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Collinwood businessman Jack Schron wins seat on County Council

Julian Rogers is Collinwood's representative on County Council, Ed FitzGerald is County Executive

Betsy Voinovich

Well, the results are in, and though many in Collinwood were pulling for our own Tim McCormack to come out on top in the County Executive Race, we do have one neighborhood business resident who will take up the challenge of being on Cuyahoga County's first ever County Council.

Jack Schron, CEO of Jergens Inc, which is located at the old Collinwood Train Yards, won a seat for his District, which includes Chagrin Falls where he lives. This first elected group has the task of shaping and creating a brand new system of government for the County. Jack has been attending the transition meetings regularly and shared with us recently that though there is bound to be some turbulence at the beginning, he felt that the all-volunteer transition committee did a very good job of suggesting reforms and changes that are crucial to the health of the county. Jack feels that this will be an exciting time and has agreed to share his knowledge of the new process as it unfolds with the Collinwood neighborhood in the Collinwood Observer. We will have a ringside seat.

Thanks and congratulations, Jack.

Below are excerpts from the interviews that appeared in the past few months of the paper to remind you what our can-

didates, now our elected leaders, had to say about themselves. Ed FitzGerald will be our new County Executive. Julian Rogers will be our new representative from District 10, which includes Collinwood, East Cleveland, Bratenahl, and Cleveland Heights, which is Julian's home town. We wish them well.

From Ed FitzGerald's interview:

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?

I plan to clean up the corruption and restore confidence in county government—the FBI can and will only take care of a piece of this—the highest ethical standards must be set and met among all county employees and departments. Second, I will work to build on the strengths of our county to retain and attract jobs; third, as we redesign county government, I will ensure that the stellar health and human services currently provided through the county continue, even as government systems and departments consolidate; finally, it is clear that safety and security are a paramount concern and the county can and should play a larger role in ensuring the safety of all of our neighborhoods.

From Julian Rogers' interview:

Why do you want to serve on the County Council?

With the right leadership and a focused vision,

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Manor Care spreads birthday cheer to the elderly

Matt Kodrin

Manor Care Euclid Beach in Cleveland held a special celebration in honor of the elders residing at their skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. A number of friends and family who have a great deal of affection and respect for the elders in their community were host to a "Celebration of our Elders" party on

Friday, September 24. This special celebration spotlighted all the members of Manor Care Euclid Beach who were 80 and older.

This noteworthy occasion's special guest of honor was Ms. Inez Patterson. Inez is the longest living resident residing at Manor Care Euclid Beach and was celebrating her 101st birthday on September 26th, 2010.

Inez Lutherol Patterson was born September 26, 1909 in Greensboro, North Carolina and was raised by her grandparents. Inez was educated in the Greensboro Public School system and graduated from high school at the age of 16. Later she relocated to Cleveland, Ohio to be closer to her mother.

She started her career in the housekeeping department and as a nursing assistant at the Cleveland Clinic. Inez's passion for caring and compassion led her to nursing school where she became a nurse at

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K & D Group buys "Nottingham Place"

Jim Zahler

The K&D Group is proud to announce their latest property acquisition, "Nottingham Place," located at 19121 Nottingham Road Cleveland, OH 44110.

The apartment complex was a distressed property. The K&D Group seized the opportunity to invest in the community and expand as the largest apartment owners and managers in Northeast Ohio.

The 93 suites, consisting of three buildings, are currently undergoing a multi-million dollar renovation. Construction crews are working tirelessly to completely renovate the entire property including all new kitchens, bathrooms, cabinets, doors, carpet, appliances, flooring and lighting in every suite. All common areas, stairwells, and doors are freshly

painted and carpeted along with new lighting. Residents will enjoy the completely new heating and cooling systems to climate control their new suites. The laundry rooms have been completely remodeled and updated as well.

Security is very important, that is why a new entry security system is being installed on all exterior doors. The parking lots have been repaired, sealed and striped in preparation for the impending winter. All landscaping has been groomed, along with a new picnic area.

The new Property Manager, Treleen Sawyer, is responsible for the day-to-day management and sales on the property, in conjunction with the living-on-site Maintenance Director to handle all resident issues.

We are very excited about this project

and the opportunity to bring affordable, first class housing to the neighborhood. We invite everyone to stop in and tour our new complex. Office hours are Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri. 9 am-5 pm. Weds. 9 am-7 pm and Sat. 10 am-2 pm. The on-site office phone number is 216.692.1055. ■



Speakeasy II, a success for UpStage Players and Slovenian Home

Matthew Orgovan

Speakeasy II, a fundraising night to benefit Collinwood's own UpStage Players and the Slovenian Workmen's Home, was a festive celebration of fun, food and a variety of entertainment options. The October 2nd event was packed with supporters, whose donations netted roughly \$1,500 for each organization after expenses. Over 30 volunteers helped organize and promote the event.

The night featured entertainment by a New Orleans-style jazz band, various performances by members of the UpStage Players Children's Theater Group (pictured, below right), a 50/50 raffle, a purse auction and casino gaming and music provided by local business owner John Copic.

Winnings from the casino games were dispensed in the form of chips that were exchanged for Chinese auction tickets that patrons used to try to win their prize(s) of choice. Chinese auction items, which were donated by over 30 supporters, ranged from locally hand-made goods to fine art to event tickets to weekend getaways.

Many attendees dressed

in 1920s vintage and gangster clothing, which fit right in with not only the evening's theme, but also the most popular "gimmick" of the night—the "Jail-a-Friend." This additional mini-fundraiser required patrons to donate \$5 to have a friend held in a faux jail that was constructed specifically for the Speakeasy. "Prisoners" either had to wait in jail for 15 minutes, or they could be "bailed out" for a \$10 donation. Many photo opportunities and laughs were generated from this.

Another highlight of the occasion was the announcement of the UpStage Players' forthcoming Spring Musical. Artistic Director Carrie Walsh-Hilf revealed that the group will perform "Seussical: The Musical" on April 15, 16 and 17, 2011. ■



DIALOGUE



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Letter from Councilman Polensek: Help change the decision to close Huron Road Hospital Trauma Center

Councilman Michael Polensek

I am sure you have heard by now that the Cleveland Clinic Healthcare System plans to relocate its Trauma Center from Huron Road Hospital in East Cleveland to Hillcrest Hospital in Mayfield Heights, a Level II Trauma Center. This news comes as a great shock to Cleveland City Officials, who were never notified, along with our suburban neighbors of this proposed change in trauma care.

Of great concern is the fact that, if someone is seriously injured in the Collinwood area they would currently be transported to Huron Road Hospital, about 6 miles away in about 10 minutes or less. If Cleveland Clinic goes ahead with their plans, and even though an emergency room will remain at Huron Hospital, trauma patients from the 11th Ward would have to be transported to MetroHealth Medical Center on West 25th Street, according to Safety Director, Mr. Martin Flask. This distance is approximately 14 miles and would take at least 25 minutes in good weather and no traffic to reach Metro. When you add the fact that Cleveland EMS is now operating with only 15 ambulances and the response time at present is around 13 minutes, it should tell all of us on the northeast side that it would take well over a half hour before a patient could be triaged and rolled into the Level 1 Trauma Unit at Metro Hospital; not to speak of the time spent on scene stabilizing the patient.

All of us are proud of the fact that the Cleveland Clinic HealthCare System is a world class institution. We have witnessed their expansion, not only at the main campus

but around the country and the world. In fact, we all know they are a medical destination point for celebrities and international royalty, alike. That being said, for them to cut this vital service at Huron Road Hospital, for moderate, low income and working families from the eastside, I find troubling and, quite frankly, insulting.

In all my years at Cleveland City Council, every time Cleveland Clinic needed help with permits, street vacations, building permits, roadway improvements, water / sewer hookups, Zoning, and land acquisition, etc., we were there to assist them. I am not aware of any time that the City ever turned down the Clinic on anything they requested. We all agree that the Clinic has been instrumental in job creation as well as in research and development and I greatly commend them for that..

However, my friends, this is about the life or death of our citizens. It is not about gleaming glass medical buildings or a “home away from home” setting for international royalty. It is about trauma care for our residents of Cleveland and surrounding municipalities. My own grandmother’s life was saved years ago at Huron Road Trauma Unit after she experienced a massive heart attack. Many residents can tell a similar story about how the TRAUMA CARE UNIT was vital in the critical care needs of a loved one. None of us at City Hall wish to engage in a fight with Cleveland Clinic. In fact, we should never have found ourselves in this situation. However, we are here now; and, a

solution must be found in order that trauma care is properly provided for the citizens of our eastside wards and our nearby suburban neighbors.

The Cleveland Clinic is investing hundreds of millions of dollars in new facilities while at the same time reducing services at Huron Road Hospital. Quite frankly, I don’t see a whole lot of improvement taking place at Euclid Hospital, either. Therefore, I urge all of you to write Dr. Delos Cosgrove, CEO of Cleveland Clinic, as well as the Board of Directors, who are the “movers and shakers” of the Greater Cleveland area, to express your opinion about this decision. Enclosed is Dr. Cosgrove’s address as well as that of the Board of Directors.

Please join with Mayor Frank G. Jackson of the City of Cleveland, Mayor Gary Norton of the City of East Cleveland, my colleagues and myself along with other suburban office holders and community leaders as we attempt to change their decision. Any questions please do not hesitate to call me. I may be reached at my office at (216) 664-4236.

A letter to Dr. Cosgrove may be sent to him via the following address (we could not identify an e-mail address for his office):

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Cleveland Clinic Main Campus
Mail Code H18
9500 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44195.

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Message from the Publisher

We apologize for the paper coming out a bit late this month. We waited for the election results to be final before we went to print. We are constantly trying to do the best we can.

The Observer project is looking for interns. It is an unpaid position but the knowledge gained would be priceless. It is part time and involves all aspects of publishing a paper in the civic journalism model. All ages are welcome to apply. Please email your resume or a fascinating letter about yourself to www.CollinwoodObserver.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Collinwood Observer will be undergoing some changes in the upcoming editions. We would really like to feature stories, art, photos and projects from the school children of Collinwood. Teachers, parents and students please submit your work to the paper. We know there are some very talented young people in this neighborhood. Please think of the Collinwood Observer as your very own school paper. We would also like to hear from the students and parents who have great stories to tell about their teachers. Help us fill the paper with happiness.

The other big change coming to the paper will be the expanded Real Estate section. If you have a house or apartment for sale or rent we want to list it here in the Observer. If you have a wholesale or retail space for sale or rent we want to list it here in the Observer. We will place large full color pictures of your properties at a very very reasonable price. We will run especially attractive deals for any apartment houses and real estate companies.

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FAITH IN COLLINWOOD

7,400 people take part in the Fugitive Safe Surrender phenomenon

Mary McElrath

A little more than a month ago I witnessed an unexpectedly awesome event at the Mt. Zion Church of Oakwood, Ohio. It was the Fugitive Safe Surrender of 2010.

It is a collaboration of the United States Marshal, Sheriff's Office, municipal judges, social service agencies, the Bureaus of Motor Vehicles, the Public Defender's Office, media, and the Clerk of Courts. The Justice Center was brought to the church.

More than 7,400 people took advantage of this opportunity to 'stop looking over their shoulders' and to eliminate job barriers.

For those who get hung up on the word "fugitive" –most of the people there were everyday people who had issues with their drivers licenses, child support, or were afraid to approach the intimidating justice system. Many were unable to pay their fines or get to their court date. Yes, there were low level non-violent felonies attending. However, they were outnumbered by the misdemeanors.

There were people of all ages who came in wheel chairs, on canes, and some were pushing baby strollers. Child care was also provided. People brought lunches to help as they waited in line. Then they waited in the

church sanctuary to go before a judge and hopefully to get a second chance.

While they waited the people could collect information on housing foreclosures, child support, re-entry, and other services. Onsite HIV testing and physicals were provided. On Saturday, which was the last day, the line went around the church and snaked into one of the four filled parking lots.

I saw courage as the people went through the metal detector to the unknown.

Safe Surrender began in Cleveland 5 years ago at the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church. It was a partnership of Rev. C.J. Mathews, United Pastors in Mission, U.S. Marshall Peter Elliot, and eventually Attorney Doug Stein. The Safe Surrender has since been in other cities such as Detroit and Washington D.C. This event has not been back to Cleveland in five years.

As a volunteer I was assigned to the exit. Nothing can replace the experience of seeing the relief in the faces of the people as they walked out of the doors. I talked to a woman who had not driven in 5 years because of a suspended license. Now she can get her license. The Safe Surrender was awesome! ■

Party Planapalooza 2011

Sherrie Zagorc

If you are in the business of making events special, showcase your talent at the Party Planapalooza January 15, 2011. We are assembling entertainers, caterers, floral designers, rental facilities, party destinations, cake decorators, and others for vendor displays, a variety show, and interactive demonstrations.

You will provide creative ideas and an opportunities for our public attendees to plan for their special events in 2011, incorporating your business in their children and adult birthday parties, anniversaries, family reunions, church events, women's and men's gatherings, and business functions.

Attendees will see first hand what your business has to offer and you will provide contact information, check available dates on your calendar, and arrange contracts to be involved in their memorable day.

Party Planapalooza will be held at Shore Cultural Centre in Euclid from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturday, January 15, 2011 and is sponsored by Kiddie City Child Care Community and Shore Cultural Centre. Contact Sherrie Zagorc at 216-481-9044 (kiddiecityeuclid@att.net) or Laura Kidder at Shore 216-289-8578 (llk@thecoralcompany.com) for more information and a registration packet. Look in future Observer papers for additional coverage of Party Planapalooza 2011. ■

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A letter to the Board of Directors may be mailed to the same address. They are as follows:

- Mr. A. Malachi Mixon III
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Sincerely yours,

Michael D. Polensek
Councilman, Ward 11

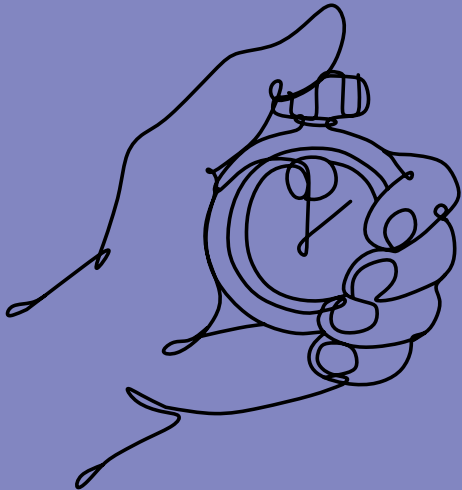
GAC Senior Center Thanksgiving Day dinner

On Thursday, Nov. 18 the GAC Senior Center, 16600 Lake Shore Blvd., will hold its annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Time is 1-4 p.m. The dinner will feature ham,

turkey, cranberry sauce, potatoes, vegetables, desserts and other typical holiday favorites.

A raffle will also be held; tickets for this are \$1 each or \$5 for a booklet of six. This

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HEALTH

Manor Care passes survey with flying colors

John Copic

Manor Care Euclid Beach was recently the subject of an intensive quality indicator survey.

For those unfamiliar with this facility, Manor Care Euclid Beach is a post-hospital post-acute care center dedicated to serving patients who need short term rehabilitation and skilled nursing care. Located behind McDonald's on Lakeshore, they have over 200 employees, with one of their managers being employed there for over 30 years.

The quality indicator survey is an unannounced 3 day process to measure compliance with federal standards and state regulations. A large part of the survey is interviews, not only with the employees but also with the patients, and the families of the patients.

The average finding in the industry is eight deficiencies, and Manor Care Euclid Beach had Zero. This is an amazing accomplishment, and a testament to the hard work of every employee, and their exceptionally high standard of care.

Congratulations to Manor Care Euclid Beach on a deficiency free survey, we are proud to have you in our neighborhood! ■

Hospice of the Western Reserve

Miles Kennedy

At the corner of East 185 Street and Lakeshore Boulevard you will find the Hospice of the Western Reserve (HWR), nestled along the lake. So what, exactly is a hospice? If you're like me you may think of this as a dingy ward, some place where gray and shaky old people wheeze out their dying breaths. Utterly depressing. Turns out that is a grave distortion of reality - a huge misunderstanding. The building you can see is but the tip of a much larger iceberg. True, the building we're discussing houses 42 terminally ill patients but the vast majority of the six thousand odd clients of HWR live at home or in assisted living. Though most hospice patients are physically weak, this is by no means a place of gloom and misery. A hospice can actually be a very happy environment.

Nan and I visited the hospice last week and were shown around by John Harvon. What a wonderful place it is! Art adorns all the walls and it is such warm and friendly art - all made by patients and their families. And everywhere the design is so clever, they really have thought of everything. For instance there are no overhead lights in the passages; why? Because patients frequently come on gurneys and don't want to be dazzled. All the rooms have patio doors that open onto a delightful garden. And there are public spaces for gatherings with whimsical clouds decorating the atrium ceilings. There is a nicely equipped playroom for visiting children. Kitchens and sitting rooms are also available for visiting family and volunteers, and family can even sleep over in patients' rooms. Beautiful gardens that are open to the public are lined with donor memorial bricks and provide enchanting lakeside views

extending to embrace a downtown vista. There is even a smoking room since they wisely take the view that it is too late and too unkind to try to break the terminally ill of bad habits.

HWR is in the business of providing palliative care. So what, exactly is "palliative care"? Wikipedia describes it thus (emphasis is mine): **"Palliative care** (from Latin *palliare*, to cloak) is any form of medical care or treatment that concentrates on **reducing the severity of disease symptoms, rather than — provide a cure.** The goal is to prevent and **relieve suffering** and to **improve quality of life** for people facing serious, complex illness." It goes on to say: "Although the concept of palliative care is not new, **most physicians have traditionally concentrated on trying to cure patients.** Treatments for **the alleviation of symptoms were viewed as hazardous** and seen as inviting addiction and other unwanted side effects ---The focus on a patient's quality of life has increased greatly during the past twenty years. In the United States today, 55% of hospitals with more than 100 beds offer a palliative-care program. — **hospice services and palliative care programs share similar goals of providing symptom relief and pain management."**

So, given this much extended role, you won't be surprised learn that Hospice of the Western Reserve has as many as 869 employees, 1200 volunteers and ten full-time doctors in 9 locations through a half-dozen counties in Northeast Ohio. HWR spends about \$82 million each year on patient care. \$4 million comes from annual fund-raising drives, about \$20 million from endowment funds and the rest from Medicare (85%) and Medicaid (5%),

with most of the remaining 10% coming from commercial insurers. If you've looked at the cost of extended care insurance recently you'll be truly staggered by the efficiency of HWR who turn the \$140 daily allowance they receive from Medicare into such a thorough and all-embracing system of care. And it's top quality care. The employees have the wide variety of skills required — nurses with many specializations, social workers, art therapists and spiritual counsellors. The volunteers also provide a wide range of services: pet therapy, office assistance, music, boat outings, spiritual support and companionship and even lawn mowing. Before year-end HWR will break ground for a new facility on the West side of Cleveland.

The service provided by HWR is available to anyone who has been diagnosed with a fatal medical condition. And these services are extensive. For most clients membership and all the services this provides are absolutely free because they are entirely covered by Medicare or the person's health insurance. The only paying clients are usually tragically young — even children. Members living at home receive weekly visits from a nurse and a social worker and needed drugs are delivered free. Services don't terminate with the patient's death as HWR continues to provide bereavement counselling to family and loved ones.

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Exercising to improve your Bottom Line

Mike Karban

Hello, my name is Mike Karban and I am the owner of Totally Toned Personal Training. Got a question for you, how is your bottom line these days? Carrying some extra junk in that proverbial trunk? If you're like most Americans, your exercise 'routine'

could use a little tuning up, but what if you're not ready to go back to the gym? it's been how long, exactly?!? Or perhaps you want to refine your form at home first, then graduate to those hard-to-hide-from mirrors that line your local gym?

Another question. Have you relied on exercise fads in the past, such as the Atkins'

Diet, the 8...no 7-minute workout videos, or how about that slick sauna suit (complete with vacuum to suck out the fat, I guess)? How many such fads we have seen come and go throughout the years? Belts that vibrate the belly fat away, dumbbells that 'shake' your muscles into shape, or food plans that enable you to drop that pesky exercise component all together yet still lose weight. There are bulky, expensive and even alien-looking machines ready to take up space and collect dust once their novelty wears off. And who can forget Richard Simmons' sweating to those oldies, Suzanne Somers' Thighmaster, or those legwarmers n' leotards Jane Fonda wore so well in the 80s?

Not to dismiss all exercise 'fads' per se, my aim here is to remind you that overall individual lifestyle changes, such as good nutrition and tapping into your inner drive and motivation, are the real 'secrets' that make or break any fad or workout routine. If it worked, the reason it worked was because it was something you got excited about, which in turn got you up and moving. And perhaps because you felt you were on an exercise program, you started watching other facets of your life, such as how much/what you ate, and how active you were. The moral here is that it is up to you to take control of your body, and no machine can do it all for you. Invest in each step toward reaching your goals, more so than just relying on that next big thing that promises to 'make' it happen, and take pride in the results you'll see in your attitude, body, life overall.

Ok, now let's talk about getting that tighter bottom line without spending too much dime.

In my professional opinion, the following list of equipment has consistently stood the

test of time. Plus, you won't be upset at the amount of money spent, and the equipment stores away nicely...until your next New Year's resolution!

5 things you can get for at home workouts...

- * 1-2 sets of dumbbells (typically 5-8 lbs for women, 15-25 lbs for men)
- * resistance bands/tubing (various colors represent degree of resistance)
- * exercise/stability ball
- * ankle/wrist weights
- * jump rope

Dumbbells are the number one, all-time home workout tool. A simple set of dumbbells can provide you with hundreds of exercises, and a ton of variety in how muscle groups are worked. Dumbbells tend to cost somewhere around \$1/lb, perhaps a little less expensive at used retailers, such as Play It Again Sports.

Exercise or 'resistance' bands/tubing are a good change-up or substitution to dumbbell workouts. Whereas dumbbells tend to require more of the smaller stabilizing muscle groups, bands/tubing provide slightly different angles/points of resistance, in addition to the fact that sometimes using a different tool or piece of equipment can provide a welcome change in your routine. Most exercises performed with dumbbells can easily be performed with bands/tubing, which come in various levels of resistance and are light weight enough to fit 'perfectly' in your travel bag when you're on vacation!

Exercise/stability balls can provide some variety of exercises in your routine, such as ball squats, crunches, leg raises, and lying leg curls. The ball can also be used in conjunction with dumbbells/bands to increase both balance and core strength. Examples

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Carrousel Update: Restoring our Carrousel

Elva Brodnik

Thought it might be interesting to talk briefly about what restoring a carrousel involves, especially since our Euclid Beach Carrousel has been through this once, and will need to go through the process again before it's operating, at least partially.

Restoration of something, as those of you who collect anything know, can be a fairly simple thing, or something that becomes very complicated! Then there's the idea of "original", which varies as to the "collectible" — in some things there's a fairly absolute standard, and in others, it's more flexible — as in carousels. Because carousels were (and are) first and foremost intended to be a means of income for an amuse-

ment park (or, way back in the day, for its owner, who actually rented the space they stood on at an amusement park, before amusement parks owned the rides that operated in them) keeping them running — and therefore making money — is the important thing. Which means doing whatever it takes to keep them running, be it a fast paint job or a nail here or there. This is not to say originality can be ignored in carousels, far from it! In fact, going "back to original" is the usual goal for a carousel restoration. The journey getting there though, can be very interesting. And our Carrousel's journey was just that.

There are many hours involved in restoring a carousel figure, depending on size and what

needs to be done. Every step is painstakingly done by hand, and it's all very labor intensive, and must be carefully done. As of now, the condition of Euclid Beach's Carrousel's horses and chariots is unknown, but given that this 1999 restoration is now more than 10 years old, there's going to be work needed. The mechanism's condition is also unknown, but we do know that then it was basically cut apart before the auction, the value being in the figures, not the mechanism. That 1910 postcard you've seen so often shows a lot of the elaborate original decoration, which was the goal of this first restoration.

Our neighborhood Euclid Beach's Carrousel Committee (EBCC) is still working on connecting with the Western Reserve Historical Society and the University Circle Carrousel group, but, as I said last issue, the ball is in their court, and we're waiting. We hope to be able to encourage a historically accurate restoration, which means that the Carrousel will "look & feel" as it did when it was at Euclid Beach.

We will let you know whenever we hear, contact us at: Euclid Beach's Carrousel Committee, ebcarrousel@gmail.com. ■

Elva Brodnick is President of Euclid Beach's Carrousel Committee.



Above left: "Glory" before restoration. Above right: "Glory" after restoration.

REMEMBERING THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF EUCLID BEACH PARK

Richard Wickens

The Sixth Annual "Remembering the Sights and Sounds of Euclid Beach Park" was held at Euclid Beach State Park, Sunday, September 26th. The event was co-sponsored by Euclid Beach Park Now, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources/Cleveland Lakefront State Park, and the Euclid Beach Boys.

Although cloudy for most of the day and a bit cool, many attended to rekindle memories of the grand amusement park. One couple in attendance shared that when hearing about the event, they had to attend, as they met at the park 56 years ago in front of Laughing

Sal, who also attended this year's event. Other items from the old park on display were a Dodgem car and one of the cars from The Flying Turns. There was also a car from the Racing Coaster, the Kiddie Rocket Ship, and a horse from the Kiddie Rodeo. For the second year in a row the Kiddie Hook and Ladder was on hand, thanks to the Mayfield Heights Service Department. The Kiddie Hook and Ladder was parked with about 50 vintage cars at the circular drive in the State Park where "The Cars We Drove to Euclid Beach Park" car show was held.

Display boards were set up at specific loca-

tions throughout the State Park containing images of rides and attractions that claimed the ground where the board was set when Euclid Beach Park was in operation. Attendees could use these display boards for a self-guided tour or join one of the narrative walking tours that included history of some of the rides, the park and the Humphrey Family, former owners of the park.

Original Humphrey Popcorn Balls and Candy Kisses were available for sale as was

Design underway for permanent Carrousel marker at Euclid Beach

Elva Brodnik

Good news!! A committee has just been formed by representatives of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Euclid Beach Park Now, Euclid Beach's Carrousel Committee, the Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society, Northeast Shores and the Ward 11 community including Councilman Michael Polensek, to design a permanent marker for the Carrousel's original site in Euclid Beach State Park.

This marker for the Carrousel will be the first of similar markers throughout the State Park pointing out where rides and attractions were located at Euclid Beach. I will pass along details as our plans come along, so stay tuned!

Look forward to hearing from you! ■

Contact Euclid Beach's Carrousel Committee at ebcarrousel@gmail.com or carrollsell@gmail.com.



Rocket car from Euclid Beach Park.

frozen custard by Weber's Premium Custard and Ice Cream. Hot dogs, chips and pop were

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EXERCISING TO IMPROVE YOUR BOTTOM LINE

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of dumbbell/band exercises that can be performed using the ball include:

- shoulder/chest press'
- butterflies
- tricep kickbacks
- bicep curls
- lateral raises

Ankle/wrist weights can be used for leg/arm exercises at home and for added weight during cardio workouts. For example, wearing wrist/ankle weights during a walk can increase cardio performance as well as muscle endurance.

The jump rope may be an inexpensive option for those of you who do not have a piece of cardio equipment, or even for those that do, as winter will be coming which means our walking/jogging routes will be covered in snow. Regardless of weather, we still need to do our cardio so jumping rope in the house is a great way to get that heart pumping during the winter months. And unlike the treadmill or stationary bike, it can easily be taken outdoors in the summer as well. Hey, if it worked for Rocky, it can work for you!

Some equipment may come with a workout video, but if not, remember your local library has books, videos, and DVDs that

can get you started. Stores like TJ Maxx and Marshall's may have some equipment for half the price of other stores, but you may have to search a bit more. Of course sporting goods stores will have a wide selection of equipment in one place, however, retail stores such as Target and Wal-Mart might be a less expensive, one-stop shop for the typical exercise-enthusiast. But as with anything, doing the same thing over and over becomes boring and tedious, de-motivating even, and allowing your body to 'adapt' to routine activities may cause you to hit that 'workout plateau.' Therefore you want to change up the routine, whether it be changing from dumbbells to resistance bands, or substituting bands with dumbbells/exercise ball work. In order for you to be successful with any kind of weight training program, either at home or at the gym, continue to keep the body 'guessing' so as to not feel like everything is monotonous because then it becomes a 'job.' So, have fun with your workouts, and always challenge yourself more! ■

Mike Karban is owner and operator of Miller's Gym and Totally Toned Personal Training.

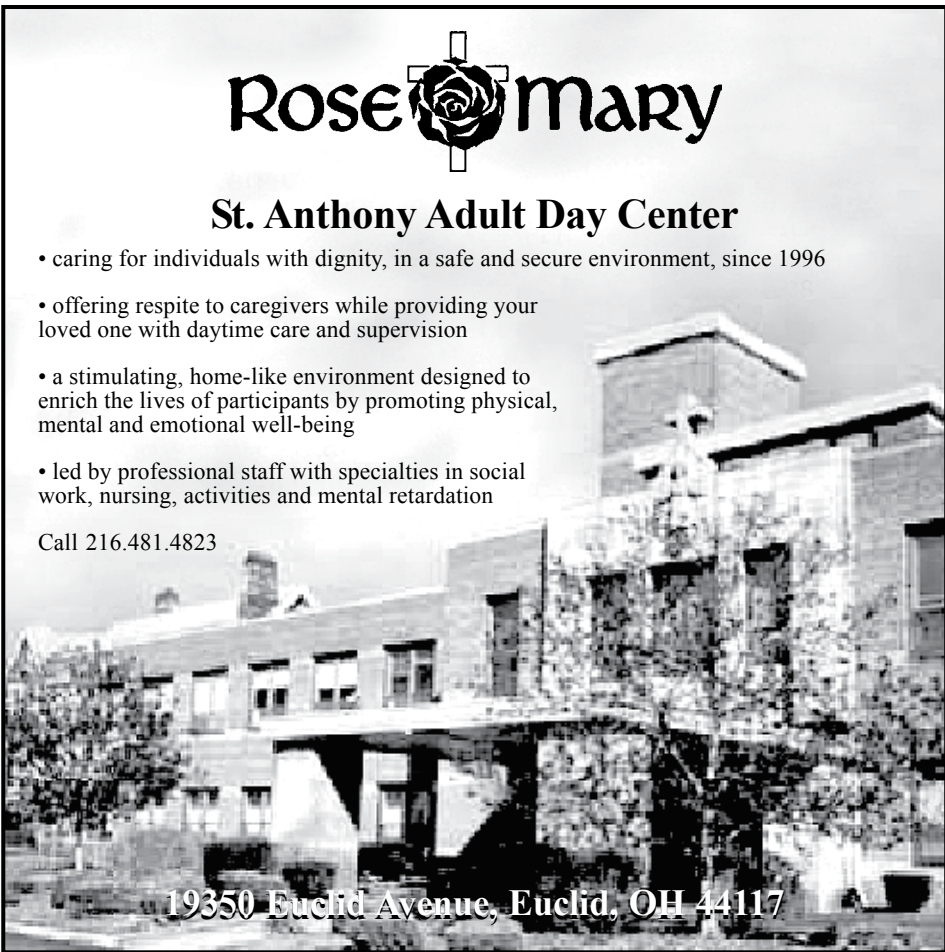
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Do you Block Watch?

Denise Lorek

Are you part of a Block Watch group? If not, why not? If you are, thank you!

Block Watches are about meeting your neighbors. If you know your neighbors, you will recognize strangers who come in to your neighborhood. Block Watches are about sharing information. You can learn about the various programs offered by Northeast Shores, the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County and various other agencies. Block Watches are about being proactive, not reactive to potential problems in your neighborhood. Block Watches are also about being the “Eyes and Ears” for the police. Our “men in blue” cannot be everywhere all the time. The police need residents calling them, reporting suspicious behavior. As Commander Drummond always says, “If it looks suspicious, it probably is suspicious, so please make the call to the police.” Remember Zone Cars are deployed to our area based on the calls for service received from our area. So make those calls to the police. You are not bothering them. You are helping them do their jobs. 911 if it’s an emergency, 216-621-1234 for non-emergency calls.

There are several block watch opportunities for you in North Collinwood:

If you live in the East 185th St. area, you

can go to the East 185th St. Block Watch meetings. This group meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm at the Lithuanian Hall, 877 East 185th St. (corner of Kewanee). The Chair person for this group is Denise Lorek.

If you live in the East 156th St. area, you can go to the East 156th St. Block Watch meetings. This group meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm at the Arts Collinwood Community Center 397 East 156th St. The chair person for this group is Patricia Harrison.

The advantage of going to the East 185th or East 156th St. Block Watch meetings is that Commander Drummond or a 5th District representative are at all of the meetings. Councilman Polensek is always at the meetings as well. The Fifth District Police and Councilman Polensek are there to take any quality of life complaints you may have. They will investigate the complaints and take whatever action needs to be taken. The Fifth District always brings safety tips and crime statistics for our area. Councilman Polensek always has updates on what is going on in the neighborhood from Collinwood Rec Center updates to the Huron Road Hospital closing news. You are always encouraged to bring

your questions and concerns for Councilman Polensek and Commander Drummond. They will try to answer you at the meeting but if that is not possible they will get your contact information and report back to you.

In addition to trying to improve the quality of life in the North Collinwood area, the Block Watches build a sense of camaraderie between the residents. We grieve the losses of our residents and we celebrate the additions to our families. We celebrate the anniversaries of our groups with parties. We also have seasonal parties! These parties are potluck, with the residents bringing all kinds of tasty dishes to the meetings to share.

The best part of Block Watching is finding out you are not alone in your neighborhood. You have many good neighbors and we are all here to help each other improve the quality of life in North Collinwood for all of us.

There are other Block Groups who meet as needed, quarterly, monthly or every other month. To find out more about joining or starting a Block Watch group, please call Denise Lorek at Northeast Shores 216-481-7660 or dlorek@northeastshores.org. ■

Denise Lorek is the Community Organizer for Northeast Shores.

"Pick Your Neighbor" \$500 Referral Program

Camille Maxwell

As we approach the winter season, we all browse through our storage containers or closets to determine if we need new gloves, boots, coats and ear muffins to fight the winter months in Cleveland. Northeast Shores has implemented a referral program that can earn you \$500 in extra money towards the purchase of winter attire just by referring a family, friend, co-worker, to purchase one of our newly renovated single family homes.

The "Pick Your Neighbor" program allows you to be a part of increasing homeownership by encouraging your family, friends and co-workers to move into your neighborhood that continues to develop and grow.

Pick Your Neighbor and drive or walk to East 163rd in Waterloo and see 387 E. 163rd and 391 E. 163rd being transformed into beautiful single family homes.

Do your part and refer someone to live in North Collinwood today!

Please contact Camille Maxwell, Real Estate Development Director at (216) 481-7660 ext. 30 to tour these homes and find out more information regarding our Pick Your Neighbor Referral Program. ■

Waterloo Streetscape planning meeting scheduled

John Boksansky

The public is invited to a meeting on Monday November 29th from 6 PM to 8 PM at the Waterloo Slovenian Workmen's Home located at 15333 Waterloo Road to provide input to the City of Cleveland regarding the development of the Waterloo Road Streetscape Plan. Representatives from Osborn Engineering (Consulting Engineer) and Knight & Stolar, Inc. (Planning Consultants and Landscape Architects) will be on hand to present preliminary concepts. Public input will be gathered for the streetscape plan improvements slated for Waterloo Road between East 152nd Street and East 162nd Street.

This is an important meeting to finalize the plan which began several years ago. Waterloo Streetscape completed a plan in 2007 known as the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative which was sponsored by The Northeast Ohio Area Coordinating Agency. Councilman Mike Polensek commented that, “The community was very active in the initial process and we expect that this public meeting will provide the opportunity for the public to comment on the final plan proposed to be under construction for the spring of 2012.” The 2007 plan can be read at http://www.northeastshores.org/userfiles/file/initiatives/Waterloo_Streetscape.pdf.

The Waterloo Streetscape final plan will include paving of the road surfaces and comprehensive sidewalk and paver installation, traffic calming measures, final programming of the East 156th Street and Waterloo public space, utility pole consolidation, traffic signal improvements and streetscape amenities such as improved pedestrian lighting and street furniture. If you have any questions, please contact John Boksansky at Northeast Shores, (216) 481-7660 or e-mail jboksansky@northeastshores.org. ■

LaSalle Snoop finds trunk! November 17th event planned

John Boksansky

On Saturday October 9, Cleveland Restoration Society (CRS) working with Northeast Shores organized a tour and walk through of The Historic LaSalle Theatre. Twenty Five CRS members and neighbors walked through the building. It had been rumored by several clean-out contractors that a trunk had been found. The Snoop confirmed the presence of the trunk. Can it be true that valuables have been found among the treasure of the LaSalle? On Wednesday November 17 from 6 PM to 8 PM you can find out. The public is invited to the opening of the trunk.

JP Kilroy of CRS commented, “It is a surprise to find something within The LaSalle Theatre building.” Among other items found was a door from a physician who once occupied a second floor office of the building, as well as picture frames and a fitter shade which presumably adorned the LaSalle auditorium.

Denise Lorek, Community Organizer from Northeast Shores, stated, “We plan to have an evening filled with the simple pleasures of life: a bit of history of the area from Collinwood Historical Society, a display of found objects

at the LaSalle, popcorn and some Wurlitzer music piped in to give the air/feeling of what the LaSalle sounded like before the talkies. Residents who live close by are encouraged to walk to the LaSalle, as they did when the LaSalle opened.

The Marketing and Media Committee of Northeast Shores agreed that a contest should be conducted so the public can guess on the contents of the trunk. You to can guess what is in the trunk

by sending your guess to Denise Lorek (216) 481-7660 or dlorek@northeastshores.org or fill out a guess at Arabica, 818 East 185th Street.

Long-standing business members from the East 185th Street District will be on hand to open the trunk and reveal the lucky winner. The prize will be gifts and merchandise from your East 185th Street merchants.

See you on East 185th Street...at the LaSalle. ■

John Boksansky is the Northeast Shores Business District Manager.





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Lend a hand (or a can) for the holidays!

Jayme Lucas

With the holiday season almost upon us, now more than ever there is a need for food assistance for those in our own neighborhood.

Why give? Hunger is increasing in Ohio! Here are few facts to consider:

- In 2008, **49.1 million (16.4%)** Americans lived in food insecure households compared to 36.2 million (12.2%) in 2007.

- **1 in 6 Americans** does not have access to enough food.

- **74%** of food pantries in Ohio reported an increase since 2006 in the number of clients who request emergency food assistance.

Source: feedingamerica.org.

Cash donations are needed more than anything. The food pantries in the area purchase what they distribute from the Cleveland Food Bank. The Cleveland Food Bank purchases in bulk quantities, allowing dollars that you donate to go further. For example, food pantries can purchase a case of tuna for the same price we could buy 10 or so cans from the grocery store. Typically, \$1 will feed a family of four one meal and a donation of \$8 can provide a family a complete holiday dinner or enough food for a week!

The "Super Six" most distributed food items are:

- Beef Stew
- Canned Soup
- Canned Vegetables
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Tuna Fish

About the Cleveland Food Bank:

The Cleveland Foodbank supplies a majority of the food used in local hot meal sites, shelters, and food pantries. In addition, we provide food to child care centers, group homes, and programs for the elderly.

The Foodbank works closely with other Northeast Ohio hunger relief organizations, providing food and nonfood products to hunger centers administered by the Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland, the Catholic Hunger and Shelter Network, and the Salvation Army, among others.

How you can get involved:

If you would like to make a monetary donation or donate canned goods to the Cleveland Food Bank or any of the food pantries in our area, please drop them off at the Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation at 15614 St. Clair Ave. between the hours of 9-3, Monday through Friday. We will distribute them according to your wishes to the local pantries and make sure you get a tax deduction receipt if needed. Please be sure that any food you donate is not expired or damaged (rusty cans, opened boxes, etc.).

Please note that the Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation does not provide food or financial assistance. All of the local churches accept donations, but would appreciate them before or after their hours of worship. Please contact them individually for details.

Do you or someone you know need help?

1. Call the United Way First Call for Help at 2-1-1. They can refer you to a variety of agencies and programs for assistance.
2. The Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation would also be happy to refer South Collinwood residents to agencies/programs. They can be reached at 216-383-9772 or info@cnvdc.org.

Winter safety tips

Jayme Lucas

Take the time now to get your home ready for the winter season by following these tips:

1. Have your heating system checked by a professional annually. This will ensure that your system is working safely and efficiently which, in turn, will save you money. If you heat by wood, clean your fireplace or stove. Have your chimney flue checked for any buildup of creosote and then cleaned to lessen the risk of fire.

2. Change your furnace filter monthly during the winter season.

3. Caulk and weather-strip doors and windowsills to keep cold air out.

4. Inspect and flush your water heater.

5. Clean gutters. Leaves and other debris will hamper drainage.

6. Replace batteries of smoke, heat and carbon monoxide detectors when the time changes (twice a year).

If the lights go out:

1. Call your utility first to determine area repair schedules. Turn off or unplug lights and appliances to prevent a circuit overload when service is restored. Leave one light on to indicate power has been restored.

2. To help prevent freezing pipes, turn on faucets slightly. Running water will not freeze as quickly.

3. Protect yourself from carbon monoxide poisoning:
 - **DO NOT** operate generators indoors; the motor emits deadly carbon monoxide gas.

- **DO NOT** use charcoal to cook indoors. It, too, can cause a buildup of carbon monoxide gas.

- **DO NOT** use your gas oven to heat your home — prolonged use of an open oven in a closed house can create carbon monoxide gas.

- Make sure fuel space heaters are used with proper ventilation.

4. Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to help reduce food spoilage.

Neighbors helping neighbors:

If someone you know is elderly or dependent on life-sustaining or health-related equipment such as a ventilator, respirator or oxygen concentrator, you should make plans now to ensure their needs are met during severe winter weather and possible power outages.

1. Help them stock a home disaster kit including a flashlight and extra batteries, a battery-operated radio, bottled water, non-perishable foods, essential medicines, and extra blankets or sleeping bags.

2. Check on them

after a storm or power outage. Help register them as a special needs customer with their utility company so they will become a priority customer. Notify others who could provide help such as neighbors, relatives, nearby friends and local emergency responders such as the fire department.

3. Have a list of emergency numbers readily available.

4. Have a standby generator or an alternative source of power available. Be aware of the safety rules for its use.

Protecting pets:

Winter is a time we should pay close attention to the safety of our pets. Here are some safety tips to follow:

1. Ingesting anti-freeze can be fatal for your dog or cat. It has a sweet taste and even a tiny amount can cause severe kidney damage and even death. If you spill some, soak it up immediately. (Clay kitty litter works well. Discard the litter once the anti-freeze has been absorbed.)

2. Pets that live outdoors should be fed a bit more in the winter because they need the extra calories to stay warm. They also should have fresh water put out a couple of times a day, or consider a special bowl that prevents the water from freezing.

3. If your pet goes outdoors, be aware of the temperature. Pets can get frostbite very easily on the ears, tail and paws.

4. When walking your dog, check the paws to make sure that ice is not building up between the toes and that salt from the roads is not irritating the skin.

5. If your dog is a swimmer, keep it on a leash around open water or unstable ice. Hypothermia can set in quickly and the dog may be unable to get out of the water.

6. Before you start your car, you should honk the horn to make sure that a cat has not decided to nap in a warm spot under the hood of the vehicle.

7. If decorating for the holidays, keep ornaments out of the reach of your pets. Remember that poinsettias, holly, mistletoe and other plants can be toxic if ingested. ■

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Define this time of the year for you

Desiree James, LISW

This time of the year can have different meanings for each one of us. Traditionally, it is categorized as a time for family gatherings and finding the perfect gift. For others this may be a time of sorrow and may mean a period of unresolved pain, loneliness, family friction, reminders of loss, or not being able to provide during this difficult financial period.

Count your blessings and give thanks for being able to enjoy the company of loved ones and feast on a good meal. If your family gatherings are drama-free and a source of joy and fulfillment experience and appreciate them fully.

If the holiday season has meant sorrow and not so happy feelings, acknowledge the feeling, feel the feeling, but do not become the feeling, realizing this too shall pass. Take a good look at why you feel this way and know that we always have a choice how we respond to people, situations, and events. As difficult as this can be sometimes, we do have the option of turning lemons into lemonade.

Are you ready to have a different experience this year? Honestly, ask yourself what is it that you did you not like about previous holiday seasons. Then slow down, close your eyes, relax, and use your imagination to dream about how would you like this season to look. Imagination is free. Do not pay attention to any obstacles that may pop up in your mind. Out of this dream, pick one or two things that can be reasonably changed.

Do not try to change your whole life in one instant. You will overwhelm yourself and sabotage your goals. Next, start thinking of what you need to fulfill your dream or come close as possible to your desires and take the first step, even if it is just a small step. Make a daily commitment to move toward your goals.

If family gatherings are difficult for you or you are dreading the drama that comes along with your family gatherings, try spending less time with your family and spend time with another family. Don't have any family left or close by, now may be a good time to start establishing an extended family or form new

friendships. Someone who is sick or shut-in at home, a nursing home, or hospital, would be very grateful to spend time with someone. Being around other people and helping others can be very rewarding and gives you a warm feeling inside. The most precious gift we can give is of ourselves.

There is no need to feel lonely or isolated. Many organizations are looking for volunteers. If you are homebound it may be possible to accomplish activities at your home, via the telephone, or internet. Helping out will make you feel valued and will help occupy your time, instead of spending the day alone.

Make this a period of reflection and evaluation. Make every effort to go into the New Year fresh with a different perspective on life. Set some reasonable new goals with deadlines for accomplishments. Write them down so you will be less likely to abandon them. Start planning on how you will leave sickness, depression, anger, anxiety, addictions, grudges, bad relationships, complaints and other negative toxic ideas and thoughts in 2010.

Start working to free yourself right now. Will it be easy? Probably not. Will it take work? Yes. Will you have setbacks? Maybe. Changing and renewing ourselves has never been easy work. Don't try to go at it alone. Seek assistance from a higher power, a good friend, a minister, or mental health professional.

If you want something different in your life, you have to do something different. Say to yourself, "Another year addicted? Not me. Another year lonely and depressed? I don't think so. Another year feeling sorry for myself? Hell no. Another year complaining about what someone did to me? Not in 2011. Another year in a bad relationship? No way."

Reinvent what this time means for you. You cannot stop the season or New Year from coming, but you can decide how you will experience it. You are the author of your life, if the previous chapters have been great, keep doing what you have been doing. If the previous chapters have been disappointing, pick up your pen and start rewriting the plot now. ■

Is the Transformation Plan really helping our public schools?

Jeanne Coppola

As a concerned resident of Cleveland, I have been wondering how the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) will implement its transformation plan to improve our public schools. What criteria will they use to make their decisions and how will they get input from parents and students, about what they want to see happen?

Any parent or student who has ideas should be able to give their opinions at meetings or directly to the CMSD. It should be an open discussion, not a behind closed doors relationship with the Boston Consulting Group, "a global management consulting firm and the world's leading on business strategy," (<http://www.bcg.com/>). Why did the CMSD hire a consulting firm, whose customers include: World Food Programme, News International Limited, and the Rockefeller Foundation?

How will working with the Boston Consulting Group help understand the needs of our inner city youths? How can a management consulting group instill goals and hopes in students who live in a city that is losing its residents, many of whom come from broken homes with no guiding parent? What do they

know about youths who might not have hope for the future? The way to help our schools is to help our students with better programs and teachers who care! Our students need vocational classes that augment regular classes, and a new guidance program where they can go for the support they might not be getting at home.

It seems that the CMSD is only helping itself, and its CEOs. How much is this costing? Couldn't the money have been better used to save our teachers jobs? Good teachers are losing their jobs, and teachers with less seniority are the first to be let go. Why? This is not the way to fix out school system. But it is the way to get the extra funding needed to pay the consulting group! What is really going on here?

In any school system, every student needs to be given a chance to develop their skills. And the students who excel need to be encouraged, also. In my alma mater, Collinwood High School, an excellent teacher, Lynn Haney lost her job. She engaged English students to write for this paper, The Collinwood Observer." What an excellent opportunity she gave to these students. Who will help them now?

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also available and many took advantage and filled the picnic tables throughout the park. Many strolled along the promenade above the beach walking toward where the fountain used to be and looking out at what remains of the old pier.

This annual event got its start when Carol Ward, the naturalist for Cleveland Lakefront State Park, asked Euclid Beach Park Now if they would be willing to collaborate on a program that highlight the history of the Euclid Beach State Park property.

Cleveland's most beloved amusement park, Euclid Beach Park, closed 41 years ago on September 28, 1969. Planning has already begun for next year's event. For updates about the 2011 Remembering the Sights and Sounds of Euclid Beach Park and information about Euclid Beach Park Now, the non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the memory of the park, visit our website www.euclidbeach.com. ■

Richard Wickens is Vice President Euclid Beach Park Now.

Election Results

Cuyahoga County Executive
Edward FitzGerald (D) 178,452
Matt Dolan (R) 121,452
Ken Lanci (I) 45,723
Tim McCormack (I) 32,321
Don Scipione (I) 11,555
David Ellison (G) 5,937

County Council for District 10
Julian Rogers (D) 26,438
Matt Brakey (R) 3,863
Michael Troy Watson (I) 888

Congress, District 11
Marcia Fudge (D) 97,787
Thomas Pekarek (R) 21,647

Governor/Lieutenant Governor
John Kasich (R) 1,841,046
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Richard Cordray (D) 1,707,003
Robert Owens (C) 126,502
Marc Feldman (L) 103,966

Auditor of State
Dave Yost (R) 1,835,372
David Pepper (D) 1,618,746
Michael L. Howard (L) 176,372

Secretary of State
Jon Husted (R) 1,964,335
MaryEllen O'Shaughnessy (D) 1,493,625
Charles Earl (L) 176,965

Treasurer of State
Josh Mandel (R) 1,999,516
Kevin Boyce (D) 1,464,837
Matthew Cantrell (L) 178,572

It's a process

Rhonda Hudson-Williams

It's a process.

The old saying, "Rome wasn't built in a day," is an expression of the steps needed to get to a desired end.

To build a foundation takes work. To realize any idea and see it manifest takes vision, faith, and constant effort. Challenges may come that will create obstacles; or ideas may need adjusting, but the work is still being put forth. Such it seems is life. We have all the tools needed to build our foundation, and we know what to do, but find it sometimes hard

to keep up.

We may become disheartened or discouraged because it is much easier to say what we desire, than it is to make it happen. What takes up the time in our days is the process of our lives. We are all working towards something.

When we fall down — get back up — encouraging others to do so by our example. When we get off track — get back on. There is always something learned in every experience in the process of life. ■

THE FACELESS BUSINESSES OF COLLINWOOD

John Copic

As I drive through our neighborhood I see many businesses that are not retail stores or open to the public. Some of these businesses have been in the Collinwood neighborhood for many years. I find myself wondering what it is that they do in these places.

I am sure that you have driven by Jergens Inc. on South Waterloo. They do not make hand lotion. Located in Collinwood since 1942 they now have three distinct business units: Workholding Solutions, Lifting Solutions and Specialty Fasteners. The state of the art 130,000 sq. ft. facility is a marvel of manufacturing efficiency. It was at the Jergens plant that we had the first meeting of The Faceless Businesses of Collinwood.

COLLINWOOD BUSINESSMAN JACK SCHRON WINS SEAT ON COUNTY COUNCIL

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I believe that Cuyahoga County can be an example of how regions along the Great Lakes can reinvent themselves to be striving communities where families want to live and businesses wish to locate. My life, both professionally and privately has been devoted to making a difference in the lives of people in our community. I would like to continue that commitment to service as a member of the County Council.

I would like to help create a county government that is run efficiently, provides the highest quality of services and operates in a manner that is open to the public, fair and corruption-free. This will require an unwavering commitment to the highest ethical standards among all members of the Council, the County Executive and all employees of county government. The members of the new County Council need to be willing to work extremely hard to make sure we get this right the first time. The voters are expecting change and a better government and I am dedicated to meeting their expectations. Finally, it is time for the next generation of leaders to take positions in government in order to bring new ideas and energy that Cuyahoga County so desperately needs. ■

SCHOOLS

Cleveland Job Corps Safety Fair receives national recognition

Stanley L. McBee

As part of the Department of Labor/National Job Corps Inaugural Universal Safety Day, the Cleveland Job Corps Academy hosted a Safety Fair that was highlighted in the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Job Corps' October 2010 national edition of the Job Corps Safety Circle Newsletter.

This recognition is in line with the Office of Job Corps' evaluation of the Cleveland Job Corps' performance rating as "Exceptional." This category includes "Use of Innovations." Of the 124 Centers nationwide, Cleveland ranked number 20 from October 2009 through September 2010, which included its first-place ranking for GED/High School Diploma attainment and second-place ranking for vocational-trade completion.

The Safety Fair gave students, staff and community partners the opportunity to recognize and champion occupational safety, and personal health and safety. Students at the Center have long evaluated the Center as "safe," a fact attested to by the Students' Satisfaction Survey. Conducted biannually, this survey measures how students feel about their safety on each of the 124 Job Corps centers nationwide.

Cleveland scored a 99.8%; the highest score ever recorded at any center in the nation, in the March 2009 survey, and averaged 96.8% for the three periods covering March 2009 through March 2010. The national average was 83.7% for the same reporting period. The national results for September 2010 are still being tabulated.

"I am proud of the students and staff who made the Safety Fair an enjoyable learning event," said Dr. Lora Davis-Allen, the Academy Director.

Several of the Cleveland Job Corps' community partners participated, including the Ohio Highway Patrol, the Ohio Department of Transportation, Cuyahoga Community College's Environmental Health and Safety Department and the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Safety Services. Representatives from Cleveland Clinic Hospital talked about wellness from the perspective of drug and alcohol abuse, smoking cessation and diet. Cleveland Job Corps' nursing students conducted blood pressure checks. Pharmacy Tech students competed in a contest to design safety posters.

The Cleveland Police Department was well represented. The department sent a mounted police officer, the blood alcohol testing vehicle and the urban assault vehicle used by the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT). Students had the opportunity to inspect these vehicles and ask the officers questions about their respective careers. The Cleveland Fire Department brought a fire truck on campus and the department's Smoke House. The Smoke House is a vehicle that simulates a smoked-filled house on fire. Students learned that in a smoke-filled environment they need to drop and crawl because the air is more breathable near the floor. "For some students, this event may have been their first opportunity for a positive interaction with government employees and to learn about the science of safety," said Vicki Chapman, the Cleveland Job Corps' Safety Officer. Ms. Chapman, who earned a Masters of Science degree in Environmental Health and Safety Management, organized the event with students from the safety committee.

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VASJ Entrance Exam

VASJ will be holding an Entrance Exam this Saturday, November 20, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Ministry Center. All incoming freshman are required to take this test. Please call Admissions at 216-481-8414 ext. 254 or e-mail trichards@vasj.com to register. If you know any 8th grade students who are interested in attending VASJ, please pass this information along to them.

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School: Transforming lives to transform the world.

Independent Study Day at VASJ made possible by "Schoolology"

Emily Robinson

Two days during the week of August 30, 2010, VASJ was closed due to a water pipe issue. On the second day the school was closed, rather than claiming another calamity day, VASJ instituted an "Independent Study Day."

Even though students were not in the building, they still received lessons and assignments from their teachers and the day counted as a regular school day. This was possible due to our new school information system, Schoolology. Teachers set up each one of their classes on this website and the students can virtually "log in" to class. On the homepage, students can participate in discussion boards, receive/turn in homework, take tests, etc. They can also privately view their grades.

The "Independent Study Day" was well received by the students and teachers. The students were very excited to learn that the day counted as a school day and that the calendar

would not have to be adjusted. They also like the online format. Teachers also gave a lot of positive feedback and were happy with the amount of student participation that they received, as well as the percentage of students who turned in all of their online work.

While there are some wrinkles that need to be ironed out, overall the first "Independent Study Day" was a huge success and one that has a very bright future here at VASJ.

Next year, the state is doing away with all calamity days, meaning anytime school is closed, for any reason (weather, no heat, no water, etc), the day will have to be made up. Usually, that means shortening a vacation or delaying the start of summer. By using "Independent Study Days," not only will we be able to avoid make-up days, but we will also be able to keep the students working and learning without losing valuable teaching opportunities. ■

VASJ peer ministers hold Rosary prayer service

Emily Robinson

On October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, the community of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School gathered for a Rosary Prayer Service. VASJ celebrates our Marianist heritage and Blessed William Joseph Chaminade's devotion to the Blessed Mother each year on or around the date of the Feast. This time of prayer is rooted in VASJ's commitment to the Ursuline core value of Spirituality and the Marianist charism of Education for Formation in Faith.

The Rosary is a prayer of meditation. All who attended were invited to meditate on God's plan of salvation, and reflect on the meaning of each mystery and its relationship to our lives.

This year, the VASJ community prayed the Sorrowful Mysteries which focus on Christ's passion and death which won for us our salvation. After each mystery was announced, the Scripture passage that is the basis of each mystery was read, and a dramatic presentation was delivered to help everyone consider the meaning of the mystery. The VASJ Peer Ministers who planned the Prayer Service situated these mysteries in a modern setting to help everyone better understand what Jesus endured for our sake. The Senior Class led the entire school in the prayers. ■



Dramatic representations were presented to help everyone consider the meaning of the mysteries of the Rosary.

VASJ HOLDS FIRST SERVICE AND CLUB FAIR

Emily Robinson

On Thursday, September 23, VASJ High School held its very first Service and Club Fair.



More than 15 local organizations attended the event, gave brief presentations to the students about the volunteer opportunities at their organizations and set up tables where students could gather more information and sign up to volunteer. In addition to volunteer opportunity presentations, students also heard presentations about the various school clubs and extracurricular activities available at VASJ.

"I thought this would be a great way to get our kids connected and engaged in the community," VASJ's Campus Minister Jill Latkovich said. The Hospice of the Western Reserve,

St. Aloysius Food Pantry and Hunger Center, Euclid Hospital, Salvation Army Learning Zone and Transitional Housing were some of the nonprofit organizations who attended VASJ's Service and Club Fair.

The goal of the service fair was to bring many of the various community volunteer opportunities available to students to one place to make it even easier for them to reach out and get involved. "If students can put faces to names and organizations, it might make them feel more comfortable getting engaged and volunteering

for the organization," said Latkovich. Service is one of the Core Values of the Ursuline and Marianist traditions at VASJ and students are required to complete a minimum of 48 hours of service prior to graduation in addition to helping plan two major social outreach events during their senior year.

To make it even easier for students and parents to learn about the various volunteer opportunities available, VASJ has added a "Service Opportunities" page to the VASJ website under the Spiritual/Service section. ■

New Fall Menu!

 *Gostilna at Knezak* 

768 East 200th Street (across from Drug Mart)
(216) 738-1177 Happy Hour 12—8 Everyday
Mon -Fri open Noon to 10:00pm
Sat open 2:00pm -9:00pm Sun open for Browns Games

Special Menu for Browns Games!

Donna (best bartender ever)

ART AND HISTORY

Getting to know Jerry Schmidt from Waterloo 7 Art Gallery

Susan Brandt

How ironic that I met Jerry Schmidt about 4 years ago at the Arts Collinwood Gallery on Waterloo; we both grew up in Mentor Headlands, attended Mentor High School (that's right the school with the bullying issues) Shore Jr. High and pretty much knew the same people in Mentor but really never knew each other till about 4 years ago.

Jerry operated the Waterloo 7 Gallery at the Zaller building for about 8 years. In April of 2010 he relocated to Willoughby Hills, the gallery is now located at 35005 Chardon Rd. This location is currently home to about 25 artists. The gallery is open from 1-7 Tues. thru Thur., 1-10 Fri. thru Sat. and 1-6 on Sunday.

Although Jerry moved the studio to Willoughby Hills, he still has his work studio here in N. Collinwood. He lives above one of my favorite breakfast places, Fotinas on E. 156 St.

He is a second generation metal sculpturist; his father, Fred Schmidt was a world-renowned metal sculptor who worked also for the New York Central Railroad Service, and died in 2001 due to asbestos.

Jerry has two children, Andreah, 27, and Tyler, 16, who happens to be following in his father's footsteps, and one grandson, Nathan,

who is 2 years of age.
Jerry is an ironworker by trade and is affiliated with local 17 of the ironworkers union. He has been sculpting since the age of 18, and has made Waterloo his home, and although he may not appreciate some of the antics that happen, his eyes are not closed to its problems.

Here are Jerry's 10 Questions:

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

My kids and Art.

What has been your greatest achievement?

Not to rely on people to be independent in the arts.

What quality do you most like in a person?

Honesty.

What do you value most in friends?

Accept them for who they are.

What is your most treasured possession?

My grandchild.

What is your greatest extravagance?

Rummaging through a scrap yard.

Who are your heroes in real life?

My children and grandchild, again.

What makes you unique?

I am very straightforward and say what I feel.

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

My attitude.

What's your favorite word?

Beautiful!!!!

All the arts we practice are apprenticeship. The big art is our life.
— M. C. Richards

Jerry is truly a gem in this neighborhood.

We really hope that you have enjoyed the past year of **Getting to Know You** articles. If you would like to see a neighbor or business in this column please submit suggestions to the paper at collinwoodobserver@gmail.com, and put "Getting to Know You" in the subject line. ■



VASJ students participated in "Mural My Neighborhood" program

Emily Robinson

During the summer, two of VASJ's exceptional artists, Olivia Biondo and Derek Witcher, participated in the "Mural My Neighborhood" program and contributed to the painting of two beautiful murals in North Collinwood. Olivia and Derek, both

juniors, underwent interviews and had to show examples of their work before they were accepted into "Mural My Neighborhood," a program of Cleveland's Bureau of Cultural Arts. "I like painting and art so I thought it would be fun and a chance to meet other kids

in my neighborhood who enjoy art as well," Olivia explained.

After spending eight weeks in the classroom learning about color schemes, scratchboard, shading, air brushing and painting, the group of young artists began painting the Euclid Beach Park mural located at the Lake Shore Florist on Lake Shore Boulevard. Derek contributed to one of the seagulls and the Euclid Beach Park letters while Olivia helped trace many of the images and worked on the trees and pillars. Once the Lake Shore Florist mural was complete, the group began painting the second mural located at the Helping Hands Daycare on E. 185th Street. Olivia contributed to the purple and yellow flowers located on the mural, while Derek focused on the blue flower and the pizza.

A member of VASJ's art club, Derek enjoyed the experience of being around other young artists. "It brought me out of my comfort zone of my other art. It was a good opportunity to do something for the community and the chance to do something that everyone will see," Derek said of the experience.

We encourage you to look for these murals as you're driving on E. 185th Street and Lake Shore Boulevard! ■



Top left: The East 185th Street mural. Top right: Olivia and Derek pose with the E. 185th Street Mural Plaque. Bottom right: Olivia and Derek pose with the Lake Shore Florist mural on Lake Shore Boulevard.

Auditions for Upstage Players' "Seussical: The Musical"

Matthew Orgovan

Local children's theater company, UpStage Players, based in the Waterloo Arts District, invites interested area 7- to 15-year-olds to audition for the troupe's Spring 2011 musical, "Seussical: The Musical," this December.

Auditions will be held on Sunday, December 5, 2010 for 12- to 15-year-olds and on Saturday, December 11, 2010 for 7- to 11-year-olds. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with auditions starting at 9 a.m. sharp on both days. No late-comers will be admitted. The event will end at 1 p.m. All children will be required to stay for the entire time and will be given a short snack break.

Auditions will take place at the Slovenian Workmen's

Home, 15335 Waterloo. Callbacks will be scheduled by the artistic director. Those auditioning are asked to bring a 1- to 2-minute Broadway Musical song to perform, comfortable shoes, a current photo, a one-time \$5 fee for photocopying/folders and a copy of his/her birth certificate.

"Seussical: The Musical" will be performed on April 15, 16 and 17, 2011. Tech week begins on April 7th and ends on April 14th. All actors, actresses and tech crew members will be expected to be present for every tech week rehearsal.

For more information, call Carrie or Bud at (216) 731-5793, e-mail upstageplayers@gmail.com or visit www.upstageplayers.com. ■

MANOR CARE SPREADS BIRTHDAY CHEER TO THE ELDERLY

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the Cleveland Clinic Research Department where she retired from.

Ms. Patterson has been a faithful and devoted member of the Cory United Methodist Church, where she served on the Usher Board and was a founding member of the Junior Usher Board. In earlier years she loved to dance and enjoyed bowling. Inez continued to bowl until the age of 98, with an average score of 203. Inez continues to be involved in daily activities, going on community outings and attending church services. She especially enjoys spending time with her many friends.

The entire staff at Manor Care Euclid Beach wish Inez and all of the residents continued enjoyment along with much happiness and good health. ■

ART AND HISTORY

The magic house of Collinwood

Elena Tomorowitz

Joseph Gentilly was your local dentist back in the 1920's. So why would he need hidden rooms and manholes built into his house? Sounds like the set up for some terrible horror film. It turns out the local dentist was also a professional magician. If you have lived in the neighborhood long enough, chances are you've heard stories about the "magic house".

Built sometime between 1925 and 1928, the house located close to the lake, has more strange features than your typical North Collinwood bungalow. It was once a great place for entertaining, with two built in pianos in the basement, plenty of secret rooms for storing alcohol during times of prohibition, and allegedly a set of shackles in the basement floor that would allow for the magician to put on a show for his guests.

Most of the stories about this house are simply legend, but none of them have been disproved. When the current owners, Bill and Sandy Snodgrass, bought the house in 1997, they didn't quite realize that they were moving into a local landmark. Sandy met an elderly woman and her son while walking her dog in the park one day. The son began filling her in on stories about the house, including the mailman who had died of "unknown causes" while living there. The elderly woman interrupts saying, "Enough bad things have happened in that house, let's not talk about it". Perhaps she was referring to the time when a bank robber hid out at the house sometime in the 1960's, and the FBI shot it up in hopes of catching the burglar. There are certainly enough places for a criminal to hide.

Not all of the spooky stories are myth, however. The Snodgrass family included three kids, two adults, two dogs, and three cats when they moved into the house, after being inhabited by a single woman for years. "We disturbed the peace", Sandy says. "That was about the only time living here that weird things happened". Once, while the kids were playing pool in the basement, the fluorescent lights suddenly exploded. This was around the same time a mass of costume jewelry flew out of a hidden drawer that Sandy had stumbled upon. The house has been fairly peaceful since then, but the couple discovers new things about the it all the time.

When it comes time for Halloween, Bill and Sandy Snodgrass have very little preparation to do. They can entertain guests with scary stories and secret rooms all year round. ■



A Collinwood neighborhood museum? What do you think?
Come to the meeting at the Arts Collinwood Cafe, Nov 11

Elva Brodnik

Euclid Beach's Carrousel Committee (EBCC) and the Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society (CNHS) have been talking to many of you around our neighborhood, and have found that there's a big interest in having some sort of Collinwood/ Euclid Beach Museum, here in our Collinwood neighborhood.

With the brand new Recreation Center coming in, the "Euclid Beach" name all over the neighborhood (including that neat mural on Lakeshore), and the Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society already com-

piling information, photos etc, on all things in our neighborhood like the Collinwood School Fire, we could really put together something very special.

Our Collinwood Observer is also pitching in with collecting stories as well; wouldn't it be great to have a place here "at home" to remember everything that made – and makes – our Collinwood neighborhood great? Think Euclid Beach (of course!), the Collinwood School Fire, the Collinwood Rail Yards, all the businesses that have come and gone – and the people who made it all

happen – the list is endless! Who better to do this than us?! Our neighborhood's history preserved by us!

Come to our first Museum "brainstorming" session at 6 pm, Thursday, November 11 at Arts Collinwood. We're looking for ideas from all of you, so please do contact EBCC ebcarrousel@gmail.com or carrollsell@gmail.com or CNHS at CollNottHistory@aol.com with your ideas in the meantime.

Your support is important to us, and we thank you. ■

THANK A VETERAN

Mary Louise Jesek-Daley



Mom and Dad's wedding day.

Veteran's Day was always a unique day in my house growing up because not only was it a special day to honor our Veterans it was also my parent's anniversary. Through the years we celebrated this day in various ways and I still remember fondly their 50th anniversary. The November before my father passed away (Dec 2007) they were blessed to have marked their 63rd wedding anniversary.

They were married on November 11, 1944 at St. Aloysius Church on St. Clair Avenue (Glenville). They lived in the Collinwood community though and their reception was held at the Collinwood Slovenian Home on Holmes Avenue. It was during WWII so my father was married in his uniform and everything was rationed. My mother remembers families getting together to pool their ration stamps in order to put together a wedding

feast complete with a cake and enough fuel stamps to get them back to Camp Pickett, VA, where my father was stationed. My mom always said that, "on the day we commemorate the world declaring peace, we declared war!"

It wasn't hard to honor our veterans on this day growing up because we had a tradition of service in the family. My father was in the Army and served as a T5, stationed State's side during WWII, while his brother served with the Army overseas and saw action at the Battle of the Bulge, and a cousin served in the Marines. Several members of my mother's side of the family also served during WWII. A cousin served the Army during the Korean Conflict and my mother's brother was in Vietnam and gratefully returned home.

Years later when I married my husband, Tim, their was also a tradition of service in his family. His great aunts served as Army Nurses and even as WAC's during WWII, and his father served during the Vietnam era while an uncle, whom he never knew, was killed in Vietnam. One branch of his family can even be traced back to the Civil War era where many members of the RUPLE family (of Collinwood) served during this pivotal era of our country's history and at least one young man "gave his all" at Stone's River, Tennessee in January 1863.

Our community has a tradition of service, too. I can trace veteran service of Collinwood and Euclid Township citizens back to the American Revolution through the War of 1812 and the Civil War, the Spanish American War, WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam and all the other wars and conflicts America has been involved in. Our cemeteries are full of veterans who either gave of their service or gave of their lives to keep America free.

With this tradition how can one not feel a special connection to the significance of Veteran's Day? It was once known as Armistice Day, when peace was declared at 11:11 AM on November 11, 1918 essentially ending World War II, the war to end all wars!

On this Veteran's Day, let us not forget ALL our veterans no matter when they served. Thank a Veteran you know for their service.

Share your veteran's story with the Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society (CNHS) – We are starting the "Names Of Our Veterans" project. We would love to hear about any current or former resident who served in America's armed forces with their branch of the military and any other designation you would care to share with us.

E-MAIL the CNHS at CollNottHistory@aol.com. ■

Uncle Floyd

Ralph Solonitz

It was a beautiful sunny day to take the drive...the Euclid Beach State Park is a half hour drive from the group home.

My guys always enjoy the place, boats, fishermen, a snack bar...all the joys of summer. Today I have all 8 men.

We walk along the paths overlooking the largest body of fresh water in the world.

Left overs from melted glaciers thousands of years ago.

Ice cream, potato chips and pop are on the minds of my guys, not the reason for our great lakes, but the reason for being near the snack bar.

Just then a man hands me a rolled up bill. I catch a glimpse of him over my left shoulder,

Expecting him to ask me to change his 5 dollar bill for singles or some other scam... he tells me to buy my guys something at the snack bar.

I place the bill into my t-shirt pocket and thank him for his kindness... wondering if he had a family member in a group home, or what motivated his kindness...

and he just explains, "I get it!"

You get it? I ask.

One of my guys comes over to say hello to this man.

I tell him about the kind gift and reach into my pocket to show off the bill.

I unroll it and stare...it's a Fifty!

Did you make a mistake? I asked. Do you want change?

No! He replies.

Who are you? What is your name?

Just say it's from Uncle Floyd.

I was deeply moved, I could see Uncle Floyd was also.

every once in a while my cynical beliefs are challenged.

The van was never filled so quickly in my memory...off to the nearest ice cream shop... for whatever each guy wanted.

Another beautiful day at the lake, ice cream filled the stomachs of my guys and for me...

I was happy to be filled with the hope that there really were good people walking this earth. Thanks to the stranger who "Got it".



Far left: The staircase in the living room. Second from left: One of the built in pianos in the basement. The other one was later destroyed, allegedly by one of the previous owner's relatives. Second from right: A secret room behind a set of cabinets in the basement. Far right: A grotto in their backyard, attached to the garage. Next to it is an old fountain.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Ohio Independent Film Festival presents RRIICCEE at the Beachland Ballroom

Katherine Isenhardt, *Independent Pictures*

Independent Pictures and the Ohio Independent Film Festival present RRIICCEE, featuring actor/director Vincent Gallo.

The event will take place at the Beachland Ballroom Tavern, located at 15711 Waterloo Rd. in Cleveland on Saturday, November 13, at 8 pm. Limited tickets for the event are \$15 and can be obtained by calling Beachland Ballroom at 216-383-1124 or by visiting their website at www.beachlandballroom.com.

Vincent Gallo is one of this generation's most exciting indie actors and filmmakers. He received critical acclaim for his films "Buffalo 66" "The Brown Bunny" and more recently as the lead in Francis Ford Coppola's 2009 film "Tetro." Born in Buffalo in 1961, Gallo moved to New York City in 1978 and



wildly successful and at times, controversial career as a conceptual and visual artist, filmmaker, musician,

race car driver and music collector. Highly prolific, Gallo is one of the most misunderstood, misquoted and misrepresented talents of the last 25 years.

RRIICCEE is a spontaneous collective between Gallo and two other musicians —Woody Jackson and Nico Turner — and exhibits the creation of composition within a live performance. In addition to the performance, Clevelanders will be treated to a special screening of Gallo's four-minute short film, "Honey Bunny" as well as a selection of short films from the Ohio Independent Film Festival.

For over 17 years, the Ohio Independent Film Festival has shown films from Cleveland and all over the globe, and since May, 2010 has partnered with Beachland Ballroom for festival screenings and special events. The event with Vincent Gallo aligns perfectly with the Ohio Independent Film Festival to support independent filmmakers by encouraging freedom of expression. Funded in part by Community Shares of Greater Cleveland and Ohio Arts Council, the Ohio Independent Film Festival is programmed entirely through filmmaker submissions. For information about sponsoring an event, Independent Pictures or the Ohio Independent Film Festival, contact Bernadette Gillota at 216-926-6166 or Katherine Isenhardt at 216-798-1904. ■

Beachland Ballroom & Tavern: A love story

David Eggbert

The Beachland is the greatest music venue in the world. Apologies from all of us here to all the other music clubs in the land. You can only compete for second place. The Beachland did not reach this lofty position due to its fine selection of beer, wine and spirits. Nor is it the charm and history of the place's original mission as a home for Croatian immigrants that rockets us to the top.

The sound and acoustics of the Ballroom are unparalleled. The intimacy of the Tavern evokes a sense of being in your friend's basement watching a high school band. Only the bands at the Tavern are national acts using a state-of-the-art sound system designed by Big Audio Mike. Yes, Mike performs magic seven nights a week with his encyclopedic knowledge of sound and deep love for music. But even that is not what has led the Beachland to conquer all concert halls.

It's Love. That is the secret ingredient. Mark Leddy and Cindy Barber are alchemists. They took their incredible love for music, for Cleveland, for the North Collinwood neighborhood that Beachland calls home, and for all who are fortunate enough to walk through Beachland's door and created something timeless and beautiful. To understand the Beachland you must understand its parents.

Mark Leddy is a soul brother. He's the coolest cat in Collinwood. Few people know this because that's how cool he is. No need to flaunt it or advertise it to the general public. It took me a couple months to realize that Mark's veins are not filled with blood. Rather it is music that flows through him, powers him, and enables him to continue bringing incredible music to our little pocket of Cleveland. Mark is old school and stubborn. Refusing to yield to financial incentives

and never compromising on his mission to bring great live music to the Beachland on a nightly basis, regardless of genre. The man is music and welcomes all great music into his home and shares it with his neighbors for a small fee that barely keeps the lights on.

Cindy Barber is the patron saint of Waterloo and the matriarch to motherless Collinwood. Her good deeds are not catalogued, nor heralded, or measurable. The love that flows out of this woman to all who cross her path is incredible. Given freely with no strings, she has changed lives, inspired others to love thy neighbor, and resurrected a neighborhood that had fallen on hard times. When you walk into the Beachland, you enter Cindy's home and get to experience how her love has transcended all the inherent challenges of operating a music club in a time and city where the Beachland should not exist. And yet she's here. The Beachland's here. And if you're lucky you will be too. Just be prepared to get infected with the Beachland Bug. Its symptoms include spontaneous dancing, singing along with an amazing band, and the instantaneous sense of community that come from experiencing the power of live music in a club built on a foundation of Pure Love.

That is why no club has a prayer of competing with the Beachland. Come and experience it if you are brave enough to handle the power of live music mixed with infinite love. Be forewarned and be prepared. It will change you. And for the better.

Get the Beachland Experience. And afterwards talk to your neighbor and ask her, "Are You Experienced?" ■

Five at five: Getting happy at the Grovewood

Elena Tomorrowitz

I've always had happy memories at the Grovewood Wine Bar, especially in the winter, when the bartender has the best prescription for the cold: a sturdy Manhattan or a high-octane microbrew on tap. What makes an even happier experience there is when you arrive in time for the \$5 at 5 happy hour menu, which features a great list of food and drink for only five dollars each. It runs Monday through Friday from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm, which means you can shake off that bad day just in time to catch that show, or the Ohio governor in my case, at the Beachland Ballroom.

Though everything sounded good, we decided to order a glass of the Strump Jump Shiraz, Golden Monkey draft beer, buffalo shrimp, the cold Thai sesame noodles, and the "mini" pulled pork sandwich. Turns out we ordered food for the next two days. The buffalo shrimp came out on a bed of lettuce and blue cheese and tasted just like those chicken wings you might get at your local bar, but are a great alternative for your pescetarian wife. Though I was a little concerned that we only got three per order, we still had plenty of food to take on

in front of us. We saved the sesame noodles for last, because the perfectly molded mound was just too beautiful to mess up. The "mini" pulled pork sandwich made me wonder how big the regular sandwich was, because there was nothing small about it. The pile of slow roasted pulled pork came on two slices of thick-cut bread. I wanted to ask if they had stolen my mother's Sunday pork roast recipe, because it was just as delicious. We finally made it to the noodles, but by this time we were already looking for a couch to pass out on. The noodles made a great compliment to the other dishes, and made for a great lunch the next day, which I ate warmed up in the microwave.

My favorite part about Cleveland is the extensive list of happy hours. You can live on a grad student's budget and still enjoy some of the finest restaurants in the city. My favorite part about Collinwood is catching up with the friendly staff at the Grovewood and enjoying their great food before the dinner crowd comes through. Don't think fine food costs a fortune.

Stay tuned next month for another great Collinwood happy hour review. ■

My first time with Dr. Dog

Elena Tomorrowitz

I fell in love with Dr. Dog when I first heard the first song off their first album, "The World May Never Know". I was in college, which was a vital place for all kinds of new music, probably most of it downloaded from the Internet. When I played the song for my dad, he said, "That's a total Beatles rip-off". Well, if you don't want to listen to any more Beatles re-recordings, then you should listen to Dr. Dog.

My first impression of the band, when I heard them on disc, was that they were innocent, down-to-earth indie rockers. This meant that I was quite surprised when I showed up Tuesday night at the Beachland Ballroom during the middle of the third song to find a fog machine, fancy stage lights, the entire band wearing sunglasses, and an almost sold-out crowd. Turns out Dr. Dog sold more albums on iTunes than I thought.

Many of the people there were big fans, including my cousin who had seen them three times prior, once being at the music festival Bonnaroo. He was happy to say that this was of the best shows he's seen by them. As I looked at the crowd, I began to think of the



first time I was allowed to go to a concert on a weeknight. It was Interpol at the old Grog Shop, but Interpol didn't go on until way past my honorary curfew that night, and I still have never seen them play. "Just come home at a decent hour," my mom had said. I imagined that most of the young folks in this crowd were having the same experience, aside from having to miss the main act. My guess was that many of the people there rarely go to music concerts, which made for an extra enthusiastic audience.

Though part of me wished that I could have seen Dr. Dog in their puppy stage, I was happy to see what had become of them in the years since their first album. They now have five albums out and a pound full of dedicated fans. Keep an eye out for this up and coming quintet, you might even be able to catch them on Late Night, sunglasses and all. ■

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PUT DOWN THE CAN! CRANBERRIES YOU'LL WANT TO EAT AND MORE

Laura Partlow-Slea

Hello, Collinwoodians, and happy pending Thanksgiving! I am here to help with your holiday spread. First off, let me reiterate what I said in the headline: canned cranberry sauce is a sad affront on this wonderful food. The Cranberry Relish recipe below lets this berry out of the can and into the recipe box (I hope).

And for all you Soul Food fans, I have a wonderfully rich Sweet Potato Puff recipe that I got from a co-worker several years ago. There's some non-measured ingredients in there, but don't be afraid: you can eyeball it pretty easily. I'll help! It takes a bit of time but it's worth it! My husband and I have fought over the leftovers, but here's a tip for anytime: if you made it, you get dibs! You can quote me on that. I don't remember where I got the Scalloped Corn recipe, I just remember I made it last year. It ended up in the file-box so I guess it was all for the better.

But before I get to the recipes, a few **Food Safety Tips:** 1) Cook the turkey until it reaches 160-165 F. Don't trust that pop-up thing. If you stuff the turkey, check the stuffing too. If should reach 165 F. It'll be done quicker if you cook the stuffing separately. (If you can keep the menfolk from the kitchen, let the turkey rest about 20 minutes so the juices can re-distribute.) 2) Let the leftovers cool before you put them in the 'fridge. Just leave them on the counter for a bit. If they're too warm, the temperature will rise in your 'fridge. The **Temperature Danger Zone** is 40-140 F. Letting food sit for more than 4 hours at these temps will make it easier for bacteria to grow and give you food poisoning, and who wants that? 3: **WASH YOUR HANDS!** If you touch one kind of food, wash up before you touch another. 50% of foodborne illness comes from lax hand washing. 4 If you're hosting the festivities, don't let Uncle Fred drive home if he's had one too many. The nuisance of driving him home is much better than a DUI or a funeral! Be a responsible host(ess)! OK, on to the fun part.

Cranberry Relish: 1 (12 oz) bag fresh cranberries, rinsed & picked over. 1C sugar. 1C water. 1 peeled apple. 1 orange. Dash cinnamon...Bring water

& sugar to a boil, stirring occasionally. Add cranberries & cook until they pop. Strain and discard liquid. Let cool. Meanwhile, chop up the apple and zest the orange. Mince the zest and add that & the apple to the cranberries. Put into a food processor or blender & pulse until smooth. Juice the orange & stir juice into cranberries. Stir in the cinnamon and chill until serving time.

Baked Scalloped Corn: 1 box corn-bread mix (like Jiffy). 1 can EACH (about 15 oz) creamed and kernel corn. 2 eggs, beaten. 1C sour cream. 1/2C melted butter... Combine all ingredients until moistened well. Turn into a 9x9" or 11x 7" pan and bake at 375 F for about 40 minutes or until firm in the center. Serve.

Sweet Potato Casserole: CASSE-ROLE: 2 large sweet potatoes. 1 stick butter, room temperature. 1C sugar. 1 heaping teaspoon EACH cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla. 1/2 can of evaporated milk*. 2 eggs. **TOPPING**:** Flour, butter, brown sugar, chopped pecans (optional)... Boil whole sweet potatoes, skin on, until tender*, about 45-60 minutes. Allow to cool a little. Peel and mash until cool. While mashing, add butter. Add eggs, sugar, vanilla, milk and spices. Turn into a 9x 9" or 11x 7" pan and bake at 350 F for about 20 minutes or until just barely set. Cover with topping and return to oven for another 20-30 minutes until set. Let sit for 5 minutes and serve.

**For the topping, start with about 3/4C flour, 1 stick softened (but still a bit cool) butter, and 1/2C packed brown sugar. If you're using the chopped pecans, put those in too. Smoosh it all together with your fingers so it's crumbly. If it's too moist add some more flour. Aim for crumbles around the size of a quarter. The size isn't a deal breaker so don't worry too much about it.

NOTES: *Evaporated milk ISN'T the same as sweetened condensed milk. You can use the rest of the can anyplace you need it for cooking, like macaroni & cheese, cakes, or desserts. It's treated so that it won't curdle like ordinary milk might when it gets hot.

HAVE A WONDERFUL, SAFE HOLIDAY! Best wishes from Casa del Slea! ■

Review: Season 1, Episode 1 of "Glee" is in your face TV

Mary Howell

After watching the first episode of the first season of the television show "Glee," I give it three and a half stars. The show was entertaining but it had a lot of story lines.

There are several characters that face different problems. There is the Spanish teacher who married his high school sweetheart who likes to shop. He enjoys teaching and wants to be over a "glee" club to help students find the same joy he had when he was in the same club. However his wife would prefer him to get a job as an accountant. His wife tries to manipulate him by becoming pregnant so that he will quit his job teaching to make more money so that she can continue shopping.

There is a football player who enjoys singing but is afraid to be part of the "glee" club because his classmates think glee club members are losers.

Another character, Rachel, wants to become famous and thinks that being in "glee" will give her a boost in that direction.

The show brings out a lot of different issues. There was a former "glee" club teacher that was wrongfully accused by Rachel and is now selling drugs to make a living. Another teacher is very tough on the students in order to stay in the newspapers and on television. Then there is a teacher who likes a married teacher and is a germaphobe.

The show also attempts to be politically correct: one of the members in the "glee" club is a homosexual, one is African-American, one is Asian, one is in a wheelchair.

Of course they mention the cliques of high school, such as the jocks, the cheerleaders, the loners, the wannabes, etc. It shows peer pressure scenarios, so that teenagers can relate.

The show has a lot going on, is in your face, and is comically written. ■

Meet me at The Tower

Nan Kennedy

Have you noticed The Tower at the corner of Waterloo and E. 156? Its appearance startled many and displeased some; I find it's growing on me – and it's undeniably a great landmark ("Meet me under The Tower," sort of like "Meet me under the clock," at Grand Central). Would you like to know what's planned for the final stage of the Waterloo Streetscape (of which The Tower is a small but very visible part)? Come hear – and contribute to – the plans for the final stage of the Waterloo Streetscape Project. Nov. 29th, 6 – 8 pm, Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15333 Waterloo Rd. Questions? Contact John Boksansky at Northeast Shores, (216) 481-7660 or e-mail jboksansky@northeastshores.org. ■



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PISCES *****
(Feb 19 – Mar 20) Spend time near the lake. Enjoy family. This month call that person you've been meaning to call. Lucky Number: 24

ARIES *****
(Mar 21 – Apr 19) Embrace literature. Be careful what you post on the web. This month plan a getaway weekend. Lucky Number: 36

TAURUS *****
(Apr 20 – May 20) Plow ahead without checking the details. It could be your best month this year. This month cook a fabulous meal at home. Lucky Number: 48

GEMINI *****
(May 21 – June 20) Live life on the edge. Plan carefully to be spontaneous. This month take the plunge. Lucky Number: 60

CANCER *****
(June 21 – July 22) The weather may be getting cold, but your life is getting hot. Expect success in all areas. This month you are unstoppable. Lucky Number: 72

LEO *****
(July 23 – Aug 22) Act wild. Throw caution to the wind. This month make music a big part of your daily life. Lucky Number: 84

VIRGO *****
(Aug 23 – Sept 22) Obstacles fade like mist. You have the power. This month great things will happen. Lucky Number: 96

LIBRA *****
(Sept 23 – Oct 22) You thought money was running short. You were wrong. This will be a month of huge financial reward. Lucky Number: 108

SCORPIO *****
(Oct 23 – Nov 21) Enjoy life. Spend your time with the people who appreciate how special you are. This month a video will make you cry (in a good way). Lucky Number: 120

SAGITTARIUS *****
(Nov 22 – Dec 21) Things are not as they seem. They are much better. This month complete the project that is dear to your heart. Lucky Number: 132

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