the face of healthcare is changing, and it is. But so are the needs of our community. We are faced with growing populations effected by chronic illnesses, like heart disease, diabetes, and addiction. Our communities need access to the kinds of primary physicians that are equipped with the latest technology in order to tackle these problems. Our love of Lakewood Hospital and its centerpiece of our downtown have served us for a century. Now, it also must prepare for its second century of healthcare. We must invest in a healthcare system that better addresses our community's needs and is

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## Skindell Fights To Save Lakewood Hospital

by Michael Skindell  
Ohio State Senator

The central issue of the 2015 campaign for mayor is the future of Lakewood Hospital. For Mayor Summers, seeing through his plan to close Lakewood Hospital was a driving force in his decision to run for re-election. I disagree that closing Lakewood Hospital is the solution. I am running for mayor to fight for Lakewood Hospital.

Although the Cleveland Clinic has been diverting patients and assets, resulting in declining patient volume and revenues, it is not too late. Huron Consulting Group, hired as the health care expert by City Council, opined in their August 14, 2015 report that saving Lakewood Hospital is a viable plan. They concluded that a population the size of Lakewood has the ability to support an acute care hospital. Huron outlined action to put Lakewood Hospital on the right path.

With the right leadership, our hospital can be turned around and set on a path for it to remain as the health care provider of our citizens and the economic engine of our community. Here is the plan:

**Enforce the Contracts to Operate the Hospital:** The city of Lakewood owns Lakewood Hospital. Contracts require the operation of the hospital until the end of 2026, but are not being enforced. As mayor, I will take every legal and necessary action to ensure specific performance of the contracts.

**Remedy the Harm:** The continued "wasting" or "decanting" of Lakewood Hospital is a result of City Hall's failure to enforce the contracts to operate the hospital. Services have been eliminated

from the hospital and patients have been redirected. As mayor, I will seek remedy for any breaches of the contracts to operate Lakewood Hospital.

**Strong Oversight:** The Lakewood Hospital Association has the responsibility under contract and law to oversee the operation of Lakewood Hospital for our benefit. This responsibility has not been fulfilled. As mayor, I will seek necessary changes to ensure a professional board and proper oversight of Lakewood Hospital.

**Develop an Operational Plan:** As mayor, I will seek a comprehensive assessment and detailed analysis of Lakewood Hospital, including an analysis of financials, labor utilization, organizational structure and department operations. An operational plan will be developed and implemented, paving the way for a healthy hospital. In a fair and open process, others will be invited to partner with Lakewood to operate the hospital.

**Facility Upgrades:** We all agree, for Lakewood Hospital to be successful, we must upgrade the facilities. Lakewood has done it in the past. It has been done with patient revenue bonds . . . not taxpayer dollars. We can do it again.

**Open Process:** I will use a collaborative strategy to form a roadmap for the long-term health of our hospital. This will involve residents of Lakewood and surrounding communities, other area hospitals, independent physicians, nurses and hospital staff. Broad community support will be sought to develop a hospital to meet the community health care needs of the future.

## Vote For Calleri - Because It's Time For A Change

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- simple, clear and measurable standards for judging academic success and progress,
- an environment of mutual respect and collaboration with their teachers,
- a focus on collecting and analyzing data to highlight areas of success and areas that need improvement,
- an intensive and sustained effort to involve teachers, parents and the community.

They also challenge students by creating a culture of high expectations, recognizing success and a refusal to accept excuses for poor performance.

I have prepared roadmaps for all my companies and possess the needed knowledge and experience to help our board create and implement just such a plan.

**Bottom Line:** Our schools are struggling. Our spending is in the top 15% of the state, our performance is in the middle, our graduation rates are in the bottom 50%, over 50% of our students need remedial help in

college, and our finances are not under control. Our students, teachers, and community deserve better.

It appears that some board members have grown complacent, their skills sets do not match the challenges we face, and they are too quick to accept the status quo.

Re-electing the current school board will not change this. They will be back for more levies and they will continue to choose cutting programs over creative solutions.

Instead, we need new people, new skills sets and a renewed sense of purpose to address our challenges, support our priorities and ensure that our kids get the education they deserve.

**On November 3 Vote For That Change!**

**Vote Calleri For School Board!**  
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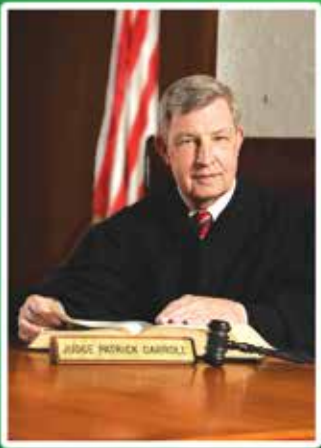
## RE-ELECT JUDGE PATRICK CARROLL LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT CONSISTENT COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

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Election 2015

A Plea For Common Sense In Our Municipal Court

by Brian Taubman

Over the last month, my campaign team and I have heard one common word come from my opponent and his supporters in the race for Lakewood Municipal Court Judge: inexperience.

I will concede to this much: I have never been elected Lakewood Municipal Court Judge before. As such, a vote for me on November 3 would mean voting for someone taking a new job and bringing new ideas to that role.

In this way, my inexperience exists because of my diversity of other practical experiences. I have spent my legal career fighting for my clients, many of whom come from low income backgrounds and need help navigating a legal system that is often outdated and offers little in the way of reform or rehabilitation programs. My experience is in applying technology to legal procedures to make them go more smoothly. My experience is the exact opposite of my opponent: I have experience in courtrooms outside of the city of Lakewood.

And yet, after being appointed to this job and then holding it, unopposed, for nearly three decades, few are as singularly experienced as our current judge. He's sat in the same chair every day, refusing to acknowledge the changing world around him.

Where is his experience helping defendants? What experience does he have using the modern technology I see in other courtrooms all over the state?

My opponent is a good man, of that I have no doubts. But he was appointed to his position in the early 1990's. Think how much the world has changed in the last 30 years. A fairly large portion of voters on November 3 weren't even born when he took office. Think about how our beautiful city has grown more diverse and open-minded. Think about how our world view has been shaped by new understandings of the law. Think about how much technology is used to automate processes to make life easier. If you have been in his courtroom, did you feel like the evolution of the law and our city was present?

In all this time, my opponent has held one post, and the world has passed our courthouse by. I've covered this in past Observer articles, but here's his experience: He's led Lakewood court as it's become outdated, falling far behind our neighbors in technology and processes. He's been in charge while diversionary and rehab programs have been established and displayed success in other cities - yet in Cuyahoga County heroin deaths have spiked to record numbers, with Lakewood leading all suburbs.

Give my opponent credit- he is very experienced at doing the same things

he's done for nearly three decades. But those tactics are no longer what this city needs. Experience is great if it is wisdom applied to evolving circumstances. When it is just repeating the same thing over and over...well, there's an Einstein quote you can Google on that topic.

The simple fact is this: He has run unopposed for many years and the accountability of the courthouse has suffered.

The updates I'm fighting for in our courthouse are not rocket science. They are common sense updates that all of our citizens would demand if they had my experience in courtrooms across the state of Ohio. My perspective comes from defending clients and hearing the stories of too many of them getting caught in legal processes that do nothing

more than cost us money as tax payers. My experience comes from being in law school in this century, giving me perspective on technology and how it can positively affect the legal process. My point of view comes from seeing clients and family members deal with both mental health and drug issues, and the way I will apply the law will be influenced from a personal understanding of their pain and from first-hand experience about which of the current methods actually promote rehabilitation in the weeks after the judge's decision.

I plan to apply the law fairly and in a way that improves the lives of Lakewood citizens. I will protect our city by ensuring proper punishments are given out for violent crime, hate crime and animal cruelty. I will also protect it by ensuring

the first-time drug cases are heard fairly to keep one bad decision from turning our citizens into career criminals.

I've been working my whole career to help people, and I plan to continue helping people everyday if I'm elected to the bench. Lakewood is my home and your home; let's protect it.

I ask you to make your plea for common sense on November 3rd and vote for me to be your next Municipal Court Judge.

Thank you for your time.

Brian Taubman

P.S. For more details on the programs I plan to implement and why they are needed check out [www.taubmanforjudge.com](http://www.taubmanforjudge.com). You can also read my previous posts on drug rehabilitation, technology in the courtroom and refusing the status quo.

My Commitment To Lakewood

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From my time as a councilman, I have been asking questions about the future of Lakewood Hospital. I have addressed Lakewood Hospital's changing finances and patient influx in each and every State of the City address that I have delivered.

Lakewood Hospital is close to my heart. From my birth at Lakewood Hospital, to the great care of my father in his last years, this hospital has served my family well. It pains me to watch Lakewood Hospital age as it has. But painful decisions need to be addressed too. Valiant efforts have been made in the past 30 years to shore up our hospital. These efforts are now up against the formidable pressure of a highly competitive local market, and seismic shift of regulations, reimbursement, technology, and medicines.

It is time to be proactive. As a community, we have taken bold stances that have resulted in dramatic and worthwhile progress. Progress is painful, but watching the things you love wither away is more so. It is time for proactive education, proactive development, and proactive healthcare in Lakewood.

There's more work to be done in Lakewood, and I know that with your support, I can continue Lakewood's forward momentum.

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# Lakewood Cares

## Spooky Pooch Parade Returns To Kauffman Park

by Ken Brand

LakewoodAlive is set to host what has become an annual tradition in Downtown Lakewood: The Spooky Pooch Parade. This year's event will once again fill the streets with hundreds of our favorite canine friends dressed in costumes to celebrate the Halloween season. The festival is free while the parade registration cost is \$10 (pre-register) or \$15 day-of. Once again this year, multiple dog discounts available to pre-registration only. Bring your dogs dressed in their scariest, funniest, or most outrageous costumes. Register today at [spookypoochparade.com](http://spookypoochparade.com).

The day starts off with a pre-parade festival and registration at 12:30 p.m. at the new location for this event, Kauffman Park, 14540 Detroit Avenue. The festival features a fantastic gathering of diverse vendors that bring a unique collection of doggie creations and activities. The Lakewood Garden Center will have a great pumpkin patch to pick up some of your favorite Halloween outdoor decorations. Once again we thank Cox Communication as our Top Dog Sponsor. All are welcome to attend this pet- and family-friendly festival.

The Spooky Pooch Parade will step off from Kauffman Park at 2 p.m., the dogs will parade out of Kauffman Park at Andrews Avenue, proceed South on Detroit where the parade will head East on Detroit to Cook, make a 180 turn and head back West on Detroit. To end the parade we will take a right on the

Arthur extension and head North back into Kauffman Park.. Judges will choose the best of the best in five categories: Spookiest Pooch, Best Dog & Child, Best Dog & Adult, Best Group and Best in Show. We have made improvements to the judging process to allow us to announce the winning dogs when the parade arrives back at Kauffman Park after the parade. Judging for all five awards will happen from 12:30-2 p.m. Judging will be

complete once the dogs have left the park at the start of the parade.

Once again this year, Portraits by Martha is doing a photo shot for the Best in Show winner. We look forward to the competition.

The entire community is invited to visit the festival and line Detroit Avenue from Cook Avenue to Arthur Avenues to see one of the best pet parades in the country.

Thank you to our very supportive sponsors: Lakewood Hospital, Cox Communications, Lakewood Animal Hospital, Pet's General Store, Inn the Doghouse, Quaker Steak & Lube, Geiger's, First Federal Lakewood, Discount Drug Mart, The City of Lakewood and Pet People.

For any questions please visit [www.SpookyPoochParade.com](http://www.SpookyPoochParade.com) or call LakewoodAlive at 216.521.0655.

## CityMusic Cleveland Chamber OrchestraOpens New Season With Dazzling Soloist, Sayaka Shoji!

by Eugenia Strauss

I am very excited to enter my third season as music director of CityMusic Cleveland Chamber Orchestra. Our upcoming season spotlights an extraordinary cadre of guest artists and a wonderful lineup of works from throughout music history. Each concert juxtaposes two or more pieces related by some historical or thematic idea. The season opens with Schumann's first symphony and a performance of Brahms' Violin Concerto, by internationally acclaimed violinist Sayaka Shoji on Thursday, October 15 at 7:30pm - Lakewood Congregational Church at 1375 West Clifton. There is no admission charge, and we encourage families to bring their children.

Ms Shoji is making her Cleveland

debut. Rarely here in the United States Ms Shoji has an international career. Since taking First Prize at the 1999 Paganini Competition – the first Japanese and youngest artist ever to do so. Sayaka Shoji has performed with the world's leading conductors including Vladimir Ashkenazy, Sir Colin Davis, Charles Dutoit, Mariss Jansons, Lorin Maazel, Zubin Mehta, Semyon Bychkov, Paavo Järvi and Antonio Pappano.

We continue to feature our own musicians as soloists in the winter con-

certs, contrasting two works with the same title — Antonio Vivaldi and Astor Piazzolla's The Four Seasons. We welcome the return of two of our favorite guest conductors, Stefan Willich in December.

Please check our website for dates and venues. [www.citymusiccleveland.org](http://www.citymusiccleveland.org).

### Concert Schedule - Lakewood

The following concerts will all be held at Lakewood Congregational Church at 1375 West Clifton in Lakewood.

Thursday, October 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 13 at 5 p.m.

## Do You Have The Right Medicare Health Plan?

by Carl Lishing

There are many options available with Medicare Supplement Insurance plans and Medicare Advantage plans. Many people find that all of the choices can be confusing. If you are one of those people, I can help!

There will be a lot of new options available this year to Medicare Beneficiaries in Lakewood and all of Northeast Ohio. Many carriers will have new plans & new benefits. If you have not shopped your Medicare health plan in a while this would be a good year to evaluate your options. October 1st through October 14th is the pre-annual election period. At this time plan information is available from all carriers for consumers to review. October 15th through December 7th is the Annual Election Period. At this time you can apply for Medicare Advantage plan or a prescription drugs plan that will go into effect on January 1st 2016.

I am very knowledgeable regarding the Medicare options available in this

area and am happy to meet with you to explain the details of each option. And, as a licensed agent with Healthmarkets Insurance Agency, I can help you review your Medicare options from a variety of recognized companies in this area. Plus, there is NO COST to you for my service.

As your agent, I can: Explain the differences between programs. Help determine the options that best meet your needs and budget. Help you enroll properly. Answer your questions. Remain attentive to your needs as they may change over time.

I believe it's important for you to work with an agent as it provides you with an advocate who can assist you as time goes on. Since I am a local agent, I can personally meet with you in your home or at another location that is convenient for you. If you have questions or would like to set up an appointment to review coverage options

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Lakewood Cares

# Chocolate Walk!

by Paula Reed

Chocolate Walk is coming! This very popular Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance event draws chocolate lovers from all over northeast Ohio. Mark your calendar for October 22nd so you can join the throngs that take to the street to gather delicious chocolate treats. From 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., choco-

holics will bustle down Detroit Avenue from Olivewood to Arthur, popping in to each of 25 Sweet Stops to see what creative chocolate delights each has to offer. Oh yes—with the exception of one. Even with chocolate, there can be too much of a good thing. So don't miss Pizza BOGO, as they'll be serving tastes of their savory pizza to provide a bit of respite from

the confections offered by the other merchants. Welcome additions to the Downtown Lakewood restaurant scene and the line-up of Sweet Stops are Burgers-2-Beer, Forage and Voodoo Tuna. Speaking of confections, the Grand Finale Sundae bar (open from 8:00-9:00 p.m. in the First Federal of Lakewood lobby) is sponsored by Fear's Confections and Ice Cream Joy. Cassandra Fear and Marissa Flynn are teaming up to concoct a brownie sundae for you on the spot.

A little square of rich brownie will be topped with a mini-scoop of velvety ice cream. The two shops adjoin each other at 15208 and 15210 Madison, so you'll be able to repeat the brownie sundae any time by visiting them there. Ice Cream Joy features artisan ice cream made from local milk and cream from grass-fed cows; fresh fruit sorbets and ices; and many inventive vegan flavors—a treat for not only vegans but those who are lactose-intolerant. Fear's Confections' selections include brownies, to-die-for caramels, toffees, truffles, turtles and rare-in-Cleveland sponge candy. Cassandra also makes geeky chocolates—Dr. Who fan alert! The Downtown merchants are delighted to showcase the wonderful products and talents of these two creative Madison Avenue mavens.

Chocolate Walk tickets are \$25, and limited to 260. They can be purchased online at [LakewoodChocolateWalk.com](http://LakewoodChocolateWalk.com) or in person at Lion and Blue or Paisley Monkey. Questions? Call LakewoodAlive at 216-521-0655. Get your tickets right away—this event sells out every year, and you definitely want to be there!

## Kucinich Asks Ohio's Attorney General Mike DeWine To Open Lakewood Hospital Investigation

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The new information arose as a result of discovery in a lawsuit filed by concerned Lakewood taxpayers to enforce the 1996 agreement, to secure contractual rights, and to prevent the further wasting and disposition of City-owned assets associated with

Lakewood Hospital.

In January of 2015, the Cleveland Clinic presented to the City a letter of intent which improperly proposed to cause all of the Lakewood Hospital Foundation's donated funds to be placed in a new charitable trust, with a different mission statement. This violates Ohio law. While the letter of intent has expired, CCF and some City officials are proceeding as if the letter of intent is in effect. If the CCF's plan to close Lakewood Hospital is successful, it will have wrongfully succeeded in (1) diminishing an invaluable charitable asset for its own corporate benefit, and (2) injuring the express and intended beneficiaries, being the citizens of

Lakewood and the Lakewood Hospital employees. These recent revelations and documents demonstrate a compelling need for your office to immediately investigate the double-dealing and actively participate in the pending legal action, to which it is already a party. CCF's proposed decanting of Lakewood Hospital into its existing community hospital network also raises substantial antitrust concerns. A review of CCF's proposed closing is necessary to enforce existing City contract rights and ensure competitive health care costs in this community. Based upon the recent court filing with attached documents, the original Complaint allegations and documents, the Amended Complaint allegations and documents, existing City Ordinances establishing Lakewood Hospital for the public benefit, existing contractual obligations being breached, the previously filed Motion for Injunction with attached affidavit, and the duty of the office of Attorney General

of Ohio to protect City assets held in a public, charitable trust, I am requesting immediate intervention into the pending court procedure to preserve this invaluable health care facility for the residents and citizens of the City of Lakewood.

*Time is of the essence. CCF is attempting to create "facts on the ground" by removing medical service lines to other CCF wholly-owned facilities and diverting out-patient and in-patient visits, causing economic harm which, absent your office's intervention, could become irreversible. For your convenience, I attach a copy of a 2011 relevant court case in which the State of Ohio joined with the Federal Trade Commission to initiate action against ProMedica Health System, Inc.*

*In summary, I am requesting your office to institute a motion for injunctive relief to preserve the status quo and to prevent interim harm to consumers until this case is resolved on the merits. I am available to further discuss and review this matter with you or members of your staff. Please proceed with dispatch to protect Lakewood Hospital and Lakewood Hospital Foundation as going concerns and charitable entities.*

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Lakewood Is Art

Expect the Unexpected At Beck Center's Spotlight Gala On Saturday, October 24

by Pat Miller

Beck Center for the Arts will celebrate its 82nd anniversary at its popular "Spotlight" gala on Saturday, October 24 from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. For the first time Spotlight will venture from the Beck Center campus to Hyland, creator of OnBase—Building 3, 28105 Clemens Road in Westlake. Gala proceeds will benefit Beck Center's arts programming and its student Financial Assistance Program.

The event, led by Chairperson Mary Anne Crampton, will have many innovative elements – guests should expect the unexpected! The evening will start with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres accompanied by an array of wonderful silent auction items with mobile bidding. Dinner will be prepared by renowned Chef Chris Hodgson and Driftwood Restaurant Group. Beck Center's spotlight will shine on honoree First Federal Lakewood for

its exemplary community engagement efforts and region-wide support of the arts. Inventive performances by Beck Center artists will take place throughout the evening, as well as a live auction with exciting experiences up for bid such as a Sedona, Arizona vacation, a week in Deer Valley, Utah, and a trip to Wente Vineyard Winery in California.

For the third year Spotlight will raise essential funds that help advance Beck Center's mission to provide arts education, performances, exhibits and outreach programming to the community. The generosity of Spotlight supporters provides much-needed assistance awards for students ages 19 and under through donations to Beck Center's Financial Assistance Program.

This year's Spotlight has generated so much excitement that only a few dinner tickets remain. Please contact Lauren Brocone at 216.521.2540 x19 for more information. Attending the Spotlight After Party at Hyland from 9:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. is another festive way to support Beck Center. The celebrations will continue with delicious finger foods prepared by Chef Chris Hodgson and Driftwood Restaurant Group, open bar, and music and dancing by "Best of Cleveland 2013" DJ Donkis. Tickets for the After Party are \$50 per person and are on sale now at [beckcenter.org](http://beckcenter.org).

Spotlight Sponsors include Cox Communications at the Dazzler Level; FFL Investment Services, Regency Construction, Chann Fowler-Spellman and Ed Spellman, and Hyland, creator of OnBase at the Luminary Level; and Nordson Corporation, Turner Construction, Wente Vineyards, Ulmer & Berne, Skylight Financial, Event Source, Thompson Hine, Ken and Kathy Haber, Peg and Gerry Kuechle, Spangenberg Shibly & Liber, and Vedda Printing at the Sparkler Level. Additional support provided by Brewer-Garrett, Medical Mutual, Novogradac & Co. LLP, and Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP. Contact Jason Weiner at 216.521.2540 x18 for information regarding sponsorship opportunities.

Beck Center for the Arts is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization that offers professional theater productions on two stages, arts education programming in dance, music, theater, visual arts, early childhood, and creative arts therapies for special needs students, outreach education programming, and gallery exhibits featuring local, regional, and international artists.

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# Home & Garden

## Make Connections At Rocky River Chamber Of Commerce 13th Annual Business Expo

by Anne Kuenzel

The Rocky River Chamber of Commerce proudly presents its 13th annual Business Expo on Thursday, October 8, 2015 from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Don Umerley Civic Center, 21016 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River. You are invited to attend this lively event to network with business owners and individuals who offer products and services in the area. Admission is free when you present your business card.

Expo 2015 will feature over 100 exhibitors, including 12 restaurants. The event presents businesses with a unique opportunity to stand out in today's competitive business world. It is expected that attendance will top 1,000 again this year. It's significant to note that in 2014, 60% of attendees provided a home or work address outside of

Rocky River. Therefore, it's a great event to take advantage of making wide-ranging connections all while learning how products, services and technology can help their businesses grow.

Returning this year will be a wine and beer tasting from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Local retailers West Shore Wine Company and Giant Eagle will be selling a variety of fine wine and beer samples.

Jason Lukz, of W3 Wealth Management and Chairman of the Expo Committee, offers just a few of the reasons why Expo 2015 is a valuable business investment. "Being visible and getting noticed can be difficult for some businesses. At Expo 2015, attendees will immediately realize the benefit of networking on a large scale. It's a powerful five hours filled with high energy. Expo 2015 will feature a wide variety of

exhibitors who are eager to network and share their expertise and knowledge. We've witnessed successful connections made at the Expo over the years."

"I encourage you to attend Expo 2015. There's no better place to experience the power of face to face networking," Lukz said.

Valet parking is available for \$5 per car. Free offsite parking is available at St. Thomas Lutheran Church at 21211 Detroit Road in Rocky River, with entrances from Wagar and Detroit Roads. A shuttle bus will run continuously between the front door of the Don Umerley Civic Center and the St. Thomas parking lot. All exhibitors and attendees who use the shuttle will be entered into a raffle to win valuable prizes.

Expo 2015 Platinum sponsor: Cox Business. Gold sponsors: Event Source, WCPN/ideastream®, Tri-C, Timan Custom Window Treatments and WestLife. Silver sponsors: Admiral Marketing Services, Battle & Polly, Cleveland Clinic, Dollar Bank, Dawson Companies, Farmers National Bank, First Federal Lakewood, Giant Eagle, Huntington Bank, Inside

Business, Lutheran West High School, MVP Services, Normandy Senior Living, Palicor Communications, Paychex, Service 1st Payroll and Westwood Town Center.

For more information, call the Rocky River Chamber at (440) 331-1140 or visit [www.rrexpo.com](http://www.rrexpo.com)

## Kristine Pagsuyoin: Promising To Serve Students, Parents And Teachers

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spending ought to reflect the values of the community we serve to guide programming and board policy. Resources are limited and so we must prioritize what is important to the Lakewood community, such as growing the music and arts programs and ensuring courses are offered that prepare graduates to compete in a global market. As a school board member, I will work with the financial team toward balancing Lakewood priorities with resources while being a good steward of the resources entrusted to me by the residents of Lakewood.

Overall, I am close to the school community with a proven record in being a leading voice and an action-oriented representative for students, parents, and teachers.

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LakewoodAlive Announces Final Two Workshops Of The Repair Season

by Allison Urbanek

The final two workshops for the Knowing Your Home Series, an educational series focused on best sustainability practices empowering homeowners to tackle necessary repairs and improvements, will be held in October and November.

The first will focus on yards, home and drainage. Join LakewoodAlive and Meiring Borcherts, Watershed Coordinator from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health Sustainable Environments Program, for a presentation focused on utilizing landscaping to help keep your yard and home drier. Fall and spring put our yards and basements to the test, empower yourself with knowledge to protect your home and landscaping. The workshop will be held on Thursday, October 15 at the University of Akron, Lakewood from 7-9 p.m.

The final workshop of the season will be the ever popular Wet Basement workshop. This popular workshop will be led by John Turner, a resident expert on older home issues. John will focus the workshop on common Lakewood basement issues like wet corners, puddling, peeling walls and many other ailments that affect our basements. This unique workshop will be held at a local residence so that participants will be able to see and learn about common issues and fixes. Workshop space is limited and reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. The Wet Basement workshop will be held on Saturday, November 7 from 10 a.m. - noon. The workshop will be held at a private residence and the address will only be released to those who pre-register.

All of the workshops are free and open to any resident, thanks to the generous support of our funders, Citizens Bank, City of Lakewood, Cleveland Lumber, First Federal Lakewood, Huntington, The Cleveland Foundation and Third Federal Savings & Loan.

In lieu of charging for these events, we are asking for participants to consider making a donation to LakewoodAlive or bringing in cans of food or non-perishable items for the Lakewood Community Service Center. We appreciate your support.

Please visit [Lakewoodalive.com](http://Lakewoodalive.com) for more information and a schedule of events as well as like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

Lakewood Business Mixer In Historic Birdtown Neighborhood October 13

by Allison Urbanek

LakewoodAlive, a non-profit community development organization, and Citizens Bank are co-hosting a business mixer and financial tips training on October 13 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Bevy in Birdtown (12112 Madison Avenue).

All businesses in Lakewood are invited to this free event to take advantage of networking and meeting your neighbors, free food, and a cash bar at one of Lakewood's hottest concert venues.

Citizens Bank will also provide financial management training for entrepreneurs including:

- Applying financial management practices, rules, and tools most relevant for small businesses
- Preparing for common business financing needs such as: Early-stage financing; Working capital; and Fixed asset loans.

Please visit [www.lakewoodalive.com/events](http://www.lakewoodalive.com/events) and RSVP by October 12.

For more information, please contact Allison Urbanek at 216-521-0655 or [aurbanek@lakewoodalive.com](mailto:aurbanek@lakewoodalive.com).

Vintage Varieties

by Heidi Murray

The Skate House at Lakewood Park, 14710 Lake Ave, is the place to be on Saturday October 17. Lakewood Historical Society will hold its popular fall sale.

Items for sale include small furniture, lamps, fall decorations and vintage clothing- perfect for costume parties. The sale also includes over 500 original boxed Avon collectibles from the 60's and 70's and a large assortment of vintage magic props and an primitive corner cabinet. And if that is not enough we have a large pine bar, a cast iron crib, a spinning wheel and several stained glass windows.

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# Home & Garden

## The Yardist’s Top Ten Lawn And Garden Tips For Fall

by Edgar Banzhaf

In Lakewood, the City of Beautiful Homes, great curb appeal is vital to protecting the character and quality of our neighborhoods. Fall is a critical time to prepare your curb appeal for next spring. Follow these ten tips to protect your lawn and garden from Old Man Winter and for a beautiful yard next spring.

1. DO keep mowing your lawn to

help it compete against fall and winter weeds. Keeping the grass at about 2 inches tall is best for fall.

2. DON’T forget to water your lawn if it’s dry. Water once or twice a week, long enough to soak the soil several inches deep. Watering at night may encourage fungal diseases.

3. DO remove fallen leaves from your lawn or they’ll form a thick mat

that will suffocate the grass and breed fungal diseases. Use leaves in your compost pile or as a winter blanket in your perennial flower and garden beds.

4. DON’T forget to aerate your lawn. Get a professional to help or do it yourself by renting an aerator that will punch holes in the soil underneath your grass so that oxygen, water, and fertilizer can feed the grass roots.

5. DO fertilize in the fall to encourage growth of deep grass roots and keep nutrients on reserve for a healthy start next spring. Use winter fertilizer and a drop spreader for best results.

6. DON’T ignore weeds. To ensure a lush lawn next year, apply an herbicide now to target fall-germinating and perennial weeds.

7. DO repair your lawn. Cooler temperatures make fall the best time to plant grass. Just make sure you do this before the temperature drops below fifty degrees.

8. DON’T forget to plant shrubs now because the soil is warmer than in the spring and there’s still time for the roots to get established before winter. Water the roots thoroughly on the day you plant and at least once a week before winter. Wait until spring to fertilize so you don’t burn your new root system.

9. DO plant perennials now for spring color. Can’t decide what to plant? Sedum, Peony, and Garden Phlox are pretty but low maintenance.

10. DON’T forget to remove annuals and mulch the soil around perennials with peat moss, hay or shredded leaves.

Good Luck and Happy Fall from The Yardist!

Edgar Banzhaf owns The Yardist Lawn & Garden Service, LLC and has more than fifteen years of experience helping homeowners and small businesses improve and maintain curb appeal.

## Kucinich Weighs In On Lakewood Hospital

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economic activity. Is not the city’s attempt to close the hospital a betrayal?

The only way to explore the secret dealings on the part of Lakewood officials is for the law suit to go forward and for Cleveland Clinic and the Lakewood Hospital Association to be compelled to produce documents responsive to the law suit.

Unfortunately, at present moment, the Clinic and the Lakewood Hospital Association are stonewalling attempts at discovery of their documents relating to the secret plans to close Lakewood Hospital.

Like many Clevelanders, I personally appreciate Cleveland Clinic. Its CEO, Dr. Delos “Toby” Cosgrove, is dedicated, hardworking and innovative. He is trying to protect his plan for the future of Cleveland Clinic, just as we are gathered here to protect our plan to secure the future of Lakewood Hospital.

But our effort goes far beyond questioning the growth strategy of a large hospital system. We gather here on the principle that the people of Lakewood have a right to their community hospital, and no organization, nor public official, no matter their intention, has any right to deprive the people of their community hospital. We stand here upon this principle.

The people of Lakewood have every right to expect that Clinic officials would deal with them in a forthright manner, which is why the disclosure of recent court documents is so troubling. This breach of trust can and must be repaired for the sake of the people of Lakewood and the sake of the Clinic’s reputation.

Enter Save Lakewood Hospital to save the day. The people have organized and activated to defend Lakewood’s political, legal and economic rights.

Their efforts resulted in the charter amendment, to be voted on this November

### Marty Gelfand Answers Councilwoman Madigan

Jim [O’Bryan],

I read today’s PD article and was taken aback by Councilwoman Madigan’s comments.

I was Congressman Kucinich’s senior counsel when we saved St. Michael and Richmond Heights hospitals. Those hospitals would have been leveled in March or April 2000 but for our intervention. By our efforts in state, federal, and Bankruptcy courts, we kept Saint Michael open for three more years under the ownership of University Hospitals. While the Cleveland clinic would have fired every employee on the spot, when St. Michael did close several years later, every employee was placed either in the UH system or in other hospitals.

UH Richmond Heights is thriving today, serving my constituents in South Euclid and competing with Cleveland Clinic hospitals in the eastern suburbs. Without our intervention in 2000, the Cleveland Clinic would have had a monopoly there.

Madigan asks: Where has Kucinich been? He got redistricted out of Congress in 2012, as you may recall. But we can see that he’s been paying attention to the needs of the people in his former district. It makes me wonder why the current leadership is standing by whe the Cleveland Clinic works to dismantle perfectly good hospital facilities which serve the needs of the people of the inner ring suburbs.

Councilman Marty Gelfand  
South Euclid City Council  
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which will put any final decision on Lakewood Hospital in the hands of those who are most effected by any closing - - the people of the City of Lakewood.

This is a matter of life and death for many residents of Lakewood, as the elimination of emergency services at the hospital would produce life-threatening transportation delays for people in critical condition seeking urgent care.

Citizens of Lakewood have filed a lawsuit to block the closing. The Save Lakewood Hospital committee has worked courageously to challenge the Cleveland Clinic’s intentions and to expose the tactics of its local extension,

the Lakewood Hospital Association.

The citizens of Lakewood have also challenged their own Mayor and those members of Council who want to close Lakewood Hospital. If we can anticipate Cleveland Clinic to stand up for Cleveland Clinic, we should expect Lakewood officials to stand up for Lakewood.

Save Lakewood Hospital and the people of Lakewood deserve the support and the appreciation of the community for taking a dedicated stand for continuing a 108 year tradition of access to full-service health care in Lakewood, and I am here to back them up. Thank you.

- Dennis J. Kucinich

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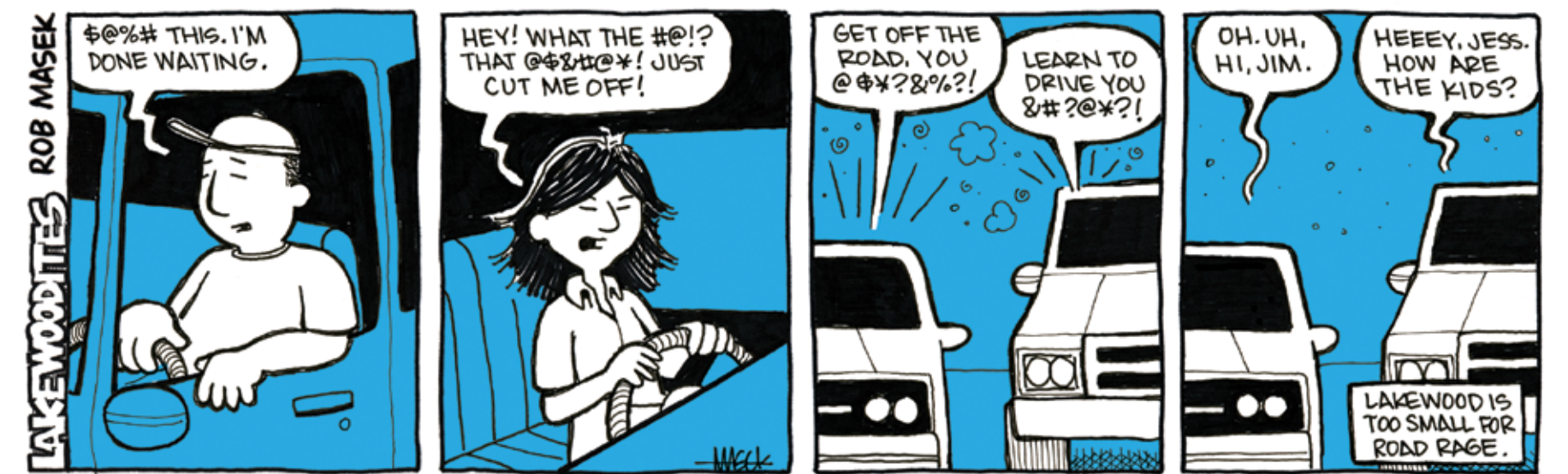


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