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Collinwood student reporter covers President Obama's visit to Tri-C West

Andre Baker Harris

The Tri-C Western Campus Recreation center was filled with excited and overwhelmed students and city officials. They were all awaiting the arrival of President Barack Obama.

The loudness of the audience and everyone else made me nervous and anxious at the same time, as I stood on one of the risers with other members of the press pool. I had my camera in my hand and my recorder in the other. I was ready.

As I waited for the president, I did what any smart reporter would have done, I started lining up interviews. I interviewed and got to know Representative-elect for the 12th House District of Ohio, John Barnes, who thinks the economy has a chance to recover.

As time ticked down, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Iraq veteran Duane Evans, followed by Kira Seaton, an assistant professor of music with the National Anthem. Finally Reverend

Otis Moss, Jr. led everyone in prayer.

Minutes went by, but it felt like hours, then finally a round of applause that brought everyone to their feet. The President of the United States! The room was filled with excitement.

When everyone calmed down, the president started to deliver his speech. Camera flashes went off like lightning. Digital cameras and camera phones were held high in the audience with excitement and joy.

Even though I was having fun, I was still there for a reason. I had to listen closely and pay very close attention to the president's remarks. "People are frustrated and they're angry and they're anxious about the future," Obama said.

The president called out Republican House Minority leader John Boehner of Ohio several times heating up the mid-terms even more.



After Obama left I got the opportunity to interview several audience members, who all seemed to be in favor of the president.

This event was fun and something I hope to experience again, and hope other kids are able to experience.

Andre Baker Harris (above) is in eighth grade at Iowa Maple School. He is a reporter for the Scholastic Press and was asked to cover President Obama's visit to Northeast Ohio.

Sir Cedric's Boutique moves to Collinwood

Rosie Jefferson-McClain

After 30 years in the retail fashion business, 27 years on Euclid Avenue in East Cleveland, Sir Cedric's Boutique Inc has moved to 650B E. 185th St. in Collinwood.

Sir Cedric's carries a full line of high fashion women's apparel, featuring suits, dresses, casual wear, after 5 attire, fifth Sunday Suits, and a large selection of hard to find whit suits (year round.) Sizes start at 6 up to 28, special orders go up to size 36. There is a full shoe department with dress shoes, casual shoes, basic pumps, fabulous peep toe shoes, shimmering metallic evening shoes and a large selection of boots. Shoe sizes go up to size 13, medium and wide.

There are handbags for all occasions, a must-see jewelry department which includes one of the largest selections of clip earrings, pierced earrings for day and evening, bracelets, necklace sets, and designer rings in the area. They also have reading glasses and sun glasses.

Rosie, the proprietess of Sir Cedric's Boutique is often regarded as a designer extraordinaire. She is passionate about her work. She travels to New York, Dallas, Chicago, Atlanta and Los Angeles fashion markets for the latest designer fashions. After thirty years in the fashion business, Rosie has acquired a special gift in selecting fashion for her customers. She is also a Personal Shopper for many of her customers. In Sir Cedric's infancy, Rosie designed and constructed many of the fashions she carried in the store. Sir Cedric's is still designing and sewing, by request only.

Rosie is a graduate of Jackson State University, with a degree in Biology. Rosie worked many years as a Laboratory technician before changing careers when she opened Sir Cedric's Boutique. Rosie says thanks to her many customers, many still with her from the beginning.

Rosie is a volunteer for Ohio Long Term Care Ombudsmen, a member of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority Inc. Beta Upsilon Chapter, The Fairfax business association, and a member of Zion Chapel Missionary Church, The Reverend George O. Stewart, Pastor.

Watch for Sir Cedric's Grand Opening celebration October 14th, 15th, and 16th.

Stop in any time, say hello, and register for a Grand Opening prize. No purchase is necessary to win. ■

COLLINWOOD UNVEILED

John Meyerhoffer

Arts Collinwood presented Collinwood Unveiled Sunday, September 19th. The evening began at the Arts Collinwood Café located at the corner of East 156 Street and Waterloo Road.

The first honor of the evening belonged to Sarah Gyorki, Sarah recently retired from Arts Collinwood. Councilman Michael D. Polensek and State Rep. Kenneth "Kenny" Yuko were in attendance and presented Sarah with City and State Proclamations honoring her for her dedication and hard work.

After the ceremony, the party moved across the street to welcome Azure Stained Glass Studio to Waterloo and to marvel at Mary Zodnik and Ben Parsons stained glass creations and restorations. The team of craftsmen at Azure Stained Glass Studio specializes in the fabrication, preservation, restoration and repair, of ecclesiastical, commercial, and residential stained glass. Words cannot describe the beauty of their work. A visit to their studio is a must-see the next time you are in the Waterloo area.

Next, the party was chauffeured by Shima Limousine to seven Open-House parties at Bonniewood Park Club and Villa Beach Club. Hosts included Kathleen Sullivan, Sue Lather, Miles and Nancy Kennedy, Glen and Marie Cunningham, Marcia Egbert, Jeff Hagan, and Suzi Darlin. Their warm receptions could not have been nicer. The hosts were gracious enough to open their beautiful homes for all to tour. The seven parties all featured wine and food. The homes spotlighted just what a great community Collinwood is to live in. I overheard several folks pondering why anyone would look in any other area to purchase a



house. I was fortunate enough to witness a spectacular sunset while enjoying the Cleveland Philharmonic Duo, featuring Stephen O'Block and Margaret Lynch.

At the end of the evening, we were whisked off by the Shima Limousine back to Arts Collinwood Café for a nightcap. Sarah Taylor had laid out a spectacular spread of appetizers for all to enjoy. The Collinwood Unveiled event is one that should not be missed. I would encourage everyone to contact Arts Collinwood and request that they are placed on their mailing list so next year's event may be enjoyed, as well as all the other fantastic events and gallery openings that Arts Collinwood sponsors throughout the year. ■



State Representative Kenny Yuko with Sarah Gyorki.

DIALOGUE

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Humphrey Sports Complex showcases new civic collaboration aimed at energy efficiency

James Kopniske, Cleveland City Council Communications Director

A new multi-city collaborative project will soon shed some light on Cleveland's 11th Ward's Humphrey's Sports Complex, located at East 164th Street at Grovewood Avenue, along with helping to bring alternative energy and energy efficiency improvements to Cleveland area industrial and commercial businesses within Cuyahoga County.



Cleveland, and the sixteen cities that make up the First Suburbs Consortium Development Council, are joining together to form the City of Cleveland-First Suburbs Development Council Advanced Energy Special Improvement District. The new special improvement district will promote investment in efficient energy systems. Cleveland City Council is expected to pass legislation in support of this initiative that will likely follow with an ordinance to approve the articles of incorporation.

Key components of the Advanced Energy Special Improvement District (AESID) for area businesses include: creating longer-term, lower cost funding to pay for energy improvements; ability to aggregate projects for longer-term bond financing; ability to aggregate renewable energy credits; helping businesses to qualify for state and federal investment tax credits equal to 30 percent of the eligible costs of a project; and, the utilization of net metering.

To qualify for the advantage of this legislation, the AESID needed to select a neighborhood project in each municipality. The picnic shelter in Humphrey's Sports Complex was chosen after discussions with Councilman Mike Polensek. Cleveland's Economic Development Department has offered to pay the \$5,000 cost to provide a solar street light fixture in the park. The fixture is intended to illuminate the shelter which will provide more security and light in the sports' complex. This specific structure was chosen because it lacked electrical hookups and the City wanted this to be the first test site.

The 25-foot L.E.D. light fixture will rely on solar energy. The light will also have "smart" features to track the sun's path and

adjust the percentage of illumination based on the level of darkness. During dawn or dusk, the light will operate at 50% illumination and during the late hours of night, it will operate at 100% illumination. The light is not connected to the city's electrical system and will operate off of the sun's energy that is captured on solar panels and stored in batteries.

This simple lighting project will jumpstart a revolutionary partnership between Cleveland and its bordering cities to help businesses become greener and improve energy efficiencies. This light will be the first L.E.D. solar powered streetlight in the City of Cleveland and is one of the first, if not THE first, multi-jurisdictional, urban, Property Assessed Clean Energy Programs in the United States.

Councilman Polensek is excited about this project. "I wish to thank Mayor Frank G. Jackson's Director of Economic Development, Tracey Nichols, for her foresight on promoting Green Technologies. This light at Humphrey's adds another dimension to all that we have begun with the LEED certified initiatives and construction that will be in place at the new Collinwood Recreation Center now being built adjacent to the Humphrey's Sports Complex. I look forward to seeing how this solar streetlight as well as the overall program will work out and ultimately lead to new lighting initiatives and energy saving measures throughout the City and the surrounding suburbs."

James Kopniske is Cleveland City Council Communications Director.

Message from the Publisher

John Copic

The fall season is upon us. People are getting ready for Halloween, spending lots of time and energy decorating their houses. Kids are getting ready to dress up in adorable costumes and go out trick or treating October 31, 6pm - 8pm. Please take pictures of your creative work and send them to us at the Observer to run next month.

Starting now, you can subscribe to the Collinwood or Euclid Observer by sending a check or money order (see mailing address at left in staff box) for a one-year subscription to either paper. The paper will be delivered to your mailbox every month. Cost is \$30/year for either subscriptions. Or, don't miss a thing, and order BOTH the Collinwood and Euclid versions of the paper!

We are also looking for interns to help us with the paper. If you are a student looking to learn about writing, paper layout, advertising, editing, photography, or any aspect of the newspaper business, contact me at 216-531-6790. Positions are unpaid, but guaranteed to be rewarding.

Thanks to everyone who made this issue great!

CELEBRATE YOUR LOVE OF THE GREAT LAKES: JOIN AN ADOPT-A-BEACH EVENT NEAR YOU!

Stephen Love

Join volunteers in caring for our beaches by removing litter and collecting information on beach health. Information collected during Adopt-a-Beach events is used in pollution prevention education and to make positive changes for our Great Lakes beaches, Saturday, October 16th and November 13th 2010 at the Euclid Beach park Pavilion, 16250 Lakeshore blvd. Cleveland OH.

All beach cleanups will be held between 10-am and 12pm. For more information about Euclid Beach events contact Stephen Love (216) 571-0685 slove@mail.bw.edu. For more information about the Alliance for the Great Lakes Adopt-a-Beach program, contact adoptabeach@greatlakes.org or visit www.greatlakes.org.

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HEALTH

Hospice of the Western Reserve partners with worldwide education initiative for Voices for Hospice

Paige Boyer

October 9 is World Hospice and Palliative Care Day. For the fifth time, Hospice of the Western Reserve is helping to educate underserved populations about hospice and palliative care in conjunction with this international initiative.

During world Hospice and Palliative Care Day, people from around the world plan and participate in Voices for Hospice – events dedicated to increasing access and understanding of hospice and palliative care. This year, the focus of these events is “Sharing the Care” and how local health-care providers and individual hospices work as a team to provide the necessary care to those facing a serious illness and their families.

Locally, Hospice of the Western Reserve will host Voices for Hospice on October 9 from 11:30 to 2, at McGregor Home at 14900 Private Drive in East Cleveland. This free luncheon will feature Keynote speaker A. Gus Kious, MD, President of Huron Hospital. The event is free and open to the public and reservations are recommended by visiting HospiceWR.org/voices or calling 216-916-5517.

During the event, hosted by Harvey Zay, Cleveland media personality, a Hospice of the Western Reserve volunteer will

partner with the hospice team to share how each part of the care unit helps to ensure each patient and family receives a plan that is focused on their needs. Cleveland City Councilman Kevin Conwell and Footprints will provide musical entertainment.

Internationally, World Hospice and Palliative Care Day is dedicated to raising awareness about hospice and palliative care for those who don't have access to hospice and palliative care.

Fortunately, in Northeast Ohio hospice and palliative care is available to anyone with a serious or terminal illness regardless of age, race, diagnosis or ability to pay. Hospice of the Western Reserve is dedicated to the belief that no one should die alone or in pain.

About Hospice of the Western Reserve: Hospice of the Western Reserve is a community-based, non-profit agency providing comfort, care and emotional support to patients and their families, regardless of age, disease or ability to pay. Care is provided wherever the patient lives – in the home, hospital, assisted living/long-term care facility, or at Hospice House, our 42-bed residential facility overlooking Lake Erie. For more information visit www.hospicewr.org or call 800-707-8922.

Huron Hospital opens specialized care unit for elderly

Author

The soft lighting, no-skid floors and overall atmosphere of calm are among the first indications that this division of Huron Hospital is geared to the unique needs of a unique population.

Indeed, elderly members of the community are the focus of care in this new Acute Care for the Elderly (ACE) Unit. The fourth floor unit, which provides specialized and individualized care, began accepting its first patients in August 2010.

“This unit is in keeping with our tradi-

tion of providing quality care to the elderly,” says Keyvan Ravakhah, M.D., chairman, Department of Medicine, Huron Hospital, a Cleveland Clinic hospital. “Now, instead of being in different sections of the hospital for different services, we'll be able to give them comprehensive medical and rehabilitative care in one location.”

Patients are referred to ACE by their physicians after being treated in the hospital for chronic diseases and other ailments. The 13-bed unit is designed | continued on page 5

Euclid Hospital sock hop gives back to the community

Samantha Brainard

Poodle skirts and root beer floats, not scrubs and lab coats, filled the Euclid Hospital cafeteria when the clocks were turned back for a 1950's themed sock hop where employees donated pairs of socks to benefit the Euclid Public School District.


The event, which was held to recognize employees, turned into a way for hospital staff to help others.

“I believe that bringing all of the employees together in an effort to help our local schools is an excellent way to give back to those in need in the community,” said Sue Meeker, Employees Activities Committee

coordinator, and organizer of the event.

A total of 487 pairs of socks, in assorted sizes were collected. The socks will be presented to the Euclid Board of Education on Thursday, September 30 at 1 p.m. in the Fordyce building located at 651 E. 222nd St. and will be distributed to students in need.

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AROUND COLLINWOOD

Cleveland Public Power celebrates Public Power Week, Oct. 3-9

Shelley M. Shockley

Join Cleveland Public Power (CPP) October 3-9 in celebration of Public Power Week. The week will include daily give-a-ways for customers, a renaming ceremony and the annual Public Power Week Open House on Saturday, October 9 from noon – 4 p.m. at the utility's Eastside Service Center, 743 E. 140th Street.

"Public Power Week is a chance for Cleveland Public Power to tell the 'public power' story. To showcase the importance of offering top-notch service that is competitive and owned by the community it serves," said Ivan Henderson, Commissioner of Cleveland Public Power.

As a public utility Cleveland Public Power strives to offer the best service, but also to be a good neighbor in the community, and the annual Open House is one form of giving back to the residents of Cleveland. "We are proud to be a public power community," Barry Withers, City of Cleveland Public Utilities Director said. "Our focus goes beyond serving customers. We serve the community by providing them with an alternative source of power, as well as educating them on the advancements taking place in renewable energy and energy efficiency and conservation," he continued.

To continue educating its customers on the importance of energy efficiency and conservation, CPP will give away energy efficiency kits to customers visiting its lobby during Public Power Week. Shelley M. Shockley, Marketing Manger explained, "This year we have operated on the theme of 'Conserving energy today for power tomorrow' and we thought it would be fitting to carry that through Public Power Week. So randomly selected customers will receive small kits that we hope will lead them to utilize more efficient measures in their homes."

This year's Public Power Week events also include the renaming of its newest substation, which is part of a \$66 million expansion project. The Holton Substation located on Holton Road will be officially renamed the George S. Pofok Substation during a ceremony in the



Rotunda of Cleveland City Hall at 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 7. Mayor Frank G. Jackson and representatives from public power agencies will be on hand to commemorate the occasion.

Pofok is a former Commissioner of CPP and worked during the 1970s and 80s to fight off attempts to sell or lease the utility to the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company. His commitment to CPP and his vision to expand the utility led to the expansion of the 1990s and continues with the present expansion.

The Power Week activities will culminate with the annual Open House Celebration on Saturday, October 9. The afternoon of activities includes demonstrations on how power is transmitted from substations into homes, as well as rides in a Bucket Truck and refreshments.

In business since 1906, CPP is the largest municipal power company in the State of Ohio. Today, CPP boasts 36 substations throughout the City of Cleveland and serves more than 80,000 residential and commercial customers. Cleveland Public Power remains strong, safe and reliable as it strategically positions itself for the future. As one of the most reliable systems in the nation, CPP employees want its customers to know that they are committed to continuing to provide quality service for the next 100 years... you can Count on it!

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

News from the Waterloo Alley Cat project

Deborah Gulyas

It has been almost a year since the Waterloo Alley Cat Project began its mission to humanely reduce the number of homeless/stray cats and kittens roaming the streets in and around the Waterloo Road business district by implementing the trap-neuter/spay-return method, through the Animal Protective League's low-cost spay/neuter clinic.

We are proud to report that we have successfully spayed and neutered approximately 60 cats so far, which conservatively translates to having prevented over 700 kittens born this year.

However, there is more work to be done and still only 3 volunteers doing the bulk of the work: trapping, transporting cats to the Animal Protective League, and managing

several colonies by providing food and shelter so that the fixed cats can live out happy, healthy lives.

As the Waterloo business district continues to grow, the Waterloo Alley Cat Project hopes to continue its support of the district from the heart. The sight of free roaming cats and kittens can project a negative image of an uncaring community. Please help us to continue our progress by volunteering your time or by making a tax deductible donation to Northeast Shores Development Corp., 317 East 156th St., Cleveland 44110 and mark in the memo "Waterloo Alley Cat Project". A \$10 donation would spay/neuter one cat; or provide a bag of food for 1 week. ■

Significant year for neighborhood Lithuanian Athletic Organization, Zaibas

Alisa Boles

Lithuanian Athletic Club Zaibas, or just Zaibas, is a non-profit sports organization offering an outlet for all Cleveland, Ohio area residents of Lithuanian lineage to compete against similar clubs in the Lithuanian Athletic Union of North America (LAUNA), according to the organization's website.

Zaibas Track and Field, which has been in existence since 1960, is currently underway. In preparation for their annual invitational track meet for youth in September, weekly practices led by Coach Simas Kijauskas began Wednesday, July 7th at the Villa Angela- St. Joe's track (18491 Lakeshore Blvd). Practices run through September from 6:30pm to about 8 or 8:30. In addition to building a foundation of fitness techniques that will serve them for life, participants enjoy a nice view of Lake Erie from the track.

Other club activities throughout the year include Men's and Juniors basketball, chess, racquetball, skiing, softball slow pitch, swim-

ming, tennis, table tennis, and volleyball.

This year held bittersweet significance for the organization. 2010 brought the 60th anniversary of Zaibas, but also the loss of a beloved long-time leader and club founder, Algirdas Bielskus. All are invited to share memories of him by posting a note on the Facebook page set up in his honor: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=124046427614618>.

The torch of leadership has been passed from generation to generation by the following individuals: Vytautas Januskis (1950), Algirdas Bielskus (1950-1957), Rytas Babickas (1957-1975), Juozas Kijauskas (1975-1991), and continues today with Vidas Tatarunas (1991-present).

To register to become a member of Zaibas, or to check in for details about upcoming events or for stats and photos for past events, visit <http://www.zaibas.org>.

RAD'S supports Early Childhood Initiative through play and movement

Robert Pruitt

R.A.D'S is a family owned and operated business whose roots reach back to the Collinwood neighborhood. RAD'S started promoting and entertaining small children's parties using popular characters and educational activities in this loyal and hardworking community. It has been a pleasure partnering with organizations that have good values and business practices. After living in Collinwood for 15 years we decided to continue to provide financial support by conducting business here and hiring residents. Most importantly we continue to support the neighborhood by investing in our children and showing them that learning can be fun.

RAD'S stands for Reaching All your Dreams and more. We at RAD'S believe that every child should get a strong start to life and have an opportunity to make their dreams reality. Studies show that interaction and exposure to educational activities and exercise at an early age increases a child's

abilities to learn and excel. The early childhood initiative has had a positive impact on our community and is viewed to be a great way to invest in our children.

RAD'S is a family friendly education based entertainment service that makes learning fun and exciting. When you get RAD'S for your party or event you can have our popular characters make a special guest appearance while leading in educational interactive activities or enjoy our giant inflatable bounce house; mixing learning and exercise together. You can add on to your experience by including balloon animals, face painting, train rides and much more. RAD'S is perfect for parties, fundraisers, daycares, hospitals, and community/special events. Customers come first at RAD'S we value our children and our community.

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NATURALLY COLLINWOOD

Coit Road Farmers Market presents "Taste of Autumn" 2010 benefit on October 4th

John Copic

The annual Coit Road Farmers' Market Benefit hosted by Fred Griffith of "Good Morning, Cleveland" features live music and the taste of the local harvest from area farmers, prepared by ten of the region's finest chefs. The event will be held Monday, October 4th 6-9pm at the Beachland Ballroom on Waterloo Rd.

Featured chefs include: The Greenhouse Tavern chef-Brian Goodman, Ruth Levine of Bistro 185, Matthew Anderson of Unami, Grovewood Tavern, Beachland Ballroom, personal chef, Eric Wells, Ryan Cipriani of Angela-Mia Pizza, Larry Moore formerly of Go Bistro and Regina Nethery of Arts Collinwood Café.

Founded in 1932, the mission of the Coit Road Market is to provide access to affordable locally sourced farm fresh products to the residents of Greater Cleveland. The current focus is connecting to area residents through participation in community events, advertising and special promotions. The benefit will also provide information about the market, community gardens and local farmers.

Tickets are \$35 and are available at the Beachland Ballroom by calling 216-383-1124, online at www.beachlandballroom.com, at the

Coit Road Farmers' Market or online at www.coitmarket.org.

The Beachland is located at 15711 Waterloo Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44110.

Some of the farmers at the market have participated for three generations. Gloria Jailil is one of the newer farmers that grow on the Coit Road site next to the community garden. She serves her customers by providing healthy and fresh food. "When you grow fresh food," she says, "you are not robbed of nutritional value"

"Sustaining the Coit Rd Farmers' Market gives the community needed access to fresh fruits and vegetables at reasonable prices. We offer programs such WIC, Senior coupons and EBT Ohio Direction card access for those in the community needing assistance," offered Board Member Tony Matlak.

"At the Market, you can meet the grower or preparer and know the source of your food and how it is processed. You can get ideas on preparing foods especially those you've heard about but have not tried. We can also explain the different varieties of fruits, vegetables and spices," said Kevin Scheuring, vendor -Spice Hound. ■

The car is clean but what about the water? Wash your car the right way

Claire Posius

For many, car washing is a summertime ritual. Often, citizens don't know that by washing all that grime off your vehicles they might actually be causing harm to our local waterways.

Water entering the storm drain, unlike water that enters sanitary sewers, does not undergo treatment before it is discharged into our waterways. When cars are washed on streets and driveways, that dirty water eventually winds up in rivers, streams, creeks, and lakes.

Washing one car may not seem to be a problem, but collectively car washing activity adds up to big problems for our local lakes, creeks and streams. Pollution associated with car washing degrades water quality while also finding its way into sediments, impacting aquatic habitats.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

Washing your car is only a problem if you don't know where or how to do it correctly. The average homeowner uses 116 gallons of water to wash a car! Most commercial car washes use 60% less water for the entire process than a homeowner uses just to rinse the car. Among the many impacts of motor vehicles on our environment, car washing has been noted by water quality experts as a serious contributor to water pollution.

Water that runs off a car when it is washed in a driveway, street, or parking lot can contain substances that pollute the environment. Dirty water containing soap, detergents, residue from exhaust fumes, gasoline, heavy metals from rust, and motor oils can wash off cars and flow directly into storm drains and into the nearest creek or stream where it can harm water quality and wildlife.

The phosphates from soap can cause excess algae to grow. Excessive algae smells bad, looks bad, and harms water quality. As algae decay, the process uses up oxygen in the water that

fish need.

Car wash fundraisers can be a significant source of this kind of pollution. These events are usually held in heavily paved areas where there is little runoff control or grass to filter out harmful substances before they reach our waterways.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

The best way to minimize the effect washing your car has on the environment is to use a commercial car wash. Most locations reuse wash water several times before sending it to a treatment plant.

However, if you choose to wash your car at home or on the street, these are some things that you can do to minimize the water quality impact:

- Use biodegradable, phosphate-free, water-based cleaners only;
- Minimize water usage. Use a spray gun with flow restriction to minimize water volume and runoff;
- Wash your car on an area that absorbs water, such as gravel, or grass. This can filter water before it enters groundwater, storm drains, or creeks. Avoid washing cars on concrete or asphalt pavement unless it drains into a vegetated area;
- Only let wash water soak into the ground if you are using biodegradable, phosphate-free cleaners;
- When planning a car wash fundraiser, try developing a partnership with a commercial car wash facility, or use a safe location; and,
- Always empty wash buckets into sinks or toilets.

Claire Posius is the Euclid Creek Watershed Coordinator. Cuyaboga Soil and Water Conservation District, 216-524-6580, www.cuyabogawcd.org, cposius@cuyabogawcd.org

HOLIDAY REVERSE RAFFLE

Donna Cantlin

Please join Rose-Mary Center for our annual Holiday Reverse Raffle Friday, Nov. 5, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. This year the raffle will be held at Tizzano's Party Center, 1360 East 260 St., in Euclid. Come and enjoy the fun, food and entertainment. Tickets start at \$50 and include family style dinner, beer, wine, entertainment and a chance to win \$1,500 in the 50/50 raffle. There will be a silent auction and Chinese raffle.

Rose-Mary Center has been serving the community since 1922, when Caesar Grasselli donated his summer home on Euclid Avenue, in Euclid, to the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. First serving as a home for children with physical disabilities and under the management of

the Humility of Mary Sisters, today Rose-Mary provides an array of services and residential care for children with developmental disabilities. The Center also manages 7 group homes for adults throughout Cuyahoga County.

The Holiday Reverse Raffle proceeds will go directly to benefit the children and adults the Center serves, including providing speech/ language therapy, physical therapy and habilitation services.

Call Donna Cantlin at 216-481-4823 Ext. 105 for more information and to purchase tickets or visit www.rose-marycenter.com. Rose-Mary Center, 19350 Euclid Avenue, Euclid, OH 44117.

HURON HOSPITAL

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to simulate a home environment for patients, to help offset any disorientation or confusion they may experience as a result of being admitted to the hospital. Rooms are private and more spacious.

In addition to being under the care of personal physicians, day-to-day treatment plans will be developed for individual patients for physical, occupational and speech therapy. The personal plans are developed and implemented to by an interdisciplinary healthcare team assigned to the unit. Their goal is to return patients to lives of independence, or self-reliance, as soon as possible for as long as possible.

East Cleveland Mayor Gary Norton praises hospital staff for being proactive in serving the needs of elderly residents. "Huron Hospital keeps adapting to the needs of the population," he says. "This unit is a tribute to their concern for a segment of the population that needs specialized care." He attended recent ribbon-cutting ceremonies to open the unit.

ACE was spearheaded by A. Gus Kious, M.D., president of Huron Hospital, and funded by the Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Kious says the unit was established in recognition of the range of specialized treatment services needed by the rising number of elderly residents in the general population. "Many of them are frail and vulnerable, and require more focused

levels of care. The ACE Unit provides these levels of care in a setting that's more conducive to comprehensive treatment."

Each room is furnished with bath facilities, storage space, television set, large wall clock and board for posting notes regarding medical visits and therapy sessions. Community dining facilities promote patient and family visits. Patients also can engage in group exercises and recreational activities to help them maintain muscle strength and agility.

The healthcare team consists of rehabilitation therapists, nurses, social workers, case managers, dietitians and pharmacists. They work closely with primary care physicians for the patients in designing and carrying out treatment plans. Team members meet daily to ensure that patients are receiving the care needed, and make any needed adjustments in treatment plans.

Wei Wang, M.D., internal medicine, Huron Hospital, also is assigned to the unit as "a medical care resource" for the team. "This is a service that is really needed," says Dr. Wang, who additionally practices at two area nursing homes. "And, the family feel will enhance the patient's ability get the full benefit of services being provided."

Such meetings "provide the entire healthcare team with easy and comprehensive access to pertinent patient information to initiate timely interventions," explains Ingrid Muir, R.N., director of Medical Surgical Nursing, Huron Hospital. ■

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NORTHEAST SHORES

Anniversary Cook-Out for the East 156th St. Block Watch

Denise Lorek

On Wednesday, September 22, residents and merchants, young people and seniors from all over the East 156th St. neighborhood joined together for food, entertainment and fellowship.

Reverend Becham from B&M Barbecue fired up the grill around 4:00 so he could "get some smoke in the air" as he put it. As we waited for the neighbors to show up, Rev. Becham handed out some samples to those of us that were there to set up for the festivities. After finishing my samples, I knew I wouldn't have to worry if the food was going to be good. It wasn't just good, it was excellent!

It was a beautiful night for a cook out. The food prepared by Rev. Becham included ribs, wings, fried chicken, mac & cheese, and spaghetti. Bobby Qasim from Lakeshore Food Mart provided the pop. Dessert was from Cakes by Sweetwater. If anyone went home hungry, it sure wasn't because there was not enough good food.

Chairperson Patricia Harrison welcomed everyone to the first of hopefully many more

Block Parties. Mrs. Harrison encouraged everyone to also attend the meetings which are the 4th Wednesday of every month at the Arts Collinwood Community Center (397 E. 156th St.) at 6pm. She shared with the group that Councilman Polensek and the 5th District Police Department are at every meeting to listen to the questions and concerns of residents. Councilman Polensek and the 5th District Police also provide updates at the meetings on what is going on in the neighborhood. Mrs. Harrison told everyone "that the meetings are a good opportunity to meet and talk to your neighbors".

Councilman Polensek thanked everyone for coming to the cook out. He told the group that "a neighborhood is only as good as the people in it and people can make a difference in their neighborhood by participating in Block Watches".

Camille Maxwell, Real Estate Development Director from Northeast Shores, explained to the residents that most of them live in what is called a "Model Block". Camille shared with



the residents the various opportunities that are available to them because they live in a Model Block. Some of the initiatives offer help with the painting of the exterior of your home, another one helps with the weatherization of your home, and the Model Block Small Grant Rebate plan helps residents with exterior repairs or to help address any exterior violations they may have. Call Camille for a complete list of the opportunities available.

Liz Copic our "One Fun DJ" provided us with party music off of her Iphone. Yes Iphone! Technology is amazing these days. She had Rev. Becham dancing as he was cooking.

The Yo-Yo club was there dazzling the crowd

with their yo-yo tricks. Merchants from Waterloo mingled with their customers. Old people were talking to young people and everyone was eating! A good time was had by all who attended.

If you would like to join the East 156th St. Block Club, all you have to do is attend their monthly meetings on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:00 at the Arts Collinwood Community Center.

If you are interested in starting a Block Watch in your neighborhood or want to find out if your neighborhood has a Block Watch, call Denise Lorek at 216-481-7660 for more information.

Homeownership is one of life's true pleasures

Camille Maxwell

Northeast Shores Development Corporation continues its commitment to increase homeownership in the neighborhood. If you are tired of renting and looking for a wealth-building opportunity, becoming a homeowner will establish a step into wealth-building. We currently have 2 renovated homes for sale in the North Shores Collinwood, both properties offer easy access to I-90, which means you can be in downtown Cleveland in just 10 minutes!

428 East 157th Street—\$105,000

This Waterloo Village home has been renovated top to bottom! It combines the best of vintage charm with today's modern conveniences. The first floor includes a large entry hall, living room, dining room, family room, kitchen, half bath and mudroom. The all-new kitchen has oak cabinets and black appliances. Upstairs, there are three spacious and light-filled bedrooms—including a master bedroom with his and her closets. The large full bath has ceramic tile floors and tub surround. A 4th bedroom and home office or children's playroom are on the 3rd floor. With a two-car garage and full basement, this home has an abundance of storage. Enjoy cooking out or just watching the kids play in the nicely shaded back yard. And there's plenty to do right in the neighborhood. The Waterloo Arts and Entertainment District is just steps away! See your favorite band at the Beachland Ballroom, meet a friend for coffee at Café at Arts Collinwood or relax at Euclid Beach.

13808 Othello Street—\$85,000

Are you looking for a quaint home? This property offers tranquility. 3 Bedrooms, 1 bath,

living room, dining room with a fenced in yard and shaded trees in the front and back yards. After enjoying the great outdoors kick off your shoes and walk around bare footed on your new carpet throughout your home. Maybe begin cooking meals in the large eat in kitchen, after all you have plenty of storage space for the comfort food that we all anticipate during this time of the year. Okay, so you've cooked that delicious meal and you're ready to relax in your living room and enjoy your favorite television programs on your sofa. As you relax, you suddenly remember to decorate your dining room table with fall decor. As you're decorating you glance to your left and stare through your patio doors at the thousands of colorful leaves falling onto your deck, smiling because you own your own home. Instantly, you want to cherish the moment and prepare a cup of apple cider sitting on your deck by a small outdoor fire bowl. Be sure to be safe and have a screen and cover.

Or rent a cozy apartment now while preparing to own a home tomorrow!

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- Brag to your friends about the North Collinwood Community Recreation Center that you will be able to enjoy.

Please contact Camille Maxwell, Real Estate Development Director at (216) 481-7660 ext.30 to tour these homes or apartments today, and see photos online at www.collinwoodobserver.com.

Cleveland Restoration Society sponsors LaSalle Theatre Snoop

John Boksansky

The Cleveland Restoration Society (CRS) is sponsoring a tour of the Theatre space of the LaSalle Building on October 9, 2010 from 10 AM to 12 Noon. The tour is open to membership of CRS as well as the community. To register, please contact JP Kilroy at CRS (216) 426-1000 or John Boksansky at Northeast Shores (216) 481-7660.

The LaSalle is a pre talkie movie theatre, the interior of which is virtually intact, built in 1927.

The building was purchased by Northeast Shores and is undergoing stabilization repairs

to the roof and limestone façade. The repairs were made possible by a generous grant from a Finance Fund grant. Purchase of the building was made possible by financing from Village Capital with support from Councilman Michael D. Polensek. The building is a Cleveland City Landmark and is currently undergoing the application process to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A comprehensive rehabilitation will then hopefully take place re-establishing the LaSalle as an anchor for continued economic development on East 185th Street. ■

Construction started in the Waterloo Village Model Block

Camille Maxwell

The Model Block contains three goals:

- 1) Transform residential properties into beautiful homes.

- 2) Remove vacant properties through demolition or purchase of abandoned properties to be rehabbed.

- 3) Develop marketing resources for large residential and commercial projects.

The Model Block incorporates the thoughts of adjacent homeowners into the revitalization of the street where these properties are located.

Prior to Northeast Shores commencing rehab, we meet with residents to provide them



with an exterior assessment of rehab, and meet with residents to provide them with an exterior assessment of rehab needs as they relate to general maintenance. The Model Block will utilize many resources to assist existing homeowners with repairing each home.

For More Information Contact: Camille Maxwell, Northeast Shores Development Corporation, 317 East 156th, Cleveland, Ohio 44110. Office: (216) 481-7660 ext. 30 Cell: (216) 543-7911 cmaxwell@northeastshores.org Website: www.northeastshores.org

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Fall Safety Tips

Jayne Lucas

As you know it is getting dark out earlier and earlier. This makes it even more important to have working street lights. Please notify Cleveland Public Power of nonworking street lights by calling 216-621-lite (621-5483).

Let's get the chuck holes in South Collinwood taken care of before winter. Report chuck holes to the City of Cleveland at 216-664-2150.

Be sure to clear leaves from storm drains and manhole covers. Leaves can clog storm drains causing storm water to flood streets and basements.

"Nosy" neighbors help create good neighborhoods.

Look out for your neighbors. If you see something that does not "look or feel right", call the Police at 216-621-1234.

If you notice that a home has been recently vacated, please notify Mike Troha at 216-383-9772.

If you see any unusual activity at a vacant home, call the Police then let Mike Troha know (216-383-9772).

Get involved! The Collinwood Homeowners & Tenants Association meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at St. Mary's cafeteria. They welcome all Collinwood residents to attend. The Nottingham Civic Club meets the third Tuesday of every month. 7 p.m., Nottingham United Methodist Church, 18316 St. Clair Ave.

For information on joining or creating a block watch or to schedule a free home safety audit, call Greg Pollard at 216-383-9772 or e-mail him at gp@cnvdc.org. Greg is the Safety Coordinator for Ward 11.

South Collinwood Business "Meet & Greet"

Jayne Lucas

The Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation (CNVDC) is inviting South Collinwood businesses to a meet and greet networking event.

Why South Collinwood businesses should attend:

* Networking meetings can raise your profile as you will meet a diverse range of business professionals who are committed to helping each business thrive and flourish.

* The sharing of experiences stimulates the creative process and helps to generate new ideas and new opportunities which will keep you up to date and informed on the latest viewpoints in the business world.

* Networking will enable you to build business relationships with people from a wide range of professions thus further enhancing your own pool of resources.

Ginn Academy upperclassmen are also invited so they can see firsthand what types of jobs may be available after graduation, as well as future entrepreneurial opportunities in South Collinwood.

The event will be held at Ginn Academy (655 E 162nd) on Wednesday, November 10 at 5:00 PM. There is off street parking behind the school.

We encourage all South Collinwood businesses to attend. Please RSVP by calling Yolanda Anderson at 216-383-9772. ■

GET SMOKE DETECTORS INSTALLED IN YOUR HOME FOR FREE

Jayne Lucas

Do you need to have smoke detectors and/or batteries installed in your home? There is a program available to help.

Almost two-thirds of home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. Roughly one of every five smoke alarm failures was due to dead batteries. In the U.S., a civilian dies from fire every 156 minutes.*

How to make sure your smoke detector works properly:

1. Test your smoke detector once a month.
2. Press the test button on your detector and check that the device beeps or rings loudly.
3. Use a broom handle or pool cue to test hard to reach smoke detectors.
4. Avoid lighting candles under the detector to see if the alarm goes off. Repeated

use of smoke to activate detectors can cause them to fail when a real fire occurs.

How to get free smoke detectors and batteries installed in your home:

The Vanguard of Cleveland (local chapter of the International Association of Black Professional Firefighters) are offering to install smoke detectors and/or batteries free of charge on a first come, first served basis. The program is available to all owner occupants and renters. Seniors and disabled persons are especially encouraged to apply!

To have smoke detectors/batteries installed in your home, call the Ward 11 Safety Coordinator Greg Pollard at 216-383-9772. He will assist you with completing the application and forward it to the Vanguard of Cleveland.

Source: National Fire Protection Association (http://www.nfpa.org)

Sunday Polka Dances

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Admission: **\$10 per person** (includes sandwich & soft drink) Cash Bar (NO BYOB)

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CANDIDATES FOR...

Ken Lanci

Independent Candidate for County Executive



1.) 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?

The top priority is to create jobs for the people in Cuyahoga County. I have been creating good jobs for 40 years. I will not only strengthen existing businesses but will go out and aggressively market our region to bring new jobs here. I will develop the www.CuyahogaJobs.us website which will be a database of the county's physical assets (land, commercial property, etc.) and a database of the county's human resources, listing all of the unemployed and underemployed and their skill sets.

Restoring integrity to county government is extremely important. I will restore the people's trust in their public servants, first leading by example. I will also establish the Commission on Public Integrity to root out corruption and incompetence. The commission will develop and implement a strong code of ethics for public and elected officials. I will overhaul the appraisal process to make sure property taxes are fair. Only qualified professionals (appraisers, real estate professionals) will be involved in making sure valuations are fair and accurate. Of course, a major function of county government is providing health and human services. I will fight to make sure the safety net is working effectively and efficiently.

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

We are starting a completely new form of government and will be creating and defining along the way. Fortunately, I have extensive experience with startups and understand the challenges. I know that you must go in to the nooks and cran-

nies of the departments and understand how they work and know the strengths and weaknesses. I have already visited 60 of the agencies and met with more than two dozen mayors so I have a very good working knowledge of county government and what's needed. I will be able to hit the ground running on day one.

3.) How do you define good government?

It's very simple but the politicians, who have made a career out of public service instead of actually serving, seem to have forgotten this. Good government exists for the greater good of all the people, not the parties or the politically connected.

4.) 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?

The new structure is a good start but it will take more than just a new structure. It will take the right leadership. It will take a leader like me who will set the tone on my first day in office. I will create an environment of integrity and responsibility. We will make sure the people in position are qualified and competent. An important point too is that I am not owned by anyone. I have instituted my own campaign finance reform by limiting contributions to \$250 and not accepting money from corporations or PACs. When I take office, I won't owe anyone any favors. My only obligation will be to work for the greater good of all the people.

5.) 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?

This is a positive step. It is much more efficient and those appointees will now be selected based on their qualifications and ability to do the job.

6.) 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?

I will do what I have always done as a manager

KEN LANCI BIO (provided by his campaign)

Ken Lanci is the REAL Independent candidate for Cuyahoga County Executive. He has spent 40 years as a jobs creator and turnaround expert in Greater Cleveland and will use that experience to create jobs and improve the economy of Cuyahoga County.

Ken Lanci spent the first years of his life in a housing project on the eastside of Cleveland, with his family who was on public assistance. He was industrious at an early age, working odd jobs to help make ends meet. When he was just 19, he rescued the family print shop from bankruptcy. Lanci had no formal business training but learned quickly to listen to his business mentor and other experts. He benefited greatly from heeding their knowledge and wisdom.

As a turn around expert, Lanci has invested in dozens of companies over the years. His successful efforts have saved hundreds of jobs and added to the county's tax base. He founded Consolidated Graphics Group Inc. (CGG) in 1996 and started the Consolidated Technologies Group (CTG) in 2008. Today, the companies have 150 employees and a \$6 million a year payroll with sales approaching \$25 million a year.

Ken Lanci graduated from Maple Heights High School and married his sweetheart

Linda 40 years ago. Although he aspired to be a doctor, Ken immediately took over the family business, started a family himself and never went to college.

Through hard work and dedication, Lanci has created a long list of achievements. The Lancis also have three very successful children and four loving grandchildren.

Ken Lanci has been honored many times by charities and organizations that recognize his generosity and contributions to Cleveland. He has been "Man of The Year" for the Boys' Town of Italy, has been featured in dozens of periodicals and honored by The State of Ohio and City of Cleveland.

Ken and Linda are lead sponsors of One Sight, an organization which provides the gift of sight to Cleveland school children. They are also active with Project Love. The Lancis support dozens of local charities and non profits, to give back to a community that has been good to them.

Ken is running for county executive as a hands-on "turnaround" expert. He offers leadership that will completely reform county government, set a new ethical standard, deliver high value services at lower cost, make property tax evaluation more fair and honest and create jobs. It's something Ken has done for four decades.

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and CEO. I will have an open door policy and be accessible. I will involve them in the processes so they will have a good understanding of what's going on and they will be well-informed when it comes time to make decisions.

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

Their lives will be better. They will have better job opportunities. They will be paying fair property taxes. They will look around and see the billions of dollars of economic development. Young people will choose to stay in their hometown because they will have opportunities to succeed. There will be less of a strain on the safety net because the people of Cuyahoga County will be working again and able to contribute. Voters will experience the excitement of living in a county undergoing a renaissance. They will see that Greater Cleveland is once again "The Best Location in the Nation."

8.) 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?

The structure is definitely more business friendly. It has the potential to spark economic growth and job creation if the right person is executive. I have 40 years of experience in business working out mergers, acquisitions and turnarounds. These skills are exactly what the new county executive needs. The structure allows the executive to negotiate with businesses and work out deals and contracts which can be brought before the council for approval. It takes a business person to understand business needs. I will go out and market Cuyahoga County to the rest of the world to bring new business and development here.

9.) 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?

There are many opportunities for collaboration. I will develop a comprehensive joint procurement and purchasing program involving county government, all municipalities, school districts, independent boards and commissions, and non-profit institutions. This program will save these entities millions of dollars.

10.) 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?

Just having a charter and scrapping a dysfunctional form of government is the greatest strength of our new charter. Forcing the county to have a strong economic development policy was very smart. Combining the auditor, recorder and treasurer into a chief fiscal officer was crucial to re-establishing quality government.

Some of the weaknesses are not having a strong campaign finance component and not adequately defining the role of County Council. Also, the salaries for County Executive and County Council members are way too high.

I look forward to working with council to amend the charter once we see the pluses and minuses. We'll ask the people to vote accordingly.

11.) 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?

Not yet. The charter sets us on a positive course. I know Mayor Fitzgerald wanted to keep things the way they were. But I supported the charter and believe this will get us where we need to go. I have been doing mergers and acquisitions my entire career, and am confident in my ability to make this work for the people. I can't wait to get to work for all of the people. ■

David Ellison

Green Party Candidate for County Executive



1.) 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. An energy upgrade on all county-owned buildings to make them more energy-efficient with procedures for evaluation.

B. A county-wide land use and management plan that successfully engages all the municipalities.

C. A Laborers and Artisan Corps of suburban and inner city youth, 16-60 resulting in tangible, ecologically sensitive capital improvements to our built environment.

D. A state chartered Bank of Cuyahoga County, dedicated to investing in the county, prohibited from selling mortgages, trading in derivatives and committing usury.

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

We have to be able to communicate with each other. We have to respect each other and the good work that we each bring to the table to solve problems. We have to leave egos and petty politics at the door and work together in a civil way.

3.) How do you define good government?

Consistent application of the law. Fairness in its treatment of citizens. Swift justice. Open meetings and transparency of government functions. A culture of honesty and ethical behavior in service to the community. Fair elections and election process, public debates.

4.) 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?

It depends on who is elected. The structure by itself has no power to end the corruption and patronage. Scrambling the lines of accountability and giving more unbridled power to an already corrupt system may be a mistake. The Council will need to figure out who it is and figure out how to work with the Executive to provide effective accountability, collaboration, checks and balances – the Charter as written is extremely weak in this area and does not provide for easy, effective citizen participation.

5.) 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?

Yes.

6. 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?

The door to my office will always be open to any Council member who wants to come talk to me. The Executive is not included in the Council's proceedings. The Council can ratify the Executive's decisions, appointments and recommendations, or it can try to fight the Executive's decisions. My approach will be to do the job the Charter sets out for the Executive in a way that includes the Council's recommendations when appropriate. I will present my executive decisions to the Council in a way that is clearly justified and understandable.

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

I envision the new structure being conducive to collaborative problem solving. I want the wisdom of each of the council members and appointees and interested citizens to contribute to the decision-making process of the new government. The new structure will work when it balances its budgets, provides necessary and expected services and regains the confidence of the public.

The ultimate success of the new government structure will be measured in how it fulfills the stated goals of prosperity for all county residents.

8.) 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?

It's possible if we stop sending our money away and utilize strategies for keeping more of our money circulating in the local economy. We need to build our capabilities for self-reliance. We need to utilize the land, buildings, natural resources and human resources of Cuyahoga County for the benefit of Cuyahoga County and its residents. We need to find ways for people to gain more financial independence.

9.) 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?

Only in as far as it enables the citizens and government officials of the county and its municipalities to consider themselves as part of a larger community.

10.) 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?

Strong point: Consolidation of responsibilities

Weak point: Inappropriate concentration of power without adequate checks and balances

11.) 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?

I'd like to see the council chosen at large in a system of preferential or "Instant runoff voting, where even if your first choice didn't win a seat, your second choice might. Candidates would be elected if they received a "modicum of support". ■

DAVID ELLISON BIO (provided by his David Ellison)

I'm a registered architect. I live in Cleveland with a loyal companion named Rolf who has long floppy ears and a tail. I own a house in Ohio City and I've maintained my architectural practice on the near west side since 1998. I moved here in 1987 after attending college at The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art in New York City on a 5-year, full-tuition, merit-based, academic scholarship where I earned my professional degree. When I first graduated, I pursued a long-term interest in cars and became a certified automobile mechanic before returning to architecture and becoming licensed.

I'm running for County Executive because I want to help guide the re-building of Cuyahoga County. As

an architect, I'm a problem solver and consensus builder. I'm able to visualize things that don't yet exist and I'm able to administrate complicated projects, keep them on budget and get them built. I think my experience is right for the job. I am not beholden to any entrenched special interests or dogmatic thinking. I'll work for widespread agreement and respectful deliberations toward better, inclusive and thoughtful decision-making.

I am a citizen activist. The public may be familiar with some of my work, I was active on the Ameritrust fiasco and the ill-conceived plan to consolidate county administration offices to E. 9th and Euclid. Most recently, my neighbors and I stopped a human crematorium

from being permitted next to an organic garden and a day-care center in Ohio City. The Cleveland Health Department confirmed there was no way of telling how much mercury would end up on the ground immediately around the smokestack, but almost any unnecessary exposure was too high, especially for children. We continue to face a daunting variety of environmental problems here in Cuyahoga County. They affect human health and potential. We have a lot of work to do to fulfill the promise in Chapter 7 of the new charter "to promote and enhance the well-being and prosperity of the County and all of its residents".

FORUM

Getting to know... Tim McCormack

Susan Brandt

Tim McCormack is probably our best bet for County Executive. That is just my opinion, I hope you will agree with me at election time. He also happens to be one of the finest N. Collinwood neighbors around, there are many fine neighbors in N. Collinwood, but with Tim, I find him to be articulate, well spoken, and he has impeccable taste. He and his wife of 27 years, Valerie, live at a lake house with 3 of their 4 sons. He is a graduate of St. Joe's High School, Miami of Ohio and Cleveland Marshall Law School, which he finished in 1972. Currently he practices Private, Probate and Mental Health Law. I had the great opportunity to sit down with Mr. McCormack, and ask a few private questions.

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Sitting in my backyard, finding peace at home.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Fatherhood.

What quality do you most like in a person?

Honesty, by that I mean candor.

What do you value most in your friends?

Consideration.

What is your most treasured possession?

The complete works of Robert Frost, which was a gift from my sister.

What is your greatest extravagance?

My private time.

Who are your heroes in real life?

I have 2 different categories for that, first



would be my wife, Valerie, for shaping my boys into strong men, and secondly, direct care providers; I have a son that is severely disabled and is being cared for 24 hours a day by direct care providers.

What makes you unique?

I reflect too much, more than normal. I analyze about human nature.

If you could change one thing in your life what would that be?

That my youngest son would live with us, and that the house would be set up for his care.

What are your favorite words?

Good Morning!

In my conversation with Tim he mentioned that his favorite author, or I should say, one of his favorite authors, was Mark Twain. With that, I leave you this: "It's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog."--Mark Twain

This month Sue Brandt's "Getting to Know" column appears on our Forum page because her article includes her opinion on the upcoming County Executive race. While we are very proud of Collinwood's Tim McCormack, and very excited about his involvement in the County Executive Race, The Collinwood Observer does not endorse candidates.

The Reverend Della Reese will lift you up at Living Truth Center For Better Living

Rhonda Hudson-Williams

Come and be touched by an angel. The Reverend Dr. Della Reese, singer, actress and minister will speak at Living Truth Center for Better Living on Sunday, October 24, 2010.

A multiple Grammy, Emmy and Golden Globe nominee with seven NAACP image awards, whose talents spanned 60 years. Singer and actress who at the high point of her television career co-starred in the hit series, "Touched By an Angel" for nine years. The Rev. Dr. Della Reese-Lett is the founder and minister

of Understanding Principles for Better Living Church in Los Angeles. The UP church, as it is referred to, is a bible-based New Thought Church that offers a message that is UP, music that is UP, and promises that you will leave services UP-lifted.

All are welcome to witness this special event. Living Truth Center is located at 1850 Belmore Road in East Cleveland, Ohio 44112. Telephone number: (216) 249-0330. Services are 8 am -9:30 am, and 11 am-12:30 pm. ■

Laid off or liberated replies

Rhonda Hudson-Williams

Unemployment and being out of work can feel like carrying the weight of the entire world on your shoulders. In these days and times with so many others carrying their own heavy load, there is hardly anyone to ask to take some of yours off, even if just for a little relief because their own load is so heavy.

For me, this weight buckled my knees and pushed my back against the wall. It was so heavy, I could not move.

Then I remembered God. I prayed for strength. Through strength my knees straightened up as I began the process of moving away from the wall, and from the clutter of all the weight. Through faith I began to put one foot in front of the other, while asking myself what is my purpose,

Reflections on a journey: *The Wizard of Oz*

Rhonda Hudson-Williams

As a young child, I was introduced to the movie, *The Wizard of Oz*, made in 1939. From then on, this movie remains one of my favorites: one I introduced to my children, and still watch to this day. As a child I was delighted and enchanted by the magical qualities that appeared in the movie. As an adult watching the *Wizard of Oz*, I observe the movie's meaning in a spiritual way.

Running away from home (running from self), then being convinced to go back home, Dorothy became caught in a terrible cyclone (Storms of life.) The cyclone was a great one that caused much destruction. Dorothy was bumped on her head by flying debris and was knocked unconscious. Although dreaming, Dorothy was somewhere other than home, and all she wanted to do was get back there.

As Dorothy entered the land of Oz (Spiritual awakening) in her quest to see the Wizard of Oz (Higher self) to help her get back home, she was told to follow the yellow brick road. As Dorothy looked ahead, she noticed there was not just one yellow brick road, there were several, and they were extended from the other and going in different directions.

Dorothy, seeing all the roads, became confused, and asked which one of them she should take, the answer was simply, "Follow the yellow brick road".

The many yellow brick roads to me represent the choices each individual has on our "journey". Like Dorothy, I have had to make choices

on which path to take, at times becoming confused at choosing which way to go. Along the way becoming fearful (The Cowardly Lion), of places, things and situations, sometimes becoming immobilized. Other times I would have my confidence, by putting on my thinking cap, (The Scarecrow) and put all doubts and worry behind me.

There were other times when I needed to dig a little deeper to discourage and remove anxiety and depression caused by various setbacks and situations. Feeling tiny as an ant and unloved, like the Tinman, I realized the love I need is me, and is in me. Like Dorothy, along my chosen path, I ran into many obstacles and crises, or negative situations (Wicked Witch of the West). Also like Dorothy, I was surrounded by protection, seen and unseen. Dorothy's greatest supporter was Glenda, the Good Witch of the East.

After finally making it to the land of Oz (The spiritual awakening) I, like Dorothy realized that the great Wizard of Oz is mortal. Dorothy also realized after going through all that she had, the power to get herself back home was always there, by clicking her heels together three times (Mind, Body, Spirit) representing the power we have within us.

Now when I see those yellow brick roads, I go with the knowing that I am a spiritual being and if I can see it, I will be it. I have learned to replace fear with faith, which develops confidence, endurance and courage. ■



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SCHOOLS

St. Jerome Elementary School, continuing Catholic education Tradition in Collinwood

Chanelle McCloud

After the unfortunate closing of St. Mary Elementary School, St. Jerome Elementary School is the only Catholic School remaining in the Collinwood community.

Carrying on the tradition of Catholic education, St. Jerome continues to add programs, extra curricular activities and the school also added a preschool this year.

Sue Coan, the principal of St. Jerome Elementary School, said she is very excited about this school year and the school's new features.

"It makes us feel good that we are able to service the community with a quality Catholic education," Coan said.

St. Jerome Elementary School started this school year with 193 students, which is an increase of about 17 percent from last school year.

The school also received some great news from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). According to the 2009 -2010 ODE Ohio Achievement Assessment Test Report, the students at St. Jerome Elementary school

are surpassing their Cleveland Metropolitan School District counterparts in 8 of 13 academic areas.

"This makes us proud, because we know that we are doing our job with educating our children, as well helping them become better people," Coan said.

"Come Follow Jesus" is the theme of this school year at St. Jerome Elementary School.

"It is so important that our students know that we not only value getting good grades, but we also want them to follow the right path in life," Coan said.

Coan is not the only person who is happy about St. Jerome Elementary School and their accomplishments. Bishop Lennon, of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese, came to speak to the faculty at the school following confirmation service at St. Jerome Church.

Lennon said that he values Catholic education immensely and is thankful to have St. Jerome open to the Collinwood community. ■

VASJ Campus Ministry puts on a wonderful Opening Mass presided by Father Marty Solma

Emily Robinson

There was a wonderful turnout of guests for VASJ's Opening Mass on Thursday, September 2, 2010, put on by VASJ's Campus Ministry. The gym was filled with students, faculty and staff, board members, Ursulines, Marianists, members of The Diocese of Cleveland, VASJ Leadership Circle members and community members.

The peer ministers chose the theme: "Lord Send Out Your Spirit" for the Opening Mass.

The table was set with flowers, candles, napkins, silverware, plates, water, bread wine and salt while the symbolic meaning of each item was explained by peer ministers as it was placed on the table. The Peer Ministers then led a reflection on what it means to be a school in the Ursuline and Marianist traditions.

Father Marty Solma SJ '66 expressed his delight and honor to come back to VASJ as an alum and celebrate the Eucharist with the school and all of those present. "I loved the

time that I was here. It was really because of that that I am where I am today," Father Marty explained to all present for the Mass.

The message of his Homily was that of hope, effort and life. Father Marty encouraged the students of VASJ to ask themselves at the beginning of this academic year, "What can my life be like?"

"There's so much potential in this room but it depends on what you see, what you aim for and the choices that you make. The Holy Spirit helps us to have faith and make the right choices but we must be the ones to put in the effort. This school can continue to be a bright light in Cleveland. I'm convinced of it. And I will do everything in my power to help," said Father Marty.

We are so thankful to Father Marty Solma for traveling to Cleveland to preside at our Mass and to the Campus Ministry group for putting on such a wonderful and vibrant ceremony. ■

WELCOME TO A NEW SIMS RAIDERS 2010 SEASON

Mary Jurkiw-Keys

The season began about four weeks ago. Seems like the crowds at the Raider games are getting bigger and cheering on the teams a little louder. I've been trying to take pictures of different aspects of our team, and make sure I have up-to-date news, and so far it's looking good.

All the teams in the league are doing a bang up job. The Raiders are coming on strong!

Unfortunately most of our season will be hosted at Bump Taylor, but that just gives you time to reflect on the game and fun the family had. If you're interested check out www.clevelandmunyfootball.org for dates and time and come support our neighborhood kids and have fun.

We're also extending invites to other communities, businesses, our political leaders and future Raiders too, to join the fun. If your league is playing in Collinwood or Bump Taylor or wherever you live, support our youth.

This season I plan on taking some pictures of the whole Sims Raiders team and posting on Facebook, so you can see the pride in these kids. Contact me at fmphotos10@yahoo.com, put "Sims fan" in the subject line, and I will reply as soon as the Facebook page is completed.

I also heard from the crowds the Raiders are playing hard this season, and a heads up on the cheerleading teams. The opposite side says the Raider Cheerleaders are in to win it!

Remember this is all in fun, it shows our

children that as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, oh heck, that a whole community can be a family and have fun! Whether you're at your home advantage or away, always give them a smile and a hello and you're sure to make new friends.

Anyone wishing to donate to or sponsor our FUND-a-KID program for the Sims Raiders Youth Organization can reach Antonio Eades at 216-246-2273 or our organization coordinator Steph Minor at 216-225-1209 for further information. ■

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ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT & HISTORY

The "Eyes" Have It in Collinwood

Darece Daniels

The "Eyes" Have It is a 4-H photography club for Collinwood area youth.

The "Eyes" Have It photography club was funded by Neighborhood Connections. Connie Acoff, a program assistant, says, "I am really impressed how our youth look at things in the Collinwood community. I have learned a lot from our youth to see some things like they do. I look forward to seeing what they will come up with next."

The program is not just about taking pictures but also about character-building. The program has some perks: Kevonna

Middlebrooks was chosen to represent the club at an Indians home game and she had the opportunity to go on the field with the Indian's mascot Slider.

Sean McKissick and Shirelda Terry let their leadership qualities show by taking the lead in helping with a clean-up project on Global Youth Day.

The "Eyes Have It" 4-H photography club will be on display at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo on October 2nd for the Cuyahoga County 4-H National Youth Science Day. Say cheese! ■

Weekly Polka dances in Waterloo Arts District

John Copic

The Slovenian Workmen's Home, located at 15335 Waterloo Road in the Waterloo Arts District on the east side of Cleveland will have polka dances every Sunday from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM in their "Waterloo Ballroom". Cost per person is \$10 which includes a sandwich and soft drink. A cash bar will be available so there will be no byob.

The schedule through the end of 2010 is as follows: October 10 – Bobby Kravos & the Boys in the Band (Meet State Representative Kenny Yuko and Cleveland Councilman Mike Polensek at this dance.) October 17 – Al Batistelli Band October 24 – Don Wojtila Band October 31 – Jeff Pecon Band (Halloween costumes optional) November 7 – Wayne Tomsic Band November 14 – Joey Tomsick Orchestra November 21 – Ray Polantz Orchestra November 28 – Don Wojtila Band December

5 – Al Batistelli Band December 12 – Eddie Rodick Band December 19 – Frank Moravcek Band December 26 – No Dance New Year's Eve – December 31 - Bobby Kravos & the Boys in the Band – Watch for details of this special celebration dinner/dance.

Many have happy memories of the weekly dances held at the Slovenian Workmen's Home in the past. Some met their spouses at those dances and held their wedding receptions at SWH, while others were only children that accompanied their parents to the dances and have fond memories. SWH hopes the attendees at the current dances will have such happy memories in the future.

For additional information or questions, please call the Slovenian Workmen's Home office at 216/481-5378.

Euclid Beach Villa welcomes "Showagon"

John Copic

The residents of Euclid Beach Villa were invited to attend "Showagon". The Youth Performing Arts Series gives children with performance arts ability the opportunity to develop and showcase their talents locally. Youth who dance, sing, act and perform poetry during the summer. The performing art troupe appears on a mobile stage unit called the Showagon. Youth between the ages of 5 and 17 audition annually in May and then entertain throughout the Cleveland area. The performances run from early June through August. ■



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HISTORY AND ART



Matt Dibble's show at Arts Collinwood makes a powerful statement about painting

William Chill

“Hope for the Picture Guild” is the title of Matt’s latest show which opened Friday September 17 at the Arts Collinwood Gallery on Cleveland’s east side and is appropriately named as the show itself seems to be a counterpunch to the Postmodernist assertion that painting is dead.

The show consists of 17 abstract works on canvas selected from the artist’s recent body of work by Del Rey Loven, painting professor at the University of Akron, who served as a kind of curator for the venue. The space at Arts Collinwood provided a perfect setting for this show as the atmosphere of the neighborhood served as the ideal backdrop for Matt’s work. As one approaches the gallery from the street, you feel as if you could very well be in New York in the late 40’s and 50’s as the bold, gutsy paintings by Dibble are evident in this gritty but efficient space.

The first painting that grabs your attention from its position on the street-facing wall is a large black and white 70x76 inch oil on canvas titled, “Bachelors Still Asleep.” Its spontaneous strokes of black over a white background immediately recall the work of Franz Kline. However, Dibble is not imitating Kline here. There seems to be a hidden order of repetitive pattern that the viewer is invited to solve. It is kind of like those aptitude tests where you are given a series of three numbers, discern the pattern, and come up with the next number in the sequence.

Canvases of various sizes are hung well and the show comes together in a comprehensive, purposeful manner. Loven has done an excellent job here and this body of work speaks

to a definite thesis. The larger works seem to be more successful than the smaller ones, and perhaps the strongest two are the 72” by 84” “Pendant for Dueling” and the 80” by 80” “Frowning Alpine”, both oils on canvas. Both works are aggressive multi-layered, multi-colored abstracts which are respectful nods to the patron saint of AbEx painting, Willem DeKooning. The scraps of newspaper impregnated into the paint works like a signature to those familiar with the nitty-gritty of DeKooning’s work. Although his gestures are bold, Dibble’s colors are of a soft muted key and are very carefully controlled to be just unsettling enough to eschew decoration.

As you move through the exhibition and begin to digest these paintings, Dibble’s brilliance becomes more evident. It hits you square in the eyes. These works are not nostalgic imitations pulled from the by-gone era of abstract expressionism, but relevant and valid ideas that resonate today. It is clear from the vibe on the streets of the historic Collinwood neighborhood: the bohemians strolling along the sidewalks, the DJ setting up on the corner, the street musicians, and the funky shops. This is work of the here and now. Painting is not dead. Dibble’s show at Arts Collinwood challenges the Postmodernism notion that you must tear down the past in order to create something new.

“Hope for the Painter’s Guild” articulates nicely that we are not done learning from the past and offers an inside joke to those listening that Postmodernism is, well, a joke. The show, “Hope for the Picture Guild”, runs through October 16th. ■



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COLLINWOOD'S RIVETING HISTORY, AND THE AUTHOR WHO PRESERVED IT

Elena Tomorowitz

Rick Porrello didn’t write because he necessarily wanted to, he wrote because he had to. Generations of untold stories caught up with him, and it was his job to finally put them on paper. His grandfather died before he ever got to know him, and it wasn’t until Porrello grew up that he discovered why his death was never discussed.

“Nobody talked about it,” he said. “But I was curious.” The more he researched the more he discovered the weight behind his family’s name. He soon began to realize that his grandfather and great uncles were killed by Cleveland’s mafia. This is when he knew it had to be documented into a book.

Cleveland’s organized crime history begins during prohibition when the fight for corn sugar was rampant. It was the easiest sugar to ferment into alcohol, and therefore, the most coveted. Collinwood is a landmark location because of its placement right on the lake, just across from Canada where illegal goods could be brought into the city. Homemade distilleries in the basements or attics of Collinwood homes were also part of surviving prohibition. During snowy winters, authorities could identify those making liquor in their attics by the melted snow on the roof.

Organized crime continued into the 70’s even though the fight for corn sugar was no longer an issue. “There is always someone who wants to be in charge,” Porrello said. Danny Greene was no exception to this, where his goal was to be liked by everyone. He gave away turkeys to the needy on holidays or paid the tuition of young girls wanting to attend Villa Angela. Though his attempts may have seemed unselfish, they were acts to gain people’s trust. As president of the worker’s union, he had the opportunity to be in charge.

Throughout all three of Porrello’s books, the story of Cleveland’s organized crime history is thrilling, especially to realize what went on in our own backyards. There is more to come in next month’s issue on this tale of Collinwood’s riveting history. ■



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NAN'S NOTES by Nan Kennedy

WATERLOO REVIEW

After a pleasant hour of scrubbing the patio furniture last week, we refreshed ourselves with a meal at the Café at Arts Collinwood: creamy mac'n'cheese, for Miles, rice bowls for our friends and the two-tapenade plate for me, with a glass of something white. Very pleasant. Then we looked intently at Matt Dibble's "Hope for the Picture Guild" in the AC gallery (the titles add a lot of entertainment to the show, though not much to my understanding of the pictures). His colors leap off the wall, they're so lively; some of the biggest paintings seemed to me to lack cohesion, but I found myself being drawn into the smaller ones, like Alice melting through the looking glass: such deep perspective, so many hints of mountain lakes, city views – remarkable evocations with broad strokes of paint. Matt is a roofer in real (unreal?) life; I wonder if time up on the roof gives him a bird's-eye view of the world.

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.

Next night we took Emma to the fish fry at the Slovenian Home (and were rewarded with birthday cake shared by an 89-year-old glamour girl – who was serenaded by the entire hall with Happy Birthday, and by a chorus of her friends with something Slovenian. The fish was good, too. And baby Jane just loved the leftover cole slaw (the Slovenian Home's cole slaw is shredded very fine and dressed with oil and vinegar rather than mayonnaise. Baby Jane is not alone; I know someone who comes from Richmond Heights for that cole slaw).

Slovenian Workman's Home (15335 Waterloo, 481-4378, 11:30 am – 8 pm). Friday Fish Fry offers walleye, shrimp, pork chops, goulash and macaroni cheese, with sides of cole slaw, home or French fries and polenta.

ALLEYCAT FRIDAY AT MUSIC SAVES OCTOBER 8

FREE show with Boyfriend. Boyfriend is the store's own Timployee and Raysistant, along with the ever awesome Rick. Prepare yourselves for hijinks and fun galore – and celebrate

Melanie's birthday.

MusicSaves, 15801 Waterloo, 216.481.1875 www.musicsaves.com

UPSTAGE THEATER'S SPEAKEASY II OCTOBER 2

It takes a bunch of nice Catholic women to really put together a speakeasy. Speakeasy II, a fundraising night of fun, games of chance, food, and a few surprises, will benefit UpStage Players and the Slovenian Workmen's Home. It begins at 7 pm, and for only \$10, you will get: a New Orleans-style jazz band, games of chance, scrumptious appetizers, a free adult beverage, an affordable cash bar, appearances by the UpStage Players, a Chinese auction, games of chance and a few surprises. Chinese auction items range from handmade goods to a WKYC Bus Stop Kids package to selections of fine art to event and theater tickets to weekend getaways, and everything in between. Attendees are encouraged to dress in 1920s clothing, but all reasonable attire will be accepted.

Want to help with the event? Teens can earn service hours! You can help with set-up and clean-up, take a two-hour dealer shift, pack raffle baskets, serve food, sell tickets – and attend the event for free. Training for dealers on Monday September 27 at 6 pm. Baskets and prizes still welcome. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling 216-978.2395. Visit the website for more information at upstageplayers.com.

The event will take place at the Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Road. For more information, call (216) 261-7591. To learn more about UpStage Players, visit www.upstageplayers.com.

TASTE THE FARMERS' AUTUMN OCTOBER 4

The Coit Road Farmers Market presents The Taste Of Autumn 2010 Benefit: Monday, October 4, 6 – 9 pm, at the Beachland Ballroom. Taste a true cross section of the slow food movement in Northeastern Ohio. The farmers are donating the ingredients, the chefs and musicians are donating their talent to support the Coit Road Farmers' Market. The benefit will include information about the market,



Coit Road Farmers Market

community gardens and local farmers. Fred Griffith of Good Morning Cleveland will host; live music will be performed by, among others, local favorite Bert Dennis; and ten of the region's finest chefs will cook: Brian Goodman from the Greenhouse Tavern, Ruth Levine of Bistro 185, Matthew Anderson of Unami, Brandon Kercher from -GroveWood Tavern, Beachland Ballroom, personal chef, Eric Wells, Ryan Cipriani of Angela-Mia Pizza, Larry Moore, formerly of Go Bistro, and Regina Nethery of the Café at Arts Collinwood.

Tickets and directions are available at the Beachland Ballroom by calling 216-383-1124. You can also buy tickets for \$35 at the Coit Road Farmers' Market or online at www.coitmarket.org.

SALTY NOT SWEET TRUNK SHOWS

You may host a Trunk Show in your home or business, and the Salty girls will come out and set up a mini shop for your guests to enjoy. Everything will be handmade in the USA, of course. The host will earn 10% of the total sales towards their own purchases as a thank

you from us.

Contact <http://saltynotsweetcraft.wordpress.com> or Candra Squire, candra@candrasquire.com.

BLUE ARROW BOUTIQUE

Because I was otherwise occupied last week (making the house presentable for Collinwood Unveiled) I didn't get to tell you about Blue Arrow Records' lovely new boutique, or send you to the arrow's lighting ceremony. The boutique will open in October; the arrow is now live – and the sign across the shop front leaves no doubt where you've arrived.

16101 Waterloo Road, Wednesday-Saturday 2pm-8pm; Sunday 12 (noon)-5pm; closed Mondays & Tuesdays; 16001 Waterloo Rd., (216) 486-2415; bluearrowrecords@sbcglobal.net

3RD ANNUAL VASJ CHEERLEADING 2-DAY YOUTH CLINIC

Come to learn Cheers, Chants, Dances, how to stunt, and a mini routine! Saturday, October 9, 10 am-2 pm; Sunday, October 10, 10 am-2 pm. (Pizza provided for lunch!) Perform at a high school pregame show with the VASJ varsity cheerleaders! October 16, 7 pm, Home vs. Chanel. \$30 dollars (please make checks out to VASJ Cheerleading). Includes lunch, crafts, and a VASJ Cheerleading Tee-shirt. Contact victoria.ung@gmail.com.

If you are attending any of these events, classes, meetings, or concerts, and would like to report on what is happening for the rest of the community, please take notes and take pictures! Then sign onto www.collinwoodobserver.com, click on Member Center (on the left side of the home page) sign in and submit your stories and pictures. We'll see you in the paper!

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HOROSCOPES by the Observer Staff

AQUARIUS *****
 (Jan 20 – Feb 18) Eat Bagels, not Donuts. Eat soups, not salads. Finish your vegetables, but not asparagus, because asparagus is little trees. This month a lucky event will happen on Lakeshore boulevard. Lucky Number: 17812

PISCES *****
 (Feb 19 – Mar 20) Think wool, not polyester. Think homemade not store bought. Think save, not spend. This month is a good month to make new friends, smile a lot. Lucky Number: 63, 64

ARIES *****
 (Mar 21 – Apr 19) Embrace trust, not gossip. Go for commitment, not I'm quittin it. Go for Puppet theaters not parking meters. This month two wrongs don't make a right, but three lefts do. Lucky Number: 17 (Sipe) 19 (Kosar)

TAURUS *****
 (Apr 20 – May 20) Choose exercise over happy hour. At work, make a plan, or it'll hit the fan. Your relationship might stall if you're not on the ball. This month fix your brakes, or make your horn louder. Lucky Number: 16

GEMINI *****
 (May 21 – June 20) The job of your dreams, is not as far as it seems. Change can be great, early or late. Take the chance in work or romance. This month if at first you don't succeed, don't sky-dive. Lucky Numbers: 303

CANCER *****
 (June 21 – July 22) Work for solid foundations, not frivolous beautifications. Do not paint anything pink, without stopping to think. Be sure to take a walk by the lake. This month your only tool is a hammer, so think of all your problems as nails. Lucky Number: route 20

LEO *****
 (July 23 – Aug 22) Think network, not busywork. Real life, not fiction. Call, text, email, facebook, tweet, or owl all your friends or relatives. This month remember 1 true friend = 10,000 relatives. Lucky Number: 10,001

VIRGO *****
 (Aug 23 – Sept 22) Dance, don't sit. Chance for romance from the 23rd-25th. Play the jukebox more, at the Thermo-dore. This month if the shoe fits, buy another one just like it. Lucky Number: 32froz

LIBRA *****
 (Sept 23 – Oct 22) October the final frontier, on a one month mission to seek out new friends, new experiences and some semblance of civilization. This month boldly go where no birthday person has gone before. Lucky Number 18, 25.

SCORPIO *****
 (Oct 23 – Nov 21) Make purple a part of your month. Have the cats help you carve a pumpkin. Enjoy a romantic dinner at the Grovewood. This month money talks but all yours ever says is good-bye. Lucky Number 11

SAGITTARIUS *****
 (Nov 22 – Dec 21) Projects you start, will be close to your heart. Keep your friends close or they will depart. Beware of a caffeine overdose. This month you can't have everything, because where would you put it? Lucky Number 1995

CAPRICORN *****
 (Dec 22 – Jan 18) For October your sign is Candycorn, your hope for this month should be reborn. If you don't toot your own horn you'll be forlorn. Buy a lotto ticket. This month you always wanted to be somebody, but you should have been more specific. Lucky Number 31

* Hide, ** Could be better, *** So close, **** Average, ***** Yahoo !!,***** Not gonna happen

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