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Bring Our Carousel Home

by Elva Brodnick

"Mom, Dad, Can I please ride it again?"

Don't you remember saying this, watching that wonderful Euclid Beach Park Carousel turning merrily to the Band Organ's "Happiest Music on Earth"? Remember buying enough of those orange tickets to ride, then going through the turnstile to race to your favorite steed of the 58 horses and 2 chariots on the ride? If so, you are among the many generations of Greater Clevelanders fortunate enough to have visited Euclid Beach Park.

Today we're going to concentrate on the situation we're facing at the moment, because we hope to bring the Carousel back home – here in Collinwood, right back to where it stood when it ran at Euclid Beach Park, which is now Euclid Beach State Park.

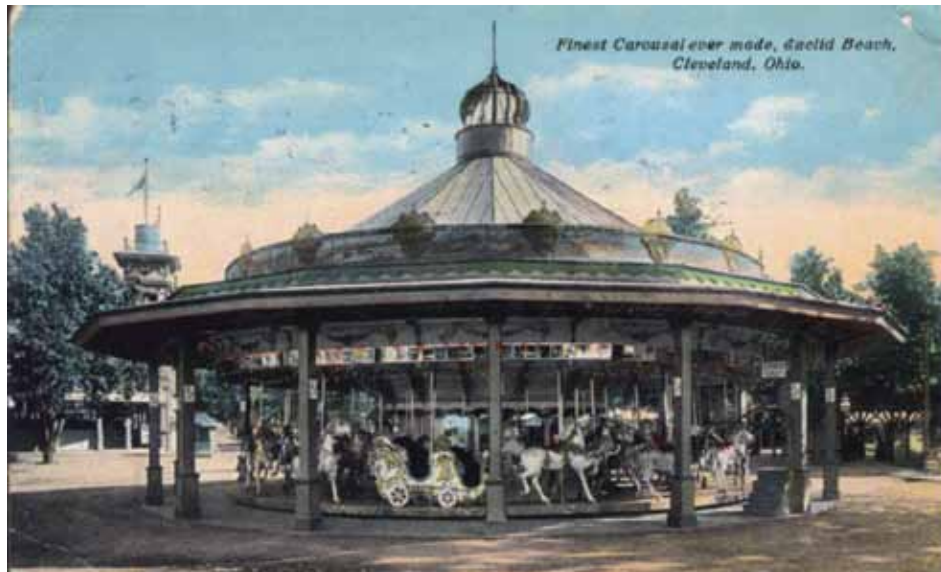
This Friday, April 9th, between 7 and 9 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church (17403 Nottingham Rd) at Euclid Beach Park Now's

open meeting, a group from outside Collinwood will present their plan for "Cleveland's Euclid Beach Park Carousel." This appears to be a plan that threatens to keep the Carousel away from its home and install it somewhere in University Circle. If you are concerned about the future of our Carousel, and would like to have it return to its original site by the lake, so a whole new generation of children can ride the flying horses, please make plans to attend this meeting and let your opinion be known.

How did we get here?

The Euclid Beach Carousel faithfully performed at Euclid Beach Park for 59 seasons, from its installation when brand new in 1910 to the Park's closing in 1969. Under new ownership, the Carousel was relocated to Old Orchard Beach, Maine and continued in service until the end of 1996.

At that time, the Carousel went up for sale; you may be familiar with the success-



ful effort back in 1997, to save the Euclid Beach Carousel from being broken up at auction, which was spearheaded by members of what was then the Euclid Beach Park Nuts (now Euclid Beach Park Now). And you'll recollect that since Carousel Magic! in Mansfield OH finished the restoration of the horses and chariots, Western Reserve Historical Society has had custody of our Carousel with no one having any luck get-

ting Western Reserve Historical Society to talk about "doing something" with it, in the years following the auction.

It was exciting in fall of 2003, when Brian Friedman, Executive Director of Northeast Shores Development Corporation, contacted Euclid Beach Park Nuts (then) to ask if he could present an exciting idea for our

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The Repurposing of Collinwood High School

by Jeanna Coppola

"What will the Cleveland Metropolitan School District's (CMSD) Transformation Plan mean for Collinwood High School? That is \$64,000 Dollar Question," said Ward 11 Councilman Michael Polensek.

The "transformation plan" was created to improve the public schools in Cleveland, Ohio, in order to "make them the best they can be." It was announced on Tuesday, January 5th, 2010, by Dr. Eugene Sanders, CMSD's CEO.

The title of the plan is, "Whatever It Takes." The goal of the plan is to make Cleveland's public school system "a symbol of academic excellence."

To find out which schools need the most improvement, every Cleveland public school was evaluated and placed in one of three

categories: A Growth School is the highest category, because it means that the school is succeeding. A Refocused School is improving, and will be given extra assistance, like "leadership training." And a Repurposed School needs help, and new ideas, because it is not succeeding. Any school not on the list will be closed, and its students reassigned to neighboring schools.

Collinwood High School was placed on the Repurposing list because "it is not meeting the state recommendations," said Polensek. "On graduation tests...the students are not achieving the kind of goals they need to achieve." He believes one way to improve student grades is to change the school's curriculum.

As to the actual plan for improving Collinwood, Steven A. Mietus, Unit Principal, said, "We really don't have a lot of specifics right now, (except), we do know that we will have the 9th grade academy. As for the other academies, we're waiting to see what develops. Input is being gathered in a myriad of formats, and pretty much everything is being considered..."

Polensek's suggestion for improvement is to provide "technical and vocational training." "Collinwood was once a center for vocational training," he said. "(It was) a symbol of academic excellence in Cleveland. It offered classes in drafting, engineering, mechanical drawing, metal working, and even home economics." With training, there would be a better graduation rate, and students would have a better chance for success, he believes.

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Tom Griffin and Brent Staples talk Health Care with Mike Gallagher, read their opinions online.

Health Care Brawl

by Mike Gallagher

The fighting and animosity over new health care legislation continued right through the passing of the historic law.

At times it was almost as bad as the stadium parking lot after a Browns- Steelers game.

Based on some of the criticism of the plan, you would think that the bill was written by Karl Marx himself.

But in fact, while this bill makes real, positive changes, it does so in a way that does not make huge changes to the status quo, for better or worse. Insurance companies

are remaining private, they will not be taken over by the federal government, or forced to bid for customers in a government run plan. Malpractice reform and other cost saving measures were not addressed in this law. Looking back at this battle it seems that the president concluded that he would attempt to get what he felt were the most important changes: affordable health care for all, with access to all.

Make no mistake, big money was behind much of the opposition to this bill, and as

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ManorCare cares for the community

by Laura Washington

HCR ManorCare has taken the caring attitude they have with in their centers and extended it out to the community. ManorCare Health Services is a leading provider of short-term, post-acute services and long-term care. The company's nearly 60,000 employees provide high quality care for patients and residents through a network of more than 500 skilled nursing and rehabilitation centers, assisted living facilities, outpatient rehabilitation clinics, hospice and home care agencies.

Recently, Manor Care made a large monetary contribution to the Golden Age Centers of Greater Cleveland (GAC). The mission of the GAC is to provide outstanding programs and supportive services that enhance the quality of life and independence of older persons. As stated by James Armour, President and CEO of the GAC, "The Golden Age Centers are like a family to



From left to right, Pamela Roff: Admissions Director for ManorCare Rocky River, Lynn Krumholz: Director of Marketing for the Golden Age Centers, Laura Washington: Admissions Director for Manor Care Euclid Beach, James Armour: President/CEO of Golden Age Centers.

those to those who don't have one."

At HCR ManorCare, the goal for a large percentage of our patients is to regain their

strength and mobility. In fact, 89.9% of our skilled patients regain their independence and return home after their therapy is complete. ManorCare recognizes that even after a successful discharge, some patients may still need some assistance with their activities of daily living. That is why they chose GAC as an organization to sponsor. The Golden Age Centers support older adults with home-delivered meals, socialization and health education. MCHS offers an additional supportive service to GAC members with monthly education presentations. Topics of the presentations range from healthy eating habits, home safety, dealing with depression and diabetes to education.

HCR Manor Care is proud of its caring heritage and tradition of excellence in delivering quality health services to the Cleveland community. At HCR ManorCare, we truly believe that, "the best way home is through our doors." To schedule a tour at the eastside Manor Care Euclid Beach location, please call me, Laura Washington at 216-486-2300 ext.2502

Laura Washington is HCR Manor Care-Euclid Beach Admissions Director

From the Publisher

Our writers, like the daffodils in our yards, have started to blossom. Please join them and contribute your beauty to the Observer garden. Unfortunately one of our favorite gardeners, Cindy Barber, will be leaving the Observer to spend more time tending the wonderful garden that is the Beachland Ballroom, and her many other duties in Collinwood, though we are very grateful to her for continuing to serve in an advisory capacity for the paper. We look forward to continuing to work with her, and the Beachland Ballroom in our common goal to better the neighborhood.

As you know, The Collinwood Observer is a completely community-written paper. If you would like to contribute, go to www.collinwoodobserver.com, click on Member Center, sign in, and start writing. We are interested in your ideas, questions, issues, projects, dreams, etcetera. Share them with your neighbors by become a writer (or photographer or illustrator) for the Collinwood Observer.

If you are interested in developing your writing ability in more of a workshop setting, a Writer's Group is forming at Arts Collinwood, to write articles, non-fiction and fiction, and poetry, for the Collinwood Observer. The first meeting is Sunday, April 11, 2-4 pm at the Cafe at Arts Collinwood. Please bring paper and something to write with. All ages. Serious high school students welcome. For more info contact Jim Valentino at valen470@msn.com or Louisa Horvath at jartzhorvath@att.net.

See you in the next issue!

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Cleveland Public Library canceling SeniorsConnect free e-mail accounts

by Jeanne Coppola

Any seniors in the Collinwood area who "have a free email account through the SeniorsConnect website at Cleveland Public Library," have less than 3 weeks to get a new email account, because the service is being discontinued on April 20, 2010, due to "budget issues."

Subscribers were notified by email on April 1, 2010, telling them to call 216-623-2902 and "speak with a SeniorsConnect staff member," or ask for an appointment, if you need assistance opening up a free e-mail account with google or yahoo. The email was sent by Julie McCormick, Library Assistant. The sender was listed as "administrator," and could easily be overlooked by seniors who do not recognize the name as someone in their address book! This does not seem like enough time for the 2,000 subscribers, who have less than 20 days, before their email accounts will be closed!

Ms. McCormick said she would "meet with you to help transfer files," to a new account. But she did NOT explain how future e-mails could be forwarded to your new account, after the SeniorsConnect account is closed.

When asked about offering a paid service to subscribers, so they could keep their current email addresses, she said "it was not an option they were willing to consider. It cost us a lot of money...we are experiencing budget cuts...(and this) is one of our losses."

If you have an e-mail account with SeniorsConnect, please check your e-mail immediately and call a SeniorsConnect staff member, if you need help opening up a new free email account.

Adopt-a-Beach™ Comes to Euclid Beach/Villa Angela State Park!



Here are team members at our first cleanup last October!

by Stephen Love

Adopt-a-Beach™ now has a team at Euclid Beach/Villa Angela State Park! If you are not familiar, Adopt-a-Beach™ is a volunteer organization and subsidiary of the Alliance for The Great Lakes, a Chicago based non-profit dedicated to sustaining and improving the health of our lakes and beaches.

Each month our team conducts beach clean-ups and monitors bacteria counts. The data is utilized by the Alliance to secure grant-funding to target beach/water quality issues. This summer, we really want to build our team from within the Collinwood/Nottingham Village community! On Saturday April 24th at 10am we will resume our monthly beach visits!

Be sure to check the Observer's calendar for upcoming events throughout the summer. If you are interested in volunteering or if you would like to request additional information, contact me, Stephen Love at slove@mail.bw.edu or call 216-571-0685. We look forward to seeing you on the beach! -The Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Team™

INVITATION TO SPECIAL REC CENTER EVENTS

March 29, 2010

Dear Friends-

You have all heard by now that the Collinwood Community & Recreation Center is going to become reality. With the announcement that Panzica Construction Company was awarded the contract for the new center, we move one more step closer towards the reality of our own facility for our community's seniors, adults and children. I would like to be the first to invite you two special events coming up related to the Center. This has been a long time dream come true and I look forward to seeing you at these events, especially the Groundbreaking.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2010 (EARTH DAY) at 6:30 PM, there will be a general Community Meeting to present the eco-friendly final design of the Center at the Lakeshore Golden Age Center at 16600 Lakeshore Boulevard.

Then, mark your calendars for SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2010 at 10:00 AM for our Official Ground-breaking Ceremony for the Collinwood Community and Recreation Center on the site at 16500 Lakeshore Boulevard (the former Big Lots Bldg.) There will be plenty of parking available.

The 59th Opening Day ceremony for the Northeast Cleveland Little League will follow.

The Community meeting will include a presentation on the design and construction of the center as well as information on the groundbreaking. Everyone is most cordially invited to attend this meeting and most especially the groundbreaking ceremony. These are historic days for the Greater Collinwood community. Mark your calendars and plan on attending. Any questions please do not hesitate to call me. I may be reached at my office at (216) 664-4236.

Sincerely yours,

Councilman Michael D. Polensek

The Repurposing of Collinwood High School

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Polensek said his vision for improving Collinwood High School includes:

- 1-Addressing school building issues. He wants the school to be "warm, safe and dry."
- 2-Phasing in a new curriculum for "today's life skills," including computer, electrical and HVAC classes.
- 3-Talking to local companies like General Electric, Jergens, Cleveland Range, and the Cleveland Clinic, to see what kinds of employees they need. He says we need to ask, "what skills do the students need to work there?"
- 4-Having a partnership with Cleveland State University, and Cuyahoga Community College. "This will stabilize the city," and prevent population loss. "Why aren't we implementing present-day technical training?" he asks.

Polensek said, "students need to be motivated...they need an environment in school that peaks their interest."

Collinwood once had about 3,000 students, and once produced some of the fin-

est graduates in the state of Ohio. We were "proud to be Railroaders!" he said. "The Hall of Fame in Collinwood's lobby is amazing."

Today, Collinwood's enrollment numbers have fallen to under 1,000 students.

"If we cannot improve the Cleveland Public School System, we will not be able to stabilize the population in Cleveland," he said.

"We need to have a quality school...we need to have a school that works...we have to have the will to make this work again!" said Polensek, who has contacted Dr. Sanders, because he wants to be part of the decision-making process that will affect Collinwood High Schools future.

The Collinwood Observer will continue to follow this story, and let you know when and how you, too, can be a part of this decision-making process.

What would you like to see happen at Collinwood High School? Submit your ideas at www.collinwoodobserver.com, in the Member Center. Sign in, and click on "Submit story."

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ESOP Counselors: Persistent Problem-Solvers

by Charu Gupta

Robert King is young, jovial and means business. As a foreclosure prevention advocate, or counselor, for Empowering & Strengthening Ohio's People (ESOP), Robert



On the job with ESOP Foreclosure Prevention Advocate, Robert King.

ert spends his days fighting one devastating effect of the economic recession: Foreclosure. ESOP is a Cleveland-based, HUD-certified housing and foreclosure prevention counseling agency that provides free services to borrowers throughout Ohio.

"I play a part in getting people back on track," Robert says. "Many of you out there don't know how to navigate the world of foreclosures and modifications; the terminology, the runaround that banks give."

That's why ESOP has an army of foreclosure prevention counselors whose job is to get on the phone with banks and get loan modifications. Often, homeowners come to ESOP after receiving a default notice in the mail or entering foreclosure proceedings. Sometimes homeowners walk in to ESOP because they foresee foreclosure: they are struggling to pay the bills, including a mortgage payment that has suddenly become too high because of job loss or unexpected illness.

Whatever reason lands homeowners into foreclosure, ESOP has trained, experienced counselors who deal with banks every day and know how to advocate for worried homeowners. Take Robert. A typical day means checking case files for updated documenta-

tion, responding to feedback from lenders, and dealing with the unexpected. If there's a question, Robert is on the phone, with partners, lenders and homeowners to sort things out.

"It can get stressful," Robert says. "Each homeowner is in an emotional situation; they open up to us and share their lives with us." So the stakes are high. For the homeowners, it's about saving not just their investment but maybe where they raised their children or where their grandparents once lived. For counselors like Robert, it's a concern for homeowners' well-being and making a difference in someone's life.

Perhaps the best words to describe ESOP counselors like Robert are "persistent" and "problem-solvers." "In order to overcome the challenges banks put before us," Robert says, "I work on strengthening ESOP's relationship with every lender I work with." Robert recalls one institution in particular. For every file, Robert said, he had to call a random number and got a different person. "It was very frustrating," he says. "Just like the experience of homeowners."

Encouraged by ESOP's board and managers, Robert set up meetings with the lender's senior executives. This extra step allowed ESOP to obtain a streamlined process and make Robert's counseling efforts more effective and efficient. This aggressive advocacy approach on behalf of the homeowner is why ESOP's counselors have a nearly 80 percent success rate in obtaining affordable loan modifications.

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usual they tried to dupe others into believing this was some giveaway to the undeserving. That is just not true - the majority of people that will be helped are lower income working people- the types people who in the past would have to choose between paying for health care insurance or other basic needs like food, clothing and shelter. Most disabled and non-working people are already covered under medicaid and other programs.

There is spirited debate about how much of a role government should take in people's lives. It's at the core of the differences between our political parties.

Legitimate disagreement exists between those who think government should do more

to help support the cost of health insurance, and those who don't. The fact that people will now be required by law to carry health insurance is a civil liberties question that rankles some.

What seems less subject to debate is the role that government needed to play in changing the current laws that allow health insurance to be denied to people based on pre-existing health conditions, and on limiting the amount of catastrophic and long-term care.


Can we really believe that we could count on the 'market' to change the insurance companies for the better, to allow anyone who needs insurance the right to purchase it. No, they are money making enterprises, and even if one or more of the companies would have liked to open their doors to all, it could be very difficult from a competitive business standpoint.

This is where government comes in, playing a vital role of outside arbitrator and creating the law that affects all the insurance companies.

It is worth noting that all of us have the potential to benefit by this change: if we get sick, lose our job, or change jobs and need to get new health insurance we will be able to do so without fear of being denied. An unfortunate concession to the insurance companies is that this part of the law will not take affect for most of us until 2014. Children will be covered sooner, that part of

the law is currently being reviewed for some possible glitches.

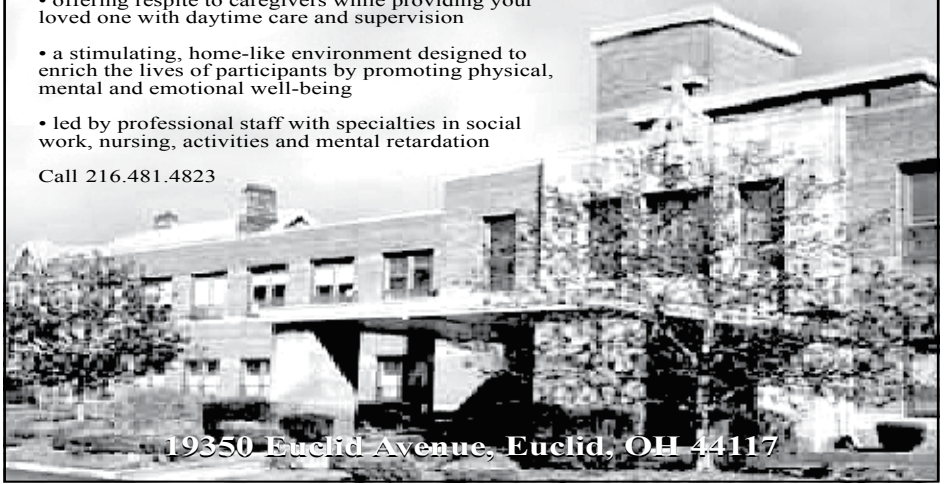
They say that the best laws are laws where no one is happy. And perhaps that can be said about this law. It appears to have struck some middle ground - and while doing so appears poised to make a fundamental change for the better for all of us.



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Fill out your Census! It's been the law since 1790

You have all heard about how important the Census is. It's also the law. Beginning in 1790, America was to carry out a decennial census to count the population, as well as enumerate our assets and "record our potentials." From the U.S. Government's point of view, especially in 1790, it was needed to assess the country's industrial and military potential. From an historical point of view, the Census records hold a wealth of informa-

tion pertaining to our ancestors and opens a window to the life they lived. The name Domesday Booke was given to the survey in the 12th century during the reign of Henry II referring not only to the land as a "domes," but also to the English Domesdai, the Day of Judgement. What is interesting to note is that even though it was meant to record all property and people in England without impunity,

the lands in northern England and along the borders of Scotland were not recorded (possibly because William died in 1087 before the survey was completed). This included the County of Cleaveland. This is where the ancestors of General Moses Cleaveland, the founder of Cleveland, Ohio, originally came from! The Domesday Booke did record a population for England at 1.5 million, free and slave, even though there were few actual names. Occupations and landscapes were recorded and of the more than 13,418 places recorded, many still exist today.

In Cleveland, we need to be represented in Washington, DC and the region needs all the services the federal government can provide. This cannot happen if our population is not accurately recorded. This is where each of us comes in. Every senior, middle-age adult, teenager and child counts. Cleaveland was not represented properly in the English Domesday Booke, do not let our Cleveland miss out on critical funds, services and representation.

We could lose at least one (1) Congressional representative, and critical federal dollars for economic and community de-

velopment-- all of which is based solely on population. We have an obligation to ourselves and to our country to do our part and get our CENSUS 2010 turned back in. For a more indepth story, go to collinwoodobserver.com, and scroll down Front Page to "Fill out your Census."

Bring Our Carrousel Home

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Carrousel at an upcoming Open Meeting. We were the very first to see the plan to return the Euclid Beach Carrousel not only back to its original neighborhood, but back to where it actually stood and operated when at Euclid Beach Park, now in Euclid Beach State Park, – something we found out later had never been done before -- as part of the Lakeshore Blvd Revitalization Plan.

The City of Cleveland Planning Commission as part of their Citywide Plan soon approved this site. At last there was a plan to get us all riding our Carrousel once more. Euclid Beach Park Now later won seat on the Board of Directors of Northeast Shores in 2005, as a neighborhood organization.

Had Western Reserve Historical Society been at all cooperative, with anyone, we would be riding our Carrousel! But they have simply ignored all efforts from anyone, to get our Carrousel operating. Western Reserve Historical Society is quite simply ignoring the intent of the efforts to save the Carrousel at auction, which is to have it operating.

Over the next few years, our Euclid Beach/ Collinwood neighborhood's Euclid Beach Carrousel Committee, made up of neighborhood residents, and representatives from both Northeast Shores and Euclid Beach Park Now, began working on making connections with Western Reserve Historical Society, only to run into the same problems of their non-communication. Our Euclid Beach Carrousel Committee did get a meeting, in 2007, and neighborhood representatives, including members of Euclid Beach Park Now and Northeast Shores, met with Western Reserve Historical Society to see if we could open up discussion about getting the Carrousel up and running. At that time, we were told of a second group also working on ideas. We were asked to come up with a business plan / proposal, and did so, after alot of hard work on the part of many volunteers, researching the restoration needs, operations, maintenance, etc. of operating a Carrousel. Euclid Beach Park Now supported this proposal, which was hand delivered to Western Reserve Historical Society in May of 2009. We have yet to receive the courtesy of a response of any kind, now more than six months later.

Meanwhile, Euclid Beach Park Now also

made contact with this second group, and invited them to visit their Board and talk about this second plan. They also asked that Northeast Shores once again present their proposal. They did so at the August 2009 Euclid Beach Park Now Board meeting.

Dr Raymond Rackley this second group's (called "Cleveland's Euclid Beach Park Carrousel") visited the November 2009 Euclid Beach Park Now Board meeting. He was not asked to make the same type of presentation asked of Northeast Shores, and there were very few questions from the Board. Dr

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New Social Security Office in Collinwood

by Mike Polensek

I have been officially notified by the Social Security Administration that our new Northeast Social Security Office will open officially for business on Monday, April 26, 2010 beginning at 9:00 AM. The new office is located at 15250 S. Waterloo Road at East 152 Street. Ample parking is accessible from S. Waterloo Road and off East 152 Street (if traveling northbound on East 152 Street).

It seems like only a few years ago there were a few "nay-sayers" believing that the Collinwood Yard would never be developed. Well, we worked long and hard as a community to bring about this new development. The new facility, built on 1.8 acres and which cost \$1.5 million, officially finishes off the development of the 48 acre historic Collinwood Yard project.

I wish to thank Mike Osborne, of the ME Osborne Company, and his sons, Lance and Brian, for turning a once abandoned railyard and brownfield into a shining example of suburban development in our neighborhood. I also wish to thank my colleagues in Cleveland City Council and two City Administrations for supporting my efforts to redevelop the Yard. Without their assistance and financial support from the Economic Development Department, we would still be looking at an abandoned remnant of Collinwood's past. I also wish to thank our neighbor, U.S. Senator George V. Voinovich, for his effort in making sure that this office stayed in Cleveland, and specifically, situated in the Ward 11 community.

An official ribbon cutting for this new facility will take place sometime in late summer. On behalf of our residents, I wholeheartedly welcome the Social Security Administration to Ward 11 community. By having this facility in our ward, will provide our residents with greater opportunity and easier access for their social security needs and questions.

My friends, here is another project to be very proud of and reinforces what we should all know by now; that, when we,

as a community, join together behind a common goal, there is nothing we cannot accomplish. The new Social Security Administration office is yet another example of that effort. As we move forward, we need to continue to seek resources and facilities that will reposition our community so that we may compete with any Cleveland neighborhood or any inner-ring suburb. Thank you, once again, for your unwavering support and help in making the Ward 11 community a better place to live, work and play.

Collinwood Resource Fair at St. Mary's

Invitation from Mayor Jackson and Councilman Polensek to attend Resource Fair

Cleveland Mayor, Frank G. Jackson and Councilman Michael D. Polensek, Ward 11, invite you to a Resource Fair at which city departments and services, county services, local businesses and organizations will be represented. They will lend their expertise, help with problems and make available all the latest information regarding their services.

This Resource Fair is free and open to the public and parking is on-site. Come and receive some invaluable information.

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NEWS FROM NORTHEAST SHORES

Want to be in a parade? “Alive on E.185” - Parade & Sidewalk Sale

by Denise Lorek

Want to be in a parade? Now is your chance! Save the Date! The Parade is on May 22 at 10:30. Call Denise at 481-7660 if you or your group/organization would like to be in the parade. Sidewalk Sale - Noon to 5:00 pm Merchants on East 185th St., please take advantage of this event and bring your stuff outside for the Sidewalk Sale. If you live around

the E.185th area and would like a free table on East 185th St. for the Sidewalk Sale, call Denise 216-481-7660 for details. Residents, this would be a great day to have a Garage Sale. Get your neighbors together and take advantage of the people who will be visiting the area. Hey neighbors! Plan to be in town for this fun day! *Sponsored by Northeast Shores and the E.185th St. Merchants, Professionals and Development Assoc.*

Collinwood/Nottingham Village Dev Corp

How housing code enforcement works

by Jayme Lucas

As spring approaches, the Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation thought it might be helpful to remind everyone about housing code enforcement. The City of Cleveland implements a city-wide code enforcement program to keep the housing stock from becoming deteriorated, protect your housing values, and keep our neighborhood looking great. Below is a list of items that housing inspectors look for in the spring. If you take care of these, you can most likely not attract the attention of your neighborhood inspector: Cut your grass and clean your yard up. (It is a violation to have grass that is 8” or higher.) Remove any/all junk cars from your property. Paint the exterior of your house. Replace missing gutters and downspouts. Repair broken

fencing. Repair/replace deteriorated roofing. Address leaning garages. Fix broken steps and front porch issues. There must be an address on your house and it must be visible from the street. (How else can Fire/EMS find you?) There can be costly and serious consequences if you are sent a housing code violation notice and you do not make the needed repairs. For most exterior violations, you will be given 30 days to comply (7 days for grass cutting). After the 30 day compliance period, a City housing inspector will go back to the property and do a re-inspection. If the violations have not been corrected, you will be referred to the City Law Department for prosecution. Violating the Housing Code is a criminal misdemeanor and you can be tried in criminal court. If you do not go to Court when you are supposed to, a

Bring Our Carrousel Home

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Rackley was also invited to a meeting with our neighborhood’s Euclid Beach Carrousel Committee, which took place in early December 2009. At no time, during either of these meetings, did Dr Rackley offer much in the way of details of his plans for the Carrousel. He did ask for Euclid Beach Park Now’s support. The Euclid Beach Park Now Board of Directors felt that a decision had to be made quickly, and so at a December 2009 special Board meeting, the Board discussed this. Euclid Beach Park Now voted to support a plan for the Euclid Beach Carrousel that would put our Carrousel not in Euclid Beach State Park at its original site, but somewhere possibly in University Circle, and nowhere near Euclid Beach. The reasons for this are not clear, but as part of this series, we will make sure we discover them and share them with you. I did not support this sudden change of support by Euclid Beach Park Now, after years of support for our Euclid Beach site plan. After all the hard work on the part of so many people to “Bring the Carrousel home” in this strong “Euclid Beach” neighborhood, I could not agree to abandon this original plan, that is so historically and sentimentally

right. And so, at the January Board meeting, I resigned as President of Euclid Beach Park Now. They have since resigned their seat on the Northeast Shores Board. Our neighborhood’s plan for our Euclid Beach site is going strong! I am thrilled to now be able to concentrate on our plan, as President of our community’s Euclid Beach Carrousel Committee. Our Euclid Beach Carrousel Committee, our community-based committee, which I am proud to say I chair, is made up of members of Northeast Shores, (as there were from EBNP), as well as neighborhood residents, business owners and Euclid Beach fans, is working closely with Northeast Shores to “Bring the Carrousel Home” to right where it stood when it ran at Euclid Beach Park. I am convinced that we have every chance of succeeding in “Bringing Our Carrousel Home”, and will therefore keep working with, and Chairing, the Euclid Beach Carrousel Committee to do just that. We have a good strong plan, with strong support, and we know how to get this done! See you at the meeting on April 9th. Let your voices be heard. Let's bring our Carrousel, and make sure a new generation of children playing along the lake know the thrill of flying through the air on its beautiful horses. Elva Brodnick is the president of the Euclid Beach Carrousel Committee

warrant will be issued for your arrest and you could spend a night or two in jail. If found guilty, the judge can sentence you up to 180 days in jail and/or fine you up to \$1,000 a day per violation (so if you have 5 violations, you could pay \$5,000 per day until the repairs are made!). It is usually more expensive to pay fines and court costs than it would have been

to make the needed repairs in the first place. If you need assistance with a home repair project and you live in South Collinwood, call the Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation at 216-383-9772. If you live in North Collinwood, call Northeast Shores Development Corporation at 216-481-7660.

FAITH IN COLLINWOOD

Father Marty wants people to be the best they can be

by Louisa Jartz Horvath

"You can't do what you can't do, but you can become what you can become," says Father Martin Polito of Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church. Father Marty cites the negativism that some people have about Collinwood and believes that people are looking for a way to be positive. While Polito acknowledges that Collinwood has lost some of its economic status, he nonetheless feels that there is much potential in Collinwood. Growing up in Euclid, Polito is a graduate of St. Joe's Villa Angela High School, of Borromeo Seminary and St. Mary's Seminary. He is a priest of the diocese of Cleveland. "My dad had a beverage store on East 152nd Street, but was disabled in mid-life. My mother went out and got a job so my father took care of things at home--a sort of role reversal. This taught me to look at things not as I wished them to be, but as they were. My mother had five kids to raise and had to go out to work as a cook or whatever job she could find. I learned early on to deal with reality." As a priest, after his graduate work, Father Marty was at Holy Redeemer from 1976-1981, at St. Wencenslaus in Maple Heights from 1981-86 and at Lake Catholic 1986-



Father Martin Polito: "We're all willing to give something."

1996. He then returned to Holy Redeemer where he has been ever since. Holy Redeemer Parish is composed of 550 families and has an Italian background. It was founded in 1924. It began as a wooden church; the church was originally in front of the gym. In 1959, the new church was built. Originally Holy Redeemer had a Roman Catholic school, but that school is now a contract school, Hope Academy. Kindergarten through first grade is in the

back with grades four through eighth in the school building. Every June, the Trdicina of St. Anthony or "Thirteen days of Prayer" is celebrated with services and speakers and a procession through the neighborhood with St. Anthony and the Blessed Virgin. The carnival aspect of the fair is gone but there is a sense of giving something of substance to those who have lost something--a house, a job, a relationship

or something else. While one's religion is important, Father Marty says, he thinks that how one lives is equally so. "We're all [in Collinwood]willing to give something. For example, we don't throw rubbish on the street and we are friendly and helpful to others of whatever faith or race. There is no need to have a racial or religious division." The Holy Redeemer community consists not only of the church, but of the catering hall: Redeemer on the Avenue, the sisters of Notre Dame, who serve in area schools, and the apartment at Holy Redeemer Senior Facility, which was built on the grounds that housed the old W.H. Brett School. Also on the staff of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church are Sister Carmen Hocevar, O.S.U. Pastoral Associate and Reverend Carl D'Agostino in Residence. Parishioner Ernestine Bellini says of Father Marty, "He helps you when you are sick and will bring communion to you. He is very compassionate." Masses are held weekdays at 8 a.m., Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 7:30 a.m, 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 am. For further information, call Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church at 216-531-3313.

SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES

Dear Mom, fill out the Census form

by Ms. Gloria Brown's Sixth Grade class

Today the students in Room 202 learned basic information about the U.S. Census. Some students completed a 'dummy' census form and gained knowledge that they will be able to share with their family. Students then drew pictures and wrote letters to their parents.

Dear Mom,

Today I learned that the U.S. Census helps you have a better community. Also, mom if you don't fill it out some census takers will have to see you. I don't know who it will be but I just know you should fill out the 2010 Census Form and mail it back. Also, I learned that you have to fill it out for everybody who lives in our house. *Your son, Kenneth*

Dear Mom and Dad,

I am writing this letter to let you know what I learned about the Census. I learned that the Census is when they count how many people live in your family. I learned

a lot about the Census that I didn't know. I want to know why you didn't tell me about the Census. I thought the Census was our five senses (feel, see, hear, smell, taste.) Now I know these are senses. *Love, Kinge*

Dear Mom,

Today I learned that every person in the U.S. has to be counted in the U.S. Census. They do not ask for personal info. I really think you should fill this form out. *Love, Chelsie*

Dear Dad,

I learned about the U.S. Census today in class. I know that when the form comes you need to count everyone in our family. Count everyone in our household. A mailer will be sent to our houses for the Census. *Your son, Markese*

Dear Cordale,

Today I learned that you have to sign the 2010 Census. It comes around every ten years. Today in class we had to make posters and write letters to our family showing what we learned. *P.S. I love u, Gabrielle*

Dear Mom,

I learned that the Census comes every 10 years and that they send out a card saying that you have to fill it out. If you don't fill it out, someone will come to the house. So fill out the Census and send it in before April 1, 2010. *Love, Earl*

Dear Mom and Dad,

We talked about the U.S. Census in school. I heard that if you don't send your Census back somebody will come to our house. So I'll help you send your Census in. *Love you, Nicklaus*

Dear Mom,

I learned some new things about the U.S. Census. If you fill it out you get better protection, and improved neighborhoods.

Sincerely yours, Kevin



(l to r) Tyrone Maxwell, Shameka Lundy and Valentia Kelly meet with a representative from National City Bank.

Iowa Maple's "Real Men Read" Program

by Joan Gamble

The RMR Program held a mini luncheon on March 17, 2010 at noon. The seventh and eighth grade male students invited an influential male in their lives to attend, and take part in the round table discussion on the book that they read entitled, "Letters to a Young Brother" by Hill Harper.

Community, business and faith-based members were invited to support the dialogue. The RMR (Real Men Read) Program was implemented last year as a literacy- based program for the 7th & 8th grade male students and fathers at Iowa-Maple School.

The next activity will be a mini breakfast on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 8:45a.m. at Iowa-Maple School. The guest speaker Rev. Mark Johnson Sr. from Liberty Hill Baptist Church will speak to our male students and fathers about the importance of academics, and the journey academics can take you on in life.

Library Schedule

Memorial-Nottingham Branch - by Maria Estrella

Teen Green Expressions Craft

On Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 4:00 p.m., teens are invited to express their views about Green Living to improve our environment through a work of art or creative writing. Artwork or writing produced may be reprinted in the Collinwood Observer.

Mother Goose Celebration!

Attention all young Mother Goose aficionados! In honor of Mother Goose Day, the Cleveland Public Library Memorial-Nottingham Branch will host a celebration on Saturday, May 1, 2010, from 11:00 - 12:00 p.m. Stories will be read, nursery rhymes will be sung, and a Mother Goose short film will be presented.

Jazz and Literature at the Nott

On Thursday, April 22, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., various speakers will discuss the history of jazz, along with a mini concert by Dr. Franklin Johnson, jazz guitarist. For further information, please contact D. Ronney at (216) 623-7040.

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Collinwood High School Career Fair

On February 10, 2010, over four hundred Collinwood Juniors and Seniors attended what many faculty considered the "most effective and interactive" career fair ever.

Under the auspices of Guidance Counselor, Ms. Deborah Austin, and Community Liaison, Ms. Dorothy Wynn, students moved through three areas of the school to meet and greet representatives from seventeen local businesses. In the gym, tables were set up with informational booths. At the same time in the Media Center, City Year volunteers held mock interviews with students who practiced poise and professionalism. Application procedures were practiced and monitored in the cafeteria.

Looks like our CHS upperclassmen will have a headstart on potential job opportunities, thanks to Ms. Austin and Ms Wynn.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Black History and Nutrition Family Night: An Iron Chef Challenge

by Athena Sanford

On Tuesday, February 23rd, the Salvation Army Learning Zone After School Program, a 21st Century Community Learning Center, hosted a Family Night/Family Involvement Activity around Black History and Nutrition. The objectives were 1. To engage parents with children in an activity that would: a) encourage wholeness and togetherness (spend quality time together); b) reinforce reading and math concepts; c) and be fun. 2. To create an extended learning opportunity around health, nutrition and measurements/math. 3. To encourage creativity in culinary arts. 4. To create memories to last a lifetime. 5. To show parents how they are also teachers to their children.

We had an Iron Chef Competition whereby the students were given one food item to use as the base ingredient. Selections included: chicken, rice, broccoli, string beans, or corn. Families were encouraged to take that one ingredient and combine it with something else they had at home, then bring that creation to be served at the Family Night. Families would judge the dishes based

on what they liked. Some of the entrees included string beans and white potatoes, Chicken Nachos, Chicken Alfredo, and Rice Pudding. The families did not know their dishes would be judged, which made it more fun and adventurous. Every participant received an Iron Challenge Award Certificate for participation. Families' recipes will comprise a small recipe book. During the evening's activities, children and parents played games like a "Price is Right" Grocery Shopping Game, a Mystery Dessert Challenge, and completed a Fruit Word Search puzzle. Prizes for the games were donated anonymously. Math, reading and family fun activities were combined to make the event successful.

When asked, "Would you participate in an at-home challenge again?" one parent stated, "Yes, it brings an opportunity for education and communication." When asked, "What, if anything, did you learn from participating in this event?" another parent said, "When a plan is decided together, it's fun and we get the job done..." Images:(click to see full-sized image)



Families sample The Creations.

"I Have A Dream," 2010

by the students of Mrs. Jennifer Krutilla's English 2 class at Collinwood High School

Mrs. Jennifer Krutilla's English II students parallel their dreams with those of Martin Luther King in his famous "I Have a Dream" speech of 1963. "I have a dream that my son will grow up in a world where people love each other. No more prejudices should be existing. I want my son to be seen for his character and not his color." Lashanda Harris "Our nation sometimes hates each other. I believe we can be stronger than hate and anger. I believe we can love one another whether we are Black, Tan, White, or Purple." Sir Charles Sizemore "My dream is for my kids to be responsible, and not to be vicious in judgment. I also dream for the world to be peaceful." Rayvone Raye "When I have my kids I don't want them to be judged by their skin color. I want people to look on the inside of them to see their character. Character is the way my kids will act and talk. This is what I believe." Kiara Lee "My dream is that in the year of 2010 we will have the freedom to change the way people judge each other. I want to be valued for the way I live my life. People should not treat each other good or bad on the basis of skin color, or if they have trouble learning." Kadiedra Polk

From Liberia to Collinwood

by Varney Gray

There are many differences between the Liberian school system and the American school system. The first main difference is that in Liberia, there is no free public education. Parents have to pay for their child's education from kindergarten to college. However, American parents have the choice of sending their children to a free public school or a private school. Another difference is that in Liberia, teachers are allowed to use corporal punishment. If a student comes to school late, they will receive a lash with a switch. Another rule is that students are not allowed to put a hairstyle on their head. For example, hair color is not permitted. If they disobey, the teacher will give them a lash as well. But in America, the public school system no longer has corporal punishment and they use other ways to manage the student behavior. For example, they will give them a detention or suspension or call their parent(s). These are some main ways the American school system and the Liberian school system are different. As for me personally, I have been in



Varney Gray in Liberia

America for one year. I feel more comfortable about adapting in Collinwood than adapting in Liberia. It is very difficult in Liberia because the poverty rate is very high, but in Collinwood, things are much better; especially the education system. This is very good at Collinwood High School.

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OH Perry PreSchool students and teacher visit the Easter Bunny!

Easter Bunny hops into OH Perry

by Victoria Janke-Mousty

On Thursday, April 1, the temperature rose into the seventies and the Easter Bunny decided to hop inside of OH Perry. Students in grades PK-3 had the opportunity to visit the Easter Bunny and have their picture taken with him. The Easter Bunny gave each student an egg with a treat and a cookie. The School Parent Organization and Family Liaison, Beverly Chunn, invited the Easter Bunny to school!

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SCHOOL NEWS

OH Perry Eagle Drill Team Places Third in District Competition

by Victoria Janke-Mousty

On Thursday, April 1, the OH Perry Eagle Drill Team competed in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District's City Wide Drill Team Competition. The team, under the direction of Coach Dwayne Dixon, finished in third place for their performance.

Also, the girls earned another trophy for the Squad with the Highest Grade Point Average for the fourth year in a row! The squad had a combined GPA of 3.41!! Other awards went to sixth grader, Teigan Sopko, for being the squad member with the highest GPA and to eighth grader, Shakeira Green, for being the Most Valuable Member. The competition was held at John Hay High School.

Great job once again to Mr. Dixon and his Eagle Drill Team and to the Squad with the Highest GPA!!

Spotlight on: Mrs. Underhile, a dedicated math teacher



Algebra Class: Ceirra Kyle, Mrs. Underhile, Kristian Ratliff, Desirae Bradford

by Ceirra Kyle

We value education a lot here in Collinwood. As students, we owe our good grades to the amazing staff here at Collinwood. One of our greatest teachers is Mrs. Tiffany Underhile, the 9th grade algebra teacher. She is the only teacher that I know who allows her students to do test corrections. For example, if you receive an F on a test, she will allow you to do over the answers you got wrong and you could still receive an A on the test. The reason for this is that she allows us to look at our math books and go through any graded work for answers. She also grades our homework on completion not accuracy. For example, if you turn in a homework assignment and you attempted the problems, but did not get them all right, Mrs. Underhile would still give you an A for your attempt.

Another amazing thing about Mrs. Underhile is that she allows us to do work that we

are missing to bring up our grades and she only takes 50% off of the assignment. She also goes over homework during class to make sure that we understand how to do it, and we take notes. She gives us a homework quiz almost every Friday and she puts the homework questions on the quiz. Another great thing about Mrs. Underhile is that she gives us a set of "bathroom passes" which have bonus points on them. If we don't use these passes, we can use the bonus points at the end of the quarter to raise our grades. Mrs. Underhile is a very caring, kind, compassionate woman who does not deserve the disrespect that she gets from some of her students. I used to hate math and I used to get D's and F's, but now I'm making A's and B's because of her great teaching! In addition Mrs. Underhile takes the time to coach not only the girls' basketball team but also the softball team. We love you, Mrs. Underhile! It's teachers like you that make Collinwood High School great!

Dr. Seuss Week at Henry W. Longfellow School

by Sean Patton



Cats in the Hats" enjoy Dr. Seuss's birthday cake.

During the first week of March, students at Henry Longfellow participated in Dr. Seuss week. Students in all grades had to read several books, take Accelerated Reader Tests, and complete other activities.

On Friday March 5th students were invited to the school cafeteria, to complete in different activities. Students were able to make Oobleck, like in Bartholomew and the Oobleck. Other students were able to have a butter battle contest, just like the Butter Battle Book. Last, students were able to enjoy birthday cake. Everyone who received a special invitation enjoyed themselves. Great job, HWL students!



Senator Sherrod Brown meets the group in Washington D.C.

Cleveland Job Corps Academy receives national recognition for the Star Award

by Susan Clark

The Cleveland Job Corps Academy has demonstrated exceptional outreach and educational efforts in 2009 for the third year in a row, completing 100% of required activities in the area of policy-making, media and community involvement.

Mr. Michael Taylor, Business and Community Liaison, and Dr. Lora Davis, Center Director, proudly accepted the Star Award in

Washington, D. C. March 23, 2010. They thanked the 440 Job Corps students and 170 staff and volunteers who have made an impact on the quality of life for the Job Corps students.

Across the nation, 123 Job Corps centers are training our future workforce to meet the needs of employment in the work place by combining self-paced academic programs, real-world training, employability and life-skills training.

CSX gives back to the community starting with Collinwood High School

by Arnita Washington

The CSX railroad transportation company is finding ways to give back to the Collinwood community. They have started by giving our Collinwood students a \$20,000 state-of-the-art computer lab. CSX is the expansive freight railroad system that is located under the bridge at E. 152 Street. These tracks are also located in 16 different states. This railroad system is very important to Cleveland and is why Collinwood High School's teams are called Railroaders. CSX executives, Torry Caplan and Rusty Orben, as part of a citizenship project, funded our brand new computer lab.

It all started last year when CSX wanted a way give back to the community and they first thought of getting new lockers for Collinwood, but that idea went south when they couldn't get any funding for it. Jerry Lambert and Terry Turner decided to ask for a computer lab with their goal for having a better learning experience for Collinwood classes. Lambert loves students and wants them to get a higher education because he says "education is very important." Jerry

is both a conductor for CSX two days a week, and on his off days, he's a Safety Chairman.

Students working on the twenty-five computers in the new lab say that it's a great lab because there are very few places in our school where a class of students can go to create reports for other classes.

Technology has always been part of Mr. Ramage's Social Studies classes. But now Ramage believes students can achieve at a higher level by exploring history with a variety of multimedia materials. The students of Collinwood are very thankful for all that CSX has given. We have said thank you once but now we are saying it again. THANK YOU ALL!!!

Jerry Lambert and CSX have also asked Collinwood staff, students and residents to volunteer in other ways to help our community. Lambert told me to tell our readers that he's looking for volunteers to help clean up our streets with him and City Year on May 15th. On behalf of Collinwood, I would like to encourage people to join him because helping our students and our community is a great way to give back. For more information, or to volunteer, call Jerry Lambert at 440-339-4202.



CSX colleagues (from left to right) Bob Bysura, Jerry Lambert, Greg Petkosh, Terry Turner and Mary VandeVeldt (not pictured) show off brand new computer lab at Collinwood High School

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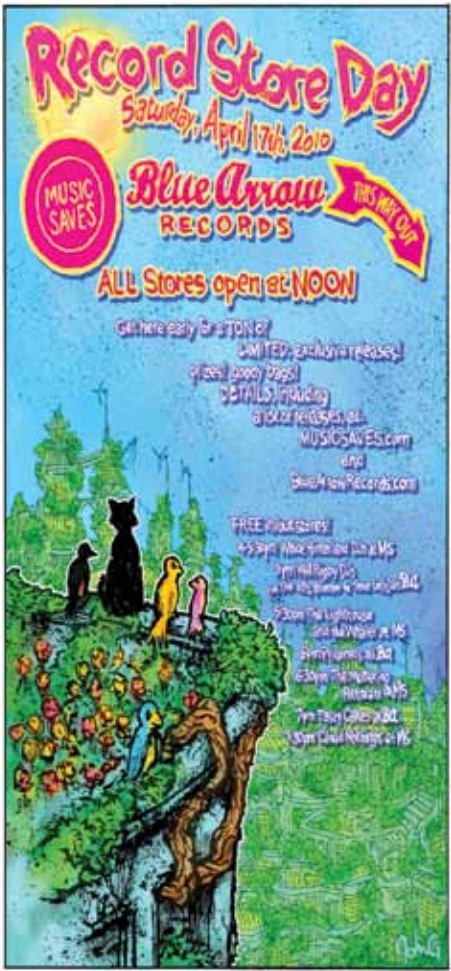
Third Annual Record Store Day

by Melanie Hershberger

April 17th is the 3rd Annual Record Store Day! It was a "holiday" of sorts created by some industry folks and independent record store owners to celebrate the life and culture of independent record stores. In just 3 years, the event has grown in scope and notoriety, and this year's will be huge for Music Saves, our record store. What happens is that a bunch of record labels, and the bands on them, come out with a ton of limited, exclusive releases, mostly on vinyl, and all releases are only

available in participating independent record stores. Along with that, the stores themselves host events, giveaways, and contests for the day. The stores plan as much or as little as they want, but all of this works together to get a ton of people going out to independent record stores, and all on the same day. The first Record Store Day, two years ago was the best day our store ever had, and it has since only been outnumbered by last year's Record Store Day. The support and enthusiasm of our customers has been overwhelming each time, and preparing for Record Store Day once again is truly exhausting!

Record Store Day has said that there are more than 150 special releases coming out for the day. Here is the list of what we are bringing in, our total being just under 100: <http://www.MUSICSAVES.com/> We are also having bands play, giving out goody bags and prizes, and hosting a contest. Because Record Store Day is so huge for us, it has given us the opportunity to be the main attraction on Waterlooone day out of the year, and ever since the 1st annual event, we have encouraged the other businesses on the street to plan something for the day as well. That has worked out well both years, and this year, the participation is even greater! There are events in Blue Arrow Records, the Beachland Ballroom AND Tavern, Low Life Gallery, and Salty not Sweet, and discounts are being offered at This Way Out, Arts Collinwood Cafe, and Star Pop! John G is finishing up a triptych of posters that will showcase Record Store Day specific events, the other events on the street happening for the day (Walk All Over Waterloo is what we've been calling this collaboration), and the Beachland Tavern show that night, which is the Cleveland Bachelor Show of the Month. <http://clevelandbachelor.blogspot.com/>.



Angela Ferritto: Images evolving

by Angela Ferritto

My name is Angela Ferritto and I am a working artist in (South) Collinwood. As a long-time resident and former business owner in the community, I have watched it change in a process that in some ways reflects the organic process inherent in the creation of artwork. As a portrait painter, I record and reflect the characteristics of social and personal change found in the faces of my subjects. The process of creation never becomes rote; it is different with each piece. I am constantly fascinated by the evolution of the image from my hands. It grows and changes, taking on a life of its own. It becomes its own entity, exuding independence.

Sometimes I look at something I've made, and it feels like I didn't even have anything to do with it. I love that feeling. My work is in pastel, watercolor, colored pencil and graphite. Each medium is versatile and tactile, and it is fun to combine them, which gives me a sense of freedom. I attended Cooper School of Art, where I studied portrait painting and printmaking under some of the most respected and well-known artists in their fields, graduating with a major in printmaking and drawing. Although Cooper's original focus was commercial art, creativity and conceptualism were encouraged, and we experimented with many forms of artistic expression in avant garde styles. I also attended Cleveland State, graduating with a B.A. in fine art, minor in English literature. Several years later, I enrolled at Cuyahoga Community College for courses in computer graphics.

In addition to commissioned paintings, I enjoy creating graphic work, such as illustrations, ads, and website designs. Designing logos, banners, business cards and posters is fun and has become an integral part of my business. As an animal rights activist, I often have the opportunity to donate artwork for fund-raising to causes that help animals. Currently I am working on a series of paintings of rocks, exploring their textures and infinite surface variations. In these works I am incorporating mixed media, including iridescent paints. Living in Collinwood has made it possible for me to work from my home studio in the wonderful company of my pets. Angela can be reached at 216-406-6616, www.angiespaintings.com



Summer magic for kids

by Sarah Gyorki

Summer can be a magical time for children. As a caring parent, you want them to play and explore and grow, to make friends and make memories. A creative summer camp experience might be just the right choice for you. Arts Collinwood's summer Art and Drama Camp offers children ages 5-12 the chance to get hands-on and creative, working with professional artists in a space where they can experiment with a range of artistic outlets. They'll paint and sculpt, build and draw, write their own plays and stage their own performances. They'll work together and grow together. Each year the end-of-camp performance is a special moment for parents and children alike. The camp starts July 5 and runs Mondays through Fridays from 9am-12pm. The full four week session costs only \$270, and one-week sessions are available for just \$100. For even more flexibility, parents can inquire about the after-care option. Registration is starting now; this may be just the experience your child needs to make this summer memorable. Call 216-692-9500 or visit www.artscollinwood.org for more information.

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NAN'S NOTES

by Nan Kennedy

HEAVENLY BODIES AT ARTS COLLINWOOD Opening April 15 Work by Patricia Zinsmeister Parker goes on show with a members-only reception on April 15; the artist will be present, and members of Northeast Ohio Music Exchange (NeOME) will be performing through the building. Not a member? Want to taste those fine pastries and fresh tapas? Join Arts Collinwood! Only \$10, call 216-692-9500 or join as you arrive. (And if you are a member, you already know how welcome you'll be.) If that doesn't work for you, come to the public opening next night (April 16); see the show (though not the artist), enjoy wine&cheese, visit the extended Happy Hour in the Café and hear a special program of new music by NeOME members (that's what NeOME does, compose and play new music – Arts Collinwood is very happy to have them visiting) created in response to the paintings. The opening runs 6-9 pm, the cafe stays open till 1 am.Jazz on Wednesdays Jazz on Wednesdays continues; sometimes the group is pre-announced, sometimes not – but there's always jazz, there's never a cover charge and the beer selection is inspiring. Arts Collinwood 15605 Waterloo Road, 216-692-9500, www.artscollinwood.org. Gallery and Café hours: Tuesday –Saturday 11-11; Sunday 11-5.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AT MEMNOTT April 20 Bring your children to plant their very own mystery seeds, while reading *The Tiny Seed* by Eric Carle – 5:30-6:30 pm. Decorate your very own flower pot and take it home.Preschool Story Time: Every Monday during April, 10:30 – 11 am Stories, rhymes, songs and more for children ages 3-5 and their parents/ caregivers. Memorial Nottingham Branch Library, 17109 Lakeshore Blvd, 623-7039 or email cpl-memnot@cpl.org.

LEARN TO COOK AT THE MARKET The Coit Road Farmers' Market is planning a "Chef at the Market" cooking program, offering one-on-one lessons on specific dishes or ingredients. If you'd like to help coordinate this program (which I trust would carry tasting privileges), call Kevin at the market, or through spicehound1@yahoo.com. The market is also startig a gardening-cooking-food library for people to consult while they're shopping; they'll have a copy machine so you don't have to memorize the recipe you find and a computer for recipe searches. Donations and suggestions welcome. (I'm eyeing my cookbook shelf, which can't possibly hold anything new unless something moves out.) Cooking demos have always been popular at the market; last week, Kevin was showing people how to make flavored fresh pasta at home: spinach, roasted garlic and more. Kevin Noon, the knife sharpener, will be at the market on April 10. Coit Road Farmer's Market is located at the corner of Coit & Woodworth Road in East Cleveland. www.coitmarket.org. Open year-round Saturday 8 am to 1 pm; Wednesday, 8 am to 1 pm, mid-April to mid-December; and Monday, 4-7 pm, starting in June. 216-249-5455 during market hours.

SUMMER GUIDE 2010 Getting the guide this year will be as easy as looking for the May issue of the Collinwood Observer, or stopping in to your local library or the Arts Collinwood center. If your group or organization has a program or event that's open to the public and takes place between Memorial Day and Labor Day, we want to know about it. Send a brief description of date, time, location, fee (if any) and contact information; we'll include as many listings as possible. You can find a submission form on the Arts Collinwood Web site, www.artscollinwood.org, or simply send your information, questions or comments to info@artscollinwood.org. Or feel free to call 216-692-9500.

3500 CLEVELANDERS RELY ON GOLDEN AGE CENTERS Clara Williams is a frail, 90-year-old widow who lives on less than \$1,000 a month and, without her local Golden Age Center, would not be able to live independently. For more than 3500 elderly Clevelanders, Golden Age centers provide home-delivered and congregate meals (for many, the only meal and human contact they will receive that day); transportation; a place to socialize, exercise, learn and

stay in touch; licensed social workers who lend a caring ear and help get needed services; health screenings/education and nutrition counseling. More than half the 3500 seniors served by the GAC live alone, 72% are women, 90% or more live below the poverty level, and 98% of the home-delivered meal clients are eligible for nursing home care. They need GAC's help – and GAC needs help in delivering its services. You can find out how at www.goldenagecenters.org, which tells you how to donate, volunteer or ask for help yourself.

Y.O.U. announces summer jobs - Y.O.U., Youth Opportunities Unlimited anticipates there will be jobs for between 500 and 1,200 Cuyahoga County youth, ages 14 to 18. For the first time this year, registration will be online. For the most current information and to register online, visit the Y.O.U. website at www.youthopportunities.org. To be eligible, youth must be: Cuyahoga County residents, ages 14 – 18 on June 21, 2010, able to participate in all aspects of the application and work process, including the Interview and Orientation sessions, no exceptions. Online registration at www.youthopportunities.org, between April 1, 2010 and April 23, 2010

For more information, go to www.collinwoodobserver.com, scroll down front page to "Y.O.U. announces summer jobs."

Puppy love

by Forrest Bertosa

As we all know the Economy has hit us hard this year. This has caused some of us to abandon or give up our pets. About a month ago a family found a playful puppy in the Villa Angela/Lake Erie area. The family has been fostering this dog for about a month and needs someone to either take him into their home or foster him.

So far the family is calling the dog 'Sandy'. He is black and brown and needs a good amount of attention. The family Sandy is with now has to keep him in the basement away from their older dogs, so he is very hyper. But the family is sure that if Sandy was able to walk around the house he would calm down. If you are looking for a dog or are interested please call: (216)-692-0667.



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CULINARY COLLINWOOD

Welcome to the Sausage District

by Justin Vaughn

At a certain moment, about halfway through our visit at the Azman's Quality Meats shop on East 185th street, it dawned on me that not only was this visit (and, thus, this article) the last of our series on the Collinwood Sausage District, but that I was also a little bit bummed out about that fact.

Over the past several weeks, as Bridget and I have traveled to the cornerstone sausage purveyors in the community, we've both learned a lot about how sausage is made and, more importantly, come to know the folks in the neighborhood responsible for bringing us the Slovenian charcuterie that graces our tables during the holidays (and most days between). It has been a wonderful way to meet our neighbors that we don't see at the gallery openings, movie nights, and rock shows we otherwise spend our time attending.

In particular, Bill Azman, Jr., has been a delight to spend time with. His enthusiasm for his craft and for life in general, is infectious, and we found ourselves leaving with unrestrained grins from each of our drop-ins. The second visit we paid to Azman's, we found Bill Jr. preparing a customer's specially ordered batch of istria, a semi-dry Slovenian

sausage that he described as similar to a dried Italian sausage. He noted that istria did not used to be a commonly requested item, but it had recently caught on and now he found himself making a lot of the sausage, which he makes from a 200-year-old recipe.

Although istria was the sausage du jour when we walked in, Azman's has long been renowned for its Slovenian smoked sausage. Admittedly, the other three shops we have written about in these pages could make the same claim and be completely accurate, it is only Azman's that could claim a galactic reputation, having once had its sausage taken into outer space on a shuttle trip, giving rise to the words festooned on the wall behind the long display counter, "Home of the Slovenian Space Sausage."

Whether a devotee of the istria or the out-of-this-world smokes (pun intended), everyone can agree that history is what makes Azman's shop special. While Bill Jr. has "only" operated the venue at 654 East 185th Street for twenty years, the building has housed sausage shops for more than 60 years. The Azman experience in the industry goes back even further, with his grandfather getting into the business in 1917 and the family opening a long-time operation at East 65th and St. Clair two years later.

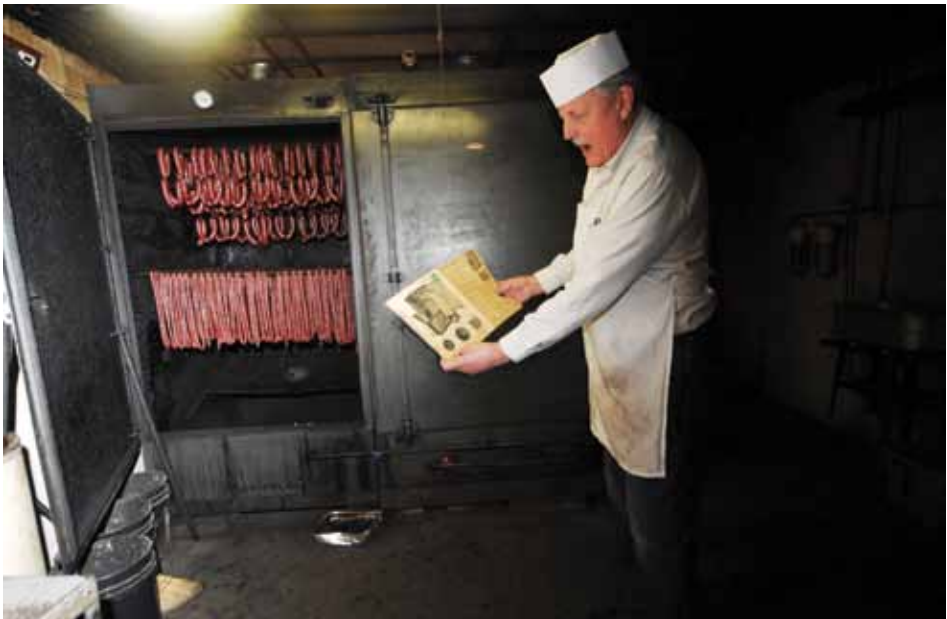


photo by Bridget Caswell

Bill Jr. himself practically has sausage in his blood. In a corner of the store, customers can find a collage of photos and other ephemera documenting the industrious efforts of his maternal and paternal grandparents. In fact, while his father was toiling at the aforementioned store on East 65th, his mother's family operated a similar shop on the very street where Azman's is located today.

Separated by 120 blocks, both grandfathers knew one another, and while their relationship was primarily business-oriented, Bill Jr.'s future paternal grandfather once loaned his car to Azman's future maternal grandfather so

he could take the little girl who would grow up to be Bill Jr.'s mother to her baptism. Years later, Bill Sr.'s best friend would tell his cousin about the blonde-haired, blue-eyed fella she just had to meet, despite the fact that he was balding and had hazel eyes. Some time later, the hazel-eyed, balding man and the cousin were wed and, eventually, became parents of Bill Jr.

Given all this rich history, one could be forgiven for forgetting the actual point of the shop: the sausage! Deep in the basement resides a 1956-vintage smoker stuffed with fragrant cherry wood Bill Jr. gets from his brother's property – he notes, "you should smell my car when it comes out of the trunk" – and delicious smoked links. Bill shows us all the modifications he's made for the machine over the years, noting he once dispatched replacement parts the factory sent into the lake due to their inferiority, preferring to make the changes himself, which include adapting the smoker to use fruitwood rather than the sawdust it originally relied upon.

Bill Jr. went into great detail about the technology the smoker once used, a tale that might have bordered on pedantic had it not been told by someone as charming and uplifting as Mr. Azman. Given his skill with storytelling, I'm eager to go back, get a batch of istria myself, and listen to Azman talk about whatever he wishes. And, I will risk the age-old danger of going out too far on a limb, when I say I'm pretty sure Bridget feels the same way.



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