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St. Mary's School in Collinwood closing

by John Copic

Monday, June 7 was graduation day at St. Mary's school in Collinwood. It was a happy day for the students but a sad day for the staff. The school at St. Mary's Church will not reopen this fall.

St. Mary's Pastor, Father

Kumse, said it was a very tough decision: "We were facing a deficit this year of nearly \$200,000 and a projected deficit of \$280,000 for the 2010-11 school year. By the first of May, only 77 students had registered or indicated their intent to return next year. After the long illness of Principal Luis

Pla and his death in January, interim principal Julie Miller, Deacon David Kushner, the very dedicated teaching staff and a handful of committed parents worked hard to shrink the deficit and increase enrollment for next year. But with less and less school age children in the community,

it didn't happen. It was time to make the very difficult decision to close St. Mary School. Only 3 children attending the school were from the parish."

Father Kumse continues, "As was stated in the parish bulletin of St. Mary Church, 'while the school has closed, the spirit of the school continues to live in the hearts of so many students who received so much wisdom and knowledge over the years that the school has served the Collinwood community. The loss of the school is very painful, but St. Mary's remains a strong and committed parish, serving the neighborhood and the Slovenian Community. It's the end of the chapter of the life of the parish, but it's not

the end of the book. We close the school with gratitude for so many blessings and with the hope for a new future..."

According to Father Kumse, consideration is being given to a possible Montessori being started at St. Mary's in the future.

I graduated from St. Mary's in 1970; we will be celebrating our 40th anniversary in a couple of weeks. I am very sad that the school will be gone, for now, but I will continue to be proud of the solid anchor that St. Mary's Church is to the south Collinwood community, and will, along with Father Kumse and the parishioners, look forward to the next chapter at St. Mary's.

Collinwood's Tim McCormack seeks County Executive post

by John Sheridan

Courtesy of The Euclid Observer

Tim McCormack, who has held numerous positions in local, state, and county government, recently confirmed his intention to run for the new County Executive position created by passage last fall of Issue 6—the charter amendment that dramatically overhauled Cuyahoga County's government structure. It established an 11-district County Council and a single County Executive as the top county official.

Born and raised in Euclid, McCormack now resides in North Collinwood, where he and his wife Valerie raised their four sons: Colin, Brendan, Kerry, and Dylan. As of late last week, Tim and his campaign staff were in the process of opening a campaign headquarters office on East 185th Street.

While finishing his law school studies at Cleveland State University in the 1960s, Tim made his first bid for public office—winning election to

the Euclid City Council. Since then he has served in the Ohio House of Representatives, the Ohio State Senate, and as Cuyahoga County Auditor and County Commissioner. His two terms on the commission were marked by his efforts on behalf of welfare reform, fiscal stability, child protective services, and a national award-winning initiative in the area of early childhood education.

See Tim's responses to questions posed by The Observer on page 8.

Worm Farm fights for its life

by Maureen Browne

The Sansai Worm Farm is the dream of two brothers who started this business in their hometown of Cleveland, Ohio with the hopes of making Cleveland an example of how environmental and urban renewal can be accomplished at the same time. The dream was realized in 2005 with the purchase of a 32 acre property. The 17 acre facility, located in a converted inner city bomb-site manufacturing factory, is also known as the former TRW Automotive Valve Plant in Collinwood. Now known as The Richard Melvin Building, the manufacturing facility has become the home to millions of red wiggler composting earthworms, who eat material which otherwise would go to landfills, for the harvest of worm castings which are premium organic plant additives. Sansai saves our planet from adding to dangerous methane levels produced at landfills. It also had

plans to employ up to 400 people, from our neighborhood, in the next four years.

Right now Sansai has been told to move out, and the worms are in lock-down.

Though an Arizona corporation is currently in possession of the Worm Farm's building, their Attorney Charles A. Nemer, had promised the Melvin brothers that volunteers would be allowed into the building, to care for the livestock--the worms-- who need food and water, and do not belong to the out of state company, but to the

Sansai Worm Farm.

More than a hundred volunteers, who have been given written and legal permission by Mr. Nemer to take care of the worms, have been turned away at the door. Only three of the volunteers have been allowed in, the *same* volunteers, who are nearing exhaustion, and worms have begun to die. Each day, the attorney for the Sansai Farm makes sure that the volunteers' paperwork is in order, and each day, they are turned away anyway.

Right now the Melvin



The worm farm in action.

New Principal for VASJ

by Emily Robinson

Secretary of Education for the Diocese of Cleveland, Margaret Lyons, announced today the appointment of Dave Csank as the new Principal for Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School. Making the announcement to the school's faculty and staff at the end of the school day, Lyons said, "Recognizing the exciting innovation underway at VASJ, Dave Csank will be just the sort of collaborative leader VASJ needs to lead forward the tremendous work begun this year."

Villa Angela-St. Joseph President, Brian R. Menard, credited



Principal Csank

Lyons and Associate Superintendent for Secondary Schools, Wayne Uehlein, with prioritizing input from the VASJ community in the process that selected

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brothers and Sansai Worm Farm are in negotiations to buy the building back. If Mr. Nemer does not follow through on his promise, by the time the legal wrangling is finished, and the Melvins are back in possession of their property, the livestock may be dead. To volunteer to help, contact the Worm Farm at www.sansaitech.com.

For more on this story, see Worm Farm, on Page Four.

Would you like to help the Sansai Worm Farm, or express an opinion about this situation? Sign onto the COLLINWOOD OBSERVATION DECK. Go to our homepage, www.collinwoodobserver.com,

click on "Observation Deck", and sign in. This is a unique Message Board in that you must use your REAL NAME if you would like to participate. The Deck is an extension of our community-written paper, in which we all take ownership for our words and ideas. Think of the Deck as a back fence over which you are talking to your real neighbors, who you will see at the drugstore, and at church and at Wildwood over the summer, and be respectful.

Anyone can post a thread, instructions are on the website.

Earth angels need angels on Earth

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Dialogue

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Message from the Publisher

by John Copic

Well this is my favorite Observer so far. We have a little bit of everything. We have festival maps, a whole summer full of fun events, good news, bad news, and weird stories. We have some actual newsworthy serious and important stories. But we are still missing one thing. We do not have your story.

Tell us about the Collinwood railroad yards and what it was like to work there. Tell us where you were on

Friday, October 20th, 1944 when half of Cleveland blew up. Tell us about your first date at Sandy’s Ice Cream on Lakeshore blvd. (If you have not yet had the foot long hot dog with chili and onions - go there - now.) Tell us about the polka jam sessions at Zele’s bar—which is now the Art’s Collinwood cafe. We want to hear these stories.

And stop with the excuses. You don’t need to know how to write. Tell the story to someone and have them

write it down for you. You don’t need to have a computer, you can go to the library or mail the story to Collinwood Observer, 650A East 185th street, Cleveland, Ohio 44119. Or heck you are not that far away. Just come put it in my mailbox. There are a whole bunch of us that really want to hear your story. Please send it in.

To all of you who have put your time and effort into this project, thank you for making this the best edition of the paper.

45 reasons we love this neighborhood

by Vilija Nasvytis Klimas

We are Cleveland’s Best Kept Secret! And why? We all know how enjoyable it is to be a part of the north shore neighborhoods (although, with the recent real estate market, we have, no doubt, felt “under siege”...) Now is a good opportunity to remind ourselves of what it is we love: so....like the poem says...“Let me count the ways...!”

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| 1. The LAKE! | 16. Fabulous rentals! | 31. The Beachland Ballroom |
| 2. Wildwood Park | 17. Yummy bakeries | 32. Investment opportunities! |
| 3. 15 minutes from Downtown | 18. Diversity | 33. Banks and Post Office |
| 4. Affordable housing | 19. Independent businesses | 34. The LaSalle renaissance |
| 5. Walkability | 20. Galleries | 35. Gyms |
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| 9. Boating | 24. Shopping variety | 39. Concerts at East Park |
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Why stop at 45? Let us know YOUR top reasons! Go to www.collinwoodobserver.com, click on Member Center, click on Submit and title is, “Reasons we love Collinwood.” Vilija Nasvytis Klimas is a REALTOR®, specializing in the NorthEast Shores neighborhoods. Contact her at vilija@mysuitehome.com

Bringing our Carousel home #3

by Elva Brodnick

First off, I want to thank you for all of your kind words about this series of ours—it’s been fun writing these articles, and great to hear all the support for our carousel project.

I do need to talk about Euclid Beach Park Now (EBPN) one last time. As requested by the Observer’s publishers, and, as noted in my last article, I forwarded a number of questions to EBPN in order to clarify their position regarding the Carousel. They asked for time to discuss these questions at their next Board meeting, which was too close to our deadline to make the last issue, which I thought was reasonable.

Their response was basically not to respond. I was told that “all but one of your questions have been asked and answered previously.”

The one question “not answered previously” was about the EBPN Carousel Fund. Here is the question: “Approximately half of this fund was donated in support of the Euclid Beach site. Please describe again what steps you are taking to make sure this portion of the funds is set aside, to continue to support the Euclid Beach site, or to be returned to donors, whose intention upon donating was to have the Carousel at Euclid Beach.”

Their response: “With regard

to your question concerning the carousel donations currently held by Euclid Beach Park Now, they were donated for PTC 19 and will follow the machine.” (“PTC 19” refers to our Euclid Beach Carousel, which is the Philadelphia Toboggan Company’s 19th carousel.)

Again, a non-response, as they did not specifically answer the question, as it was asked, about the Carousel funds they are holding. I can’t speak for EBPN as to why they choose to respond as they did (or didn’t); I can only relay their answers, and so, here they are.

So that’s it (for now). Let’s move on to our plans.

If I’m going to start introducing the Euclid Beach Carousel Committee, I probably should start with myself.

I’ve been connected to the North Collinwood neighborhood for many years. Working closely with my late husband Frank, I’ve been active in many local groups and projects, including the commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Collinwood School Fire in 2008, as well as taking part with Euclid Beach Park Now in neighborhood events such as Waterloo



This Carousel horse is called the Garland Horse—#6 Outside Row Stander

Arts Fest, and EBPN’s own Remembering the Sights & Sounds of Euclid Beach Park. I currently serve as Secretary of the Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society, as well as President of our Euclid Beach Carousel Committee.

I am Past President of Euclid Beach Park Now (EBPN), succeeding my husband Frank shortly after his sudden death in June 2007. We had been on EBPN’s Board of Directors for many years, and during that time I served as Secretary, Newsletter Editor and lastly President.

I’ve always had a great interest in history, especially Collinwood history. For the past five plus years I’ve has been especially active researching all aspects of carousel history and operations, focusing on the Euclid Beach Carousel. As both President of

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Around Collinwood

Doris Jones: Senior of the Year

by Mary Louise Jesek-Daley

Doris Jones is the outstanding Cleveland Senior Of The Year for the Ward 11 community as awarded at the Annual Department of Aging's Senior Day Program held on Thursday, May 20, 2010.

Doris was born in Anderson, South Carolina and moved to Cleveland in 1940. She has been a resident

Groundbreaking for Collinwood Community center



Public officials and Little Leaguers break ground for our new Community Center

by Mary Louise Jesek Daley

Councilman Mike Polensek would like to thank everyone who participated in the groundbreaking for the new Collinwood Community & Recreation Center. It was an absolutely wonderful day for the community and the participation was exciting.

The weather had been cool and rainy all week but on Saturday, May 15th, the sky was blue with a slight breeze blowing. The Collinwood Drum line and High Steppers brought their brand of Collinwood Railroader music to the site to welcome the participants and to sound their approval of the events of the day. From there, they were off to a competition.

Members of the Collinwood High School ROTC started the ceremony off in spit-spot fashion showing off their training with their leader Lt. Col. Jones. Next came a host of elected officials who believed strongly in what this groundbreaking meant for the Collinwood community and officiated taking shovel to dirt to begin the construction of the center. Joining them were the children of the Northeast Cleveland Little League who would start off their own parade immediately after, to begin their 59th season of Little League play.

Once again, the community thanks US Senator George V. Voinovich, Congresswoman Marcia Fudge, Lt. Gov. Lee Fisher, State Representative Kenny Yuko, and Mayor Frank G. Jackson for their support, as well as Pastor Marcis and Capt Doug McGuire for their inspirational words.

We look forward to the grand opening of our recreation and community center, a center for all of the Collinwood community, young and young at heart. As the project moves forward we will continue to give the community details and make sure that the community as a whole remains involved. After all, it is the community's center.

Euclid Beach comes alive at RTA's July 4 family event

by Jerry Masek

Euclid Beach Park may be closed, but the spirit of the park will come alive on July 4 at RTA's Settler's Landing Station on the Waterfront Line.

For the sixth year in a row, RTA will host a Family Fest as part of Cleveland's major fireworks celebration. Many items from the former Euclid Beach amusement park will be present.

- * Take a free ride on the former Euclid Beach rocket car.
- * Have your photo taken by Euclid Beach memorabilia.
- * Buy a famous Humphrey popcorn ball.

The event features a 12-piece Sousa band, and food wagons will sell refreshments. The festival runs from 7 p.m. until dusk on Sunday, July 4. Families are encouraged to park free at an RTA Rapid Station, ride the Rapid to Tower City, and then take the Waterfront Line to the Settler's Landing Station in the Flats. Bring a blanket, and grab a spot on the hillside for a great view of the fireworks, which will be shot off from the mouth of the Cuyahoga River at 10 p.m. RTA will operate extra trains before and after the fireworks. Plan to come early. With some local communities canceling their fireworks this year, attendance could be at an all-time high. Riders are encouraged to buy an All-Day Pass -- \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for each child, age 6-12, up to three children. Up to three children younger than age 6 can ride free. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Euclid Beach Park, patterned after New York's Coney Island, operated from 1895-1969.

Jerry Masek is RTA's Media Relations Manager.

of the Collinwood neighborhood for almost 70 years. She is widowed and is a devoted mother and grandmother of one. Doris states that she was blessed to have parents who loved her and led her by example. She credits them with helping her become the strong and caring woman that she is today.

Ms. Jones is celebrated as a phenomenal volunteer and community activist by residents in her community. She is genuinely concerned about her neighborhood and has always been involved in empowering and helping others. Doris represents Ward 11 on the City of Cleveland, Department of Aging Advisory Council and is a Resident Commissioner for the Cuyahoga County Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA). She is an active member of the Ward 11 /Bratenahl Village Democratic Club and an elected member of the Democratic Central Committee.

Doris is passionate about educating herself on current senior issues so that she can share the information with

the hope of further strengthening our community and increasing awareness of senior issues. Councilman Mike Polensek, a longtime friend of Ms. Jones and the person who nominated her, stated that "the residents of Ward 11 are grateful for Doris' gifts of talent and time. We are exceptionally proud of Doris and congratulate her on being selected as the 2010 outstanding Senior of the Year for the Ward 11 community."



Doris Jones, Senior of the Year (Photo courtesy of City of Cleveland Photographic Bureau)

Meet Laura Robinson from Helping Hands Day Care Susan Brandt



I first met Laura Robinson about ten years ago at an E. 185th Street Merchant Meeting. She is a force to be reckoned with: fun, vivacious, and full of positive energy! Laura owns, and operates Helping Hands Day Care on E. 185th Street. She currently resides, for the last 21 years, in Euclid, has 5 children, 7 grandchildren, and a beloved dog, Corkey. At the day care, she and her staff of six employees, manage about 50 children daily.

Along with a very busy family and work schedule, Laura finds time to volunteer for the E.185th Street Merchant, Professional and Development Association, as Vice President. She, with the help of Northeast Shores Development Association, brought back small events in order to market the street as alive and thriving, in a struggling economy. Breakfast with Santa, Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Alive on 185! are among her greatest successes.

Her latest project for Laura's Helping Hands Day Care will be getting a mural through the Mural My Neighborhood program. She is excited to see the project depict the businesses on E. 185th through the eyes of a child. She, herself, is constantly walking down E 185th, with a group of children, stopping in to say hello, or for a purchase at Tuthills, Arabica, the Post Office, Family Sport and Buettner's Bakery among others.

We all wish Laura continued success.

Here are her 10 questions:

What is your idea of Perfect Happiness? Peace.

What is your Greatest Achievement? Teaching four-year-olds how to spell their names. After 30 years into this, it still melts me.

What quality do you most like in a person? Honesty.

What do you value most in friends? Reconnection. I have a few really great friends. We do not get together that often, but we just really reconnect and pick up where we left off the last time we got together or talked.

What is your most treasured possession? My children, best thing I ever did.

What is your biggest extravagance? Rowing just for myself, I was on a rowing team for 7 years.

Who is your hero in real life? My kids.

What makes you unique? I am a survivor, perseverance and patience, and my honesty.

If you could change one thing what would it be? Other than finances, nothing!

What is your favorite word? No! No! Never, never! uh-uh!! (to the children at Helping Hands)

For all those Romper Room fans out there, Laura Robinson is a Good Bee!

Naturally Collinwood

Community lifeguards ?

by Mike Gallagher

Among the many positive aspects of the Collinwood neighborhood is that we have a genuine jewel right in our own front yard: Lake Erie. A great pleasure of mine is a run (OK, a slow jog) followed by a swim in the lake.

Along with all of its beauty, though, the lake still holds many perils. It's relative shallowness makes its behavior the most unpredictable of the five Great Lakes. Riptides/rip currents and undertows are not uncommon.

Our local beaches have unfortunately seen tragedy in the form of drownings over the years, with the most recent being a 12 year old girl last summer.

There appears to be a few contributing factors here, in addition to the sheer power of the lake:

- No lifeguards at Euclid Beach, and limited coverage at Villa Angela Beach.
- Inexperienced and non-swimmers venturing in beyond their safety zone
- Lack of parental / caregiver supervision.

These are factors that have obvious solutions, any of which would only lessen the chance of another drowning. Meanwhile—for those of us who

visit the beaches, and are strong confident swimmers —there could be a way that we individually make a contribution to the overall safety of the lake.

This is an idea I would like to suggest to the community.

As you are relaxing on the beach, consider the concept of a 'community' lifeguard.

The voluntary responsibilities of a community lifeguard would be straightforward: Watch the portion of the lake within your view, looking for signs of potential trouble.

Potential trouble could include:

People swimming alone, severe weather, alcohol or drug use by swimmers.

One tactic could be to visually focus in on groups, taking a mental count of the number of swimmers, and checking frequently.

We would be taking on the age-old role of a swimming buddy: someone who has your back while you are in the water.

We have many neighborhood block watch groups, that do a great job of keeping our neighborhoods safer through their concern and vigilance.

While not an organized group—perhaps community lifeguarding could help in a similar way.

Worm Farm fights for its life

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Due to some unforeseen hurdles of starting up an environmental business in the city of Cleveland, the property's 1st short term loan was due January 2006, just after the business finally received the green light to begin operations in December, 2005. When the real estate loan was refinanced, there was about a \$2 million dollar penalty paid to the first out-of-state private lender by an associate lender, from the same state. This expense was passed on to the CEO of Sansai and due to the bad economy and the banking crisis, the delay of financing the 2nd short term, high interest loan has resulted in a challenging financial situation for Sansai. The building became owned by the-out-of-state lender and Sansai Environmental was told to move out, after a four year culmination of the manufacture of pure soil product that once sold retail can pay the lender in full, if unimpeded in its sale.

Earthworms have been labeled by soil scientists as earth angels. Every creature on this green Earth contributes something to the planet's ecosystem, and one of those creatures is the earthworm. Now 60 million earth angels are in immediate jeopardy from suffocation and/or starvation! Every day now, all but two or three of the volunteers wishing to help out have been turned away at the door. Why? Because of money and timing. But should live creatures suffer? With a large population of earth angels, it is critical to air

out, water and feed hundreds of cubic yards of indoor earthworm habitats that are over 100 feet long by 6 feet wide. Thanks to Tim Smith and The Cleveland Greenhouse Project, there is a long list of volunteers who have signed up to help with offers of time and energy to take care of the livestock, but they aren't always allowed in by the new out-of-state owner.

Sansai appreciates the help of the wonderful volunteers showing up to get to its valuable inhabitants for immediate care and feeding. Sansai's earth angels have created tons of valuable earth angel product ready to sell to gardeners. Sansai hopes not to lose the home for 60 million earth angels due to greed. Saving this company will help save our home—Earth!

Sansai's products Magic Dust and Magic Mist are the most economical and purest earthworm casting products in the world; free of chemicals and pesticides. Magic Dust and Magic Mist are part of the new revolution to reverse the damage to the Earth that chemicals have caused. Sansai Environmental Technologies www.sansaitech.com has reintroduced the magic of the earthworm to mankind on a large scale and applied the best of modern agricultural sciences and mass production processes to it, in order to be able to distribute it worldwide.

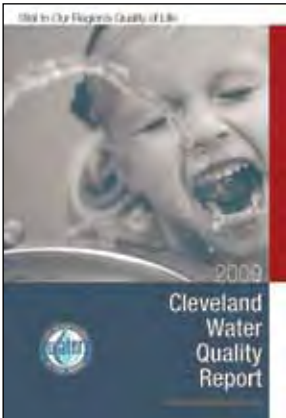
The earthworm eats organic decaying material, in effect helping to clean the environment. Their bodies remove possible contaminants and convert the organic material into

2009 Cleveland Water Quality Report is available

by John Goersmeyer

Water quality is essential to all of us—and the quality of our water affects the quality of our lives.

Cleveland Division of Water is committed to providing its customers safe, high-quality, drinking water. That is why the Division maintains a rigorous quality control program and continues to invest substantial financial resources to improve our water treatment facilities and distribution system. Our water is constantly monitored and tested. The water produced and delivered by Cleveland Water far exceeds the most stringent water quality standards currently mandated by federal and state water regulations, and last year was no exception.



The Division has continued to significantly enhance the quality of life by meeting the growing need for safe, clean water in the communities we serve.

Therefore, we present you with the Division's Annual Water Quality Report for 2009. This report provides an overview of the Division's water quality during the past year. It shows the source of your water, how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies, and how your water is treated and tested.

Every customer (residential/business owner) receives a copy of Cleveland Water Quality report. Additional copies can be requested by calling (216) 664-3130 or by viewing and downloading it at www.clevelandwater.com.

Help the Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Team buy new trash and recycle bins for Euclid Beach Park!

by Stephen Love

The Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach team wants to buy new trash and recycling bins for Euclid Beach Park and we need your help! If you are not familiar with us, 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 at Euclid Beach conducts beach clean ups. From our waste data collected, it is apparent that Euclid Beach Park faces improper waste disposal problems. On the beach currently, there are three 55-gallon open steel drum barrels that are used for trash disposal. These units are inadequate for containing trash because:

1. Trash overflow is problematic during the summer months.
2. Animals like seagulls and raccoons remove and spread trash across the beach.

The spread of trash across the beach is a likely contributor to higher levels of bacteria in the surrounding sand and water. Visibly, it communicates a lack of care for the quality of our beaches, encouraging even more littering.

The Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Team wants to purchase and install three trash and three recycling stations at each major entry point onto the beach. We have selected trash and recycling units that are anchored, closed lid and made of recycled materials.

In order for this project to be successful, we need your support! Our team hopes to raise \$1500 in individual contributions by early July! All we ask from you is a \$5 donation!

—Thanks, The Euclid Beach Team

Mail checks only to: Northeast Shores Development Corporation, 317 East 156th Street, Cleveland, OH, 44119 . Make checks out to: Northeast Shores Development Corp. On subject line: "Euclid Beach Project" For more information, contact Stephen Love slove@mail.bw.edu (216) -571-0685

nutrient-rich castings that feeds all vegetation with plant booster ingredients that assist plants to naturally grow healthier, stronger and larger.

Angels never arrive too late to help. Many have been in contact with Sansai to restructure its financing. Sixty million earthworms want to call Cleveland their home not their tombstone. The world's largest indoor earthworm casting production facility can survive, today, in this world, right in the heart of Cleveland, Ohio.

On the very near horizon, there is a solution. Sansai and The Cleveland Greenhouse Project are in the midst of a fundraiser for providing earth angels with new homes for those who vermicompost in schools, at home or the

office. With teamwork, the communities in Cleveland can make a difference by showing others how to make it commonplace for earth's inhabitants to use its food scraps for feeding earth angels who will then create the safest and purest of organic potting soil.

For those who have the spirit to add to the positive input of saving Sansai, PLEASE GET INVOLVED AND SIGN UP TO BE A VOLUNTEER THROUGH THE WEBSITE: www.sansaitech.com.

Maureen Browne is the Editor of Earthworm Digest.

Collinwood/Nottingham

PNC Bank teams With CNVDC to make an abandoned building viable again

by Yolanda Anderson

National City Bank (NCB) has always prided itself on being “your neighborhood bank”. They have been a pillar of South Collinwood for longer than I care to remember, located at 979 East 152nd. They have stood as a neighborhood institution at the Five Points Intersection serving residents of Collinwood and offering banking services to more people than we can count over the years. When we heard the rumors about another bank coming in to purchase NCB, the neighborhood thought we were going to lose yet another staunch supporter. This has not proven to be the case. Now that they are a part of PNC, the previous NCB commitment will only grow stronger with increased support for valuable programs, from neighborhood causes to schools and business associations.

PNC is one of the largest financial services companies in the country. Its reputation as a leading financial service company with global and neighborhood reach is well-documented. PNC and the PNC Foundation have long his-

tories of strengthening and enriching the lives of the neighbors in communities in which they have branches as well as the City in general, providing resources and seed ideas.

It has been a longstanding norm that banks do not want to own real estate. It is too cumbersome for them to carry the liability and maintenance to say the least. When PNC recently had to take into their inventory a mixed use building at 15800 St.Clair, knowing our long standing reputation of redevelopment in the Collinwood neighborhood, they contacted the Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation (CNVDC) to see if we might be interested in acquiring it. Working with Sam Hawkins, the local Branch Manager and Business Development officer from the Five Points office, Michael J.Taylor, the Senior Vice President, West Territory Executive from the East Ninth Street location of PNC, and also John D.Burdorff, Vice President, Regional Manager, Cleveland Northeast Region, the bank made us an offer we could not refuse. We worked out the particulars and within a matter of weeks,

on May 7, 2010, the property transferred into CNVDC's name.

CNVDC is excited with this latest acquisition and we are presently soliciting bids for the redevelopment of the property as well as looking for a property manager. With 2 storefronts and 6 apartment units above, bringing it back to what it once was, and maintaining tenants who care about the neighborhood will be an exciting adventure. This will be a welcome addition to the neighborhood.

We would like to thank PNC and the former National City Bank for its longstanding and continuing commitment to the Collinwood neighborhood, and also for presenting this opportunity to us. We look forward to a long relationship with PNC, working together for the betterment of the neighborhood on other projects as well as this one.

If you are interested in possibly renting any of the space described above, please give CNVDC a call at 216.383.9772 for more details.

Yolanda Anderson is Executive Director of CNVDC.

Collinwood has a new community organizer & safety coordinator

by Jayme Lucas

As a former Police Officer of 34 years, Greg Pollard is utilizing his prior experience to track crime, as well as work with the community to prevent future crime in Collinwood. Greg has been a friend of the Ward 11 community for a long time. He graduated from Collinwood High School and lives in the Collinwood community with his family. During his tenure with the Cleveland Police Department, Greg worked in the Ward 11 Police Mini Station and has worked with City Council Members on a wide variety of safety related issues. Greg looks forward to serving Ward 11 in this new capacity.

How this new program can help you: You can get free safety audits of your home or business!·You can get help/advice on starting or reviving a block watch club.· Your block club can schedule presentations on a variety of topics related to neighborhood safety/quality of life/public participation.

What we hope to achieve: Help make residents and businesses more aware and safety conscious, which increases the overall safety and quality of life in our neighborhood.· Revitalize blockwatch clubs and enhance public involvement in the Ward 11 community, especially pertaining to safety related issues.·Work with existing block clubs and community organizers to help ascertain the safety issues as well as formulate doable solutions.· Educate residents on how to effectively communicate problems to Police and other safety forces, increasing the effectiveness of public involvement.

Summer Safety Tips: Don't leave your lawn mover, bicycles, etc. on your front lawn unattended.· Close your garage door.· Don't leave lights on when you are gone that are never on when you are home. For example, if you never turn on the living room light when you are home, then don't turn it on when you leave. (You are sending a clear signal that you are not home!)· Don't leave children unattended. If you see something that you think looks “wrong” or “suspicious”, call the Police at 216-621-1234.

How you can get involved: It's up to all of us to keep Collinwood safe this summer. To get involved, contact Greg Pollard: 216-383-9772, 216-531-8456 gp@cnvdc.org

Apply for the 2010 Paint Voucher Program

by Jayme Lucas

Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation (CNVDC) is currently taking applications for the 2010 Cleveland Paint Voucher Program. Eligible applicants may receive vouchers for up to \$400.00 in free paint and supplies.

To Qualify:Must be a low or moderate-income family (see income guidelines below). The applicant may be the owner or tenant, however, he/she must reside in the South Collinwood house being painted. If the applicant is a tenant, he/she must get signed permission from the owner to participate

in the program. Must attend a Lead Safe Work Practice Class.

2010 Income Guidelines: Family Size Low/Moderate:1) \$36,300 2) \$41,500 3) \$46,650 4) \$51,850 5) \$56,000 6) \$60,150 7) \$64,300 8) \$68,450

To Apply: 1. Get an application by calling CNVDC at 216-383-9772 or online at www.cnvdc.org. 2. Complete the application and submit ALL required documentation by August 1, 2010. Painting must be done within 30 days of application approval. 3.Required documentation: proof of ownership, proof of income, etc.

Call 216-383-9772 for details. 4. \$60 refundable deposit due upon admission to the program. The \$60 will be refunded to you upon passing the final inspection of the paint job by a City of Cleveland Lead Assessor. Please note that assistance covers paint and supplies only. You will be responsible for painting your home, once approved. Your house must be in good repair to qualify for the paint program. If you have other housing repair needs, call CNVDC or go online at www.cnvdc.org for information on other housing assistance programs available to Cleveland homeowners.

CSX, City Year and Collinwood clean up

by Cheryl Lambert

On May 15, 2010, CSX employees, family members and friends teamed with City Year to “Give Back” to the community by conducting a Service Day. Over one hundred people from CSX, Collinwood, OH, and City Year joined the effort spearheaded by Terry Turner, CSX Terminal Superintendent, Jerry Lambert, Safety Chairman and Denesha Greene, City Year Safety Ambassador.

These dedicated workers donated their day off to cleaning eight city lots: they cut grass, picked up debris and tree limbs, etc, filling a forty yard dumpster to beautify the neighborhoods of E. 147th, 148th and 149th streets. The atmosphere was so contagious even some of the residents of the areas came out to help.

Two local television stations covered the event and lunch was provided by Mike Casadonte, Haz Mat supervisor. CSX furnished high visibility vests,

safety glasses and work gloves. The project began at 9 am and debriefing happened at 3 pm.

CSX supports and assists com-

munity growth and is open to any new idea on how to give back to the community...their community...their CSX home.



The whole team.

North East Shores

No rain on our parade

by Denise Lorek

On Saturday May 22, the second annual Alive on E185 parade stepped off at 10:30 as scheduled. While the weather looked ominous and it was sprinkling earlier that morning, the skies cleared just in time for the neighborhood to enjoy this wonderful event.

More than 30 units marched the length of the street. Bands played. Politicians threw candy. Children cheered. This year's winners of best unit were: Euclid High School in first place, Collinwood High School was second place and the Stallions Youth Athletes organization came in third place. They will be receiving plaques from Northeast Shores and the East 185th St. Merchants' Association recognizing their efforts.

East 185th St. looked "Alive" thanks to the efforts of the volunteers who planted flowers and mulched numerous flower beds on the street--not to mention the volunteers who

helped clean up the street on "Clean Up Day" April 23rd to make way for the planting of the flower beds.

The parade was followed by a sidewalk sale, which Mother Nature was not so kind to. At about 2pm, a brief thun-



Marching bands beat the rain in the 185th St. parade. Photo by Olivia Lorek.

derstorm washed out the sidewalk sale.

Overall, the event was great and plans for 2011 are already underway. If you would like to participate in next years planning of the Alive on 185 event please call Denise at 216-481-7660.

Bringing our Carrousel home! #3

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EBPN and President of EBCC, I have been working hard to promote both the Carrousel project and the neighborhood, creating connections to the carousel world and bringing that back to the Carrousel project. With my parting ways with EBPN earlier this year, I have been delighted to be able to concentrate on our Carrousel project, and help make it happen.

Another member of our EBCC is Barb Clint. Barb Clint is a neighborhood resident and a city planner by training. She was working for the Trust for Public Land (TPL) managing their Green Cities Initiative in Cleveland when she learned that the Euclid Beach Carrousel would be coming to auction in the Cleveland area. Intrigued by the possibility of returning this piece of Cleveland's history to its home, she contacted the late David Humphrey Scott who had been quoted in the Sun

Scoop about the auction plans. Inspired by his vision, she persuaded the TPL to purchase the carrousel at the auction.

Her original proposal to TPL was to purchase the carrousel on behalf of Northeast Shores Development Corporation, with the plan of converting the former K-mart/Big Lots now recreation center site into a multi-purpose recreational facility that would feature the carrousel in an adjacent, high profile ancillary carrousel building located closer to Lakeshore Boulevard. Unfortunately, TPL lacked confidence that a neighborhood development corporation had the capacity to undertake such an ambitious project and secured a commitment from now defunct Cleveland Tomorrow, a corporate Cleveland interest group, which proposed installing it at Voinovich Park. Ironically, Cleveland Tomorrow is no longer in existence and Northeast Shores is going strong. When Cleveland Tomorrow merged with other corporate Cleveland

civic organizations, they gave the carrousel horses and other components in their position to the Western Reserve Historical Society.

OK, so let's talk about that "Carrousel Dream" of ours!

If you've been at various events over the past couple of years, you've seen the concepts done by Paul Volpe (yes, the same firm, City Architecture, designing & building our new Recreation Center). Our proposal estimates \$5.5 - 7.3 million, which gets the horses restored, a mechanism built, a building built & equipped—and it also includes the endowments necessary for this to be a strong ongoing plan. Our site is the Carrousel's original site, now in Euclid Beach State Park—we're very excited about this especially, because, as I've mentioned before, while carousels often come back to their hometown, so far as we can find, this will be the first time a carousel comes back not only to its hometown, but back to the place where it originally first operated.

Here's basically how a carousel group operates. Keep in mind that a carousel cannot support itself on just ride income; the rule of thumb is 'the price of a box of popcorn' which generally translates to something like \$2.00 - or less - a rider (some carousels are less than a \$1).

Yes it's a huge nut to crack and yes it'll be a lot of hard work. Carousel projects like this also typically do take years to accomplish—I don't know if this is unique to the carousel world, but carousel projects like ours rarely happen quickly—as frustrating as that is! We have a strong plan, good connections, great people—and it's time we do it!

Over 70 other communities nationwide have succeeded in retaining or reclaiming their local machines; we can too. The good news is, we've



What it will look like in the future.

2010 Duncan Toys Ohio State Yo-Yo Contest

by Denise Lorek

The 2010 Ohio State Yo-Yo Contest will be held July 31st, from 10 am - 5 pm.

All ages and skill levels are welcome, and there will be training areas for people interested in learning how to play yo-yo!

The contest will be held at the Beachland Ballroom, located at 15711 Waterloo Road, in the Waterloo Arts District.

Registration will take place the morning of the event. The event is free to watch, and \$5 to compete. For more information, please e-mail steve@clevelandyoyoclub.com.

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heard getting start-up dollars is relatively easy—it's the ongoing that's harder, but we're more than equal to it I think—it's all accounted for in our proposal. Collinwood has won far harder "battles" recently (that Recreation Center comes to mind!)—I have no doubt whatsoever that we can win this one too.

Your Euclid Beach Carrousel Committee will be kicking off some ideas soon to really begin fundraising, etc - and have fun too! A fun evening should be the Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society's "Party Like It's 1910—A Garden Party with a Carrousel Theme" Friday June 18th, beginning at 6:00 pm at the Zaller Building Garden on Waterloo Rd (next to the old Waterloo 7 Gallery)—bring a dessert to share and a lawn chair. (For more information please contact Mary Louise at (216) 486-1298 or at CollNotHistory@aol.com) We'll also be at the upcoming Waterloo Arts Fest June 27, so be sure to look us up there. Plus mark your calendars for Saturday July 10, when the EBCC will be throwing an ice cream 100th Birthday party for our Carrousel at Sandy's from 1 pm to 4 pm—details soon! During all these events we'll be raffling off a miniature working carousel, with the drawing to be held at the July Birthday Party.

Meanwhile, do please get in touch with us, and let us know what you think, share your ideas etc. Thanks very much!

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Former Cleveland Heights Mayor Alan Rapoport Enters Race for Cuyahoga County Council Seat

by Bruce Hennes

Former Cleveland Heights Mayor Alan Rapoport is running for a seat on the new Cuyahoga County Council in the Democratic Primary on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 for a newly defined District 10 that will include the Collinwood area.

“This is an exciting opportunity to form a new government for the County and I want to make a positive difference again,” Rapoport said, noting that the \$1.4 billion general fund budget of the County makes it a more important agent for good in the community than most people realize.

“The productive years Alan spent in government service in an economically and racially diverse community give him the right credentials for this job, especially in a new County Council District that includes Collinwood,” said Cleveland Heights Mayor Ed Kelley.

Rapoport identified his three goals for the new County government: maintenance of a social safety net for those in need; expansion of employment opportunities so fewer people have to use that safety net; and good financial management so that taxpayer money is spent on the best public benefits possible at the lowest reasonable cost.

Rapoport also expressed concern about restoring faith in County government by demonstrating that professionalism and compassion are not inconsistent with honesty and transparency.

Rapoport’s community involvement began as President of Coventry Neighbors, one of Cleveland Heights’ oldest neighborhood organizations, and as the founder of the original Coventry Street Fair in the mid-1970s. His political involvement began as a Democratic precinct committee member, as a member of the County Democratic Executive Committee, as President of the Cleveland Heights Democratic Club, and as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1976.

Rapoport was first elected to Cleveland Heights City Council in 1979 and then served three terms as Mayor. He left office in 1987 to devote more time preparing to pay for his daughter’s education. This past year, his daughter, who recently joined the business operation behind Grammy Award winner Lady Gaga, graduated from the Wharton business program at the University of Pennsylvania. “Now that Allison is on her own, that goal has been met and I look forward to resuming public service,” said Rapoport.



Alan Rapoport

Rapoport was unanimously elected to the Cleveland Heights High School Hall of Fame. He graduated from the Case Western Reserve University School of Law and is an honors graduate of Kenyon College, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Rapoport has been in the private practice of law for 35 years, and his areas of practice include probate law, real property law, and representation of small businesses. His peers honored him with the highest possible “AV” rating in the Martindale-Hubbell legal directory to signify their recognition of his legal ability and professional ethics.

He is a member of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association and the Ohio State Bar Association and has taught at seminars for both. He has also provided free legal services for people having problems with foreclosures, lack of health insurance, juvenile and family issues, and care of elderly relatives. He is also a Trustee of Heights Arts, a non-profit organization.

Rapoport will run in District 10, which is composed of Cleveland Heights, East Cleveland, Wards 10 and 11 in Cleveland, and Bratenahl. The term of office is two years.

“There will be eleven people on this new council from all different parts of the county. All eleven must cooperate to assure that the extensive powers of a newly-elected County Executive are subject to the proper checks and balances. Only one of those new council members will be looking out specifically for the needs of Collinwood residents. I hope to be that one,” said Rapoport.

Bruce Hennes is a partner in Hennes-Paynter communications. He succeeded Alan Rapoport as President of Coventry Neighbors and Chairman of the Coventry Village Street Fair.

Sharon Cole Enters Race for County Council Engineer

by Laura Boustani

Sharon Cole, an engineer with nearly 20 years of experience in the private, nonprofit and public sectors and who has worked on the local, state and federal levels of government, entered the Cuyahoga County Council race in District 10 yesterday. District 10 consists of Cleveland Wards 10 and 11, Bratenahl, East Cleveland and Cleveland Heights.

“I am anxious to devote my energy and skills toward putting Cuyahoga County on a path to economic growth and restoring faith and confidence of residents in their elected representatives,” said Cole.

Raised in East Cleveland by her grandparents after the tragic death of her mother, Ms. Cole’s life and career have been defined by optimism, perseverance and a commitment to excellence. She worked hard to earn engineering degrees from Purdue and Case Western Reserve universities, two of the best engineering schools in the country, managed technology projects for large corporations at Andersen Consulting, once one of the country’s top consulting firms, and served Greater Clevelanders in a number of roles in the nonprofit and public sectors where she has found her true calling.

Inspired to enter the public sector by the late Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones on whose staff she served as the economic and business development liaison, Ms. Cole is working hard to earn the support of many of the same constituents she served as a Congressional staffer. Cole made a decision to seek the Council seat in District 10 after the passage of Issue 6 last November.

“I owe it to my community to put my passion and ability to work in a greater capacity,” said Cole who has worked for elected officials for the last five years of her career. “While I know firsthand that serving constituents and



Sharon Cole

being a behind-the-scenes advisor and staffer is important work, I realize that to make real change, I have to take greater risks,” she added.

Cole has always made time for community and political involvement. She is a graduate of Neighborhood Leadership Institute’s Class 7. She has worked on successful campaigns of several elected officials, including State Representative Barbara Boyd, East Cleveland Council President/Mayor Gary Norton, East Cleveland Municipal Judge Sandra Walker, and Representative/Councilman Eugene R. Miller. She has served as a member of both the Cuyahoga County Central and Executive committees, and was a delegate to 2008 Democratic National Convention.

In addition, she is a member of public service sorority Delta Sigma Theta where she serves on the Social Action and Technology committees, serves on the board of WECO, an organization working to increase financial literacy among low-income people, and is an active member of her block club.

Cole’s complete biography is available on her campaign’s Facebook page, Sharon Cole for Cuyahoga County Council, District 10.

Laura Boustani is a Cleveland-based public affairs consultant.

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Tim McCormack: Observer Interview

by John Sheridan - Euclid Observer
Here, in response to questions posed by The Observer, McCormack shares some of his thoughts on the new county government and the challenges that lie ahead:

Q. If elected to the position of County Executive, what three or four goals would top the list of things that you'd hope to accomplish during your term in office?

A. My primary objectives would include advances in the following three areas:

Code of Ethics: With the now pervasive admissions of guilt throughout our regional public agencies, it is clear that 1) formation 2) adoption and 3) strict enforcement of the nation's most effective public Code of Ethics must be the first priority of this transformed county government. It must be first because, no matter how vital human services and economic development are in our scheme, all will fail if we cannot trust those spending our money.

Jobs: Government is most helpful when it performs its vital public functions so efficiently as to create the sense and reality of well-being within the community. When there is good government in a community it serves as one of the major incentives for people who want to work and live there. Good government wisely utilizes its resources in concert with private and non-profit entities. It works in supportive ways to encourage starting up and maintaining employment.

Education: It's imperative that we see that every child succeeds. We must embrace the regimen that every child born into this community be provided with the encouragement and tools to live up to their highest potential. It is humanity's highest responsibility. When any child falls short of his or her potential, we all lose. Cuyahoga County's infant and early childhood education approach is a promising beginning that needs to be expanded upon in every space where a child's future is being shaped.

Q. What do you regard as the major challenges that must be met in order for the new system of county government to succeed?

A. The new Cuyahoga County government should lead the way by inviting economic development leaders, our colleges, regional government leaders, organized labor, and our non-profit foundations to go back to "school" together. As a full community, we need to think through and answer the question, "What private-public investment strategy would work best to create jobs in Greater Cleveland?" We then need to act upon it as a team. That challenge has not been

taken up in a united way by our community. We have moved from one bricks-and-mortar savior project to the next, seemingly one every 10 years. To survive, we need a long-term strategy to build our new sustainable economy.

If we invite in new people and their new ideas and apply them to old problems we will be well on our way to much-sought-after reform.

Q. Your campaign emphasizes the need for "good government." How do you define good government?

A. Good government means that public people do not take things that are not entitled to them to do their jobs. Good government establishes a Cuyahoga County government whose sole reason for being is service to the public for the public good. Good government innovatively responds to our critical economic and human development challenges.

Q. Do you believe the new County Executive/Council structure can put an end to the corruption and patronage that have dominated news headlines for the past several years?

A. Yes, I do, but avoiding corruption and bad governing requires reporting in each day, scrutinizing all pending business, adopting best practices, and being on the lookout for abuses of process. It all stems from intent to do the right thing.

Q. Under the new charter, several top county officials who in the past were directly elected by the voters will now be appointees chosen and approved by the new Executive and County Council. Do you see that as a positive step?

A. There is absolutely no need to elect all separate offices of Coroner, Engineer, Clerk, Sheriff, Treasurer, Recorder, Auditor, and Prosecutor. We should vote for one office charged with the criminal law function as that office involves life and death decisions. While many other people would support an appointed fiscal and tax officer, I have suggested strong consideration be given to electing the community's "money person." The functions of the Auditor, Treasurer, and Recorder could well be combined into one office. I like the idea of having the person who reports to us on the county's money issues accountable to the voters. Spending on a convention center, Gateway, Playhouse Square, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, business loans, taxes, and real property valuations are multi-million dollar county spending and auditing issues. A county-appointed fiscal "employee" would have no direct accountability to the voters. Moreover, he or she would probably be fired for telling the public an "inconvenient truth."

Q. What approach would you take to working with the new County Council to keep lines of communication open in order to achieve consensus on major county wide objectives?

A. Establishing friendly relations now during the campaign—and holding full, open, weekly caucuses to review policy, as well as daily contact with council as needed. Ultimately, I would travel their districts with them and let them explain their priorities on a regular basis.

Q. When will Cuyahoga County voters know if the new government structure is working as envisioned—and how will they know?

A. It will become clear soon based on the tone set, adoption of the Code of Ethics, and Volunteer Councils continuing their work.

Q. Do you believe the new structure has the potential to spark economic growth and job creation in Northeast Ohio? If so, how might that happen?

A. Jobs are created and maintained in the largest part by private initiative. Private creativity remains our best hope for our future financial security. Government's role as a positive partner in this equation is vital. Government on its own cannot replace private entities in performing the vital function of job creation, but it can and should be an essential partner in the equation.

It is exciting to see so many good people who are dedicated to remaking our 200-year-old system of governing ourselves. Issue 6 mandates economic development as the top priority. However, Justice-related issues make up the largest single item in the county budget; and the primary focus of Cuyahoga County for decades has been human services. Each of these subject areas would benefit from a fresh-air approach. People thrive when they are able to be self sufficient. Economic development, human services, and justice affairs work best when we recognize their interdependence.

Q. There has been much talk about "regionalization" as a mechanism to improve government efficiency—and hopefully, reduce the tax burden on the citizens of Cuyahoga County. Do you view the new government structure as a positive step toward achieving these goals?

A. When the Indians, Browns, and Cavs are doing well, you see their insignias in Erie, New Philadelphia, Youngstown, Sandusky, Ashton and for more than 100 miles in all directions. That to me is our region. Just as these teams do, our ports, airports, shore lines, businesses, and governments must also take that 100-mile view of our future.

Where can we cooperate? Consolidate? Co-fund? Rededicate? Take advantage of the vast strengths and attractions of our vast region. If this new reformed government does not lead us in that direction, I will view it as an abject failure.

Q. In your analysis of Issue 6—the charter amendment that ushered in the sweeping changes in county government—what did you find to be its strong points? And what, if any, weaknesses did you detect?

A. The single most important reason to fundamentally reform the over \$1 billion, 9,000-employee, Cuyahoga County government is to prove to ourselves and the outside world that we will change when needed. Comprehensive reform of the Cuyahoga County government has the potential to be a catalyst—the first major step to inspire necessary additional reforms within public and private institutions.

We would be best served by having one highly valued person elected as a single county administrator. He or she would, in effect, serve as the County's "mayor," with the authority and responsibility we normally associate with city mayors. That person would then need to step up and take charge.

Please trust me when I point out that having three separate people in charge attempting to set a unified course too often is painful for the community. It is also often painful for the unfortunate commissioners. The antiquated three-person system too often results in a form of paralysis by inaction. It adversely affects our regional initiatives. Imagine three quarterbacks in the huddle calling signals, three people playing the same poker hand, or three people with one steering wheel but three different plans as to the best way to get home.

Q. Do you see a need for further "tinkering" with the County Charter to improve prospects for a successful transition? If so, what changes would you hope to see incorporated?

A. Do you know that when you include the judges we elect in Cuyahoga County, 56 countywide officials are elected within our county alone--3 commissioners, 7 other elected officials, and a total of 46 judges. Wow! How many elected officials do we really need to work well?

How about reducing Cuyahoga County elected offices to the fewest number essential to ensure the best government? There are three great reasons to do this. The first is to bring us good government. The second is to save vital resources. The third reason is to successfully win a vote to adopt the plan of a smaller, less expensive, consolidated Cuyahoga County government.



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Check out the chalk art, including our 3-D interactive chalk installation, get hands-on with printmaking, create your own button, and much more! Everyone gets to nurture their creative side and find new fun ways to engage with the arts. Three specialty stages will offer everything from folk and country, to indie rock and DJs. Lounge in the street and do some people watching, or explore some of our great local venues. All of our cool merchant partners will be participating with special sales and activities, including the Beachland Ballroom, where the always popular Rock'n'Roll flea market will offer great finds!

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This two hour program starts with some learning activities before fishing. Equipment and bait provided to the first 15 participants under 16 years of age. Thursdays from 1-3:30 p.m., June 17- August 12. Meet at the Wildwood west end parking lot. Carol Ward clsp.naturalist@dnr.state.oh.us, Wildwood State Park

Summer Recreation Camp

A multi-activity camp open to the ages 5-14 which includes everything from hikes to organized sports, to arts and crafts. A free lunch is offered to anyone under the age of 18. Free. Monday through Friday June 21 - August 13. For more information contact Stella McGuire at 216-692-1388. The North Ohio Division of the Salvation Army, 17625 Grovewood Ave.

Summer Camp Learning Zone

Program highlights include swimming lessons, weekly field trips, art, music, and drawing. \$100/child/week and vouchers are accepted. For more information contact Stella McGuire at 216-692-1388. The North Ohio Division of the Salvation Army, 17625 Grovewood Ave.

Yoga Classes

Come and learn this ancient tool to cope with modern stress. Every Sunday at 1 p.m. Visit our web site at www.artscollinwood.org or call 216-692-9500 for more information.

Preschool Story Time

Stories, rhymes, songs, and more for children ages 3-5 and their parents/caregivers. Every Monday during July and August, 4-4:30 p.m. Please call 216-623-7039 for more information. Memorial-Nottingham Branch Library

Life Drawing Classes

Explore life drawing. Every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Visit our web site at www.artscollinwood.org, or call 216-692-9500 for more information.

Adventures in Canoeing

This 2 hour program will start with basic instruction berfre hitting the water. Limit 8 canoes per session. Pre-registration is required. Select Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. Call 216-881-8141 ext. 3001 for information. Wildwood State Park

Nottingham Youth Summer Camp

The camp will serve youth from the ages of 5 through 12. Activities will include arts and crafts, computer lab, tutoring, gardening, outdoor games, and field trips. Lunch will be provided each day. June 21 - August 6, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. For further information call the Youth Center at 216-486-7612 or Denise at 216-630-3850.

Gallery Exhibits

Check out the work of local artists at the Arts Collinwood Gallery. Free. Visit our web site at www.artscollinwood.org or call 216-692-9500 for more information.

Pools, Parks and Playgrounds

OUTDOOR POOLS

Duggan Pool: 1696 Catalpa Road
Grovewood Pool: E. 164th & Grovewood
Neff Road Pool: E.193rd & Bella Road

INDOOR POOLS

Collinwood High School
Open Monday through Friday, Noon-5 p.m., June 24 - August 13. 15210 St. Clair Ave.

Euclid YMCA

Open 7 days a week; pool hours vary. Swimming lessons, water aerobics, SCUBA, and lifeguarding classes. 631 Babbitt Road, 216-731-7454

Playgrounds

Mark Tromba Playground: Mandalay & Rudyard
Duggan Playground: N.E. of Euclid Ave near Green

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Reservations and park information, 216-881-8141
Euclid Beach Park: 650-foot beach + picnic areas

Villa Angela State Park: 1000-foot beach + trails

Wildwood: Fish Euclid Creek & Lake Erie. A playground & picnic area is available

Youth Summer Lunch and Activities Programs

Collinwood High School from June 24 - August 13, Monday through Friday is offering free lunch from 12:30-1:30 p.m. for youth from 1-18 years of age. There will be open swim, open gym, open tutoring, and instrumental music from 12 Noon to 5 p.m. on these days.

For Seniors...

Lake Shore Golden Age Center: Have lunch with friends, play bingo, join an exercise program, or play pinochle. Call 216-481-0631 for more information. 16700 Lake Shore Blvd.

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Summer Go Guide 2010

Events, programs and activities in & around North Collinwood

June 3 Thursday
School's Out for the Summer
Teens need to know what's happening in the news, both local and international. The discussion will also include summer employment and internships.
Cleveland Public Library, Collinwood Branch,
4:00 p.m., 216-623-6934

June 5 Saturday
A Creek Runs Through It
Euclid Creek is the main feature of the Euclid Creek Reservation. Hike the east side of the creek with a naturalist the get your feet wet as we cross over to the all purpose trail. Terrain is wet, steep, and 2.5 miles. Meet at the Highland Picnic area. Children 8 and older must be with an adult.
ECR, 440-473-3700

June 6 Sunday
Concerts in the Sculpture Garden
Enjoy new music by Tim Mauthe plus beloved classics by a String Quartet. Bring a lawn chair and blanket. Concert will be at the Arts Collinwood Community Center if rain. Free
Zaller Building at 16600 Waterloo Rd., 2-4:00 p.m., nankennedy@yahoo.com

June 12 Saturday
Your Flag, Your World
Come celebrate National Flag Day by exploring your State flag and by designing your own personal flag.
Cleveland Public Library, Collinwood Branch,
11:00 a.m., 216-623-6934

June 14-18 Monday through Friday
Vacation Bible School
For children age 4 through Grade 5. Advance registration and fee are required. Call the Parish Office at 216-486-0850 for more information.
Our Lady of the Lake School and Hall (NE Corner of E200 Street and Lake Shore Blvd.)

June 14-18 Monday through Friday
Jr. High Vacation Bible School
For children in grades 6, 7, and 8. Advance registration and fee are required. Call Rita Testa at 216-486-0850 for more information.
Our Lady of the Lake School and Hall (NE Corner of E200 Street and Lake Shore Blvd.)

June 15 Tuesday
Let's Help Mother Earth! Go Green
Everyone is invited to attend an interesting hour of recycling fun. Learn how you can help Mother Earth as well as putting your artistic side to a test by creating your own paper.
Memorial-Nottingham Branch Library, 2-3:00 p.m., 216-623-7039

June 23 Wednesday
MySpace/Ourplanet Teen Book Discussion & Living with Ed Film
Teens are invited to discuss green living practices from the book MySpace/Ourplanet. Reserve a copy of the book to be prepared for the discussion.
Memorial-Nottingham Branch Library, 4-6:00 p.m., 216-623-7039

June 26 Saturday
Collinwood Page Turners
Book discussion of On The Run by Iris Johansen
Cleveland Public Library, Collinwood Branch,
4:00 p.m., 216-623-6934

June 26 Saturday
Waterloo Arts Fest
Everyone is invited to attend this family friendly summer festival. It's a full day of hands-on art and entertainment. Free, fun, rain or shine. Waterloo Rd. between E. 156th and E. 161th. Noon-7:00 p.m.

July 4 Saturday
Fourth of July Celebration
Festivities begin with a family friendly parade followed by a BBQ lunch in the day. (vegan options) and afternoon games for the children. The parade assembles at 10:45 a.m. at the Shore Acres Association Park at the east end of Shore Acres Drive. \$5 per person and \$25 for a family.
The Shore Acres Association, 216-692-0216

July 4 Saturday
Fourth of July Fireworks Cruise
Come aboard as we cruise to Downtown Cleveland to enjoy a spectacular fireworks show. We will depart from the Wildwood Marina at 7:30 p.m. \$30 per person. \$27 for seniors 65 or older and children 15 and younger.
www.discoverydrive.com, 216-481-5771

July 7 Wednesday
Tall Ships Parade of Sail Cruse
Please join us as we depart from Wildwood Marina to welcome and view spectacular entry of the Tall Ships under the full sail at the Cleveland Harbor. We will depart from the Wildwood Marina at 2:30 p.m. \$30 per person. \$27 for seniors 65 or older and children 15 and younger.
www.discoverydrive.com

July 8 Thursday
Origami with Keiko Biddle
Have you ever folded paper? Keiko Biddle will show you various ways to make interesting origami.
Cleveland Public Library, Collinwood Branch,
1:00 p.m., 216-623-6934

July 11 Sunday
Concerts in the Sculpture Garden
UpStage Theater's improv troupe, plus the Oh!Sullivans, a trio of Irish singers. Free
Zaller Building at 16600 Waterloo Rd., 2-4:00 p.m., nankennedy@yahoo.com

July 12 Monday
Cleveland Metroparks Nature Tracks Mobile Tour
All ages hop onboard the nature tracks mobile class room.
Memorial-Nottingham Branch Library, 2-3:00 p.m., 216-623-7039

July 15 Thursday
Magic with Ronald McDonald
Do you like magic? Ronald McDonald has a few tricks up his sleeve.
Cleveland Public Library, Collinwood Branch,
1:00 p.m., 216-623-6934

July 17 Saturday
Celebrating Euclid Beach Park
The Humphery Family was very innovative. You will learn about their ownership and innovative ideas that made Euclid Beach Park so successful.
Memorial-Nottingham Branch Library, 2-3:00 p.m., 216-623-7039

July 21 Wednesday
A Green Teen Craft
Teens 12 years of age and up are invited to make a cool crart from recycled materials. All materials will be provided.
Memorial-Nottingham Branch Library, 3-5:00 p.m., 216-623-7039

July 22 Thursday
Jungle Terry's Live Animal Show
Children and families, please join Terry for our summer reading club live animal show. Free
Memorial-Nottingham Branch Library, 3:30-4:30 p.m., 216-623-7039

What's "green" magic? Come and find out from Zap Entertainment.
Cleveland Public Library, Collinwood Branch,
1:00 p.m., 216-623-6934

July 24 Saturday
Fifth District Safety Fair
The Fifth District Neighborhood Police Headquarters invites everyone to its Annual Safety Fair. Free.
Held at Daves Supermarket, 15900 Lakeshore Blvd., 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

July 24 Saturday
Collinwood Page Turners
Book discussion of Lies Will Take You Somewhere by Shiela Swartz
Cleveland Public Library, Collinwood Branch
10:30 a.m., 216-623-6934

July 29 Thursday
Power Point for Teens
Teens will learn to use Power Point to enhance their school projects. Space is limited so resister in advance.
Memorial-Nottingham Branch Library, 2-3:00 p.m., 216-623-7039

August 3 Tuesday
Mother Earth Reader's Theater: Planting the Trees of Kenya
Children, ages seven and up, join us for an interesting hour of reader's theater fun! Learn about Wangari Maathai who loved trees so much she planted 10 million.
Memorial-Nottingham Branch Library, 2-3:00 p.m., 216-623-7039

August 4 Wednesday
The Movie "AVATAR"
Teens 12 years of age and up are invited to see the movie AVATAR. Free
Memorial-Nottingham Branch Library, 2-6:00 p.m., 216-623-7039

August 7 Saturday
A Historical Look at Euclid Beach
Celebrating the Carrousel with 2R's
A historical look at Euclid Beach Park and the celebration of the PTC#19 Carrousel
Memorial-Nottingham Branch Library, 3-6:00 p.m., 216-623-7039

August 8 Sunday
Concerts in the Sculpture Garden
Featuring The Four Corners Clarinet Quartet with a program of blues, classics, pops, jazz, and movie music. Free
Zaller Building at 16600 Waterloo Rd., 2-4:00 p.m., nankennedy@yahoo.com

August 21 Saturday
Dreaming of Euclid Beach Park
You are invited to reminisce about Euclid Beach Park. Park photos and various rides will be on display.
Memorial-Nottingham Branch Library, 3-6:00 p.m., 216-623-7039

August 21 Saturday
Corn Roast and BBQ Cookoff
Come to sample some of the best at this cookoff. Participants can arrive as early as 6:00 a.m. for set-up.
Coit Road Farmer's Market 8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m., www.coitmarket.org

August 28 Saturday
Collinwood Page Turners
Book discussion of Think Twice by Sheila Swartz
Cleveland Public Library, Collinwood Branch,
10:30 a.m., 216-623-6934

For more information about this project or if you would like to be included in our Fall Guide please call Project Organizer George Braidich at 216-531-5526. Credits to George Braidich from Yellow Cake Graphics and all the others who live in and around North Collinwood that made the Summer Guide Possible.

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15701 Waterloo

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15702 Waterloo

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15801 Waterloo

Salty not Sweet
15613 Waterloo

Slovenian Workmen's Home
15335 Waterloo

Star Pop
15813 Waterloo

This Way Out
15711 Waterloo

Tony's Variety Flea Market
15303 Waterloo

Upstage Players
15335 Waterloo

Check out the website for more info and updates!
www.WaterlooArtsFest.com

To get to Waterloo Road, exit I-90 at E. 152nd Street, head NORTH, then turn RIGHT onto Waterloo!

SCHEDULE+ check website for updates, additions and changes: WaterlooArtsFest.com

Waterloo ARTS Fest
SATURDAY JUNE 26 2010
North Collinwood's Summer Arts Brawl

KIDS' AREA ON STAGE

1:00 Storytelling
2:00 Kids Karaoke & Dance-Off
3:00 The Helper T-Cells
4:00 Magician
5:00 Princess Billie: audience participation play for kids of all ages!
6:00 Motion and Point Blank: music and dance extravaganza!

THROUGHOUT THE DAY

- interactive sculpture installation
- make and take crafts
- Art Wash & Mr. Mister water fun
- Lego Sculpture Contest (prizes at 5pm!)

SCULPTURE GARDEN

Sculpture and art exhibits inside and out!

ON STAGE

The Ongoing Adventures of Hoop Whipple:
a series of performances by the Willoughby Fine Arts Improv Troupe
12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30

BEACHLAND MUSIC & DJ STAGE

12:00 DJs Ryan Weitzel & Kelly Reidy
1:00 Diamonds and Pearls
2:00 DJ Jumpin' Joe Madigan
3:00 The Lawton Brothers
4:00 DJ Chris Kulcsar
5:00 Brent Kirby & The Shapeshifters
6:00 DJ Jake Kelly

BLUE ARROW RECORDS DJ STAGE

12:00 DJ Ed of WRUW's Chasing Infinity
1:30 DJ Beth of WCSB's Drinking Electricity
3:30 DJ Emma of WRUW's The Occasional Detour
5:30 Special Guest: DJ Dallas Good of The Sadies

FEST OUTDOOR STAGE (WEST)

12:00 Melocotón
1:30 Cereal Banter
3:00 Safari
4:30 Chardon Polka Band
6:00 Founding Fathers

FEST OUTDOOR STAGE (EAST)

12-3:00 Poetry & Acoustic Sets
3:15 Justin Markert
4:00 Acoustic Express
5:00 Monolith at Tycho
6:15 Humble Home

OTHER FUN STUFF!

11:45 Mural Unveiling
Arts Collinwood Arts Center
a new original installation by artist **Jake Kelly**
Free t-shirts for the first 20 people!

Fest kick-off and parade at noon!

Annual Members' Show
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Pop-Up Gallery at 15812
Artwork by Dustin Nowlin and Jake Kelly

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Schools

Tim Robertson, dedicated teacher and friend retires from VASJ

by Emily Robinson

After 43 years of dedicated service to St. Joseph High School and Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School, Tim Robertson SJ '62 is retiring as teacher, friend, administrator, photographer, consultant, statistician and much, much more.

On Friday, May 20, 2010, Tim's AP Calculus class bid him a fond farewell with a surprise assembly, highlighting his classroom antics and style while also reminiscing about the positive impact he has had on the school and his students. Everyone in attendance laughed and cried as Tim's students showcased their affection and admiration for, as his students call him, T-Rob.

Tim's presence at VASJ will be greatly missed, but his legacy will continue through the memories and stories of everyone he has touched in his 43 years. Thank you, Tim.

Tim's family will be throwing a party in the VASJ gym in his honor on Friday, June 18th at 7:00 p.m. All are invited and encouraged to come.

VASJ is offering 3 Summer Athletic Camps:

by Emily Robinson

Lady Viking Middle School Volleyball Camp
June 21-24, 2010
Grades 5-7 8am-12:00pm
Grades 8-9 1pm-5:00pm
VASJ Gymnasium
For girls entering grades 5-9
Cost: \$125 discounted to \$100 if received before June 15, 2010
For Information call: Mark Royer 216-731-5683

Lady Viking Summer Girls Basketball Camp
July 5-8, 2010
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
VASJ Gymnasium
Girls entering grades 5-9
Cost: \$100 discounted to \$85 if paid in full by June 28, 2010
Includes: Camp T-Shirt; fundamental teaching (stations); inspirational/motivational speaking; individual and team games.

The camp seeks to promote/reinforce the importance of education, discipline and teamwork.

Contact Coach Redding for more details by phone at 216.481.8414 ext. 293 or by email at aredding@vasj.com

Vikings Boys Basketball Camp 2010
July 26-29, 2010
9:00AM to Noon
VASJ Gymnasium
Boys Entering Grades 3-9
Cost: \$125 discounted to \$100 if received before July 15, 2010
For more information call or e-mail Babe Kwasniak: 440.665.6050 or babekwas@yahoo.com

Collinwood High School artists rate high in competitions

Lynn Haney

Collinwood Art Teacher, Ms. Denise Denega, has always encouraged her students to enter competitions at the local, regional and national level. This year two of her students, juniors, Marks Burns and Anthony Sanders won several awards for their artwork. It was a busy spring as Anthony Sanders placed in the 2010 Ohio Governor's Youth Competition in March.

Next - in April - Mark Burns placed Second in Drawing and received an Honorable Mention in Painting at the NAACP Regional Competition. Anthony also received an Honorable Mention in Painting. Then in May both Sanders and Burns entered the Congressional Art Competition (District 11) where Mark Burns placed Second in Mixed Media. Both artists' pieces are presently on display at the MLK Library in University Circle.

In addition, Akeem Pennicooke placed First in Computer Graphics and will represent Collinwood High School at the National NAACP Competition in Kansas City, Missouri this July. Congratulations to Ms. Denega and her talented students.



Mark Burns with his award winning Mixed Media in the Congressional Art Competition



"Work in progress..." Mark Burns self-portrait drawing.

'GRADS' encourages teen parents to stay in school

by Judy Mengel

GRADS (Graduation, Reality and Dual-Role Skills) is a high school class for teen parents, both young men and young women. The purpose of this for-credit class is definitely not to encourage teen pregnancy. The purpose of GRADS is to support young teens who have already become pregnant or are already parents. GRADS is about encouraging young parenting teens to learn about their pregnancy, parenting, relationships, child development and economic independence.

We want to help them, assist them and encourage them to work through

Boys baseball All Stars from Collinwood High School

by Patrick Hython

The Collinwood Boys' Baseball team had a good season for the 2009-2010 school year. The team coach, Mr. Ityem, coached a decent record of 6 wins -5 losses for the Senate and 8-9 for the whole season. The top players on the team were Richard Dortch, Demario Agee, and Patrick Hython. Richard's stats were 21 hits, 16 RBI's, 8 doubles, and 11 stolen bases. Demario's stats were 13 hits, 17 RBI's, 2 homeruns, and 13 stolen bases. Patrick's stats were 20 hits, 21 RBI's 5 doubles, and 17 stolen bases. Jalen McCoy was the team star in the outfield with some great catches. David Harris was the team star catcher who caught everything that came his way. Aaron Cole was the star first baseman who got everybody out.

On Thursday June 3rd, the All

difficulties that arise with daycare, family, finances, and school personnel so they will STAY IN SCHOOL to GRADUATE. GRADS is all about beating the odds and completing school in spite of what friends, relatives and society may say. Also special emphasis is placed on post secondary education to find and keep a fulfilling career while earning a living and seeking a good example for their children to follow. We stress reading to children early and often so they will also love to learn and be successful in school.

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Collinwood All Stars

Stars from each team in the Senate (Rhodes, Lincoln West, South, East, East Tech, John, Hay, John Marshall, John Adams, JFK, Max Hayes, Glenville, and Collinwood) went to Progressive Field to get awards for their All Star year. The All-Stars from Collinwood were Richard Dortch and Patrick Hython. The players and their coaches were present for the ceremony that started at 11:30am and was televised on Fox Sport Network OH.

The program started with all the girls' softball All Stars, then they called

A Jubilee Academy sponsors food program

by Ebonie West

A Jubilee Academy announces sponsorship of the USDA funded Child and Adult Care Food Program. Meals are available to all enrolled participants without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability and will be served at no separate charge. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

A Jubilee Academy is located at 15751 Lakeshore Blvd. Cleveland, Ohio 44110.

The Change

by Jessica Turnage

There was once a day
Where you didn't have to be afraid
Where you did have something to say
Where there was not meaning for parade
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the boys' baseball All Stars and followed by announcing the MVPs of the League.

After the awards ceremony, the Championship game of the Senate was played between the undefeated, Lincoln West, and the defensive Rhodes. With a score of 10 to 8, Rhodes won and broke Lincoln West's undefeated season. This was a good year for Rhodes and we hope next year Collinwood can be in their position.

Schools

Collinwood High School joins Cleveland Teachers' Union protest

by Lynn Haney, MA

On May 11th, over 600 members of the Cleveland Teachers Union marched from the downtown Mall to the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) Administration Building at 1360 East 6th Street to protest the teacher and staff lay offs.

The battle cry was "Pink Hearts, Not Pink Slips," as hundred of signs with this slogan were placed on the front lawn of the CMSD headquarters. With over 15 teacher layoffs as well as a complete turnover of principals and staff, who knows what Collinwood High School will look like following CEO, Dr. Eugene Sanders' "Transformation" plans for the 2010-2011 school year.

'GRADS' encourages teen parents to stay in school

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New Ohio Standards for GRADS which will be implemented for 2010-

Everyone has been aware of the diminishing student population and the struggle to create effective curricula with lack of technology available in the average classroom. It is a shame that so many of our teachers are not included in the mix to bring about the reforms that we all know are needed. A summer of dialogue and planning would be more effective than the summer of uncertainty that awaits so many of us. Sad to say, that despite attaining my Masters from John Carrol University on May 23rd, I am among those ranks. I have enjoyed working with the Collinwood Observer and helping our students get journalism experience. Best of luck to the Collinwood Observer and community.

11 include: I. Relationships II. College and Career readiness III. Economic Independence V. Healthy Prenatal and Neonatal Care V. Nurturing Healthy Children and Establishing Healthy Families.

GRADS was begun in the early 1990's with a federal grant from the National Diffusion Network. Many states have adopted GRADS and have programs available in their schools. Our state GRADS reports show statistics that those students who are enrolled in GRADS stay in school longer and are more likely to graduate than those without the support of GRADS. At one time, GRADS classes were offered in most Cleveland High Schools. At this time, Collinwood is the only Cleveland Metropolitan School District to still offer GRADS, though many suburban school districts still offer GRADS.

Anyone interested in serving on the Advisory Committee or in encouraging the students in GRADS, or who wishes to offer other types of support, educational or job contacts, is encouraged to contact Mrs. Mengel at CHS. If you are a teen parent, pregnant teen, or family member of a teen parent and desire more information or to enroll for next year, please contact Judy Mengel, 216.851.3355 at Collinwood or by e-mail at Judy.K.Mengel@CMSD-net.net.

If you are a former GRADS student, Mrs. Mengel would also love to hear from you.

School mailing address is: Collinwood High GRADS, Judy Mengel, 15210 St Clair Avenue, Cleveland, 44110 Summer address is: 367 TR 1275, POLK, Ohio 44866

Judy Mengel is the GRADS Teacher at Collinwood High School



Collinwood CAST Program Director, Marcella Hall and Attendance Liaison, Ms. Spencer voice their concern for teacher lay offs at the CTU Rally.

Collinwood Prom 2010

The Collinwood High School Prom was held at the lovely Terrace Club at Progressive Field. The theme was "Mardi Gras." Students looked glamorous in an array of matching outfits.

Savoring the moment.
Standing: Assistant Principal, Steven Mietus, Deputy Principal Jesse Winston, Assistant Principal, Kenneth Robison.
Seated: Principal Deborah Moore and English Teacher, Carolyn Speed



Seniors Anthony Prather and Mariesha Mikel show off their Mardi Gras outfits at the CHS Senior Prom

New Principal for VASJ

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Csank. "Given how important this decision is for our school, it was critical to include key stakeholders along the way. In addition to the official search committee appointed by the Diocese, Dave met with students, faculty and staff, parents and alumni. The process worked as intended, and Dave will be a great partner as we pursue our vision to build a 21st Century model of Catholic education."

Csank, who will leave his post as Principal of St. Mary's Elementary School in Akron, will replace current VASJ Principal Janice Roccasalva, who is retiring after 33 years in Catholic education serving the Diocese of Cleveland.

While Csank is closing out the school year at St. Mary's, he made the trip to Cleveland to be introduced to the faculty and staff on Wednesday, May 19, and was again on campus May 24, to attend a meeting of VASJ's 21st Century Task Force and to introduce himself to parents at a "Meet the New Principal" event.

"I am excited about getting started at VASJ and working with faculty and staff, guided by the Ursuline and Marianist traditions that have made this school great," said Csank. Summing up his leadership style, Csank said he said he told his new faculty and staff, "We're a team. We're here to help each other."

Csank will assume his position as VASJ's Principal on July 1.

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by Yorel Hill

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with the one you're left with
You feel empty
Your heart's about ready to stop and
you're breathless
You feel empty
Because you can't control yourself
and you give everyone a hard time
You feel empty
Through the guilt and through
the crime
You feel empty
It's hard to love the ones who
don't love you back
You feel empty
My mother died of a heart attack!
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M-MANY PROBLEMS
P-PART OF MY HEART IS
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T-TORN
Y-YOUNG TEEN

Health

Weighing in on obesity

by Susan Brandt

This story is not new or startling by any means, I am obese, and have been for at least the last 30 years. I might be lucky, only because I do not have diabetes, and my cholesterol, at last check in August of 2009, is in the normal range.

What I do have, however, is the ability to change the course that I took to get here, and that is not easy by any means. Not easy in the sense that change is difficult in the big picture but easy in small steps.

The first small step I took was looking into different forms of weight loss. There are a million of ways to lose the weight, but in reality only one way to keep it off. Weight Watchers, Nutri System, Bariatric Bypass, the Gazelle, Ty-bow, Yoga, Pilate's, South Beach Diet, Atkins Diet, Lap-band, Diet M.D., Ballys ect...

In September of 2009 I signed up at Millers Gym with a personal trainer, Mike Karban, you may have read about him in the column "Getting to Know You" back in December of 2009. I have this love/hate relationship with him, because you see I

love the results but hate the work, but as long as I am getting the results, the work I so dearly hate, is going to get done.

The work-out started out fairly simple, squats, crunches leg lifts. But oh, was I fooled, the day after the first work-out I almost didn't get out of bed, my legs felt like lead weights, not to mention the rest of my body, but I persevered. I showed up every session, Mike wrote down everything that I did, and now, when I look back at where I am and where I was, the results are pretty AWESOME!

Then Mike (I believe one of my friends referred to him as a Monster)after about a month of working with him 3 days a week, hit me with cardio. I could not believe I would have to get on a treadmill when I was already lifting weights, isn't that enough? No, because you see, if the cardio isn't good you cannot keep up with the weightlifting. And through all of that, I just kept telling myself, "Sue take it easy and just listen to him, it's all good, you can get through this." And somehow I managed. I still struggle, but at least I still

do it, and it is still manageable.

The diet is in the process of being worked out. I am a former food addict—donut a day—so I cannot stop eating, and the mind over matter bit, well that's like me trying to explain Reikki to the average person(don't ask). All I can add to this subject is that what you put in your mouth matters in terms of energy, sustainability, and lean muscle mass when you are doing weight lifting and cardio.

After 9 months, I lost 80 lbs. and am still on the journey. If you need to lose weight, and at this time, have not started to think about the benefits that it can offer you, ask yourself this, do you matter to someone else? I matter to my



Before



After

family, friends and clients, and I would like to think that they would want me around for years to come in an active, productive and meaningful way.

The biggest step is the first step.
To your health!

Senior Information and Wellness Fair, June 23

by Mary Louise Jesek Daly

The Senior Information and Wellness Fair will be held Thursday, June 23 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Lake Shore Golden Age Center, 16600 Lake Shore Blvd.

City Departments and Community Agencies will distribute information on services and programs available for senior citizens. Free glucose and blood pressure screenings will be available.

The Fair is hosted by Councilman Michael D. Polensek of Ward 11 and The Cleveland Department of Aging and The Cleveland Department of Public Health.

Collinwood graduate opens new local fitness center

by Ebony Cash

In an effort to help promote better health, a Collinwood High School graduate recently opened up a local fitness center called TMAB Fitness.

Tracey M. Brown, a 2000 grad, is the person behind the new business.

The services provided by TMAB Fitness are based on three tiers of training: integrated, core, and private personal training.

Brown was born and raised on the east side of Cleveland. She is an alumna of Collinwood High; known for the infamous "Lady Railroaders," where she was a proud participant. She moved away after graduation and acquired a

number of skills while traveling. Being an athlete at heart, Brown stuck with her habitual state of working out six days a week.

Along with one-on-one consultations and nutritional guidance, TMAB offers body-building competitions and the popular Zumba, a dance fitness program.

Brown believes you have to strengthen your mind along with your body. TMAB Fitness' motto is "a conscious mind is a healthy thought."

Classes are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at the Shore Cultural Center on East 222nd Street in Euclid. If interested, you can contact Tracey Brown at 440-429-0672.

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Art & Entertainment

Ohio Independent Film Festival at Beachland Ballroom

June 12 - June 14: Meet the Filmmaker

by Nan Kennedy,

additional info from ohiofilms.com

On Friday, June 11, 6-9 pm, Arts Collinwood is hosting a free meet and greet event with Shaker Heights resident and independent filmmaker Todd Kwait as a kick-off to the 2010 Ohio Independent Film Festival, and to promote Kwait's newest film, *Vagabondo*. The Film Fest starts Sunday, June 13, at the Beachland Ballroom. Todd Kwait is a lawyer and businessman with a life-long passion for film.

INDEPENDENT PICTURES presents a Film Premiere and Benefit Sunday, June 13, 6pm at The Beachland

Ballroom Featuring Folk Music Legend Vince Martin in *VAGABONDO*!

A film by Todd Kwait and Mark Sebastian *Vagabondo!*, brings us into the world of seminal New York singer songwriter Vince Martin. Martin recorded with John Sebastian of the Lovin' Spoonful, Fred Neil and Felix Pappalardi, becoming very influential on the growing folk and folk rock scene in early sixties New York.

The festival runs from the 12 through the 14th, for a full listing of films, descriptions and times, go to www.ohiofilms.com.

"Images of Hospice" debuts at Arabica



Mother and daughter pose for a photo taken by Notre Dame student Aurelia Nuber at Hospice House.

by Paige Boyer

For four months, Hospice of the Western Reserve patients and families welcomed photography students from Notre Dame College on their journey with a serious illness. 167 photographs later, the four participating students found themselves changed forever.

These students, Aurelia Nuber, Ralph D'Alessio, Sarah Nank and Dominic Schiavoni, spent time with patients and families at Hospice of the Western Reserve's Hospice House—an inpatient facility overlooking Lake Erie.

The fruits of their experience—called "Images of Hospice"—will be on display at Arabica Coffee House at 818 East 185th Street beginning Thursday, June 24. The show kicks off with a reception from noon to 2 pm at Arabica.

Sunday Roast Poetry Series

by Elena Tomorowitz

Poetry is a terrifying creature. It lurks beneath the surfaces of other art forms causing most people who encounter it to run away in discontent. They are left with questions that can never be answered, only speculated about.

The Sunday Roast Reading Series is just the cure needed for this phobia. Mix the aroma of coffee, the clink of glasses, and the aura of a little booze with this poetic creature and suddenly it becomes a likeable friend and a com-

pletely visceral experience.

The next Sunday Roast will be June 13th and feature readings by three regional writers. T.M. Göttl is best known around Cleveland as a slam poet, but her work can be found in print in various magazines and online journals. Her poetry captures the nature of storytelling while exploring themes of myth, adventure, and religion.

Phil Metres has numerous publications and teaches at John Carroll University.

Amy Pheneger—Freedom to create

by Cassandra Coin

Amy Pheneger is a transplant from Chicago who left her corporate job there and was inspired to move back to Cleveland because she wanted to "get back to painting."

Despite having lived many years in Chicago—what many consider a place to move to create art—she found herself compromising that art in order to afford the cost of living. Amy moved back to Cleveland, and the Collinwood area, because of the warmth of the people and the accessibility to a strong artistic community that allows her the freedom to create.

Since her return, Amy has been a staple at the Grovewood Tavern and Wine Bar, where I first met her. If you've been there for dinner, you will no doubt remember her smile and earnest disposition. In addition, you may have noticed some of her work on display. Those pieces are also for sale for an affordable price because she feels that "art should be accessible to many."

Her brilliant use of color and blending works to express the energy that she feels in the world around her. Despite the detour from painting in Chicago, Amy has renewed her sense of happiness and completion by realiz-

Weird Collinwood

by Elena Tomorowitz

Collinwood is a weird place and that's even without the weird occurrences. Add in some ghost sightings, gardens overgrown with a plant you never planted, or perhaps some street prophets doling out daily horoscopes and you've got what I like to call home.

"Weird Collinwood" is just the vessel for such mysteries. I've lived in North Collinwood for the majority of my formative years, so I've been witness to these strange occurrences firsthand, or at least heard about them. I was never quite sure if I was a magnet for these bizarre happenings, or if it was just because North Collinwood has an abundance of them. I once had a woman confront me in the gas station and tell me with great certainty that I would soon find lots of money and that I was special. Maybe I mistook it as her asking for money, but of course I bought a lottery ticket the next day. Not a winner, but I felt touched in some way. Perhaps this woman had a sixth sense that I should take seriously.

A woman driving by Collinwood Memorial gardens, the site of the Col-

linwood school fire, swears she saw children playing in the park in period clothing. When she turned back to look again, they were gone. There are also stories about strange lights in the school's windows. We all love to feel the tingle of a good ghost story, especially when it occurs in our own backyard. Collinwood is an old community with a rich history. These mysteries and stories are important in keeping our history alive. These are also stories from home.

Everyone has had something weird happen to them at some point, or else they're probably not living in Collinwood. Do you have any stories to tell? Events that don't make sense? Buildings, rooms, stores, streets that seem to have a secret life of their own? Submit them here and share them with your neighbors as we put together the Weird Collinwood map, along with celebrating everything else about our unique neighborhood.

Go to www.collinwoodobserver.com, sign into the Member Center, on your left on the front page, and when you write your story, select the "Weird Collinwood" category.

Off-Broadway on E. 185th Street

by Hassam Rogers

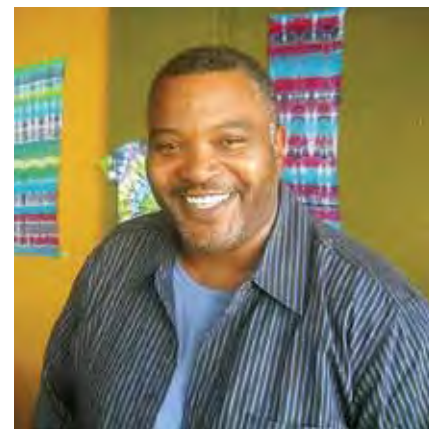
New York has its Off Broadway theater district that offers audiences edgy, provocative works that challenge and even defy tradition. Now I'm bringing that dare-to-be-different approach to a non-traditional site for theater in Cleveland; The East 185th street ARABICA coffee house, with what has been called a "stage-shaking piece"; Malcolm's Conversation.

Friday, June 11 and Saturday, June 12 at 8 pm, the East 185th street Arabica will feature my latest work which I wrote, produced, directed, and oh yeah, I'm playing Malcolm Washington, the play's central character.

Malcolm's Conversation has been billed as A Play About Love, I've been asked, is this play about your love life? Well I'm married and have been for 17 years, but this question makes me smile. Malcolm Washington is about every man, and every woman who has experienced the singular complexity that is love. So it's about a whole lotta love lives.

The cast includes; Mia Jones, Tia Clark, Janelle Tate, and Fliria Jernigan. I've worked with a lot of Cleveland's

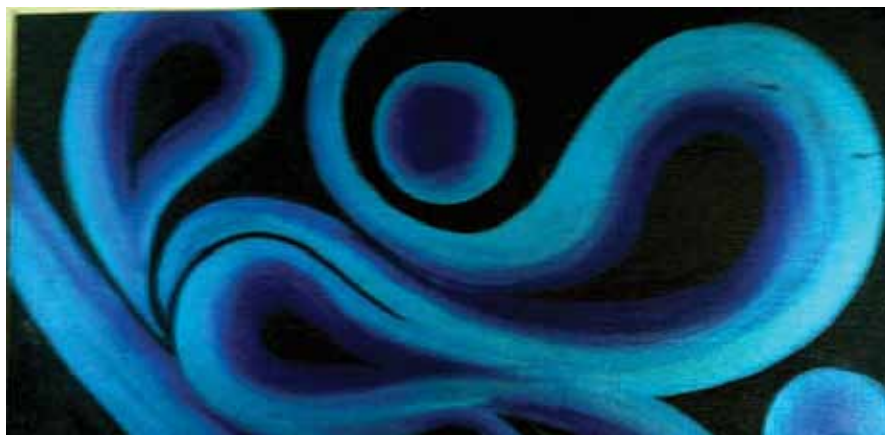
most amazing actors: Nina Domingue Glover, Charles Bevel, Abdullah Bey, and I can say without any doubt that my cast is ready to make an impact on the theater scene. If you're looking for something different and even a little risqué, save your airfare to New York, and instead of the mostly musical and predictable theater in Cleveland, this week, dare to be different and catch Malcolm's Conversation—A Play About Love. it's a little off Broadway right at 818 East 185th, The ARABICA Coffee House.



Hassam Rogers, as Macolm Washington, from "Malcolm's Conversation" coming soon to the E. 185th St. Arabica.

ing her passion. In essence, Cleveland has allowed her to "grow and be true to

myself, I needed to give my attention and emphasis to be creative."



Youth & Family

Grandma X

Dear Grandmas,

This is a question about grandmas; it should be perfect for you, I hope. My in-laws are from out of town. Last time they visited, my daughter referred to her other, in-town grandmother as her “real” grandma. My mother-in-law made a joke, and now refers to herself as Grandma X. My daughter (she is 6) feels like she did something wrong, and stayed away from my mother-in-law most of the time they were here. I talked to my daughter about it but “Grandma X” keeps calling herself that and I’m worried that when they are here the next time, my daughter will spend even less time with her, when they have so little time together already. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated. Thanks!

--Mother of a very self-conscious little girl

Dear Mother,

Yes, you have come up with a question that penetrates right to the grandmotherly bone. Most of us have both in-town and out-of-town children, so we alternately play the roles of both “Grandma X” and “real grandma.” Through the years we’ve come up with two rules for competing with the other grandmother: 1) Don’t; and 2) What-

ever the child does or says, don’t take it personally. As tempting as it is to try to be designated the best grandmother, to buy the best presents, to play with the grandchildren the most tirelessly - drop out of that contest before it begins. We grandmothers need to stick together, to support one another, complement as well as compliment one another. And as to not taking it personally: even small babies will reject a caregiver who was their favorite moments before; toddlers will tease and older children will manipulate with their fickleness. They are just practicing making choices and having preferences and don’t mean it as personal rejection, so grandma needn’t take it that way.

You say that “Grandma X” called herself that as a joke, so perhaps she didn’t take your daughter calling the other grandma “real” personally at all. But it sounds like your daughter was worried that she had said something unkind, and your reassurances that she’s done nothing wrong have not consoled her. A few air-clearing conversations may be needed with all the parties involved. Before the next visit, talk about what both grandmas would like to be called: Cleveland Grandma and Chicago Grandma, maybe, or Granny and Nana, and get rid of the offending Grandma X title.

Or, maybe “Grandma X” truly was hurt at not being considered “real,” and conveyed her hurt to your child. Then the conversation with “Grandma X” should involve an expression of regret that this misunderstanding occurred, and reassurances to the out-of-town grandma that they want her all-too-limited time with her granddaughter to be wonderful experiences. Perhaps the next time “Grandma X” visits she could bring along a game or a puzzle so the two of them could have something special to do together, and while they were alone they could talk about a better name for her than Grandma X. Meanwhile it would be a good thing if the in-town grandma would step back and let the visiting grandma have some time with the child. She surely understands that living in town gives her many special times with her grandchild; now there can be times for the child to develop a special relationship with someone else as well.

It’s sounding more and more like we are addressing all the grandmothers out there, rather than coming up with an answer for you and your sensitive daughter. We do hope that both your in- and out-of-town grandmas read this and take to heart this message: concern yourself with the child, not yourself. Allow the child to be ambivalent, to have preferences, even to be stand-offish;

she will come around in time. The grandmother’s job is, after all, to offer unconditional love, and not expect it as her due in return.

It’s not easy, but in the end, it feels better than all the alternatives.

If you have a parenting question, please email it to us at thegrandmothers@collinwoodobserver.com. Or mail it to The Grandmothers, Collinwood Observer, 650 E. 185th St., Cleveland, OH 44119.

The Grandmothers are Kathy Baker, Maria Kaiser, Gann Roberts and Ginny Steininger. They meet at Hanna Perkins Center, 19901 Malvern Road, which houses the Hanna Perkins School and the Reinberger Parent/Child Resource Center. For information call Barbara Streeter (216) 991-4472.



Summer reading – and eating – for kids

by Nan Kennedy

During the library’s summer reading program, “Read Green and Grow,” lunch will be provided for kids up to 18, at the main library and all branches, 11:30-12 noon, June 7 – August 6.

Read six books and get a Wendy’s coupon and a water bottle (school-age

and teen) or sippy cup (preschool). Read six more and get a tote bag and certificate -- while quantities last, of course.

Sign up on line at <http://reading-club.cpl.org>, or visit your neighborhood branch; you’ll get a Summer Reading Club button and a library card holder. Read any books, enter titles online or

bring a list to the library.

And – bring your family to the Summer Reading Club Finale on Saturday, August 21, at Memorial Nottingham, 10 am – 12 pm. The Summer Reading Club is provided by the Cleveland Public Library and its partners: The Friends of the Cleveland Public Library, Cleveland Cavaliers, Lake Erie Monsters, Wendy’s, Cleveland Botanical Gardens, Radio Disney AM1260, and Cleveland Metropolitan School District. Lunches are made possible through Child and Adult Care Food Program of the USDA Meal Program and Cleveland’s Department of Parks and Recreation, and are provided by Children’s Hunger Alliance.

Holy Redeemer holds St. Anthony Festival

Louisa Jartz Horvath

On the weekend of June 12-13, Holy Redeemer Church, 15712 Kipling, will hold the Festival of St. Anthony. Saint Anthony was a famous teacher and preacher and a popular follower of Saint Francis of Assisi. He worked tirelessly for the poor. June 12 at 4 p.m. Mass will be held followed by food and musical entertainment. On June 13, a 10:30 Mass by the celebrated Bishop Anthony Pilla will be held, followed by a religious procession with Saint Anthony’s statue. The festival will run from 1-8 p.m. with musical entertainment and food. There will be a Saint Anthony treasure hunt for children from 3 to 9 years of age at 3 p.m. There will be a balloon artist present for the children. Come and enjoy some good Italian food—pizza and sausage sandwiches, fried dough, tripe, cavatelli and meatballs and Italian pastry.

ST. CASIMIR \$5 SALE

by Erin Randel

St. Casimir Parish invites you to attend its first fundraiser \$5 Sale, on June 12 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Items are mostly brand new and some gently used, and include clothing, toys, Webkins, and household miscellaneous. Each item, no matter its value, is just \$5. Proceeds will go towards the new parish sign fund.

We look forward to seeing everyone there.

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Nan's Notes

ARTS COLLINWOOD THIS SUMMER

July and August concerts, we hope, will proceed as planned – in the sculpture garden adjoining the Zaller Building at 16006 Waterloo, which is being refurbished by volunteer gardeners with donated plants, and is sprouting new sculptures. (Thanks, Kurt and Charles, for cleaning it up.) It's shady and cool, and admission is free (performers may pass the hat). Bring lawn chairs, blankets, picnics, children. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

If it rains again, concerts will move to the Arts Collinwood gallery, 15605 Waterloo. For information, call Arts Collinwood at 216-692-9500. The concerts are being presented by the Waterloo Sculpture Garden, with Arts Collinwood and the merchants of Waterloo Road.

For date-savers: Sunday, July 11, 2-4 pm: UpStage Theater's improv troupe;

Jazz in the Cafe

Jazz in the Café every Wednesday evening; no cover; excellent beer, wine and bits of food (tapas is Spanish; bits of food is what it really means) and a changing display of art – not to mention the show that is usually hanging in the gallery – till the end of June, that will be the Annual Members' Show, which is excellent also. Check out the weird teddy bear.

Arts Collinwood 15605 Waterloo Road, 216-692-9500, www.artscollinwood.org. Gallery and Café hours: Tuesday –Saturday 11-11; Sunday 11-5. Community Center, 397 E156.

Memorial Nottingham Library Let's Help Mother Earth! Go Green

Tuesday, June 15, 2 – 3 pm.

Children, young adults and families, join Kathleen M. Rocco, Education Specialist from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, for an interesting hour of recycling fun! Learn tips on how you could help Mother Earth by going green, and create your very own paper.

Preschool Story Time

Every Monday during June and July, 10:30 – 11:00 am.

Stories, rhymes, songs and more for children ages 3-5 and their parents/caregivers. For more information, please call 623-7039 or email cpl-memnot@cpl.org.

Cleveland Metroparks NatureTracks Mobile Tour

Monday, July 12, 1 – 3 pm.

Children, young adults and families, hop onboard the NatureTracks Mobile Classroom and expand your knowledge of nature. Join Mario Jackson, Cleveland Metroparks Education Specialist, as he discusses what you could do to become closer to the environment.

Jungle Terry's Live Animal Show

Thursday, July 22, 3:30 – 4:30 pm.

Children and families, please join Jungle Terry for the Summer Reading Club Live Animal Show! Come and learn interesting facts about nature's animals. Funded in part by the Friends

of the Cleveland Public Library.

Celebrating Euclid Beach Park Saturday, July 17, 3 - 6 pm.

The history of the innovative Humphrey family and how they made Euclid Beach Park so successful. Shady Lake Park will be discussed as well. A film on the Humphrey family will be shown during this presentation.

MySpace/Ourplanet Teen Book Discussion & Living With Ed Film

Wednesday, June 23, 4 – 6 pm.

Teens are invited to discuss green living practices from the book Myspace/Ourplanet by Tom Anderson. After the discussion teens will view green practices in a few green episodes of Living with Ed, featuring environmentalist Ed Begley, Jr. Reserve a copy of the book to be prepared for the discussion.

At The Market

I've collected – and roasted – my organic chicken – excellent! We've eaten the first punnet of strawberries and are working on the second. Eggs, of course. And (Ta-ra-ra!) the first local tomatoes. I bought a cauliflower from Nick the Hungarian, with reservation, since it was obviously Not Local and might not be fresh – but it was so crisp and firm and peppery that I ate a lot of it raw, with olives.

There are still lots of bedding plants and greens.

Coit Road Farmers' Market

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, June to October. 216-249-5455 during market hours.

Party Like It's 1910

June 18

The Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society will hold a garden party with a carousel theme in (suitably) the Waterloo Sculpture Garden (corner of Waterloo and E160, next to the Zaller Building (if you're a really old resident, the Collinwood Bakery building). Bring a dessert to share and a lawn chair to relax in. And do feel free to come in period costume – maybe you can rent a hat from Bernie Walsh. For more information, contact Mary Louise at (216) 486-1298 or ColNottHistory@aol.com. You could also go to the Society's monthly meeting on June 17 (at the Lithuanian Hall, 877 E185 St) at 6:30, and hear the whole history of the carousel.

And on Sunday, June 13, Mary Louise will present a talk on Collinwood at 2 pm, in the County Bicentennial Speaker's Series at the County Archives, 2905 Franklin Blvd.

The Universoul Circus

July 8 -11

The UniverSoul Circus, founded in the 90's to showcase the full range of talents in the Black community, now boasting performers from around the world, will present its shows at the Great Lakes Expo Center (across the street from

Euclid Square Mall) July 8-11. Call the local group sales office at 216.789.3014 for group tickets. Go to www.facebook/universoulcircus.com for special discount alerts. Check out the Web site—www.universoulcircus.com.

NATURE CENTER OPENS ITS EXPLORATION STATION

June 18

After months and months of fundraising and preparation, the Lakefront State Park is opening its exploration center at 8701 Lakeshore Blvd., Friday June 18, 7 - 9 pm. Stop by to check out all the exhibits and activity stations, and admire Christine Siarka's photos — "Precious Lake Erie: Beauty at our doorstep." Even better, if you're of a certain age, meet Capt'n Willie, the Great Lakes Pirate, and munch on refreshments provided by Interstate Safety & Service.

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Cool Camps For Kids Shipwreck Camp 2010

July 19 - July 30, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm weekdays. In partnership with the Cuyahoga County Public Library and Cleveland Lakefront State Park (ODNR), the CWRU Center for Science and Mathematics Education brings back Shipwreck Camp. Kids ages 12-15 participate in an expedition to find shipwrecks in Lake Erie. For more information, call 216-368-5075. Cost of this two week camp is \$450, includes \$25 application fee. Applications are now available.

Walk The Neighborhood

Join your neighbors, explore the sights and sounds of Collinwood and learn new and interesting facts about the place where you live. Join a YMCA of Greater Cleveland walk leader each Tuesday at 7 pm. All walkers entered in a raffle for Dave's Gift Card.

Tuesday, June 15 (2 miles): NE Corner of Waterloo Road & E156, Historic Waterloo route.

Tuesday, June 22 (1.14 miles): NE Corner of Nottingham Road & E174, Historic Bungalow route.

Tuesday, June 29 (2.25 miles): Neff Road at Dorchester Road, Euclid Bea

SUMMER AT LAKEFRONT STATE PARK

Friday Family Fun Nights
6/18 Nature Center Grand Opening 7 pm—9 pm
6/25 Bats! @ Euclid Beach 8 pm—9:30 pm
7/2 Stargazing @ Headlands 9 pm—11 pm
7/16 Nature Center Activities 7 pm—9 pm

Family Nature Adventure Thursdays

Meet the naturalist at the Wildwood pavilion (10:30 – 12 pm) for some nature exploration. Each week will feature a different topic and activities.

Passport To Fishing

Meet at Wildwood west-end parking lot Thursdays at 1 pm, for a two-hour program that starts with some learning activities before fishing. Equipment and bait provided to the first 15 participants under 16 years of age.

Adventures In Canoeing

This two-hour (starting at 10 am) program will begin with basic instruction before hitting the water. Limit 8 canoes per session. Pre-registration is required. Saturdays: June 26, July 24, August 21.

Nottingham Civic Club

This month's meeting is on June 15th at 7 pm at Nottingham United Methodist Church 18316 St. Clair Ave. The Guest Speaker will be Larry McFadden from Friends of Euclid Creek. Please bring food to the June meeting. The Nottingham Food Pantry, located in the Church, is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon to 3 p.m. Please donate plastic shopping bags for food distribution. This food stays in the neighborhood! PLANTERS NEEDED for our 3 neighborhood gardens. Call Donna at 216 289-6570 for details.

Neighborhood Talents Data Base

Do YOU have a skill to offer? There are people in this neighborhood who are experts in many areas: Golf teacher, auto mechanic, model railroad building expert, outdoor ponds expert, piano teacher, aquarium specialist, party planning expert, home organizing expert, several handy-men, and tree removal expert, sewing & crochet. Some people are willing to give lessons for free. If you want to add your talents to our database, or if you want to use any of the services at hand, please give us a call. In addition, a job network is being planned. Just call the Civic Club @, 486-7612, and leave the



Collinwood Observer

June Horoscopes

* stay home
** eh
*** SO SO

**** could be worse
***** Have a Nice Day!
***** not gonna happen

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) ****
Mercury is in retrograde. Use extreme caution when handling thermometers. This month march to the beat of a different trumpet. Lucky Number 15 3/4.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) *****
The path of this month could go right or left. Romance will play an important part in your evenings. During the day concentrate on work. This month take off the lilac colored glasses. Lucky numbers 1,3,5,7,9. That's odd.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19) ****
Prepare yourself for an adventure. Be strong and assertive. Take the time to make up your mind. This month do whatever they tell you. Lucky Numbers 2,4,6,8. Now we're even.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)*****
Keep your life a closed book. Be social. Stay away from crowds. Plan well in advance. This month be spontaneous. Lucky Number 2,467,718.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) ***
Mesmerize others with your continuous gift of gab. Strive to be understood. Do not travel in cars. This month beware of red headed strangers. Lucky number 7.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) *
Find someone to be continously supportive. Travel as much as possible. Do not travel during the full moon. This month your emotions will resem-

ble a nuclear yo-yo. Lucky Letter Q.

Leo (July 23 - Aug 22) ****
Do not forgive or forget no matter what. Be passionate. Remodel the kitchen. This month things could get really wild if you leave the lion's den. Lucky Number pi.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22) **
Stop being fussy. Buy a new car or boat. Dedicate your life to the service of others. This month play the lotto on odd days only. Play the five digits 53179.

Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22) *****
Your ability to make money will greatly be determined by the level of your work. Stop staring. Seek out your prince or princess. This month keep up the false front. No such thing as a lucky number for Libras.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21) *****
You are wise beyond your years. Stop showing off. Wednesdays will be lucky. This month beware lights in the sky. Play 999 Boxed.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) *****
This is a good time for you to change the world. Try new foods on a Sunday. Romance might blossom. This month if you stop to smell the roses - be careful! Lucky Number spider.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 18) ****
Try unusual approaches. Keep moving. You will not be content till you reach the top. This month you will get half way there. Lucky number 1/2.

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