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# The Collinwood Observer

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## Meet our candidates for Cleveland City Council



Eugene Miller, Ward 10 Incumbent



Freddie Moore, Ward 10 Challenger

On Wednesday, Sept. 30, the four candidates were sent the following e-mail. One e-mail was sent to Eugene Miller and Freddie Moore with references to Ward 10. A second e-mail was sent to both Mike Polensek and Curtis Thompson II with the wording to reflect Ward 11.

Follow-up calls were made to all. Their responses were to be 200 words or less for use in this Election Preview Issue.

1. Who are you?
2. Where do you live and how long have you lived there?
3. What is your experience and/or educational background?
4. Why do you want to serve on/continue to serve on Cleveland City Council?
5. What have you done within the last 2 or more years to improve the quality of life for the people of Ward 10/11?
6. What is your top priority for Ward 10/11 going forward? How do you intend to address it?
7. What would you like to say to the people of Ward 10/11?

See the answers on pages 6 and 7.

Don't forget to VOTE November 3.

## Who, me?



## Yes! You!

Don't be scared by the incredible beauty of this paper! It's an amateur effort to capture and reflect the Collinwood area, and your story matters! Write your story and send it in, we WILL publish it. Read more about how this paper works on page 2. . .



Michael D. Polensek, Ward 11 Incumbent



Curtis Thompson II, Ward 11 Challenger

## Northeast Shores purchases LaSalle Theater and Tavern



Brian Friedman

On September 28, 2009, Northeast Shores purchased the LaSalle Theater and Tavern after several years of negotiations. Northeast Shores initially became interested in buying this block of East 185th Street when the properties entered foreclosure in 2006. At that time, Northeast Shores attempted to purchase the properties from the former owner but was unable to complete the transaction before the foreclosure proceeded. The previous owner attempted to

retain title to the properties but eventually the foreclosure proceedings were successful and title reverted to the mortgage holder, Parkview Federal and Savings.

Following standard company policy, Parkview Federal proceeded with eviction proceedings of the commercial and residential tenants in the property. Some of these tenants were sad to leave the East 185th Street Business District and Northeast Shores made attempts to relocate one

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### *A warm welcome on a cold day*

## Supporters take hats off to young scholars

Arnita Washington

The Collinwood community showed support and tipped their hats off to Collinwood High School students on Friday, October 2. On that wet and rainy morning, there were over twenty parents, teachers, and community members who greeted the students as they came in the front door. They lined up inside the front entrance, clapping and cheering the students on.

CHS cheerleaders and high steppers displayed their skills with cheers and moves to encourage their classmates. The hallway

echoed with the sound of the Collinwood drum-line keeping a raucous beat with their percussive instruments. The positive energy and smiling faces greeted the students for over half an hour before classes began.

G.E., Collinwood's corporate partner for twenty years, was represented by Gino Paloni. Mr. Paloni has long been involved with the students of Collinwood with various programs to help the students become successful and stay on track.

Representing the legal department of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District was Monique Story. Ms. Story believes this is a

good way to keep students motivated to get through the year. She said, "This is a very big deal to parents and the community of Collinwood. There's more to it. It's not just to support students, it's to show your love for your own - the children that play, learn, and live in our community."

Councilman Michael D. Polensek feels that giving back to the community he came from is his reason for being there. He was a Railroader and as the saying goes, "Once a Railroader; always a Railroader." For the past four years, Councilman Polensek has come to the event to show his appreciation



for the students who attend school and get their education every day.

Marvin Roach, a parent, had come to the event to show his appreciation

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# Around Collinwood

## The Collinwood Observer

The Collinwood Observer is a citizen-based news source published every two weeks by Collinwood Observer, Inc., a local business dedicated to the development of grassroots media and increased connectedness of the citizens, civic groups, nonprofits, businesses and institutions in and around Cleveland Wards 10 and 11.

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## Who's in charge here? (and to other things readers have asked about)

Erin Randel & Betsy Voinovich

### Who's making this paper?

You are. You and your neighbors. Anyone who steps forward to speak and write their thoughts down. We will publish everything you send us, either online or in print. We ask that it be truthful and not malicious. Think a writer's missed the mark? Write down your perspective, send it in, we'll print it.

### Does Councilman Polensek control this paper?

No. He is providing \$15,000 in ward allocation funds—your tax dollars—to build a grassroots project that allows Greater Collinwood to speak. To have a community newspaper that we write ourselves, and an affordable place for our businesses to take out ads so we all know who is here, and who's doing what... Councilman Polensek can voice his thoughts in the paper if he chooses to do so—like anyone else in this neighborhood. What's different about this paper is that if someone who isn't a public figure of any kind—you, possibly—disagree with what he has to say... write it up and submit it. One of the goals of this project is to create a true dialogue in the paper.

### What is your editorial policy?

Own your ideas. Write them in your own name and share them. Volunteers (Want to be one?) proofread and correct spelling and grammar, in case you're worried about that.

If you are going to come out strongly against something, you are encouraged to research the issue before you criticize it, and lay out what you think a possible solution could be. This invites others to respond, which is what it's all about. In the end, we publish what you submit. Give it a try!

### How do you decide what gets printed?

We'll print as much as we can, starting with timely stuff, then stuff from community groups, then opinion pieces, and so on. When sticky issues arise, we'll rely on an

advisory board, now forming, of people with deep interest in the well-being of this community. If that sounds like something you'd be good at, get in touch with us.

### Do I have to have a computer?

No, you don't. We know not everyone has regular computer access. That's why we print thousands of copies of the paper—on paper—every two weeks, that's the fairest and most effective means of getting the word out. That said, managing the paper through the website is what makes the Observer model affordable, so it's important that people who want to write get used to submitting stories through the website. Write what you want on paper, then head to school or the library.

We're working with the Collinwood and Memorial-Nottingham branch libraries to make sure there are people there who can help you submit your stories through the Collinwood Observer website using one of the many public computers available.

We also have a P.O. box at the Beachland Station, PO box 19154 Cleveland, 44119.

### What's distribution like?

We've printed 10,000 copies for issues 1 and 2 that we've dropped at every (we think!) public place in Collinwood for people to pick up. We're also providing copies to the 15 or so schools in the community. The schools are partnering with us to provide stories on the progress and well-being of more than five thousand young souls in every corner of Wards 10 & 11. Our three tremendous high schools—Collinwood High School, Ginn Academy, and Villa Angela-St. Joseph School—are empowering their students to write on school and community issues, submit art and poetry; if you are a student, this means you! Check out the stories written by students from VASJ and Collinwood High in the paper you're reading right now.

### When's the next writer's meeting?

Easy one. Monday, October 12 from 6-8. We'll be at the Memorial-Nottingham branch of the Cleveland Public Library, 17109 Lake Shore Blvd. We need people to write about everything going on in the neighborhood: sports, art, music, politics, business, the future and the past of this great neighborhood. If you're wondering if this really means you, come to the meeting. There will be cookies.

### I have a short attention span. When's the next writer's meeting again?

## Writer's Meeting!

Monday Oct. 12  
6-8 p.m.

Memorial-Nottingham Branch Library  
17109 Lake Shore Blvd.



Betsy Voinovich, writer, moviemaker, mother of three and Erin Randel, community organizer and mother of two, in Erin's Rosecliff Road front yard, delighted to receive the final proofs of the debut issue from ImageMart on St. Clair.

Photo by John Copic—ad salesman, urban farmer, delivery man, and the project's #1 cheerleader on E. 185th Street.

## Block clubs and community meetings

**Collinwood Homeowners and Tenants Association** meets the first Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., St. Mary's Church, 15519 Holmes Ave.

**Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society** meets the third Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Lithuanian Village Hall, 877 E. 185th St.

**East 185th St. Block Club** meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m., Lithuanian Village Hall, 877 E. 185th St.

**E. 156th St. Block Watch** is forming now north of I-90. Please call Denise Lorek at Northeast Shores for more information, 481-7660.

**Euclid Park Civic Club** meets the second Tuesday of every month. 6:30 p.m., Cleveland Clinic Building, 17325 Euclid Ave., 2nd floor.

**Euclid Park North Block Club** meets the third Tuesday of every month. 7 p.m. Five Points Community Center, 813 E. 152nd St.

**Nottingham Civic Club** meets the third Tuesday of every month. 7 p.m., Nottingham United Methodist Church, 18316 St. Clair Ave.

**Ward 10 Club Meetings** meets Thursday, Oct. 22 from 5-8 p.m. at the Five Points Community Center, 813 E. 152nd Street.

**Ward 10 in Action Community Meeting** meets every 2nd Tuesday starting October 13. from 6-8 p.m. at the Greater Friendship Baptist Church, 12305 Arlington Ave.

**Ward 11/Bratenahl Village Democratic Club** meets the second Wednesday of the month, Sept.- May at 7 p.m., Slovenian Club, 15810 Holmes Ave.

**Fifth District Police Community Meeting** is held on the third Wednesday of month at 7:00 p.m., Five Points Community Center, 813 E. 152nd St. • (216) 623-5500

**Have we missed your meeting?** Has the time changed? Let us know!

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## Around Collinwood

### 5<sup>th</sup> District Police honor community heroes

Anita Howard

On Thursday, October 1, the Fifth District Neighborhood Police Headquarters held its annual police and community relations award banquet at the Cleveland Foodbank. The ceremony honored officers and citizens alike for performing acts in the furtherance of law enforcement goals.

The event was attended by the Honorable Mayor Frank Jackson, Martin Flask, Director of Public Safety, Blaine Griffin, Director of the Community Relations Board, and many other dignitaries including our very own Ward 11 councilman Michael Polensek, Ward 10 councilman Eugene Miller, and Ward 8 councilwoman Cloud as well as friends and family of the Fifth District neighborhood police.

Officers received such awards as the Medal of Heroism, the Distinguished Service Medal and the Special Commendation Award. Citizens received awards such as the Commander's Commendation and the Citizen's Plaque.

Officer David Arkley #15 was presented with the Medal of Heroism which is awarded to an active police officer who demonstrates extraordinary acts of heroism in an exemplary manner and under substantial risk of personal harm.

David Hilliard was presented with the Citizen

Plaque. The Citizen Plaque is awarded to those citizens who distinguish themselves through the performance of a heroic act involving great personal risk.

The Commander's Commendation was presented to Judge Shirley Strickland Saffold; community activist Jan Dean; and manager of the Euclid Beach Dave's, Mike Romano and Dave's Markets.

The majority of the police and citizen awards were presented by Dornat A. Drummond, Commander of the Fifth District, and Deidre Lightning Nelson, Community Relations District Co-Chair.

The Fifth District Neighborhood police would like to thank Janet Mullula of the Cleveland Food Bank, Darlene and Gregory Pollard, event caterers, and all of our most valued volunteers for helping us to make this event a success.



Mayor Frank Jackson and State Rep. Kenny Yuko with honoree Jan Dean of Parkgrove Avenue.

### Cleveland Public Power celebrates Public Power Week

Shelley Shockley

Join Cleveland Public Power (CPP) Saturday, October 10, as they culminate the celebration of Public Power Week with an Open House at the CPP Eastside Service Center, 743 E. 140th Street.

CPP is celebrating Public Power Week, Oct. 4-10, along with more than 2,000 other electric utilities that collectively provide electricity on a not-for-profit basis to 45 million Americans.

"Public Power Week is a chance for Cleveland Public Power to articulate why public power is a good fit for Cleveland. We are absolutely dedicated to providing top-notch service and the lowest rates possible," said Ivan Henderson, Commissioner of Cleveland Public Power.

"We are proud to be a public power community," Barry Withers, City of Cleveland Public Utilities Director said. "Our focus goes beyond serving customers. We serve the community."

As part of this commitment to serve the community, Cleveland Public Power will host a Public Power Week Celebration on Saturday, October 10 from noon-4 p.m.

The afternoon of activities includes demonstrations on how power is transmitted from substations into homes, as well as rides in a Bucket Truck and refreshments.

In business since 1906, CPP is the largest municipal power company in the state of Ohio.

Today, CPP boasts 36 substations throughout the city of Cleveland and serves more than 80,000 residential and commercial customers. Cleveland Public Power remains strong, safe and reliable as it strategically positions itself for the future.

"Cleveland Public Power knows how important it is to keep the lights on for the people of Cleveland, and we continue to find ways to do so with special dedication to reliability, safety and the environment," said Henderson.

As one of the most reliable systems in the nation, CPP employees want its customers to know that they are committed to continuing to provide quality service for the next 100 years... you can count on it!

Public Power Week is a national, annual event sponsored in conjunction with the American Public Power Association (APPA) in Washington, D.C. APPA is the service organization for community- and state-owned electric utilities.

## Celebrate Public Power Week October 4-10, 2009

*Using energy in a more efficient manner to conserve for tomorrow!*

Join Cleveland Public Power and 2,000 other electric utilities in showcasing the important role that public utilities play in our communities

**CPP Open House**  
**Saturday, October 10, 2009**  
**12 Noon - 4 p.m.**

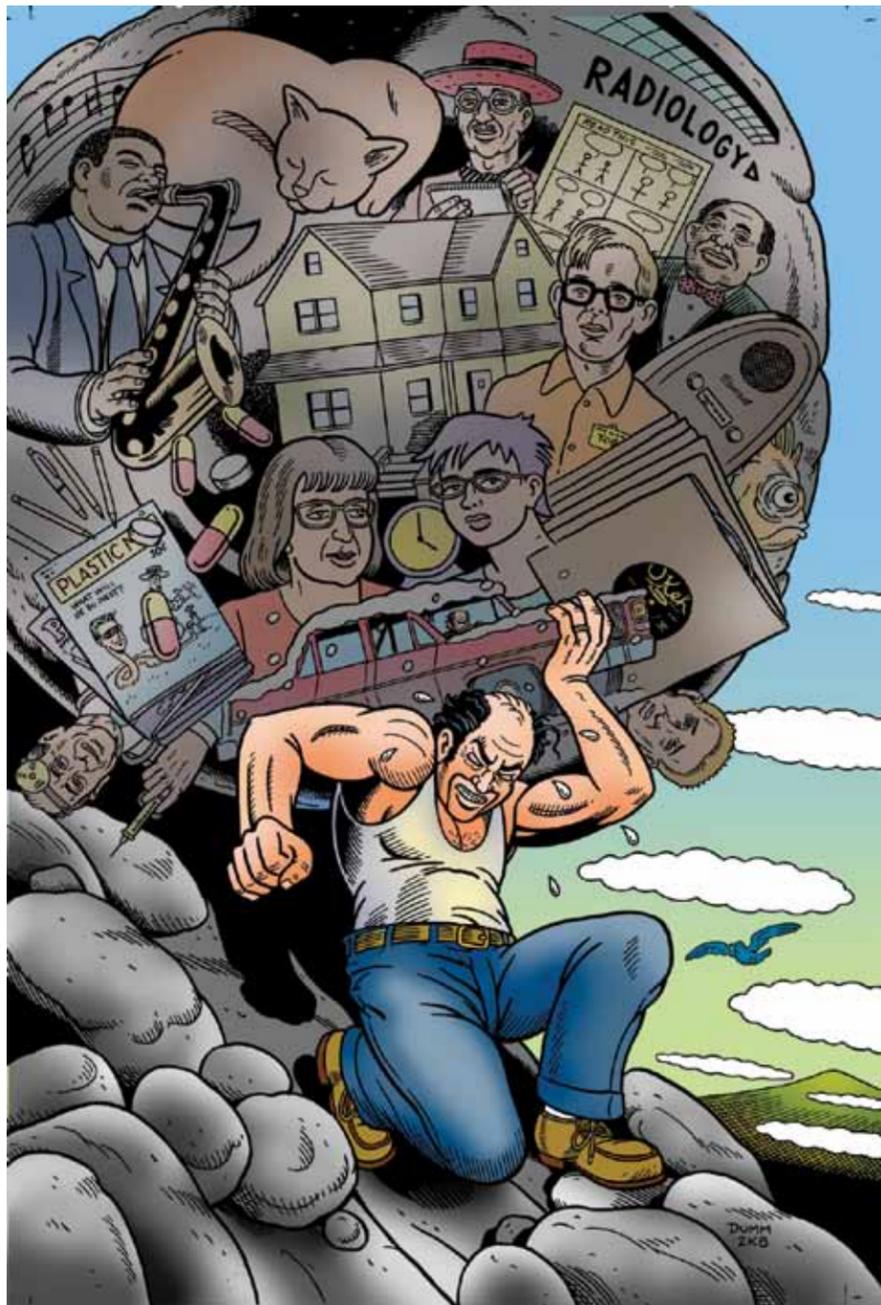
**East Side Service Center**  
**at 743 E. 140th St.**

- Lineman Rodeo Demonstration
- Hazard Hamlet Demonstrations
- Energy Bike Demonstrations
- Rides on the Digger Truck
- Photos with "Jim" Bulb
- Bucket Truck Rides
- Refreshments



## Around Collinwood

# 'Another Dumm art show' comes to Collinwood



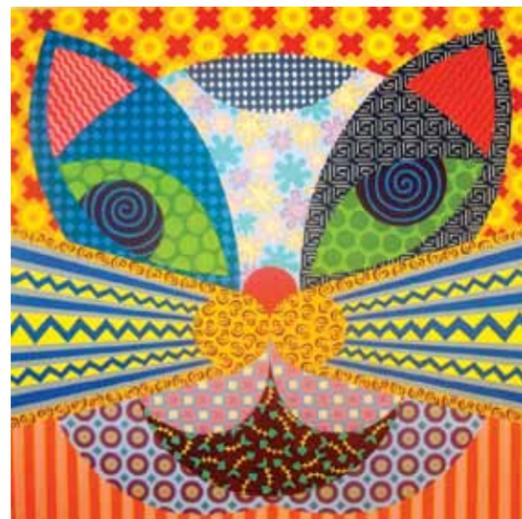
Gary and Laura Dumm

We are artists, married to each other and our work, who live and do art on the West side of Cleveland, but have roots in the Collinwood area. This is our second show at Arts Collinwood Gallery (15605 Waterloo Road). It opens on October 9th (6 pm - 9 pm) and runs through Halloween. This is a show that almost shrieks 'Happy Halloween!' as it presents our paintings and black and white and digitally colored works mainly of 'creatures of the night.'

We bring together a broad spectrum of styles and subject matter, including my (Laura's) more intricate and funky expressionist color portraits of cats, and Gary's darker and often grim illustrations of zombies, werewolves, monsters and a devil or two. Also on exhibition are some of his more mundane comics bios of blues and jazz musicians, some humorous comic pages, a painting of Popeye beating up Vincent Van Gogh and a couple illustrations written by and of "American Splendor" creator Harvey Pekar.

I hope my artwork makes the viewer smile, and maybe realize that animals (cats in my case) are singular and wonderful, complex little beings. If you let them into your life they will brighten and enrich you far beyond anything you might imagine. Feeling strongly about this, I will donate 40% of the proceeds from the sale of my digitally created cat note cards to help local animal shelters. Our show is

*Harvey as Sisyphus* - concept, pen & ink/Markers by Gary Dumm, color by Laura Dumm; *Portrait of Luna* - acrylic on canvas 36"x36" by Laura Dumm



## Getting to know. . . . George Nemeth

**Getting to Know You is a weekly column designed for the Collinwood Observer reader to get to know their neighbor or local business owner.**

**Who would you like to get to know? Submissions and ideas for questions can be directed to Susan Brandt at [gettingtoknow@collinwoodobserver.com](mailto:gettingtoknow@collinwoodobserver.com).**

George Nemeth is one of my neighbors I have yet to meet in person, but by coincidence I met him online at Facebook. (Go figure.) George lives in the North Collinwood area, and in reading his profile and looking at most of his sites, one would assume that he is involved, articulate, and does not need more caffeine! He is a freelance Social Media Strategist. If he is not online, he is painting, writing, or out on the Harley. Originator of BFD ([www.brewedfreshdaily.com](http://www.brewedfreshdaily.com).) Check it out.

What is your idea of perfect happiness?  
"To me, perfect happiness is being able to be calm and centered in the now, no matter what is going on around you."  
What do you consider to be your greatest achievement?

"Whatever it is I'm working on at the moment. I've been fortunate to have many successes, but the future and how we're getting there is where my thoughts are



most. If some of the things I've been talking to people about happen, I'll call that the greatest."

What is the quality you most like in a person?  
"Authenticity."

What do you value most in your friends?  
"Authenticity."

What is your most treasured possession?  
"My well-being."

**What is your greatest extravagance?**  
"Ten days in Amsterdam."

**Who are your heroes in real life?**  
"Moms and dads."

**What makes you unique?**  
"Every experience I've had up until this point in time."

**If you could change one thing in your life what would it be?**  
"There isn't anything I'd change."

**What is your favorite word?**  
"Yes."

## Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society: Call to local artists

Mary Louise Jesek-Daley

The Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society (CNHS) is offering neighborhood artists and art students the opportunity to design a logo for the Society.

CNHS is looking for a logo that will showcase the history of the community, as well as incorporate elements of Collinwood's past, present and future. A logo tells people who we are, while not needing any further explanation. It should be reflective of the historical society as well as the community. Let your imagination fly, but keep in mind that the design must be easily reproduced on stationery as well as other marketing materials.

Only original artwork will be accepted. The Board and Officers of CNHS will be reviewing the artwork received at their October meeting. All legal details etc will be discussed with the individual artist. For more information please feel free to contact Mary Louise Jesek Daley at [collnotthistory@aol.com](mailto:collnotthistory@aol.com). A grand unveiling of the chosen design is planned for November or December. The winning artist will be recognized for their contribution to the community.

## Reentry means going home to stay

Margaret Dua

This is the philosophy of prison reentry as it pertains to The Walls Inside Out: Reentry is designed to assist offenders before and after release. The goal is to develop a positive proactive attitude, mind and heart. The social community functions to provide a positive role model that a formerly incarcerated person (FIP) needs to succeed after leaving prison.

The community helps connect a FIP with the following: job training, housing placement, health, mental and physical substance abuse treatments, education, and more. With commitment, account-

going to be so much fun: we are running a "What is 'fine' art?" contest, and the winner gets one of my painted cat boxes. Second prize will be a color monster print by Gary.

Gary reminisces: "I have my roots in Collinwood: when we were teenagers, artistic friends like Bob Gmeiner, Jan Sikorski, Randall Tiedman and Steve Verba and I talked, drew and argued for hours on my parents' front porch about art, comics, monster movies, girls and war, not necessarily in that order. All of that, I believe for the better, helped to make me the person and artist that I am today."

Those roots have born new fruit in the neighborhood with "Another Dumm Art Show" at Arts Collinwood Gallery. Gallery Hours are Thursday through Friday, 6 pm - 9 pm, and Saturday and Sunday 1 - 4 pm. Come in for some treats and spirits and take a walk through our artistic pumpkin patch, but be careful so that you don't step on the cats or frighten the zombies.

ability, responsibility, and spirituality, FIPs can make life changes that allow them to become productive law-abiding citizens, so that when they go home, they go home to stay.

R – Rebuilding Lives

E – Effective Change

E – Erasing Criminal Behavior

N – Never Give Up

T – Take Responsibility

R – Reach Your Goals

Y – You Can Change Your Life: It's Your Choice

"Success Is Real"

Margaret Dua is the Prison Reentry Director for The Walls Inside Out

## News from Northeast Shores

# Northeast Shores partners with Kent State professor and student to develop new branding

John Boksansky

Northeast Shores and the East 185th Street Merchants Association are proud to announce the launch of a new branding campaign for the area, developed in conjunction with Kent State marketing professor David Middleton, and Kent State student Jason Bacher!

The new logo is now being used in all promotional materials and correspondence for the area, and reflects the new vitality and development happening on East 185th Street, one of Cleveland's best kept secrets for local shopping and dining. Guidance from Northeast Shores and marketing professor David Middleton led to the final design (see above) by Kent State student Jason Bacher, who also developed the full brand identity package for East 185th Street. Attorney Joseph Compoli Jr., Chair of the East 185th Street Business Association says, "Our new logo is a continuation of our move forward in providing quality goods and services and a representation and recognition of our success."



Northeast Shores Development Corporation led the effort to develop a new brand identity for the E. 185th Street shopping district and worked with area merchants and Professor Middleton to initiate and finalize the project. The re-branding of E. 185th Street was assigned by Middleton as a class assignment in an effort to bring a fresh perspective to the region while giving emerging design talent an opportunity to contribute their talents for the good of the community. "This will hopefully start the trend of people looking for opportunities on East 185th Street, and I am thrilled that we could be of service to the community," said Middleton. Of the project, designer Jason Bacher echoed the sentiment, saying,

"Having the opportunity to take part in the re-branding of this community has been a rewarding experience."

East 185th Street is part of the bustling North Shores Collinwood community, which includes the Waterloo Arts District. East 185th Street is home to one of the largest collections of locally-owned restaurants in Cleveland, and is conveniently located right off I-90. A great spot for lunch or dinner with friends and family, East 185th Street is less than 15 minutes from Downtown Cleveland. With unique shopping, delicious food, and top-quality service from local and national merchants, East 185th Street is the secret jewel of Cleveland's eastern edge.

Currently Jason Bacher is working with stakeholders to create a street district sign and banner program for the East 185th Street Commercial District. For more information about East 185th Street, please visit: <http://northeastshores.org>.



Denise Lorek

Northeast Shores is proud to Partner with the Domestic Violence Center for the second year in a row to bring the Domestic Violence Campaign to Cuyahoga County this October. Purple Light Nights allows cities and neighborhoods all over Cuyahoga County to support Domestic Violence Awareness by shining a purple light and raising awareness of domestic violence.

The Purple Light Nights Campaign provides hope, information and services to those who are still living with violence and abuse.

During the month of October, the Domestic Violence Center is encouraging residents, businesses and neighborhoods to shine a purple light on their porch or in a window. For more information, to obtain a light bulb or string of lights, or to become a community partner, contact: Lizzie Ackerman 216-688-7229 or [eackerman@dvcleveland.org](mailto:eackerman@dvcleveland.org)

Purple Light Nights™ was first launched in King County, Washington in October 2007 by the Covington Domestic Violence Task Force. Residents, local businesses, and public institutions shined a purple light in their windows or on their porches from October 1st through the 31st, during Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The color purple is specifically used because it has long been recognized as the international color symbolic of domestic violence. Go to [www.domesticviolencecenter.org](http://www.domesticviolencecenter.org) for more Purple Light Nights events throughout October. ■

[check us out online](http://www.northeastshores.org)

[www.northeastshores.org](http://www.northeastshores.org)

## Beware of falling concrete!

# It's not the marquee that is dangerous!

Brian Friedman

Contrary to public opinion, the barrels surrounding the LaSalle Theater are not because of the marquee. We have heard from dozens of people that believe the marquee is unstable and is at risk of collapsing.

Let's set the record straight. It is not the marquee that is creating the risk to the public.

The orange barrels are surrounding the building to protect the public from pitting that is occurring on the sandstone of the building. Several years ago, the owner of the La Salle Theater attempted to repair some sandstone pitting and cracks with a concrete epoxy. This concrete epoxy was not developed for this use and never adhered to the theater's façade properly. From time to time, this concrete epoxy has failed to adhere to the building and has come crashing down to the sidewalk along East 185th Street.

If someone was in the wrong place at the wrong time, this concrete epoxy could come crashing down on his head causing serious injury. Because of this risk, the Cleveland Housing Court declared this condition a danger to the public and required the previous building owner to barricade off the front of the building.

Northeast Shores purchased the LaSalle Theater in its "as-is" condition. In other words, it is now the responsibility of Northeast Shores to properly repair the La Salle Theater façade so that the orange barrels and fencing can be removed.

In anticipation of this requirement, Northeast Shores has made some leads on grant funding to cover this significant expense, but application for these competitive funds could not occur until the title transferred. Please continue your patience with this ugly street condition while we await word of grant funding and can proceed with the necessary work to repair this dangerous condition.

In the meanwhile, Northeast Shores knows the marquee does not gleam as it once did and we look forward to restoring the marquee as well. Look for future information about sponsorship opportunities for you to support restoration of the marquee. ■



## Northeast Shores purchases LaSalle Theater

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of these tenants to a space farther north in the district.

Upon the property becoming vacant, Parkview Federal put it up for sale and entertained several offers for the property. Northeast Shores bid on the property at less than half of the asking price and waited months as Parkview Federal vetted other offers that did not culminate in a sale.

In the meantime, rumors that Parkview Federal intended to demolish the theater became deafening when Parkview Federal proceeded with seeking a demolition bid and inquired to the City of Cleveland Building and Housing Department about the process for seeking a demolition permit. Councilman Mike Polensek stepped in and had the theater declared a local landmark to prevent its demolition.

Upon the theater receiving local landmark status, Parkview Federal reduced their asking price and Northeast Shores was able to strike a deal to acquire this key property. It still took

several months to secure acquisition financing, given the building's vacancy and uniqueness as well as the current lending environment. Thankfully, Village Capital Corporation stepped to the plate and offered to provide the financing for the purchase.

While the theater and tavern are now in safe hands, the saga continues. Northeast Shores needs to renovate and find new tenants for the building. To do this, Northeast Shores must raise significant grant and loan funds to bring the theater back to its historic grandeur.

We are excited about undertaking this difficult redevelopment project. Once restored, the LaSalle Theater can continue to be an anchor and landmark for future generations on East 185th Street. Pick up future issues of the Collinwood Observer or check out the blog on the Northeast Shores website for future chapters as this project continues to evolve and develop.

## 2009 Weatherization Program (HWAP)

Stephanie Thomas

HWAP is a federally funded, low-income residential energy efficiency program that reduces the energy use of qualified households throughout the state.

HWAP services include attic, wall and baseboard insulation, blower door guided air leakage reduction, heating system repairs or replacement.

Please contact Stephanie Thomas at (216) 481-7660 for more information.

Federal Income Guidelines 150% of Poverty:

Household Size	Income
1	\$15,315
2	\$20,535
3	\$25,755
4	\$30,975
5	\$36,195
6	\$41,415

For households with more than 6 persons, add \$5,220 for each additional member.

## City Council Election Preview

### Eugene Miller

#### 1. Who are you?

On May 5, 2009 I was sworn in to complete the unexpired term of Councilman Roosevelt Coats and have been working hard for the residents of Cleveland since that day. I represent Cleveland's Ward 10, which consists of the Collinwood, Euclid Park, Glenville, and Forest Hills and communities.

I became a custodial single parent at age 18, and learned quickly how to juggle my responsibilities as a student, a professional and a father. After earning my GED at age 18, I worked my way through Baldwin-Wallace College, receiving a bachelor's degree in Sociology. I received an MBA from Tiffin University with a concentration in Leadership in June 2009.

It was a long road to Cleveland City Council. I overcame many obstacles to obtain a quality education. I survived failures in my entrepreneur endeavors and I've suffered some of the same hardships that many of young people in their early 20's are dealing with today. But my life changed in 1995 when I obtained my GED, and it gave me the hope that I would one day become a college professor and a productive member of society.

I served as campaign manager in two judicial campaigns, and was a field manager in the 2005 campaign of Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson. I recently stepped down from my position as State Representative for the 10th District of the Ohio House of Representatives. In that position I served as Chair of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee, and Vice Chair of the Housing Urban Revitalization Committee. I also served as a member of the Criminal Justice Committee and the Financial Institutions, Real Estate and Securities Committee as well as was Chair of the House and Senate Cancer Caucus.

Currently, I am a member of the following Committees: 1) Community & Economic Development, 2) Employment, Affirmative Action & Training, 3) Finance, 4) Mayor's Appointment, and 5) Public Safety. It is my goal to make Ward 10, and the entire City of Cleveland, a destination of choice.

#### 2. Where do you live and how long have you lived there?

I moved into Ward 10 in 1999, and I currently live at 13615 Kelso.

#### 3. What is your experience and/or educational background?

1995 - GED

2003 - Bachelor's in Sociology, Baldwin-Wallace College

2009 - Master's in Business Administration, Tiffin University

#### 4. Why do you want to serve on/continue to serve on Cleveland City Council?

I left the statehouse, which primarily dealt with public policy, and took an appointment to a position where I would have closer contact with residents. The residents of Cleveland are struggling in the face of rough economic times. My ability to multi-task in my own life (as a single parent, graduate student, and legislator) has uniquely prepared me for this position.

#### 5. What have you done within the last 2 or more years to improve the quality of life for the people of Ward 10?

- Worked with the Ohio Senate and Governor to pass a 2007-2009 biennium budget that included an expansion of the PASSPORT program and a freeze on tuition at state Colleges and Universities.

- Conducted a series of community meetings in Ward 10 Parks this past summer to address Public Safety and Quality of Life concerns for Ward 10 residents.

- Advocated recently to directly address the closing of the Cuyahoga County Neighborhood Family Center at St. Clair and Eddy Rd.

- Worked to insert a provision in the House draft of the 2009-2010 biennium budget to address Cancer related issues.

- Re-funded the Collinwood EBC Ferry Senior Citizen meal program.

#### 6. What is your top priority for Ward 10 going forward? How do you intend to address it?

My top two priorities are to improve Public Safety and advocate for Public Education. As a member of the City Council Public Safety Committee, I plan on addressing some of the challenges faced by the Ward 10 Community. I have worked closely with Fifth District Commander Wayne Drummond, and plan to continue to partner with him on strategies to move the Ward forward.

In the area of education, I often tell the story about failing the 3rd grade and dropping out of high school because my focus was not on my education. My primary and secondary education was in the mid- 1980's and early 1990's. Just like back then, much is still being said about today's "urban education".

Some students lack resources, some lack parents and community involvement. I recently attended the Cleveland Metropolitan School District's (CMSD) strategic development initiative forum. There is a crisis that is affecting urban schools across the country. A study cited during the forum compared Cleveland's 62 percent graduation rate to Cincinnati's 80 percent rate. The study reported low expectations throughout the system and the fact that adults are not held accountable for quality teaching or student learning.

So I plan to be pro-active by continuing to volunteer in CMSD schools in the Ward, taking students on a bus trip to Columbus so that they can learn how government works, and partnering with local residents to create programming that will directly raise expectations and advocate on behalf of children.

#### 7. What would you like to say to the people of Ward 10?

I want to make Ward 10 a destination of choice by working to empower its residents. I will do whatever I can to decrease poverty and increase self-sufficiency in an effort to make the community a better place. I will continue to work collaboratively with the five municipalities that surround Ward 10 on a number of development projects.

I believe that working together increases the odds of winning together. The Democratic party represents the "big tent", and I believe that all interests must work together (Government, Public Safety, Non-Profits, and the Faith Community to name a few) in order to do the work of the people.



### Freddie Moore

#### 1. Who are you?

Based on my history versus my opponent's history, I am more qualified to be councilman. We have an opportunity to take our ward back, and we have an opportunity to look at the backgrounds of each candidate. I am an independent voice for the ward.

You can reach me 24 hours. I have an investment in the ward. I'm a homeowner, I own income property and a business, the present councilman does not. He won't show up to a candidate's forum because he has nothing to say, because he hasn't done anything. He doesn't own anything in the ward and he doesn't have any time invested in the ward. I've spent my life in this ward and I know what to do. This is Freddie Moore, I'm asking you for your vote and God bless you.

#### 2. Where do you live and how long have you lived there?

I live in Ward 10, I've lived here for 56 years.

#### 3. What is your experience and/or educational background?

I've had some college courses, worked with the county sheriff's department for 15 years, and I've been an elected precinct committee person for at least 22 years.

#### 4. Why do you want to serve on/continue to serve on Cleveland City Council?

In the time I've lived in Ward 10, I've seen a degree of job loss, apathy in the ward, and the degree of crime going up. I have issues about seniors, issues about housing stock in the ward. We have block grant money coming to the ward and it's not being invested into the neighborhoods and the residents. We need a housing program for our seniors, we need a meaningful education program for our youth. I've found it to be cheaper to educate than incarcerate. We have homeowners with roofs falling down, we have funds to help the residents but it's not been allocated properly.

#### 5. What have you done within the last 2 or more years to improve the quality of life for the people of Ward 10?

We have a retrieval program. Youth who are wanted by police surrender to me and to several other people who are in the program. It's hard for the youth to take care of themselves. If youths want to be responsible and straighten their lives out they can turn themselves in and we will walk them through the county judicial process. We will make sure that the process takes care of the youth and doesn't mistreat them. Unfortunately, we are afraid of the kids that we raised, and the seniors are afraid of them. That comes from kids raising kids, babies raising babies.

I've always made myself available to seniors, if they need help, or protection or to be directed, or needed any information dealing with the city. I've made numerous calls for them.

#### 6. What is your top priority for Ward 10 going forward? How do you intend to address it?

Getting the thugs out of the ward. Reducing crime in the ward. I'd like to see basic foot patrols again, bicycle patrols, so they can get firsthand relationships with the residents. I'd negotiate with City Hall and the mayor's office, and come up with a partnership with the police department. I would like to get stimulus money to get our own security made up of off-duty Cleveland policeman.

#### 7. What would you like to say to the people of Ward 10?

I've been in the ward for 56 years, in business for 36 years, sheriff's office for 15. I've always been in Ward 10, I've always been here to avail myself to the residents of Ward 10. I would like to see the sewer and water rates frozen for our seniors on fixed incomes. I would like to see meaningful housing programs for our seniors. I would like to see the City work more with homeowners versus giving them citations for repairs. I'd like to see meaningful programs for our youth. I'd like to see more economic development in Ward 10. These are the things that I will work on.



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## City Council Election Preview

### Michael D. Polensek

#### 1. Who are you?

I am Mike Polensek, the incumbent Councilman of Ward 11. I was raised in the Collinwood community the oldest of four children born to Frank Polensek (deceased) and Doreen Kist. My father left when I was nine which made it hard for my mother to raise four young children alone. She has been the backbone of our family and a strong influence in my life. Earlier this year, my mother had a disabling stroke and is presently living in a nursing home. I have a sister, Doreen, a Special Education teacher, a sister, Dawn, an Executive Secretary and a brother, Patrick who is the manager/keyboard player for the classic rock-n-roll band, Mitch Rider and the Detroit Wheels. I am a member of the Collinwood



High School Hall of Fame. My wife, Kathy, is a native of Collinwood. She is a graduate of Holy Redeemer Elementary School and Erieview Catholic High School. I am the proud father of five children; Lisa (Bobby), Deana (Chris), Michael, Lauren, and Andrew, who is a student in the Cleveland Public Schools. I am of Slovenian descent, and a member of St. Mary's Church. My ninety-year old mother-in-law, Virginia, has lived in Collinwood since 1940.

**2. Where do you live and how long have you lived there?** My parents lived on Darley Avenue, off East 140th Street, in my paternal grandparent's home when I was born. We then moved into the Nottingham neighborhood on Clearaire Road off St. Clair when I was a young child. Since then, I have lived on East 169 Street off Lakeshore Boulevard and East 187 Street off St. Clair Avenue.

I currently reside at 17855 Brian Avenue off Nottingham Road with my wife, Kathy, and our son, Andrew. We also have a dog named Spanky and a Cockatiel named Mickey Bird. We have lived on Brian Avenue since 1990. Growing up in the Collinwood and Nottingham neighborhoods has truly been a life enriching experience; one that I would not have traded for anything. The community and my life experiences have shaped who I am and that is why I feel so passionate about our ward.

**3. What is your experience and/or educational background?** I have served as a Councilman in the City of Cleveland for nine consecutive terms. I was first elected in 1977 as Councilman of Ward 26. During Council reduction, old Wards 32 and 26 became the new Ward 11. Since January of 1982, I have served Ward 11.

I am the "The Dean" of Cleveland City Council. My chairmanship on various committees has included: Finance, Safety, and Public Properties. I have served on virtually every committee in Council. I have had the honor to serve as Council President as elected by my colleagues from November, 1999 to January, 2002. Since the day I was elected, I have been a full-time Councilman. Prior to elected office, I served as President of the Nottingham Civic Club for three consecutive terms, a Street Captain and a neighborhood activist. I was one of the original founders of the Collinwood Bi-Racial Dialogue Group and the Northeast Shores & Collinwood Nottingham Villages Development Corporations. I attended Nottingham and Hannah Gibbons Elementary Schools, graduated from Collinwood High School, and attended Cuyahoga Community College majoring in Industrial Supervision. I am also a former United Auto Worker, Local 32 White Motors.

#### 4. Why do you want to serve on/continue to serve on Cleveland City Council?

I want to continue to serve the citizens of Ward 11 as your Councilman because I love this community and the good people in it. It is my home where I have raised five children. I truly believe it is one of the greatest communities in Cleveland with tremendous opportunities and potential. We have outstanding neighborhood churches, civic groups, fraternal organizations, and cultural institutions, second to none. We are geographically in one of the best locations possible and have the distinction of having the most stable population on Cleveland's east side. I thoroughly enjoy my job; after all, every day is a new experience and a new challenge.

Furthermore, I want to see the capital improvement projects and community and economic development programs that I have been working on with the community become a reality. The Mayor, the community and I will be breaking ground shortly for one such project, the new \$10.8 million Collinwood Community and Recreation Center on Lakeshore Boulevard. We will also begin in the Spring the Waterloo Road Streetscape Project, which I sponsored, and run from East 152 to East 161 streets. The rebuilding of Lakeshore Boulevard and East 152 Street are also in the works.

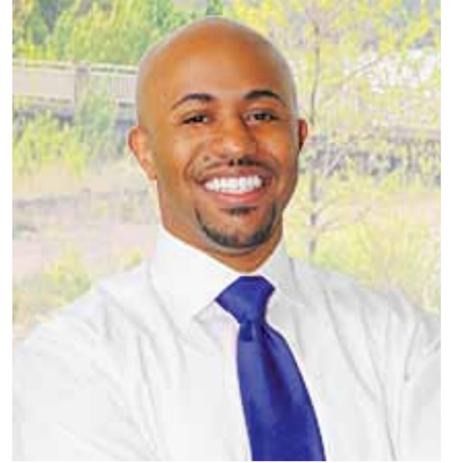
#### 5. What have you done within the last 2 or more years to improve the quality of life for the people of Ward 11?

I have been involved in every civic organization in our ward. I led the organizing effort to protect and keep open our four historic landmark churches in the ward. We were the only neighborhood in the City not to have a church or school closed because of our tenacity and persevering efforts. I landmarked the 12-acre magnificent St. Joseph Christian Life Center on Lakeshore Boulevard so that it couldn't be cut-up and destroyed by developers, thereby enabling the Hospice of the Western Reserve to purchase the property protecting it for future generations. I sponsored housing trust funds to completely restore the Lakeshore Beach Apartment complex on Lakeshore Boulevard; sponsored legislation so that a new Key Bank and a Save-A-Lot could locate on East 185th Street; provided funding for recreation programs at Collinwood High School, and GED, Recreation and Computer programs at the Salvation Army on Grovewood Avenue; sponsored legislation to help Cleveland Range expand and create jobs on St. Clair Ave.; sponsored legislation to develop the new Collinwood Community and Recreation Center; and, provided critical funding for Arts Collinwood, Nottingham Youth Center and our local development corporations. For more information, I invite you to visit my website at [www.mikepolensek.com](http://www.mikepolensek.com).

**6. What is your top priority for Ward 11 going forward? How do you intend to address it?** My number one priority for Ward 11 is to keep our community intact during the next Cleveland City Council reduction and redistricting process which will begin in May, 2011 after the 2010 Census is certified. Keeping our ward together, my brothers and sisters, is absolutely critical for the growth and stability of our community. For our ward to be gerrymandered would be a disaster. As the senior member of City Council, it is my personal

### Curtis Thompson II

This is my official Statement, for release. Betsy, It is great to hear from you as always. Unfortunately, I will not be able to politically reply to the Collinwood Observer. According to the Councilman's on-line fact sheet government money meant for our community was used to initially fund this corporation, the Collinwood Observer. I cannot participate in the unethical act of using taxpayer money to relay a political platform, and no politician should. I attempted to work with the Collinwood Observer before it was funded and I will remain open and excited about contributing to this publication in anyway possible other than politically.



#### From the Publisher:

*This is a very important election for Collinwood, at a very tough time in our history. We feel that it is important that we use space in our community paper for each candidate to address basic questions, the way a person would for a job interview. Then the employers-- that would be us, the readers, voters, and taxpayers of this community-- can decide who seems best for the job. This format allows each candidate to answer the same questions, and allows each reader some peaceful time to sit down, read and compare candidates.*

*It is true that the Collinwood Observer project was started with help from Mike Polensek, along with other civic leaders in this community, like Northeast Shores Development Corporation, Collinwood Nottingham Villages Development Corporation, Arts Collinwood, the schools, libraries, churches and businesses. At those first meetings were many people who understood that Collinwood needed a paper and a website to inform all residents of issues, projects, programs, and information to help move the community forward. Part of the mission of this project is to cover politics fairly and evenly, and to offer civic leaders a place to discuss issues that matter to this neighborhood. This project is the first of its kind in the City, as it empowers EVERY SINGLE RESIDENT in Collinwood. ALL RESIDENTS CAN CONTRIBUTE to the Collinwood Observer. If anyone disagrees with anything anyone else has written, whether that person is a councilman, high school student, or your grandma ordering kielbasa at Raddell's, they can write and submit their response or opinion, and it WILL BE PUBLISHED. The project was approved not just by Councilman Polensek, but by the legal department of the City of Cleveland, and all members of the Cleveland City Council.*

*We are committed to covering every important issue facing this neighborhood, as fairly and as completely as we can, and, as always, we ask you the readers, to make sure we know what those issues are.*

*Betsy Voinovich, Publisher, Collinwood Observer*



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pledge to the residents and businesses of Ward 11 to do everything within my official capacity to protect and keep our ward vibrant and alive. Furthermore, I want to continue with our neighborhood organizations an aggressive effort against predatory lenders and absentee landlords who think nothing of taking money out of our neighborhood and putting nothing back in except misery. Safety and crime fighting initiatives must continue by working with our 5th District Police Command Staff and Officers. We will continue to organize street and block clubs and encourage residents to take a more proactive approach on their street. Next year, recreation programs will continue to be expanded for our youth along with additional economic development projects.

**7. What would you like to say to the people of Ward 11?** For all my adult life, I have strived to do my best to serve this community. I have never wavered in my beliefs or commitment to the good people and businesses in Ward 11. I have never run nor hidden from any tough issue or problem this community has faced. I haven't been afraid to take on bad bars, predatory lenders, and absentee landlords. I've stood up against gun-packing "thugs" who think they can intimidate single moms, children, local businesses and the elderly in our neighborhood. I am not shy; what you see with me is what you get. At times, I am not diplomatic or politically correct. In my opinion, being politically correct is what's wrong with this country. I realized a long time ago that politicians want to be loved, but very few are willing to make tough decisions and speak their minds. I make tough decisions everyday on behalf of you, the good people of Ward 11, and say what the majority of you think. My only desire is to protect and strengthen this community. On Tuesday, November 3rd, I humbly and respectfully ask for your vote to continue to represent you in Cleveland City Council.

# Youth & Family

## The Grandmothers: Halloween should be fun, not too frightful for child

Gann Roberts

Dear Grandmothers: Last year, my three-year-old daughter, Phoebe, helped me hand out treats on Halloween and was having a lot of fun until a child, dressed as a witch, came to the door. Phoebe was terrorized—she ran and hid under a table and wouldn't even go near the door the rest of the evening. What should I do to make Halloween less traumatic for her this year?

—Phoebe's Mom

Dear Mom: First, let me congratulate you on taking your child's fears seriously, and before October 31st. So often, we are taken by surprise when all the hype—which can begin just after the Back to School sales—begins to cause our children to become over-excited or nervous about the upcoming season of scare.

Despite all our talk to our preschoolers about the difference between what's pretend and what's real, they are still too young to really know this. Even though they can say, "I know it's not real," they can still be confused and frightened when confronted by witches, skeletons, ghosts and monsters, all the scary

props of this season. You can help your preschooler a lot if you can just remember that everything she sees is real to her.

Another way to help young children is to recognize that your memories of your childhood Halloween fun are not from your preschool years. You certainly were in elementary school when you had so much fun trick or treating until all hours with your friends, watching a scary video, or visiting a haunted house. Many parents remember only those school-age Halloweens and think that those activities are what it's all about, even for the littlest children. But they're not—those kinds of activities are way too much for preschoolers. Don't worry—you have many years ahead of reliving your childhood Halloween fun. Just don't rush it with the little ones.

So, what can you do for Phoebe this year? Protect her from scary TV (even many commercials are overwhelming and frightening). Be on the lookout for signs that she is overwhelmed, overexcited, confused, scared. Is

she running around excitedly, or does she cling to you, have her fingers in her mouth? Any unusual behavior at this time of year should make you wonder if she's confused or frightened and should prompt you to ask her if she is worried about something. Just your recognition of her nervousness will reassure her and help her to calm down.

If you can get her to tell you what she is worried about, don't try to talk her out of her fears; acknowledge them and try to figure out a way to help her manage.

Let her decide how much she wants to participate in Halloween activities; respect her wishes. And give her a calmed down, low-key Halloween: a costume, no mask; trick or treating at a few friends' or neighbors' houses; pumpkins and cute black cat decorations; protection from anything that is overwhelming and not understood (or at least acknowledgement of these things and reassurance from you that you will keep her safe).

So, have fun this year, but be on the look-



Mark Kruger

out for things that are "too much." All too soon, she'll be 10 and begging you to help her make a haunted house in the garage. ■

The Grandmothers—Kathy Baker, Maria Kaiser, Gann Roberts and Ginny Steininger—meet at Hanna Perkins Center, 19910 Malvern Road, which houses the Hanna Perkins School and the Reinberger Parent/Child Resource Center. For information call Barbara Streeter, (216) 991-4472.

## Let's talk history!

Mary Louise Jeseck Daley

Oliver Hazard Perry was the hero of the Battle of Lake Erie and a school in the north Collinwood community was named to honor him and his victory September 10, 1813. To read more about him, see the Collinwood Observer website for an article on Perry and his relevance to us today.

Stay tuned for more Collinwood and Collinwood-related history. If there is something you would like to know about just ask. It is always fun to look into our history. You can reach the Historical Society via email at collnotthistorical@aol.com. Find out, and write up the story for the Collinwood Observer!



## Free family fun at fall festival

Carol Ward

As the outdoor activity season begins to wind down for many, there is still one more event not to be missed. Cleveland Lakefront State Park will be hosting its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 17, 2009 from 7-10 p.m. at Euclid Beach State Park.

This event is chock full of free family fun. The 'haunted' hayrides are always a big hit with kids of all ages - and you won't want to miss the new exhibit along the route this year. I'd give you a clue, but then it would ruin the surprise! So, you'll just have to come out and see for yourself.

The storyteller is another popular aspect of this event and this year we have two new tellers sharing their spooky tales. The pavilion will be a hub of activity with games and crafts. Dave's Supermarket across the street has generously agreed to provide hot chocolate and cups again this year—thanks for your continued support!. In past years, the costume contest competition was so stiff that it was difficult to choose a winner. So, this year, everyone's a winner! Come dressed in costume and receive a prize (while they last). If you need any further information, please call 216-881-8141 ext. 3001. Hope to see you there...

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## School News

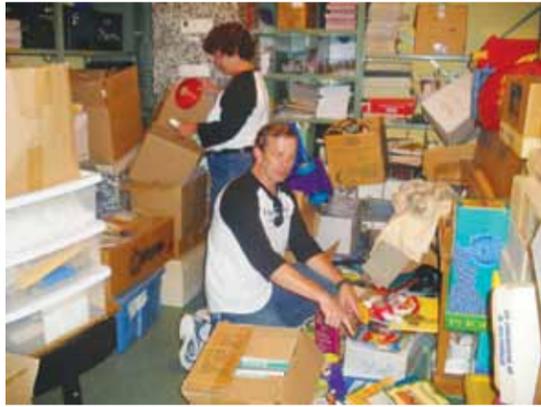
# Ernst and Young volunteers beautify Iowa Maple School

Stacy Lambert-Johnson

Volunteers from Ernst and Young selected Iowa Maple School for their annual community service day on September 23, just in time for Iowa Maple's Open House night. Volunteers planted flowers, laid mulch, and trimmed brushes at the front of the school and cut and trimmed brushes for a sitting area at the back of the school. They also cleared out a storage room that was nicknamed "the beast".

The faculty, students and staff at Iowa Maple are truly grateful for the time and attention the volunteers of Ernst and Young provided. Drive by the school at 12510 Maple Avenue to see the beautiful new landscaping.

**Do you home educate?** You are welcome to use this space to connect with other homeschoolers. Submit online, [www.collinwoodobserver.com](http://www.collinwoodobserver.com)!



## School news in brief

### Memorial School News

Steve Andras

The entire Staff and Memorial Community welcome the Collinwood Observer to our neighborhood. We look forward to working with you and are very excited about a community newspaper being published once again for the Collinwood Neighborhood.

At Memorial we are busy planning for our 2nd annual Fall Festival. There will be educational games that our students in Pre K - 5th grade can make, crafts to create, along with storytelling with a librarian from Memorial/Nottingham Library. The last half - hour will be in the cafeteria where cider and donuts will be served. Happy Fall!!!

### ADM Spirit Week at OH Perry

Victoria Janke-Mousty

During the week of October 5, OH Perry will sponsor their annual Spirit Week. During the week, the students will be able to "dress" unusually. The Spirit Days include Crazy Sock Days, Crazy Tie Day, Hat and Shades Day and Sport Jersey Day. Students will also receive a treat daily just for coming to school on time.

Students who come every day on time for the entire week will be invited to special activities on Friday afternoon that include movies, games and a dance for the middle school students. Come visit OH Perry and see our school spirit!

### Euclid Mayor Cervenik visits Noble Academy Cleveland

Amy Britton

Noble Academy Cleveland would like to thank Mayor Cervenik for his motivational and congratulations speech he gave to our students on September 29th. The Mayor was excited and pleased when he heard the news of NAC being an excellent school in Euclid.

Noble Academy Cleveland is taking all the students who passed their OATS to Cedar Point on October 3rd.

The students, staff, and families are very dedicated to education, and sharing our common goals is important and abundant at Noble Academy Cleveland. To quote a parent, "I came across Noble Academy and was very impressed with the structure, curriculum, grades and staff."

Our school is preparing students for academic success and leadership.

### VASJ stands out in Cleveland

Brian Menard

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School is celebrating two "only" citations. First, VASJ paired with Ignatius High School as the only two schools across Cleveland to have National Merit Scholar Semifinalists this year. Senior Ray Wert's placement put him in the top one percent of over 1.5 million students in about 22,000 high schools nationwide.

Second, VASJ is the only school in all of Cleveland to have participated in the Detroit-Superior Bridge design charrette. Students in VASJ's University of Dayton Pre-Engineering program teamed with Kent State University's Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative (CUDC) to showcase the subway span of the historic bridge and reclaim this space as a community resource.

### Don't see your school?

You are welcome to write. Briefs should be about 100 words and come with the approval of the school. Stories about youth and family life, including experiences with our local schools, are welcomed as stand-alone pieces.

## Hats off

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cheer the students on and to show his appreciation as well. Mr. Roach knows that a few of the kids don't come to school and take their education seriously, so he came out to support the ones who do. Mrs. Roach was there to let the students know she is here as a support system. "Isn't that what it really is about? Showing and letting the students that might not have that strong push or force at home know you're there... if they need it."

As students, each one of us needs support, love and sometimes a friend, a little more than a teacher, because we all go through it and nobody wants to go through it alone. "Hats Off to Kids Day" was a success. On that morning, all students, teachers, community members, parents, and district and city volunteers that were a part of this celebration put smiles on the faces of Collinwood High School students because we learned how many people are behind us. WE WILL NOT LET YOU DOWN, you are gratefully thanked!!!!!!!

## A proud tradition. . .

### St. John Nottingham Lutheran School

Gregory Kita

We are excited about the beginning of another school year! St. John Nottingham continues its proud tradition of over 116 years of providing a quality Christ-centered education combined with a championship sports program. Pictured is our championship basketball team from last year.

My name is Greg Kita and I have the privilege to serve as the principal of St. John Nottingham Lutheran School in Cleveland. St. John's has been a very special place to me ever since I was enrolled in the four-year-old preschool. The teachers truly cared about me and gave me a solid foundation both spiritually and academically which continues today. That is what makes St. John Nottingham so special and so crucial in today's society. I was thrilled when God opened the doors for me in 2004 and began using me as a teacher, to continue this school's proud tradition.

God has once again given me a special opportunity to serve as principal in January of



2008, and I have accepted the call. I thank God for this opportunity to serve God. I look forward to the opportunities and challenges to strengthen His Ministry here at St. John Nottingham and to continue to provide His children with a solid academic and spiritual foundation.

I look forward to sharing with the Collinwood community all of the exciting events taking place at St. John Nottingham Lutheran School. If you are interested in more information about our school or would like to enroll a student, please contact me at 216-531-8204.

## News from Henry W. Longfellow School

Sean Patton

Some good things are happening at Henry W. Longfellow every day. All school days start with the students "7 Responsibilities of a Longfellow Student". Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Come to School on Time, Be in Dress Code, Our Focus is Academics and our Goal is to Improve on the OAT.

Longfellow was built in 1924 in the north end of Collinwood. Currently, we have 240 students in grades pre-k through the eighth grade. Last school year Henry Longfellow met our academic goals, showing continual growth and improvement. With all the hard work from our students and teachers Henry Longfellow will continue to grow and improve this coming school year.

Longfellow is one of eight CMSD Schools to participate in of the "Art is Education" program. Art is Education is a program where local artist from the community share and demonstrate their craft to share with the students. The artist, work with our Pre-K through 8th grade students in various art forms.

The Cleveland Orchestra worked with our 4th and 5th grade students last school year. Members of the Orchestra would visit Longfellow, introduce their instrument and

perform for the class. The culminating activity allowed students to visit Severance Hall for an Orchestra performance. In the 2009-2010 school year Henry Longfellow will continue working with "Art is Education" program.

We are lucky to have various corporate sponsors working with our students throughout the school year. For the past few years, General Electric and Collinwood High School have been mentoring our students. The 9th and 10th grades from the high school have been involved in the pen pal program with students in grades 3-8.

After winter break, Collinwood Jr. ROTC members come weekly to read to the students in grades pre-k to 2nd.

The 7th and 8th graders also spend a day in the spring with 11th and 12th graders at the high school to experience a day. Both Collinwood and Longfellow students have also been involved in field trips with Dr. James Watson and his advanced biology students visiting our area's park systems, studying stream ecology.

As we begin this school year, I am very excited for our students and staff. Many great things are happening each day!

## Culinary Collinwood

# Mmmmm... beer bread.

Erin Randel

Can't you just hear Homer Simpson say those words? You'll be saying it too, once you get a whiff of this easy-peasy loaf baking in your oven.

Why am I writing this article? Where's Laura, your no-nonsense instructor for Collinwood Cooks 101? Well, the deal is that she's also in school and working full time, so she's going to do her column every other issue and we'll run a recipe or whatever you submit the odd weeks.

I'm not just an editor—I'm a mediocre cook who's married to the son of a great chef who cut his chops in the heyday of Nevada's entertainment scene. My father-in-law, Gene Robertson, got his start cooking very meat and potatoes meals in his mother's kitchen in Klamath Falls, Oregon, graduated to commercial kitchens in Tahoe, and later, some of the most famous entertainment establishments in Vegas and Reno. Out there, folks don't expect to win, but they do count on getting a great meal.

So my father-in-law's legacy to my

children is—among other things—a great series of cookbooks called *In the Heat of the Kitchen*, a Family Recipe Collection. I'm sharing this now with his permission because it's Fall, a time for chili and hot soup, and there's nothing better than beer bread for mopping up what you can't quite get with the spoon.

Now, I have a couple of aunts who love to throw product parties, and I've seen beer bread mixes marketed for something like \$4.95 a bag. AND IT DOESN'T INCLUDE THE BEER. That's insane, I know you'll go without before you pay that much for a loaf of bread you have to make yourself. But neighbor, I can't let you go without. So grab 12 ounces of your favorite brew and get baking.

Note: Dad's official brew is Miller High Life, I use MGD, Homer loves Duff, and the fireman next door to us who brews his own beer prefers porter for the bread, so clearly it's a matter of personal preference. You might as well try what you like!



Beer bread loaves made with three different kinds of beer. From left to right, Miller High Life, Red Dog, and English ale

### For each loaf of beer bread, you will need:

3c self-rising flour	2 teaspoons of sesame seeds
1/2 c sugar	2 tablespoons melted butter
12 oz. beer—your preference!	Shortening or butter to grease pan

Hint: 1c self-rising flour = 1c flour + 1 1/2t baking powder + 1/2t salt

Directions: Preheat the oven to 375°. Grease the loaf pan. To make the loaf easier to remove, line the bottom and sides with an 8" long piece of waxed paper. (A waxed paper butter wrapper works too.) In a large bowl, combine the flour, sugar and beer. Mix well. The mixture should be sticky. Pour into the loaf pan. Sprinkle sesame seeds on top and bake for 50-60 minutes, until golden brown. Remove from oven, brush the top of the loaf with melted butter and return to oven for 3 minutes longer. Only mix one loaf at a time—do not double the recipe! You may bake two or more loaves in the oven at the same time, but you may need to increase the time if it's crowded in there.

Variation: For Gene's Beer Belly Biscuits, use a muffin pan and bake at 400° for 15-20 minutes until golden brown.

**Do you love to cook? Love to eat?** Laura Sleas writes in every other issue with her Collinwood Cooks 101. That leaves every odd issue for those more experienced cooks (or eaters) to share your story. Have a recipe to share? Want to interview a favorite chef about what makes their special sauce really pop? We'll print your story and photos right here and get your neighbor's mouth watering as well. . . It's Fall—what are you eating, or looking forward to? ■

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## A Taste of Autumn fall fundraiser for the Coit Road Farmers Market

Tony Matlak

You are cordially invited to support the East Cleveland Farmers Market Preservation Society's efforts to preserve and re-develop the Coit Road Farmers Market by attending their fall fundraising dinner, "A Taste of Autumn 2009", a fall harvest buffet dinner featuring top area chefs, doorprizes, silent auction, cash bar and awards presentation with music provided by The Coit Road Ramblers.

The event will be held on Monday, October 19th from 6:00 – 9:00 PM at the Beachland Ballroom 15711 Waterloo Road, Cleveland. Proceeds from the dinner will be used to help defray market operating expenses and provide support for several important local food assistance initiatives that the market sponsors.

A little known fact about the Coit Road Farmers Market is that except for a part-time paid market manager, the entire operation is run by volunteers on a budget of ap-

proximately \$10,000 a year, raised primarily through vendor rents. This fundraiser is a kick-off for the ECFM's 2010 development campaign. The funding goals for the organization are to initiate much needed and long-delayed renovations to the market buildings and grounds, and expanded customer service including credit card services and an enhanced website. Current discussions regarding renovations include installation of a windmill generator on market property to take the market "off-grid" and incorporating green design into the main market building, a unique steel-framed structure dating to the market's origin in 1932.

Tickets are available for a \$50.00 donation on the market website at [www.coitmarket.org](http://www.coitmarket.org) or at the market at 15000 Woodworth Road. For market hours and directions you can also visit the website or call (216) 249-5455 or (216) 531-3230.



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#### ART DRIVE AT JOSEPH-BETH Oct. 10-12

I know we keep telling you to stay out of malls and shop at galleries – but if you shop at Joseph-Beth Booksellers in Legacy Village Oct. 10-12, 20% of your purchase (10% of bistro purchases) will go to Cleveland Neighborhood Arts, a consortium of the groups sponsored by the Cleveland Foundation's Neighborhood Connections program. All the money collected will buy musical instruments and art supplies for the children served by the groups; feel free to bring such donations with you, if you have them. Tell the cashier you're donating to Cleveland Neighborhood Arts.

#### HAPPY HOUR ART AT ARTS COLLINWOOD

Through October—The Arts Collinwood Art Center is offering happy-hour art classes on Mondays and Wednesdays; Michele Biondo will show you how to make jewelry from broken crockery (the small masterpieces created by china painters of the past come into focus when they're not surrounded by a plate); she'll also show you how to make simple stained glass designs. And there'll be a garden art series, too, making wreaths, stepping stones, mobiles and such. Details below.

#### PARTY WITH THE ART MERCHANTS Oct. 10

The Waterloo shops and galleries have got together with the Slovenian Home for a festive evening of food and shopping: extremely good \$5 sandwiches in the Slovenian Home's bar (along with cheap beer) plus a bocce court plus in-store events all along the street. All inspired by a recent arrival in the neighborhood who loved the summer Arts Fest and wanted to keep the vibe going.

#### THE BEACHLAND BALLROOM Oct. 10

10th Annual Roots of American Music Benefit with Michael Stanley and Alex Bevan. ROAM Annual Benefit for Education. For \$50 VIP tickets please call ROAM @ 216-321-9353. ROAM ticket buyers receive a \$30 tax deduction per ticket. 10/10 - Pinkeye Magazine Issue 6 release party w/ Self Destruct Button, Chief Bromide, The Buried Wires & Arte Povera 11/13 - The International Pop Overthrow Fest Day One w/ Afternoon Naps \* Bill Fox \* Good Touch Bad Touch \* Living Stereo \* The Celebrity Pilots \* Colin Gawel & The Lonely Bones \* Spy Radio 11/14 - The International Pop Overthrow Fest Day Two: Paranoid Lovesick \* Jelly Bricks \* Rainy Day Saints \* Pale Hollow \* The Deadbeat Poets \* Triggers \* Terribly Empty Pockets

#### MEET A CANDIDATE Oct. 11

You're invited to a wine & cheese reception to meet and talk with Curtis L. Thompson II, candidate for Cleveland City Council, Ward 11. Sponsored by Kathy & John Baker and Betty & Jeff Susbauer. 15019 Shore Acres Drive, Sunday afternoon, Oct. 11, 5-7 p.m.

#### CANDIDATES NIGHTS Oct. 13, 14

Come to one of these, for goodness' sake – it's great preparation for voting! Oct. 13, 6-9 p.m., the E. 185th Block Watch will host Jennifer Brunner, Mayor Frank Jackson, Bill Patmon, Michael Polensek and Curtis Thompson II at the Lithuanian Village Hall, 877 E. 185th (enter from parking lot round the back). And Oct. 14, at the Collinwood Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Ave., at 7 p.m., endorsed candidates will make their pitches.

#### OCEAN EXPLORATION WORKSHOP Oct. 16

The Center for Science and Mathematics Education at Case Western Reserve University is presenting a professional development workshop for teachers, librarians and anyone who works with children and is in-

terested in ocean science (home schoolers included). Oct. 16, 2009, Friday, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Designed for after school, hands-on science experiences, this program will connect to the exploration of Dr. Robert Ballard, oceanographer-explorer-finder of the Titanic. Virtually travel to the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary to learn about shipwrecks, simulate a search for a sunken ship in the Black Sea, and develop strategies to prevent over-fishing off the coast of Newfoundland.

Fee: \$50. Registration is required. Call 216-368-5075 or e-mail: kmk21@case.edu for more information.

#### CELEBRATE AT ST JEROME SCHOOL Oct. 18

Miss Ceal Eppink is retiring from St. Jerome's School after 42 years of teaching, and all her students are invited to join her on Sunday, Oct. 18, for mass at 10 a.m. followed by a reception in the School Hall, 11:00 am-12:00 pm. Favorite memories welcomed. For information call Eileen Fink at 216-397-4370

#### SLOVENIAN WORKMEN'S DINNER Oct. 19

If \$50 is more than you can manage, you can still eat well on Waterloo that night – at the Slovenian Home's Swiss Steak Dinner (including mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, bread & butter, dessert and coffee, with a cash bar). Serving from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM - Tickets \$10 per person by advance sale only; call 216/481-5378.

#### CONFESSIONS OF A JOBBING GARDENER

Oct. 19 Join the members of Lakeshore/Collinwood Garden Club on Monday, Oct. 19, to hear Nathan Longnecker talk about the pleasures, trials and learning experiences of looking after other people's gardens. Noon at the Lakeshore Golden Age Center, 16600 Lakeshore Blvd. Nonmembers are welcome – but membership is only \$8 a year; consider a splurge.

#### SLOVENIAN HOME CLAM BAKE Oct. 25

One of the things you need to know about Collinwood is that there are two Slovenian Homes, and they both like to eat. (Actually, there are three, but I don't have all the details. Yet.) 15810 Holmes Ave Cleveland, 216-681-6649

#### AT MEMORIAL-NOTTINGHAM LIBRARY

Fancy Nancy Fashion Show  
Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009, 6:00 p.m.  
Attention young fashionistas! The Cleveland Public Library Memorial-Nottingham Branch will host the first Fancy Nancy Show!

#### Halloween Online Fun!

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
This is Computer Learning Month. Come celebrate by playing various Halloween games, completing puzzles, taking fun quizzes, and printing out ghoulish coloring pages. Children ages 7 through 10 are welcome to attend!

#### Halloween Craft Oct. 27, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Come and celebrate Halloween. Create your own ghoulish craft. Children and young adults are welcome to participate. Play and Learn

#### Friday, Oct. 9, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Parents, caregivers and their young children are invited to play and learn with educational toys and books.

#### Preschool Story Time

Mondays during Oct. from 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Stories, rhymes, songs and more for children ages 3-5 and their parents/caregivers. For more information, please call 623-7039 or email cpl-memnot@cpl.org.

Go online for even more fun, into November--www.collinwoodobserver.com.

### Collinwood over Glenville, September 25



### Vikings vs. Willoughby South Rebels

by Sara Sloat

This past weekend the Villa Angela-St. Joseph Vikings took on the Willoughby South Rebels at the Rebels' home field. Though it was not at the Vikings' home field, the support for the team was apparent. Tim Davis, class of 1972, said, "Viking support is always exemplary," and it was. Not only did many parents and alumni show their support, but a student cheering section rallied to support the football team as well. Timmy Frey, class of 2011, stated, "the cheering section, though small, was able to bring a lot of energy and spirit to the teams' play." The Viking football players showed great effort and spirit; it was visible to all that they wanted a win, but the defense was just not there. At the half, the Vikings were down, 28-14, but still showed determination and a will to win.

At half time the Viking Cheerleaders dem-

onstrated their team spirit and community outreach. They went out onto the field to perform for the fans with the grade school students that participated in their camp. The cheerleaders offered a two day clinic to teach grade school students the Viking cheers. The cheers the young girls and the Viking cheerleaders performed were a combination of all the cheers the Vikings normally perform. Senior cheerleader, Lexie Lazzara, commented about the camp: "It was a great way to get kids involved and to seek out future Vikings."

As the second half started, the cheering was still going strong. The Viking support was incredible. Unfortunately for the Vikings, their defense was not able to stop the Rebels offense. The Vikings gave the game their best efforts, but fell short of a win with a final score of 50-24.



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