Health care reform

Is this issue making you sick?

Mike Gallagher

President Obama made numerous pledges during his presidential campaign, but perhaps none was bigger than his promise to reform our health care system. The debate across the country has been raging for some time, evident in the often contentious “town hall” meetings this past summer, the bickering in Congress over the competing health care related bills and issues, and the continued stoking of the fires of disagreement by much of our media. We citizens of greater Collinwood are part of this national discussion and certainly have a stake in its outcome. In this issue the Observer wants to start a discussion on the topic. We’ll begin with an overview of some of the major health care reform issues, followed by the thoughts of some of our residents, responding to these questions: What have your experiences been with your current health care plan? Do you have a health care plan? What do you do, when you or one of your loved ones has an accident, or becomes ill? What hopes do you have for a possible new health care situation?

Where we are now:
Among the greatest concerns that we have about health care insurance are these questions: Will I be able to afford it? And, will I be able to change jobs or insurance companies and still be able to get insurance even though I have an existing health problem? Unfortunately the answer to both of these questions is all too often, “no”, with the main reason being that the health care system in our country differs from the world’s other major developed countries in a very fundamental way: The health insurance that most of us have, outside of the government run Medicare and Medicaid programs, comes from a for-profit industry.

On the face of it that is understandable, we live in a capitalist, democratic society. Capitalism is the engine that drives much of our country’s GNP. However, there is an inherent conflict in the current system that is very simple to understand: the insurance companies are profit-seeking enterprises; the less money they spend on taking care of people, the more money they make. The health care reform proposals that we hear about are trying to remedy that conflict in a variety of ways.

First and foremost, most significant proposals include provisions that will make it illegal for insurance companies to deny coverage based on pre-existing health conditions. This seems to be one area where there is broad support throughout Congress. From there it gets...
Share your sunshine here

Erin Randel

Remember the days when newspapers had as much, if not more good news than bad news in their pages? This paper is a good place to revisit those days, in fact, bring back the good old days and let us enjoy the good new days together.

To that end, we’re looking to start a “Sunshine” column to mark the arrival of new babies, celebrate weddings, honor milestone anniversaries, retirements, degrees bestowed, homecomings, and so on. We can even run pictures—the more recognizably Collinwood the better, so a photo of the baby coming home and the proud family welcoming them on the front porch in probably nothelping than those pruney-looking hospital pictures! For example, the Galgocy’s of Baker Candy welcomed an addition to the family last week. Wouldn’t we all like to see a photo of her first visit to the shop her daddy and grandma run? This is a community-written paper, so you need to send your news, too. Keep us in mind, when baby arrives, or that diploma is received, or those church bells toll, take a few notes and send them on in.

Healthcare Reform

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dicy. President Obama talked often of the “public option” in his campaign. The public option would be a government-run insurance program, or be another option to compete with the current private insurance companies. This public option could potentially be self-supporting: through premiums for those who can afford it, and perhaps some form of subsidies for those who had limited accessible other alternatives, including public assistance. They are concerned about the possibility that a new plan will drop her. She hopes that everyone will have some type of plan, even if it involves a co-pay or other type of charge. “When children enroll in public school, they should also be enrolled in a health care plan...Everyone should have coverage...I’m concerned that we could some see problems if everyone has to purchase insurance, and therefore cost should be income-based.” A 52-year-old Hiller Ave. resident, Jeffrey King, is currently recovering from a 2nd stroke and has had his share of problems dealing with his insurance and providers. His current coverage is Medicaid and Medicare. Due to delays in payment he is hounded by medical bill collectors. He has some dental problems that need care, but he is not able to pay for them. He was eligible for one session of dialysis for the most recent stroke, and says, “I think my recovery would be quicker if I could keep taking therapy.” He hopes that a new plan would include dental care.

Alicia Sewell is a 43-year-old Arrowhead Ave. resident. Outside of some minor issues dealing with her insurance company mistakenly claim- ing a doctor was out of her network, she is happy with the insurance she receives through her em- ployer, a metals company in Willoughby. In their current economy does concern her, she worries that her premium or coverage could be affected because of a business slowdown. “I would love anyone to be able to afford health insurance, and for those who don’t, I would like to see our country assist.” She is concerned that we spend billions and billions overseas when we could be helping our citizens in need. “With all respect to families with soldiers, we are fighting a war that we should not be fighting.”

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From the 5th Police District
Working together to make student safety a priority

Demat A. Drummond

The Cleveland Division of Police collaborates with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and other law enforcement partners to provide police presence and intervention for the young people of our community.

School safety is a particular priority, and one of the many resources the Division of Police has dedicated to youth safety is the COPS-in-School program. COPS officers are assigned in pairs to 10 of our high schools. These officers maintain a high degree of visibility and proactively interact with students to deter potential criminal conduct and anti-social behavior.

They patrol inside and outside their assigned school, and interact with and offer assistance to school staff as needed. They also direct programs that educate students about drugs, gangs, guns and other concerns as needed.

Keeping our children safe while they are coming outside of your home in the public transportation. This may involve vigilant in watching out for students while they walk to and from school and await public transportation. This may involve just coming outside of your home in the morning and afternoon hours to keep an eye on—and out for—the kids.

When a community is known to be actively engaged in the safety of children, those who may want to do harm think twice. It’s also my experience that most children who are aware that they are being observed have the tendency to do the right thing and go directly to school or home from school. Incidents of violence at school in District 5 mostly occur during school dismissal, so I encourage your awareness during that time.

Vigilance and good communication on the part of parents is the other key to safe and secure kids. It is imperative that parents talk with their children. Help them understand the importance of good citizenship and good behavior, and how it can build the community both financially and socially.

On the other side, they should be made aware of the dangers of involving themselves in negative behavior such as fighting, vandalism and other nuisance crimes as they walk to and from school. Parents must know the names, phone numbers and addresses of their children’s friends and, whenever possible, current information in the educational process of the child.

To most of you, this may be ‘preaching to the choir’ and for others it’s a gentle reminder that you do make a difference. Children are an important asset to this community and our future. Their safety is crucial.

Demat A. Drummond is the commander of the Fifth District, Cleveland Police Department.

Collinwood Alumni Association

Jeanne Coppola

I am a graduate of Collinwood High School (CHS), and would like to remind readers about the CHS Alumni Association, which publishes a newsletter with lots of information about get-togethers, class reunions, tours, members information, and meetings. In the October 2009 issue, it said that Councilman Michael Polensek had Collinwood High School declared a Cleveland Landmark. But now the school needs our help! Two projects stand out. The fence surrounding the school and the front steps need repairs. Volunteers and retired repairmen and plumbers who can help are asked to call Barbara Grubb for further information, 440-667-9439.

The CHS Alumni Association is also collecting donations for its “Locker Fund.” Barbara says that many lockers are from the 1940s, and need to be replaced. So far, $235 has been donated. “Donations of bulbs and daffodils, are also needed,” says Barb, to fix up the landscape around the building. They can be dropped off at the school this month, because the bulbs can still be planted in the first weeks of November.

Anyone interested in helping with these projects, or in becoming a member of the Alumni Association, can mail their checks, payable to the CHSSA address listed below. Membership fees are: $8 per person for 1 year; $15 per person for 3 years; and $50 for you and your spouse (if both attended CHS) for a lifetime membership. Please include your name, (and spouse’s name if applicable), address, phone, e-mail, and CHS Class (month and year.)

Mail to: Barbara Grubb, CHSSA, 9030 Norwalk Road, Litchfield, OH 44253-9771.

Remember...it was our high school. We have a lot of memories. Collinwood is a part of our lives, and needs our help now.

Many lockers are in desperate need of repair.

Shop C.185th Street

Every time you visit one of these local merchants from December 1 – 31, you’ll increase your chances of winning a gift basket full of valuable prizes and goodies for you and your family!

Stop into any of the merchants listed (you can look for the Shop 185 posters on their doors) starting December 1 to collect your game card. Every time you visit one of these area businesses — to have a cup of coffee, get your hair trimmed, get your oil changed, find a great gift, or inquire about rates for professional services — you’ll get another sticker on your card. The more you visit, the better your chances of winning!

Come see for yourself just how great the gift basket grand prize is: it will be on display in the Lithuanian Hall during Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 5. And there are more great prizes for runners-up!

When you support your local merchants, everyone’s a winner. So this holiday season, think outside the big box, shop the neighborly way, rediscover all the great businesses right here on your doorstep, and make your money go further by supporting our community.

Shop 185 for the Holidays!

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For a complete list of participating merchants, updates on prizes, holiday specials and more information, visit www.artscollinwood.org

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Seven Star Muffler
Used Cars, Inc.
Video Game and Record Exchange
Villa Rosa Pizzeria
Vince’s Barber Shop

Many lockers are in desperate need of repair.
# City of Cleveland Citizens Survey

## BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTS/ SUGGESTIONS

If you had to choose one or two of these categories to focus federal block grant dollars on, which would they be?

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### COMMERCIAL

What goods and services are you able to purchase in your neighborhood?

- Groceries
- Clothing
- Shoes
- Convenience items
- Auto repairs
- Restaurants
- Deli –style or carry out foods
- Live music
- Cultural arts
- Dry cleaning
- Medical services
- Legal services
- Accounting services
- Insurance
- Day care
- Health & fitness
- Pharmacy
- Housewares
- Home improvement

**Other:**

### RECREATION

What programs and services do you feel are currently successfully utilized within your community?

### PUBLIC WORKS/ INFRASTRUCTURE

What public parks or recreation facilities in your neighborhood would you most like to see improved, and what is it that they need?

### YOUTH/ELDERLY SOCIAL SERVICES/PUBLIC SERVICES

Federal government rules limit the amount of block grant dollars that the City can use for these programs. Knowing that, what do you and your neighbors feel are the most important priorities to direct funds for?

- Job training
- Job referral
- Medical, meals
- Shelters
- Safety
- Transportation

**Other, please explain:**

### Why do you feel these groups are under served?

Which of the following age groups are under served by existing social service/public service programs in your neighborhood?

- Elderly
- Children, ages 3-5
- Children, grade school
- Children, junior high
- Teens, high school
- Adults

### What programs/services do you feel is lacking?

What public service programs in your neighborhood shopping areas?

### Your Neighborhood

### Your Ward

### Block Grant PuBlic suGGestions

Participation comments/feedback:

- Infrastructure
- Social Services
- Safety
- Recreation
- Industrial
- Commercial
- Housing
- Transportation
- Education
- Public Service

## Why do you feel your neighborhood lacks?

Other: ______________

## Other, please explain:

- Building/ code enforcement
- Security or lighting improvements;
- Litter control
- Better appearance of buildings;
- Parking area improvements
- Renters

## Why are you currently a...

- Renter
- Homeowner

## What problems/concerns do you have with your housing?

- Code enforcement
- Affordability
- Repairs
- Painting
- Insulation
- Roof
- Furnaces, weatherization
- Safety

**Other, please explain:**

## Other, please explain:

- Safety
- Furnaces, weatherization
- Roof
- Plumbing
- Industrial
- Social Services
- Infrastructure

**Other, please explain:**

## Why do you pay rent when you can own?

**Other, please explain: ______________**

- Obtain affordable insurance
- Obtain loans from banks or mortgage companies
- Obtain information regarding low interest housing repair loans or grants from the City of Cleveland

**Other, please explain:**

The largest growing segment of our community is the elderly and those approaching senior status. What services do feel could or should be offered or expanded in your neighborhood to assist them in transition?

- Educational
- Social and employment opportunities
- Housing, legal, or financial planning

**Other, please explain: ______________**

## What goods and services does your neighborhood lack?

**Other, please explain:**

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News from Northeast Shores

Just when you thought the elections were over

Denise Lorek

Elections for the new Board Members of Northeast Shores are January 19th at the General Meeting. If you would like to have a say in what happens in North Collinwood, consider running for the board of Northeast Shores. The Northeast Shores election is open to the public, but you have to be a member to run for an office or to have a vote.

You can use the application below to become a member of Northeast Shores today. If you join now, your membership will be valid for the remainder of 2009 and 2010. Call (216) 481-7660 for more information if you would like to run for a board position.

Keep looking for the Northeast Shores column in the Observer to keep updated on what Northeast Shores is up to or you can visit our blog at www.northeastshores.org/blog.

Please do your part to make North Collinwood a better place to live, work and play.

Santa Claus is coming to East 185th St.

Denise Lorek

Northeast Shores, the East 185th St. Merchants Association and Arts Collinwood have contacted Santa Claus and asked him to come visit the children of North Collinwood. Santa will be at the Lithuanian Hall, 877 East 185th St., December 5th from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Admission is $5 for breakfast and a picture with Santa. There will be crafts and fun for all. For tickets, please call Denise Lorek at Northeast Shores 216-481-7660 or Laura Robinson at 216-383-9671. Hope to see you there with your Christmas wishlist. Remember, Santa knows if you have been naughty or nice so be good for goodness sake.

Good news!

Stephanie Thomas

New energy efficiency programs are being offered along with the weatherization program.

Electrical Partnership Program: This program focuses on electrical energy use reduction through conservation measures and client education.

CEI Community Connections Electrical Efficiency Programs: This program provides compact fluorescent light bulbs, energy metering of refrigerators and replacement for high electric use units.

CEI Community Connections Wiring Repair: This program provides breaker box replacement and wiring upgrades in order to insulate the home.

Water Conservation Program: This program provides installation of water saving devices — low-flow shower heads, toilet dams, and faucet aerators. Minor plumbing repairs, hot water tank repairs and or replacements and emergency service line replacements.

Water Affordability Program: This program provides water discounts to low income families.

Call Stephanie Thomas, Northeast Shores Housing and Programs Manager 216-481-7660 for more information on these programs and other programs that might be of assistance to you and your family.

Looking Ahead...

Upcoming neighborhood events for 2010:

• January 19, 2010: General Elections for new Board members

• February: Taste the Neighborhood Awards Dinner

• May: Alive on East 185

• June: Waterloo Arts Fest

News from Collinwood and Nottingham

Villages Development Corporation

The difference between the North and the South

Yolanda Anderson

Ever wonder who we are and if there is a difference between the North and the South?

Maybe you have heard our names and maybe you have not. If you are a home owner and/or business within Ward 11, then you should have heard of at least one of us. Running east and west almost through the exact middle of Ward 11, I-90 separates Ward 11 into the North and South areas. The neighborhoods are not at odds with each other as in the Civil War period, but rather we try to work together for the betterment of Ward 11.

Needless extensions into the neighborhoods that surround downtown Cleveland, the City of Cleveland developed Community Development Corporations (CDCs) to assist with programs originating from the City and other sources. CDCs work to address critical issues within their service areas. We deal with residential, as well as commercial and industrial concerns. We are not at odds with each other, but rather work in conjunction with the Councilman for the area (Ward 11 Councilman Michael D. Polensek) and the City of Cleveland. If you call one of us and you are in the service area of the other, you will be given the correct information to put you in touch with the right individual to address your concern.

CDCs are the ones behind the scenes that push a project to fulfillment. We are the ones that assist in getting the boarded up houses in your neighborhoods either razed or redeveloped. CDCs are the ones that assist in the planning for that much needed grocery or drug store in the neighborhood. We are the ones that get the new construction of market rate housing as well as commercial and industrial projects off the ground to bring more jobs into the area. CDCs are the ones that go to bat for the residents in the neighborhood when it comes to the issues of whether or not a school and/or church should be closed, rebuilt, or razed. We are the ones that can assist you in getting exterior paint or give you information on low cost loans and/or assistance to renovate your home or bring it from poor condition back to an information source for a variety of issues relating to home ownership as well as foreclosure and safety issues.

So whether you call CNVDC (216-383-9772) or NSDC (216-481-7660) for a problem that you have, rest assured that your issue will be addressed in a professional manner. We will work with you and try to resolve your concern(s). We are the eyes and ears of the neighborhoods you live and work in. We work in close contact with the Fifth District Police Department and Councilman Polensek. Call us sometime and see what we have to offer.

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 meets the fourth Wednesday of the month; 6:30 p.m., at the Arts-Collinwood Community Center, 397 E. 156th Street.

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

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

Holmes Avenue Pensioners, a social club for anyone of Slovenian descent and their spouses, meets the Second Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. at the Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Ave. The Dec. 9 gathering will be the group’s Christmas party.

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

Ward 10 Club meets Thursday, Oct. 22 from 9 a.m. at the Five Points Community Center, 813 E. 152nd Street.

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

Ward 11/Bratenahl Village Democratic Club meets the second Tuesday 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 the 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 (216) 235-5009.
Rowan Marshall moved here about a year ago because, as she would say, “I guess you can call it a family tradition.” Rowan is a direct relation to the McPhillis Plumbing Heating and Cooling Service, located on Waterloo Road. Since she showed up, she found one of the greatest places on earth for Saturday morning hoops, The Salvation Army®. She started volunteering at the Salvation Army’s basketball league, with screaming people at every other buzzer. She coached tee-ball, and during the summer, there’s a good chance you will see her at Humphrey’s Field, playing ‘Kobe time’ with the kids.

Rowan learned her job at the Euclid Sports Plant, where she is currently coaching a 5th grade girls traveling basketball team. She received her degree in child psychology, and so she wanted to coach. She heard that the Salvation Army had a program and that’s how she got involved. Since then, she has been working on the basketball court almost every day.

Rowan has energy, and some very different viewpoints, you go girl! There’s the buzzard! What is your idea of perfect happiness? I would be perfectly happy if Cleveland would make the bridge project into a venue like Red Rocks. Considering that rock and roll is the biggest tourist attraction in Cleveland, we might as well build it off that and try to have the inductions be a big part of our society here. Another idea, for the love of God, have an incentive to clean the lake. That’s the best suggestion I’ve heard on talk radio. We need to promote Cleveland as environmentally infused, friendly, controversial and socially conscious. Like the rest of the Midwest.

We also do flyers, post cards, business cards and brochures.

What do you consider to be your greatest achievement? Besides hitting net on my vertical! My greatest achievement is recently getting a real job playing around in a gym! Visit euclidsportsplant.com to register for the best deals on youth, adult basketball leagues and 3 on 3 tournaments every last Saturday of the month. My other greatest achievement of course, coaching my 5th grade girls! What is the quality you most like in a person? Ingenuity’s ideal. What do you value most in your friends? Their ability to sala dance. What is your most treasured possession? My greatest extravagance is living in one place for a year without moving. Or maybe I’m the manager of Tropical Cleveland Rhythms, which puts on Latin music events on Fridays at the View and Saturday at La Boca in Ohio City.

Who are your heroes in real life? Might possibly be Jamal Lewis at this point. But every day, my surrogate mother, Molly, and Steve Blake who plays with the Maryland Terrapins (plays point for Portland).

What makes you unique? I have a lot of character and half my family lives in New Zealand.

If you could change one thing in your life what would it be? My ex-boyfriends.

Well, that’s the first time I’d heard that word. I could play Canasta, rummy, gin rummy, even crazy eights, but I had never heard of pinochle. The 48-card pack consisted of eight aces, kings, queens, jacks, tens and nines. It took me about 16 hours of watching and listening to catch on to this game called pinochle. Between making pizzas and serving Pepsi, I couldn’t wait to sit down and play a hand. When I did it was a disaster. Teen-aged boys, especially your brother’s friends, are not kind or gentle and don’t mince words. I learned the hard way not to renege, play a card out of turn, give my partner a point card, and so on. But I learn. I did. What those crazed card players taught me made me eternally grateful they took the time to teach me, even though they could have cleaned up their vocabulary along the way.

Rowan’s was my home away from home for two years. When I graduated from Collinwood High School in January of 1959, other family members were running the pizza shop and I had to get a ‘real’ job. But thanks to a bunch of rowdy card-playing combatants, I’ll always smell pepperoni pizza and mozzarella cheese whenever the pinochle cards are dealt.

We have neighborhood bakeries, too, and dentists and clothing stores and lawyers and a chocolate maker. Send me your favorite merchants and we’ll try to find them some more customers, nansnotest@collinwoodobserver.com. You could also write for the paper yourself! Start a story about your personal favorite with, “Not enough people know about...” Many more of us might be able to stay cozy and close to home this winter if you do.
Living, working, and creating in Collinwood
Brittainy Heisler

After bouncing around between Oakland, California and a couple of cities in Ohio for the past few years, I’m happy to say that Collinwood has been the neighborhood I have decided to stay in. Growing up in my family, we all considered it to be such a treat to drive to East 150th and buy smok-ies from Raddell’s, and I can still remember my first concert at the Beachland Ballroom. I’ve officially been a resident in the area for over a year now, and have been involved in the Waterloo district for almost two years. At twenty-two years old, I am a drawing instructor and field representative for Young Rembrandts, an after school art program for kids ages 3½ to 12. I am also a barmaid at the SS-W Boardwalk on Waterloo Road. Most importantly, I am a full time artist!

Art has always been a part of me, and I love that I can make it a daily part of my life living here in Cleveland. I have a great deal of interaction with all generations in Collinwood—these whose families have lived or worked here all their lives; newcomers, drawn to the music at the Beachland and the various shops and artistic events on Waterloo; and young children who cannot wait to pick up a pencil and draw with me. I consider myself lucky to be in my position, and it is all due to common ground — art! You may have seen my artwork before—I have shown at LowLife Gallery, my former shop ReVamped, and at the Boardwalk. It is not uncommon to walk into the Boardwalk and see me working on some sort of project. It is difficult for me to associate myself with one sort of “style” … I feel I am creative on many levels. My favorite commissions are portraits, but I do not limit myself to just that. Working at the Boardwalk gives me a great opportunity to meet people that commission me to do a little bit of everything — from silk screening family reunion t-shirts, turning a hammerjack saw blade into an outdoor sign, to landscape oil paintings and everything in between! I can work with you from any ideas and turn them into something tangible and completely original. Visit the Boardwalk to learn more about me and my art!

The SS-W Boardwalk is located at 16011 Waterloo Road. www.YoungRembrandts.com

Brittainy’s work includes a “little bit of everything.”

At the Beachland: International Pop Overthrow Festival, Day Two

It seems as if everyone is talking about scary movies this year. One that you should definitely go see is Paranormal Activity. This movie stars Katie Featherston and Micah Stuart as themselves. The setting is in Katie and Micah’s two story suburban San Diego home. Even though the camera work is poor and not nearly as high quality as most films, the plot of the movie is more than enough to keep viewers on the edge of their seats.

Katie is very frightened of the evil entity that a paranormal investigator, Dr. Fredrichs, claims is in their home. When Micah asks her for more information, Katie’s only explanation is that the entity has haunted her since she was a little girl. This adds to the coincidence that Micah finds a childhood picture of Katie in the attic.

The hauntings usually occur whenever Micah and Katie are asleep, which ranges between 1:00 and 3:00 a.m. After Micah buys a Ouija board and sets it on the table, he and Katie leave the house. Now, I’m not going to spoil that particular part of the movie, but let’s just say that what happens when they leave is really terrifying! One night Micah is even scratched, bitten and nearly dragged off the bed. Micah then suggests they move, but another paranormal investigator warns that moving will not help at all. The entity will follow them. Well, I give you the Cliff Notes.

Coming up: Justice Rocks! December 4th, 8 p.m. – 1 a.m. with tasty-cakes, oldboy, Early Girl and Vitium. $10, proceeds go to Community Shares who raises funds for Domestic Violence Center, ESOP, Adoption Network Cleveland, The Free Clinic of Greater Cleveland, Habitat for Humanity, Planned Parenthood of NEO, Hard Hatted Women, Cleveland Public Theater and NAMI Greater Cleveland. To find out more, go online at collinwoodobserver.com.
The old days
Finally, research has vindicated the mothers of half a century ago who routinely opened the back screen door and told their kids to go play, and not to bother coming back until the street lights came on or they heard the dinner bell, whichever came first. Turns out these mothers were not being abusive and neglectful. The norms of the previous century didn’t know it, of course, but they were ensuring that their children developed a critical cognitive skill called “executive function.”

What kids did when their hours were not filled with TV, video games, and electronic toys (or yoga classes, soccer games, and tiny tot gymnastics) was regulate their own activities, mostly in improvised imaginative play. They played cops and robbers, house, or school, or their own reality-based dramas. They also became the characters in fantasies involving queens and dragons, cowboys and horses, flying saucers and tall buildings, pirates and sinking ships. And as they did this, researchers are telling us now, they were developing “executive function,” the ability to self-regulate, the measurement of which turns out to be a better indicator of success in school than the results of an IQ test. Kids with good self-regulation skills are better able to control their emotions, resist impulsive behavior, and become self-disciplined and self-controlled.

Times have changed
Those were different times, of course, and there’s no going back to them. Kicking one’s kids out of the house is no longer considered good form. No one rings a dinner bell out the kitchen door to call the children home any more. Turns out these mothers were not being abusive—just typical.

The kids are already home, bickering over which channel to watch, perhaps, until the street lights came on or they heard the dinner bell, whichever came first. Turns out these mothers were not being abusive and neglectful. The norms of the previous century didn’t know it, of course, but they were ensuring that their children developed a critical cognitive skill called “executive function.”

What kids did when their hours were not filled with TV, video games, and electronic toys (or yoga classes, soccer games, and tiny tot gymnastics) was regulate their own activities, mostly in improvised imaginative play. They played cops and robbers, house, or school, or their own reality-based dramas. They also became the characters in fantasies involving queens and dragons, cowboys and horses, flying saucers and tall buildings, pirates and sinking ships. And as they did this, researchers are telling us now, they were developing “executive function,” the ability to self-regulate, the measurement of which turns out to be a better indicator of success in school than the results of an IQ test. Kids with good self-regulation skills are better able to control their emotions, resist impulsive behavior, and become self-disciplined and self-controlled.

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School News

Good luck, Noble Tech Team
Amy Brittian
The Tech Team at Noble Academy Cleveland is preparing to compete in the LEGO League Competition. The competition will be held in early December at Hawken School. The students are spending hours after school and even on Saturdays developing their mission and programming their robot. NAC wishes them the best and looks forward to celebrating their achievements. The staff of NAC goes above and beyond to support education. This past week, our sister school, Horizon Science Academy Cleveland hosted a fundraising basketball event to raise money for equipment in the new gym. Our students were given an opportunity to raise money for a donation on behalf of the students. The support from the students earned a significant donation. NAC is proud of the support our students have for not just our school but our sister school. In celebration of the Thanksgiving Holiday, NAC is thankful for the wonderful staff, brilliant students, and committed parents. The path of EXCELLENCE started with all of you. Providing the best environment for our students to learn and ensuring a quality education is our common value. NAC is respectfully grateful to be in the presence of everyone who makes NAC a school of EXCELLENCE.

October Students of the Month at Iowa Maple School
Stacy Lambert-Johnson
The following students were selected by the classroom teachers as “Students of the Month” for the month of October. Students were selected based on their attendance, positive behavior, good citizenship and effort in the classroom. Congratulations students! Keep up the good work!

PreK, Brian Bilbup, Kindergarten, Halley Mauldin, Javon Jennings, Mathew Spikes
Grade 1, Chontay James
Grades 1/2, DeMarion Branch
Grade 2, Emani Walls
Grade 3, McKenzie Spikes, Christin Pondexter
Grade 4, Briana Benson
Grade 5, Najah Holliday, Emeral Pannell
Grade 6, Amber King, Jaheshca Clark
Grade 7, Amaris Morris
Grade 8, Dominique Gates, Jael Campbell

St. John Nottingham Volleyball Continued
Gregory Kita
As we concluded our last article, the 7th and 8th girls’ volleyball team was in the middle of their end-of-season tournament. They won the first match, but fell short in the final two. The girls worked hard all season and I am proud of what they have accomplished. They represented Christ, their school, their families, and themselves very well. God has continued to bless all of our Christian athletes with continuing success throughout the school year.

East Clark
Jessica Turnage
Since East Clark’s opening and welcome to a new school, some students don’t appreciate it. East Clark is not only a strict school, but only wants what’s best for the students here. The teachers are wonderful and deserve all the respect that they should have. I am talking about Mrs. Peterlin, Mrs. Robb, and also Mrs. Galippo. Mrs. Peterlin is the social studies and language arts teacher for the eighth grade. Mrs. Robb is the Math/Algebra and science teacher, along with Mrs. Galippo but Mrs. Galippo also helps the IEP students or explains things to students when they don’t quite understand something. With these teachers to help, I’m sure the Class of 2009 will all make it to college.

Jessica Turnage is an East Clark student.

Where do you want to be?
A teen Life-After-School workshop
Maria Estrella
On Tuesday, December 1, at Memorial-Nottingham Branch Library, Case Western Reserve University Medical School students will host a workshop for teens to address life after high school. The purpose of the workshop is to help students plan their future. The workshop will include a discussion about college and other career options. Students will be encouraged to ask questions and provide feedback. The workshop will be conducted by the library staff.

第七级“Skypes”到南方的俄亥俄州
Gregory Kita

With a student body of approximately 115 students, our school is loaded with technology. There are two Internet accessible computers in each room, each building has a network laser printer, there are three SMART BOARDS, the Shire High School lab has 14 laptop computers and a Mobile Computer Lab with 20 laptops. Another exciting use of technology happened at St. John Nottingham. The 7th grade Geography class was able to Skype with a senior college student, Will Ruzek, who is studying to be a geographer. He recently returned to Ohio Wesleyan University after a summer internship in China. He gracefully agreed to speak to the class via a computer and web cam, answering the questions we had submitted to him, plus any others we had. The interactive aspect of this activity was awesome.

Take the lead... be a mentor
Carol Hasek
Research tells us the power of caring adult mentors in the lives of younger children is dramatic and long reaching. Experience Corps matches caring adults in a lunch-time mentoring program with 4th grade students in five public elementary schools across the city of Cleveland. Seventy-nine percent of teachers surveyed last year reported their students that were mentored showed improved attitudes toward learning, ability to complete assignments, and confidence related to academic success. Volunteer lunch time mentors develop a relationship with one child throughout the school year that translates to improved attendance, academic attitude, social skills and self esteem for a child and a sense of fulfillment for a mentor. It’s easier than you think, just listen, encourage, and appreciate a child at lunch time... once or twice a week, at any one of the following schools. Near West: Denison (3799 W. 33rd), Far West: McKinley (3349 W. 125th), East: John W. Raper (1601 East 85th), Southeast: Emile de Saule (4747 E. 176th), Central: Rockefeller (5910 Whittier Ave.).

Girls Youth Basketball
Rowan Marshall
There hasn’t been a lot of recognition for girls basketball in Cleveland since the Rockers left years ago. And generally with many schools closing, there isn’t even an option to play for girls at a young age who might be interested. Most girls are unaware of the talent they have to play and just haven’t been given the chance to develop their skills.

I’m dedicated to making progress with that area of liberal arts on the east side of Cleveland. My name is Rowan Marshall and I work as a girls athletic director at the Euclid Sports Plant. I started volunteering at the Collinwood Salvation Army and finally got a job doing what I love to do. If there are any girls interested in playing for a traveling basketball league, please visit our website at www.euclidportraits.com

We are located at 20001 Euclid Avenue. Call 216-404-0130 or call me personally at 440-227-5224.

Practices have started every Monday and Wednesday, 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

I would love to coach, mentor and encourage girls of any age to come try out at any level they wish to compete—in or out of state, all year long. So no more excuses about not being inclined to play, you finally have the perfect opportunity! Hope to see you out there!

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Unity in the Community: Organize a “Unity in the Community” campaign

Jimmie Booze

In the wake of the Imperial Street horrific tragedy, we have been given a wake up call! A call to a tremendous disconnect on so many different levels; from a breakdown of law enforcement agencies to thoroughly investigate reports of missing persons, to a breakdown and disconnect of family and community support systems. While many seek to assign blame in this matter, the truth is that there is enough of it to go around. To think that we are going to rid our society of the evil that exists in the world is unrealistic at best. What I believe we can do, is do the best we can to protect ourselves from it.

In the scriptures, Jesus prayed a prayer that his followers would not be removed from the world, but that they would be kept (protected) from the evil that is in the world. Also, the Apostle Paul informed the church at Ephesus, that the strength of the church would come from “what every joint supplied”. In other words the unity in the community that allows what is best in all of us, to reach the perches of each of us, will help to strengthen and protect all of us from the underbelly of society that seeks to steal, kill and destroy us all.

How do we know if the same spirit isn’t already among us? Are there any of our loved ones missing that have not been reported to the authorities? Could there be evil lurking within one of the many boarded up and/or abandoned properties on our streets? These and many more questions should come to our attention. I am aware that this is not a pleasant thing for us to think about, but consider this, it has been reported that the alleged perpetrator of these horrible crimes on Imperial Street told one of his victims that “I can kill you and no one will miss you, because nobody cares”. Let us work together so that this statement will not be true of us.

Let’s show another that we care.
The time has come, even will part time, that we “take our heads out of the sand” and realize that “we are the ones we’ve been waiting for”.

I invite the elected officials, law enforcement, health and housing representatives; and the citizens of the Collinwood community of both Wards 10 and 11 to join me at New Birth Ministries, located at 14911 Westropp Ave., for a “Unity in the Community” meeting on December 4 at 7 p.m.

Please RSVP your attendance by either calling 216-486-3799 or emailing me at: jbooze@osgbglobal.net.

Behold how good and pleasant is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

PS. 133:1 Be Blessed.

Jimmie F. Booze is the Executive Pastor at New Birth Ministries, Inc.

Taking a stand against violence

Donald Holcombe

The great Dr. King had dreams, dreams that one day this place in which we reside will become a place where people can resolve issues without violence. Well, sad to say, unlike Dr. King, I have nightmares, nightmares that another mother and father will become childless and that another child will become mother and fatherless. I have nightmares that another young man will die over a street or block that he doesn’t even own. I just pray for the day when my young people realize that a street is just a temporary place that you live, you should be thinking about your future and trying to progress. You’re willing to die for this street or block that you claim. If I come back 20 years later and you’re still claiming this same street or block that tells me that you haven’t moved forward or made progress in your life.

I am here today to ask you to please move forward and make progress in your life. I once asked a man who said he was a community activist a question, “What do you do to help your community?” He asked me why. I replied with the words, “What’s a mountain climber if he’s never climbed a mountain? What’s a mechanic if he never fixed an automobile? What’s a pilot if he never flew a plane?” With that being said, anyone can claim a title, but if you haven’t done the work, that title means nothing. Whatever your title is in life, in order for it to mean something, you have to live by it. I once got offended when someone would tell me that I am a product of my environment. But if the products that environment produces are success, greatness, education, and togetherness? Then I say I do not have a problem with being a product of my environment.

I am asking today that we take a stand against violence. I don’t know about you, but I can’t view another news headline that reads “another Cleveland teen died due to violence.” I don’t know about you, but I don’t want to go to another funeral where you are killed due to violence. It’s a shame, but it is a fact that in this country the death totals of young people due to violence is higher than high school graduation rates.

With that being said, when does all of this youth crime come to an end? I don’t have an answer but I can tell you this, that in order for a better tomorrow, we have to start today. So I am asking for Parents, Youth, Community leaders and whoever has a voice and wants to be heard, to speak out against violence. Let’s please, I am urging, all come together to resolve this issue of violence in our community. We have to remember that a group of minds is better as one. I am also asking for all people of the Collinwood community to use The Collinwood Observer as your voice. Please write to suggest ways our community. We have to remember that a group of minds is better as one. I am also asking for all people of the Collinwood community to use The Collinwood Observer as your voice. Please write to suggest ways we can come together and rebuild a web of connections that make any community stronger and safer-- that make any community a place to grow and grow old. Remember, something can be done, we just have to take the necessary actions to do it. I also have a youth group if you are a young person interested in getting involved with your community, please contact me: donaldholcombe@rocketmail.com.

Donald Holcombe is a community activist

I am thankful

Stephanie Pope

This is the time of year that many people usually reflect on their lives and count their blessings, although we should be thankful all year long because tomorrow is not promised to any of us. I would like to say that I am most thankful that God has blessed me with a wonderful Family! I love them with all my heart. I have realized in my life, that I have what many people desire. It is not money or any other material thing; it is the love, understanding and support of a family—a family that supports you no matter if you win or lose. A family that motivates you to keep moving and pushes until you reach your goals, and loves you no matter what path you choose to take in life.

Life is a blessing, what you decide to do with it determines how much of a blessing you are to others. May my grandmother (Mama) rest in peace, she passed away March 5, 2005. She was the foundation from which my family was built, and her foundation rested solely on Jesus Christ. Be a blessing, and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!
Nan's Notes

New at the Grovecow

Too long to include here, go to the Web site! (I did note that my favorites—spicy sassa- me noodles, grilled Caesar— are still with us, and the under-12 specials include Lavender Chicken for $7 (grilled chicken breast, with seasoned fries, fresh vegetables, and honey lavender dipping sauce—elegant enough for the most sophisticated six-year-old).

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Eat well, do good
Sarah Gyorki

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Besides soups and sandwiches, you can also pick up registration forms, event information and flyers on all the latest arts happenings. Other good reasons to stop in soon: On Nov. 6, we opened an exhibit of the otherworldly aquatints and one-of-a-kind installations of Amy Casey and Jen Omaetz. Every Thursday evening you can try your hand at life drawing, or maybe a little yoga on a Sunday afternoon. Plus live music, poetry and lots more. Keep your eyes open for the announcement of this year’s Weekends on Waterloo holiday happenings and catch up on all the good things going on in our own thriving arts district. We’ll keep the coffee hot for you.

Visit www.artscollinwood.org for more information.

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The 5th Dimension had one less egg to fry, and Jules Winfield in Pulp Fiction renounced his gangster ways while dining on this meal. John Hughes directed the classic coming-of-age flick The Breakfast Club. Seems that only the entertainment world thinks much of breakfast, and that’s a shame. It really is the most important meal of the day, but who wants a lecture that follows sleep in! You’ve got an awesome meal waiting!

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