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## Number 9... Number 9... Number 9 9th Annual Waterloo Arts Fest

by Cheryl Carter

The 9th Annual Waterloo Arts Fest, presented by Arts Collinwood, took place on Saturday, June 25th and was again attend by thousands of people who enjoyed a wide variety of art vendors, food vendors, live music acts, art installations, performances, and activities for adults and children of all ages! This year's t-shirt was designed by artist, Billy Nainiger, and had a "Beatles" rock feel.

A special presentation by Councilman Mike Polensek surprised Arts Collinwood founders, Nan Kennedy and Sarah Gyorki. The City officially named the corner of 156th and Waterloo after Nan's husband and Sarah's father, Miles Kennedy who recently passed away. A street sign designating the corner was presented to Nan who was joined onstage by her granddaughters, Jane and Emma.

As always, attendees were encouraged to nurture their creative side and find new fun ways to engage with the arts. Five specialty stages offered everything from folk and blues to indie rock and DJs. This year's lineup included Craic, We the People, Good Morning Valentine, Doug Wood, DJ Kishka, Corissa Bragg, Good Morning Valentine, Jesse Bryson, Extra Medium Pony and Ohio Civil War, to name a few.

Visitors browsed dozens of booths selling original quality artwork, from jewelry and photography, to paintings, wearables and more. Street performers were also a favorite. This year the Fest featured the Cleveland Yo-Yo Club, Middle Eastern Dance Group, Giant Puppets, a Living Statue, RW Magic, Hula-Hooper-Amy Melnyk, Passport Project, and Cleveland's own Burning River Roller Girls. She Speaks women's poetry slam diva, Blaire Miller Bommer and her bards created a "speakers corner" where they enlightened listeners with edgy, poetic verse.

Local artist, Tim Callaghan set up his easel in the beer garden at the Beachland to paint another local artist, Jake Kelly. Check out Tim's Facebook documentation to see how the portrait unfolded during the day at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/timothy.callaghan>.

Waterloo Road merchants participated in the event with special sales and activities, including the return of the Beachland Ballroom's infamous Rock

'n' Roll Flea Market. Other participating merchants included Blue Arrow Records & Boutique, Music Saves, Cloud 9, Native Cleveland, The Head Shop, and Star Pop. The streets were made artful by Jerry Mann who placed his sculptures throughout Waterloo Road area.

More than 12 food vendors served delicious food including R&D Sausage, the Beachland Ballroom, the Boardwalk and the Café at Arts Collinwood. New this year was a variety of Cleveland's hot new trend, FOOD TRUCKS. Fest-goers tasted delectable food from JiBaro, OH BabyCakes, Umami Moto and Zydeco Bistro.

This year's kids' area featured a paper purse- and duct tape wallet-making workshop, Passport Project, Damon Rucker, finger painting and storytelling by local actors, Doug and Jessie. Adults and children indulged in making mini-canvas creations, puppets, a magician, a living statue, an interactive workshop to make flowers for the Tower and playing in the sand at the mini-beach.

The day went off without a hitch and couldn't have happened without sponsors including: Councilman Michael Polensek, Enterprise Community Partners, PNC, Huntington Bank, KeyBank, ManorCare, Visible Voice, Holden Arboretum, Corporate Screenings, YMCA of Greater Cleveland, Cleveland Public Power, Northeast Shores Development Corporation, Chili Peppers, Tucker Ellis, Marous Brothers Construction, Representative Kenny Yuko, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, Scene Magazine, Buzzbin Magazine, No Problem Printing, Boondock Walker, Pabst and the Waterloo merchants. Arts Collinwood would also like to thank all of the amazing volunteers who helped plan and carry-out this super successful event. We are already brainstorming away for the 10th Anniversary of the Waterloo Arts Fest in 2012 so stay tuned!

## Countdown to Community Center

by Jessica Antrobus

"Are you sure this is it?" my mom asks me as she stares at the computer screen, showing a picture of what looks like an abandoned parking lot.

"Yeah," I say, "that's the address he gave me." It doesn't look like much, but I'm certain that this is the Panzica construction sight of Collinwood's soon to be Community Center.

Driving up to the lot it doesn't look much more promising, but as we get closer I can see the construction men hard at work, and a new façade has been added to the building from Google Maps. Mom waits in the car as I make my way over to an office trailer, with endless blueprints and layouts spread around the tables inside, and tacked up on the wall. This is where I meet with Mark Panzica, the Project Manager of Panzica Construction and one of the men behind the creation of the new community center. When we sat down, the first thing I asked him was what use to be here, and whose idea it was to recycle the old building materials? I found out that the old building in the Google Maps photo was a Big Lots, and that the shell of that building was used to build the community center. The idea of recycled buildings has been a growing trend in construction, and Mr. Panzica said that the city architect has developed the idea of salvaging some pieces of the old Big Lots.

"We used the shell of the building, took off the roof and outside walls, and kept the shell for the bas structure," says Mr. Panzica.

They also kept some of the concrete floors and columns of the old building, but had to add a few new pieces. I asked about the benefits of partially recycling the building, and Panzica said that the process is more initially expensive in terms of construction, but that in the long run it will pay for itself. He also said that some of the building materials, whether new or recycled, could end up costing the same amount of money. He said that design practices have been headed this way for a while, and that more and more buildings are becoming "lead accredited". "Lead Accredited" is the term used for a building that meet's all of the city's requirements for a "green" building, and this is a stamp that the Community Center will have.

After getting all the info on the how it was done, I wanted to know more

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Councilman Mike Polensek surprises Nan Kennedy by officially naming the corner of 156th and Waterloo after Nan's husband, Miles Kennedy who recently passed away.



Dialogue

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Mike Polensek’s statement on Huron Road Hospital

Councilman Michael D. Polensek statement on Cleveland Clinic’s decision to close Huron Road Hospital

Residents in Cleveland’s eastern communities took comfort in knowing the difference between life and death was only minutes away, after an announcement today by the Cleveland Clinic to close the entire Hospital facility in East Cleveland will put Cleveland’s lives in jeopardy.

This comes after the clinic told council and the mayor last fall they would work to keep the trauma center open, and the hospital, open to serve Cleveland’s east side, the City of East Cleveland and Cleveland Heights.

This city always stood behind the Clinic to help them expand and grow. Every time they came in front of city council

asking for assistance, we were there to help them. And now, we are seeing this institution turn its back on those most in need within our community. They mislead the council, deceived the mayor and all of Greater Cleveland.

The Cleveland Clinic prides itself on offering world class medical services, however, when it comes to Cleveland’s east side, they do not find it necessary to offer special emergency medical care to those in most need. Just last year, over 3,000 transports by Cleveland EMS were made to Huron Road Hospital, with 800 of those being for vital trauma care.

Residents living in some of Northeast Ohio’s most affluent suburbs are benefiting from the Clinic’s consolidation and

disinvestment while Cleveland’s eastern most neighborhoods and older, inner-ring suburban neighborhoods pay a steep price.

The clinic has a moral and ethical responsibility to serve all of the community, and I challenge Cleveland Clinic to remember who was there when they needed help and not to turn their backs on our most needy residents and their families. I call upon our local Congressional representatives to weigh in on this matter for the clock is ticking.

Councilman Polensek is available to speak with the media on this matter and can be reached at (216) 664-4236 or (216) 857-7363.

The Literacy Cooperative receives \$259,971 grant to fund second year of NEO Literacy Corps

by Katherine Bulava

The Literacy Cooperative has been awarded a \$259,971 continuation grant from the Ohio Community Service Council (OCSC) that, along with an additional \$145,000 raised through host site contributions, will allow the Literacy Cooperative to fund a second year of the NEO Literacy Corps (2011-2012).

The NEO Literacy Corps is an AmeriCorps program possible through a series of community partnerships. Through NEO Literacy Corps, AmeriCorps volunteers can serve in direct service or volunteer coordination roles; working directly with literacy clients or recruiting, training and managing literacy volunteers at their host organizations. University Settlement Inc. is The Literacy Cooperative’s implementation partner for NEO Literacy Corps, responsible for day-to-day operations of the program. The Literacy Cooperative administers NEO Literacy Corps as a part of its Capacity Building Initiatives.

The OCSC funding will support recruitment, training and placement of a new class of skilled, stipended volunteers, who will spend a full year of service at local organizations offering a broad range of literacy services.

Beginning in the fall, sixteen full-time and eight part-time volunteers will begin their service year at the following organizations:

- Achievement Centers for Children
- ASIA Inc.
- Bellaire Puritas Development Corporation
- Building Hope in the City
- Cleveland Housing Network
- Enhancement Ministries
- Family Connections
- Greater Cleveland Volunteers
- Jewish Community Federation
- Lexington Bell Community Center
- Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries/2100
- Lakeside Men’s Homeless Shelter
- St. Malachi Center
- Thea Bowman Center
- Towards Employment
- Union Miles Development Corporation
- University Settlement Inc.
- WECO Fund
- West Side Catholic Center

The goal of NEO Literacy Corps is to provide additional support for non-profit organizations working to improve the literacy levels and skills of Cuyahoga County residents so that they can meet growing demand for services. Through

NEO Literacy Corps, The Literacy Cooperative is helping to:

- Increase capacity for literacy service delivery within nonprofit organizations;
- Contribute to local human and workforce development, as local AmeriCorps volunteers develop and hone skills for future job opportunities; and
- Mobilize residents to support local efforts to improve low literacy levels in the region

To date, NEO Literacy Corps has served 312 children in early literacy programs, tutored 729 children in area schools, served 1,238 adults in adult, health and financial literacy programs, and recruited 524 volunteers for literacy (4,852 tutor hours served). NEO Literacy Corps is helping organizations to expand their literacy service reach; offering new programs and serving more clients.

The 2010 – 2011 program activities of NEO Literacy Corps are funded by OCSC and the following area foundations: Bruening Foundation, The Cleveland Foundation, Charter One Bank Foundation, Key Bank Foundation and Third Federal Foundation. Grants from the George Gund and Martha Holden Jennings Foundations support operational activities of NEO Literacy Corps.

Collinwood Nottingham Dev Corp

Cleveland’s New Code Enforcement Partnership

by Jayme Lucas

What is the New Plan?

The City of Cleveland is launching a new partnership between community groups and City Building & Housing inspectors in an effort to improve Housing Code Enforcement throughout the City. For Ward 11, the community groups are Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation and Northeast Shores Development Corporation.

The Ward 11 code enforcement officer work with community groups to identify minor problems and get them fixed. If owners don’t comply, cases will be referred to the City Department of Building and Housing for City inspector follow-up. Cases could end up in Housing Court if the property is not brought to compliance.

What are the benefits? One-time payment assistance of up to \$175 to be put towards:

- Electric bill payment,
- Air conditioning unit, or
- Fan

Who is eligible?

- You do not have to be enrolled in PIPP or have received a disconnection notice to be eligible for the Summer Crisis Program.

- Households must have a gross annual income of 200 percent of the federal poverty level and meet one of the following criteria: Have a member of the household who is at least 60 years old; or provide physician documentation of medical necessity.

How do I sign up?

Applications for the Summer Crisis Program are accepted from July 1 through August 31. Call (216) 263-6269 to sign up.

Yard Help:

The Greater Cleveland Boy Scouts will organize scout troops to rake the yards for 800 Cleveland seniors this year. The leaf-raking will take place on November 13. There are a few spots still open! Sign-up is on a first come, first serve basis. Call (216) 664-3998.

Additional Help:

There are many other programs available to assist seniors. South Collinwood residents should call the Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation at (216) 383-9772 or look online at [www.cnvdc.org](http://www.cnvdc.org).

the City Department of Building and Housing, and community organizations. The City and community groups also hope that the new partnership will result in better housing conditions and more stable neighborhoods.

What does it mean for Collinwood homeowners and landlords?

All homes will be inspected systematically by the Ward 11 code enforcement officer (Michael Troha). Mr. Troha is presently doing inspections in South Collinwood “Concentrated Inspection Areas” specified by the Cleveland Building & Housing Department.

He will work his way through the entire ward in a designated time period.

What will the Ward 11 Code Enforcement Officer be looking for?

- If you do not want a housing code violation, be sure to take care of these items at a minimum:
- Clean up any rubbish and debris on your tree lawn and in your yard

- Remove junk vehicles from your property
- Replace sagging/missing gutters
- Replace missing siding
- Make needed repairs to your front porch and front steps, including masonry work
- Scrape and paint areas that are peeling
- Cut your grass regularly this spring/summer (8” is the max height for grass).

How can I get more information?

You can call Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation at (216) 383-9772 for more information.

Northeast shore residents can call Northeast Shores Development Corporation at (216) 481-7660.

Some information in this article is from The Plain Dealer, <http://www.cleveland.com> (Sunday, Feb 27, 2011 issue)

Summer safety tips

by Jayme Lucas

Summer should be about fun and the sun. Unfortunately, summer can also mean an increase in crime. Below are a few steps you can take to help prevent burglaries and keep your neighborhood safe:

- Close and lock all first floor windows before you leave your home and/or go to bed. (Close ALL windows before you leave.)
- Don’t leave your housekeys under the doormat, in an unlocked garage, etc. Doing so can invite unwanted guests.
- Don’t leave garbage cans and ladders under windows (this helps burglars climb into windows!) Also, always store your ladder/s in a secured location such as a locked garage.
- If you purchase a big ticket item like a big screen TV or computer, tear the box into pieces and put it in a garbage bag for garbage day. Putting an intact box on your tree lawn can let ne’er-do-wells know you have something worth stealing. . .
- Don’t put that new big screen TV right in front of your picture window (or put up curtains). Again, you don’t want to advertise that you have nice things that a crook might want!
- Turn on exterior lights at night. Lighting can deter burglars.
- Look out for your neighbors. If you see something that does not “look or feel right”, call the Police at (216) 621-1234.

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

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## Northeast Shores

### Membership has privileges!

by Denise Lorek

Are you a member of Northeast Shores?

Would you like to be able to take advantage of Neighborhood Specials?

Did you know that when Northeast Shores applies for grant money, we have to provide our list of members?

Would you like to help increase our chances of getting grant money for North Shore Collinwood?

With the competition for funding greater than ever, our membership list could be the difference between our neighborhood getting grant money or not. In an effort to increase our membership, we are offering our Members Have Privileges card. Membership is half price if you join right now, which means a resident pays \$7.50, seniors pay \$5.00 and businesses pay \$30.00. When you join Northeast Shores, you will receive a key tag card that you can present at the local merchant who is offering the monthly special. You will be able to take advantage of the special all month long.

If you are a merchant in North Shore Collinwood, you can become a member and be the merchant of the month special. You offer a special that will be available all month long ONLY to the members of Northeast Shores who present their member key tag. We provide the marketing materials. We will send a postcard out to the members letting them know you are the merchant of the month. We will give you posters to display in your business, along with table tents to put on your tables or counters.

As you can tell, this is a win-win situation for all of North Shore Collinwood. You will be shopping local, getting a discount and helping this neighborhood get much needed grant money. So please call 216-481-7660 and ask for your membership application or stop in at Northeast Shores Development Corp at 317 East 156th St and pick one up.

Denise Lorek is the Community Organizer for Northeast Shores, serving the North Collinwood area.

### New Members of Northeast Shores

by Denise Lorek

Northeast Shores would like to thank the following NEW members for supporting North Shore Collinwood:

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Pauline Brown-Lewis

Mark Butcher

Debbie Cameron

Jan Dean

Monica Doyle

Virginia Hallberg

Delores Hewston

Bettye Hines – KeyBank

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Nina Jones-Bey

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#### Here Comes the Red Engine! Cleveland Fire Department

**Tuesday, July 12, 2011  
2:30 – 4:30 pm**

Children, young adults and families, join the Cleveland Fire Department, as they discuss fire safety tips, and demonstrate various fire equipment, such as the Smoke House! The Smoke House is a 32 foot mobile version of a home which uses non-toxic smoke and an alarm system to teach children how to escape a home fire.

#### Express Yourself, Declare Yourself

**Thursday, July 21, 2011  
5:00 – 6:00 pm**

Express Yourself! What have you done, where have you been? Declare Yourself! What do you plan to do in the future? Tell your story. We'll supply the encouragement and supplies!

#### International Play Day

**Thursday, July 28, 2011  
2:00 – 3:00 pm**

All around the world, children love to play games. Travel the globe to learn about and play games like children from distant lands.

#### Papa Assane M'Baye and Tam Tam Magic African Dance and Drum Workshop!

**Tuesday, July 19, 2011  
5:30 – 6:30 pm**

Children and young adults, join Cleveland-based percussion ensemble, Papa Assane M'Baye and Tam Tam Magic for an exuberant African dance and drum workshop! This one hour workshop will present children and young adults with the opportunity to experience traditional West African Arts & Culture. It will introduce participants to splendid movements based on authentic traditional dances of West African cultures, learn the meanings of the dances, and allow them to experience percussion instruments and the meaning of rhythms of countries lining the coast of West Africa. Come be part of this exuberant experience!

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## Around Collinwood

### We need an Ohio Constitutional Convention now

by Jeanne Coppola

There will be an important issue on the ballot in the November 2012 election, about whether the Ohio Constitution should be amended or revised. Voters will have a chance to decide if a Constitutional Convention (a group of delegates elected by the people), should be held, to propose new amendments to the Ohio Constitution.

Although the US Constitution guarantees each citizen certain rights, each state has its own constitution. And more rights are granted to the citizens by the state.

Delegates of the Ohio Constitutional Convention could propose amendments that would guarantee the right to health care, restrict corporate greed, establish a better tax system, and more. Delegates could also propose amendments for elected officials to be recalled by petition, and strengthen union rights.

Each amendment would be voted on by the public, giving more power to the voters on what laws they want.

The delegates would not be paid, and the convention would last 3 months.

The last Constitutional Convention was held in 1912. Previous ones were



held in 1802, 1851 and 1873. And since this issue is only on the ballot every 20 years, we need an Ohio Constitutional Convention, now!

"Vote for a new constitution, it's about peoples rights."

Local attorney Joseph Compoli gave a free public lecture, on June 13th, about the need for an Ohio Constitutional Convention, and the need for a quality health care law to be added the Ohio Constitution. He also answered questions. The lecture was sponsored by a local Cleveland patient's rights advocacy group, whose members are working to get a law passed that would guarantee patients the right to file grievances without retaliation. The lecture was held at the Cleveland Public Library, 325 Superior Avenue.

### 2010 Cleveland Water Quality Report now available

by John Goersmeyer

The Cleveland Division of Water (CWD) is committed to providing our customers with a first-class product – fresh drinking water. This commitment is our pledge as members of the Partnership for Safe Water program. The partnership is a voluntary cooperative effort between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), drinking water professional organizations and 200 drinking water utilities across the country. Utilities which join the partnership agree to adopt performance standards where drinking water regulations do not exist to optimize treatment and protect the water supply against microbiological contamination.

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located a considerable distance offshore (built in the early 1900s and again in the '40s and '50s), potential contamination from rivers, streams and other nearby sources is greatly minimized.

Since no single treatment process can address all possible contaminants, we use a multiple barrier process to treat Lake Erie water in order to meet drinking water quality standards. Cleveland water is in compliance with all maximum contaminant levels and treatment techniques for drinking water. Cleveland water also has a current, unconditional license to operate our water system issued by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

To obtain a copy of our 2010 Water Quality Report, please contact Cleveland Water's Customer Service Department at (216) 664-3130 or visit [www.clevelandwater.com](http://www.clevelandwater.com). To learn more about our drinking water, contact the Office of Communications, Special Events at (216) 664-2444, x5676. If you want to receive this information in Spanish, please call (216) 664-3130.



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Cuzin’ Dave Days comes to Waterloo

by *Cindy Barber*

Cuzin’ Dave Days is a project I’ve been talking to people about ever since we lost WRUW DJ Cuzin Dave Newman last year all too suddenly. No one championed Americana and country music with more enthusiasm in this town than Dave.

His radio show When the Roses Bloom Again was on the air nearly 40 years at Case Western Reserve University’s mighty WRUW, but Dave was not merely about spinning tracks. Nearly every week, he invited artists who were playing at one club or another in town to come down and talk or play live on his show. Often he even arranged for someone to pick the performer up after soundcheck and drive them to the Bellflower Road studio and then drive them back. He also always then came to the show after he went off the air at 10 PM often to only catch the end of their set, but he wanted to be supportive.

He went to any show he could, to see and meet every band or artist that he considered part of the music he loved; and at the Beachland he was often a fixture, standing at the end of the bar, gin and tonic in hand, smiling and holding his camera, ready to document every moment. And document he did. Dave’s wife Denise Newman has boxes and boxes of the vast collection of photos Dave took of bands and moments in the studio with performers.

Dave also got many of us in Cleveland to join him at the annual Americana Music Festival in Nashville, a trip he planned every year by asking the Beachland or WRUW or some other Cleveland institution for a free t-shirt so he could wear it down there to advertise his beloved Cleveland scene. I personally will be eternally grateful for his persistence in getting me to make the trip, because I am now hooked on this more-fun-than-SXSW event.

So this first annual Cuzin Dave Days is only a humble beginning. We have often gotten Americana artists routing through the Beachland on 4th of July weekend on their way to the longstanding festival on the same weekend at Fitzgerald’s in Chicago, Dave Alvin and the Spampinato Brothers were on their way to that event and already booked at the Beachland. So I decided to try to expand those booking into Cuzin Dave Days and start to create a blueprint for an annual event. My feeling is the event should always have a performer tied into Cleveland, so David Mayfield Parade is headlining Saturday night. It should always champion a young up and coming Americana artist that Dave and folks at WRUW would get behind, so Zoe Muth and Lost Rollers from Portland headline the tavern on Sunday. There should always be a variety of styles of Americana, and we happened to be able to book the Winter’s

Bone tour at the same time, showcasing the Ozark Mountain old-time music that made up the soundtrack to that haunting film. And then there should always be a place to showcase strong local bands and artists. This part we are still working out. But songwriter Robert Cornelius’s new project the Bobby C 3 will open for Dave Alvin, Billy Boy Band, led by multi-instrumentalist Bill Lestock, opens for Winters Bone, and legendary honky tonkers California Speedbag so a special reunion to open for Zoe Muth. We are still pulling together more locals and exploring the idea of an expanded Sunday daytime experience. There of course has to be an official t-shirt. And we will be working more with Dave’s supportive wife Denise to make a display of all of his photos. We will try to tie officially into the Americana Music Association in Nashville that puts on that festival and if we make any extra money from ticket sales, the intention is to help WRUW and future support of Americana artists in Cleveland, such as a grant to send someone from here to perform at the Americana Music Festival in Nashville. We are getting sponsorship from Heineken Music and will be looking for more sponsorship support. Cuzin Dave Days 1st annual Americana Music Festival To honor the memory of WRUW DJ Cuzin Dave Newman Friday, July 1 Dave Alvin and the Guilty Ones/ Bobby C 3 (Robert Cornelius’ new band with Tommy Rich on drums) Saturday, July 2 David Mayfield Parade / Spampinato Brothers Sunday, July 3 Winter’s Bone / Billy Boy Band (Bill Lestock, Jen Mauer, Paul Kovac, Mark Olitsky) Sunday, July 3 Zoe Muth & the Lost High Rollers / California Speedbag plus more of an assortment of Cleveland’s finest local performers. All four shows and daytime events on Sunday, plus a 1st annual t-shirt for \$50.

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Sound like a lot of work? It’s not, because of the cooperation, dedication and service by all the members. Our work is not done, though. We are sponsoring a Poor Man’s Raffle, with an \$800 jackpot, at the Euclid Square Mall July 9. There is an open invitation for you to attend; a mere \$15 donation includes a terrific spaghetti and meatball dinner and a lot of fun. Doors open at 5:30 pm. For more information or tickets, call (216) 261-2620 or (216) 299-6798.

Euclid Kiwanis supports community and sponsors Poor Man’s Raffle

by *Rose Tanner*

Euclid Kiwanis is looking for a few good men and women to continue supporting projects in the community. Time and age is taking its toll on various organizations and we are all dwindling in number and increasing in age. We welcome anyone who would like to join us at Euclid Hospital’s Lake Erie Room on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

We usually eat our evening meal at the hospital cafeteria, and if you want to join us, you must get through the line before it closes at 6:30 pm. We then conduct our meeting, with laughter as one of the more important items on the agenda. We do have fun. We also get a lot done for our community, with ongoing projects throughout the year.

And today, Collinwood still retains a rich tapestry of diversity not only within the human sphere but also in the varying designs of our quaint homes. From Bungalows to Ranch Style, from Apartment Housing to Two Family Structures, from brick to wood to aluminum siding and everything in between our community displays an “old world” charm that cannot be found in newer developments half our size. With this in mind doesn’t it behoove us to do ourselves proud by being “neighborly” and watching out for one another’s welfare?

One of the best ways to do this is by picking up and disposing of trash that can be seen in and around our property

“If You Build It, He Will Come!” II

by *Damon Dillard*

Hello Collinwood Family,

Last month’s article, while touching on the amazing beauty and tranquil simplicity of our neighborhood and the progressive improvements rising up all around us also focused on the need to address the seasonal issue of weed control and prevention. By the way, did you know that Collinwood was “annexed by the city of Cleveland in 1910? Originally part of Euclid Township, Collinwood grew around the rail yards of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway and that Collinwood became the home of several European ethnic groups along with Southern Appalachians. Later in the 1960s an influx of African Americans also formed a community in Collinwood. South Collinwood was mostly Slovenian, Croatian, German, Polish and some Russians. West Collinwood was mostly Southern Appalachians. North Collinwood was a mixture of all groups including Catholic Irish.”<sup>[1]</sup>

The Memorial/Nottingham Library located at 17109 Lakeshore Boulevard and The Collinwood Library located at 856 East 152nd. Street. Just look for the green and yellow bins. For more information on The City Of Cleveland Recycling just check out this website link found at: [http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/clnd\\_images/Waste/Recycling\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/clnd_images/Waste/Recycling_Guide.pdf)

Until Next Time Happy Planting Collinwood Family.

Sincerely, Reverend Damon P. Dillard

<sup>[1]</sup>Wikipedia, Collinwood  
<sup>[2]</sup> New King James Version, Matthew 3:11

and the property of our neighbors as well. Paper and or plastic are only good for groceries and not our lawn or the lawn of another. A great man once said: “Do Unto Others As You Would Have Them Do Unto You.” (capitalization mine for emphasis) Owning my first home within the Collinwood community has taught me this valuable lesson. In fact, I have found that what “life” might “throw” my neighbors way, particularly those immediately to the right and left, front and behind effects me both spiritually as well as physically. So have a heart Collinwood Community and look out for your neighbors even by lending a helping hand with their trash. You will be better for it in the end, even if they don’t notice or give you A Thank You. But if they don’t I will give you a great big THANK YOU right now! And more importantly, Someone who is even greater than me “whose sandals I am not worthy to carry”<sup>[2]</sup> will notice and reward accordingly.

FYI: Collinwood is in the recycling business. You can drop off your plastic, aluminum, cardboard and glass “trash” at two convenient locations within our community boundaries thus contributing to a “Cleaner and Greener Cleveland.” They are:

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Until Next Time Happy Planting Collinwood Family.

The Coit Rd Farmers’ Market is Growing in the Neighborhood

by *Joe Jerdonek*

**What’s Growing**

Items available at the market include bedding plants, greens, lettuce, peas, beans, beets, garlic, onions, tomatoes, summer squash, cucumbers, peppers, bakery, cheese and free range eggs.

Urban farming and the community gardening are going strong at the market site. Stop during marketing hours for a tour. We have four urban farmers, Pandemonium Gardens, Gloria’s Garden, Linda’s Garden of Delight and Harvest in Christ Garden. Other area growers are welcome to sell their excess produce at the Coit market through a program supported by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Contact Kevin at (216) 531-3230 if interested.

**What’s Happening**

You can learn about what’s available and events by e-mailing [coitmarket-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:coitmarket-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) or join “Coit Road Farmers Market” on Facebook. The market features The Ukulele by Bicycle Tour with live music on Saturday, July 16. The Tour is a project of ukulele songwriter Aaron Lee, who rides his bicycle between concerts across the country to promote

community building, local action and sustainability. Also, mark your calendar for Saturday, August 27 to join our BBQ Cook-off and Corn Roast. If you’d like to challenge the pros with your favorite BBQ, contact Kevin at (216) 531-3230,

**Community Support**

Grow your EBT/food stamps which are proudly accepted at the Coit Rd Farmers’ Market. Ohio Direction Card Users get \$5 in additional tokens to spend for the first \$5 charged to the card. WIC coupons will be distributed at the Coit Rd Market on Wednesday, July 13 from 10am to 12pm and Saturday, July 30 from 9am to 11am.

The Coit Road Farmers’ Market will have cooking classes at St Mary Parish on Holmes at 6:00P on Wednesdays, June 29 and July 27. The class includes a hands-on experience preparing and eating a nutritious meal including fresh vegetables from the Coit Rd Farmers’ Market. Those attending will learn about washing, cutting, cooking, nutrition content, cost and purchasing the ingredients. There is no charge and all ages are welcome, but registration is needed by calling (440) 376-9448 or email [emailcommmlaser@gmail.com](mailto:emailcommmlaser@gmail.com).

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## Around Collinwood

### The Euclid Beach Blast!



by Stephen Love

The Euclid Beach Adopt-A-Beach Team has partnered with Arts Collinwood and Project Pop-Up Galleries to bring you Euclid Beach Blast!, a day of free summer festivities, food, art, music, environmental awareness and fun at Euclid Beach Park, July 16 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Help us kick off the day with a beach cleanup, then grab your shovels for a sand castle contest. Stroll an outdoor pop up art show, grab some food from one of Cleveland's famous food trucks, enjoy some tunes from 106.5 "The Lake" and learn about how you can help Euclid Beach and our Greatest Lake! Ride your bike and we'll even throw in a prize. Visit information tables from the Alliance for the Great Lakes, Northeast Shores Development Corporation, Euclid Beach Park Now and more. End the day with some live Latin music by Grupo Son Gitano! But if that wasn't enough, join the After Blast! party at the Café Arts Collinwood at 7 p.m. for more music, food and fun.

Many thanks to: Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, 106.5 "The Lake," Councilman Michael D. Polensek, Northeast Shores Development Corporation, Cleveland's In Motion – A program of the YMCA, Collinwood Observer, Euclid Observer.

To get there, take the East 152nd Street exit from I-90 and head north. Turn right onto Waterloo, left onto East 156th Street, right onto Lakeshore Boulevard, and left into Euclid Beach Park.

### My favorite room

by Rhonda Hudson-Williams

Each one of us has a favorite room in our home that makes us feel more comfortable. The living room is where we can entertain and watch television. The bedroom is where we can relax and enjoy a good night's sleep.

The kitchen is where we cook our food and where a lot of us gather and converse. I would say the kitchen is the love center of the home. The bathroom is the room where we can close and lock the door to have our privacy. The bathroom is where we go to eliminate, rejuvenate and cleanse our bodies.

The bathroom was my favorite room in my home. As a single parent coming home after long and stressful days at work, with my young children waiting for me and having to cook dinner, I would retreat to the bathroom first. It was there, behind the closed door, that I would take some time to be with myself to unwind my frazzled nerves. I would think, regroup and prepare myself for what I called "Second Shift", my duties as "mommy." The 15 - 20 minutes spent in my bathroom were my peace and serenity.

As time moved on the children grew up and away. I no longer needed to escape to my bathroom. I now had any room in my home to myself. However, the silence in my house was loud and almost unbearable. I would go sit outside to distract myself from the great loud silence in my home. I became uneasy and no longer comfortable in my home. The house in which I had kept every room so beautiful and clean, was no longer home. I now had no favorite room. I was not at peace.

The silence that was so loud, it became my constant companion. I would pray and cry myself through this lonely, loud silence, but later began to appreciate its constant existence. I remembered the words of God, "Be Still and know that I am God." (Psalms 46:10). I forgot I knew that the silence is what I needed. The silence and I became friends. I take it everywhere I go. It talks with me, inspires me, comforts me and pampers me.

Now my favorite room is inside of me. For inside of me are housed all the rooms that I need to find, comfort, rest, love, conversation, peace and serenity.

*Rhonda Hudson-Williams is an Ohio Resident who enjoys writing inspirational and thought-provoking articles.*

### Local Mental Health Organization To work with Veterans and their Families

by Michael Baskin

Cleveland, OH, June, 2011 --- The National Alliance on Mental Illness Greater Cleveland (NAMI GC) has received a grant from the Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust to provide support and education programs to veterans and their families.

Using resources from NAMI's Veterans Resource Center, NAMIGC will offer the following:

**Peer to Peer:** NAMIGC will offer a free 9-week course for veterans with mental illness. Topics covered include: understanding your diagnosis; stigma and discrimination; medications; relapse prevention; coping strategies; decision making; empowerment; and relationships. Two trained Mentors who are veterans with mental illness, and who work at the VA as Peer Specialists, will facilitate the course.

**Family to Family:** Following a successful offering at the Brecksville (OH) campus in 2010, beginning this summer, NAMIGC will offer a free 12-week course for family members of veterans with mental illness at the Veterans Administration Wade Park (OH) campus. Topics covered include: understanding the diagnosis (including a special emphasis on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in military populations); medications; self-care; empathy; and advocacy. Two trained family member volunteers will facilitate the course – a husband/wife team with a military service history (husband) and family members that have been or are currently served by the VA.

For more information about these projects, please call Michael Baskin or for more information about how NAMIGC could assist you, please visit <http://www.namigreatercleveland.org>.

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- 4:00 p.m.** Waterloo bike tour departs from Euclid Beach
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Around Collinwood

Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence receives 2011 National Promising Practices Award for character development

by Stacey Jackson-Saunders

CLEVELAND, OHIO (June 2011) - Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence recently received a 2011 National Promising Practices Award for The Bella Ball, a specific and unique character development initiative on the campus.

The Character Education Partnership (CEP), the leading national advocate for character education, announced its annual Promising Practices in Character Education award to 260 schools and districts from across the United States as well as Mexico and Puerto Rico. Nearly 500 applicants submitted practices for recognition. The Imagine Schools National Office as well as eleven Imagine campuses, including Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence, received Promising Practices awards in 2011.

These awards highlight the unique,

effective, and specific strategies used on campuses to help students become better citizens, friends, and leaders. The Bella Ball was an initiative that involved parents, students and community members to promote proper etiquette, Imagine's Shared Values and excellence in character through ballroom dancing.

Liz Soeder, third grade teacher and Character Education leader at Imagine Bella, describes their program by saying, "our character education program strives to develop students who show integrity in their homes, school and communities, demonstrate justice by understanding individual needs of peers and take responsibility and ownership through planning and decision making."

Eileen Bakke, VP of Education for Imagine Schools, said, "We are proud of CEP's recognition of Imagine Bella

Academy of Excellence for helping students to become responsible, capable, caring citizens and tomorrow's leaders. These Promising Practices demonstrate only a few of the recognized ways that Imagine Schools integrates character development into every aspect of the school day. We partner with parents and guardians in the education of their children. They recognize the value of character formation, leadership and service as important components of a quality education."

Positive character development is one of Imagine Schools' Six Measures of Excellence, criteria by which we measure our performance and hold ourselves accountable to high standards. Every Imagine Schools campus places a strong emphasis on positive character develop-

ment and evaluates its effectiveness in this area annually.

All winning schools and practices are listed on the CEP website (www.character.org), and promising practices will be printed and published in the Character Education Partnership's annual publication, National Schools of Character: Award-Winning Practices.

Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence is a public charter school in Cleveland, OH. The school currently serves over 300 students in grades K to 7 and prepares students for a lifetime of achievement and the global future by creating an innovative and academically excellent school.

Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence is now enrolling for grades K-3.



Wells Fargo, Bank of America donating properties to Cuyahoga Land Bank

by Katherine Bulava

The Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation (Cuyahoga Land Bank) has gained some welcome collaboration in the battle to alleviate the impact of foreclosure and abandonment in Cuyahoga County from and Bank of America and Wells Fargo.

A few weeks ago, Wells Fargo, working through the REO Clearinghouse (REO CH), began donating vacant and foreclosed low asset properties to the Cuyahoga Land Bank along with a contribution toward demolition equal to \$3,500 per property in their NSP 2 target areas and \$7,500 per property in the rest of Cuyahoga County. Bank of America recently entered into a similar agreement with the Cuyahoga Land Bank to donate up to 100 vacant and foreclosed low asset properties following the same monetary donation structure as the Wells Fargo agreement.

"The Cuyahoga Land Bank is thrilled to be adding Bank of America, along with Wells Fargo, to a continually growing list of partners in our efforts to eliminate blight and return properties in Cuyahoga County to productive use," said Gus Frangos, president and general counsel for the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation. "Each partnership we are able to establish provides us with more resources to tackle the issues of blight created by foreclosure and

abandonment within our communities."

The mission of the Cuyahoga Land Bank is to strategically acquire properties, return them to productive use, reduce blight, increase property values, support community goals and improve the quality of life for county residents. Wells Fargo and Bank of America join Fannie Mae, HUD and JP Morgan Chase on the Cuyahoga Land Bank's list of revitalization and demolition partners by supplementing the Land Bank's own funding sources. This allows the Cuyahoga Land Bank to aggressively tear down more blighted structures that negatively impact property values. In turn, this will improve the quality of life in Cuyahoga County as well as rehabilitate and place back on the market homes that retain value and the promise of a second life.

"As a Cuyahoga Land Bank Board Member, I believe that these partnerships with Bank of America and Wells Fargo align with our mission and are going to help us eliminate blighted and nuisance conditions, which, in turn speeds up our ability to put more properties back into productive use," said Cleveland City Councilman Tony Brancatelli. "As a local elected official, I am happy to take part in the establishment of public/private partnerships that will have such a positive impact and help re-imagine our communities."

"Wells Fargo is pleased to have

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Nan's Notes

AT ARTS COLLINWOOD Members' Show, Last Look

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Or come on Saturday, when jazz trumpeter Jacob Wynne will unveil a new trio, right underneath the tower, for an evening of original be bop, hard bop, and some classic covers. 8 pm – 11 pm. Even more mellow with a glass of wine and a bowl or a bun.

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And the first I've attended without working, which felt odd, but pleasant. I particularly loved the belly dancers, so cheerful and such gorgeous costumes; Passport was wonderful, such graceful and happy abandon. And I loved the food trucks. An excellent collection of vendors, too.

I visited "14 The Exhibit" in the old bank building. Somewhere in Ohio, twelve artists' mothers are moaning, "How can you make a living out of trashing your room?" The thirteenth is looking for words to describe a blood-covered (red silk, actually) mannequin in a blood-spattered room in terms that will enable her mother to recognize it as art. And Dave DeSimone's mother is wondering if he could be persuaded to do a back-lit installation of beach bricks in her garden. Drifting through the rooms in the wrong order was probably not a good way to keep the thread of RA Washington's narrative, but the writing and art were sufficiently symbiotic that they explained each other. Let's see more of these.

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AT THE BEACHLAND

Cuzin Dave Days, 1st annual Americana Music Festival July 1-3

To honor the memory of Cuzin Dave Newman, who played this music on his WRUW radio show for 40 years.

Friday, July 1 - Dave Alvin and the Guilty Ones

Saturday, July 2 - David Mayfield Parade /Spampinato Brothers

Sunday, July 3 - Winter's Bone

Sunday, July 3 - Zoe Muth & the Lost High Rollers  
Plus an assortment of Cleveland's finest local performers. All four shows and day-time events on Sunday, plus a 1st annual t-shirt, for \$50.

Also on July 3, Winter's Bone, music from the film - performed live.

July 6 - Cabinet, with home boy Pat Biondo. That will be his mother in the front row, cheering.

July 14 - Northeast Ohio Drum & Music Jam

Ballroom 9 pm - FREE SHOW!!! These folks usually emphasize Middle Eastern and African rhythms, but given their upbeat and open-minded nature, they'll embrace any seekers of soul. It's generally a pretty full session with lots of camaraderie between regulars and newcomers.

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IN THE WORKS

If the good Lord's willing and the creeks don't rise (admittedly a strong possibility this summer), an arts and flea market might, just might, set up in the Zaller Building's sculpture garden one Saturday a month (and assemblage artists attending could immediately turn their purchases into works of art, on the spot). Meanwhile, a No Problem friend has done up the garden very attractively; it's a pleasant little oasis away from the Waterloo bustle.

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Cloud 9 Boutique

A small and pleasantly crowded shop (but it had room for a couch in the middle, on which reclined a young man with a phone), bursting at the seams with dashing garments, spectacular shoes (I was particularly taken by a pair of stilettos – unless there's something higher than stiletto – concocted from a great many narrow gold bands – with a zipper down the back. Zippered shoes! So cool!)

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AT THE LIBRARY

Memorial Nottingham Branch

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Here Comes the Red Engine! Tuesday, July 12, 2:30 – 4:30 pm.

Children, young adults and families, join the Cleveland Fire Department, as they discuss fire safety tips, and demonstrate fire equipment -- such as the Smoke House, a 32-foot mobile house which uses non-toxic smoke and an alarm system to teach children how to escape a home fire.

Papa Assane M'Baye and Tam Tam Magic African Dance and Drum Workshop, Tuesday, July 19, 5:30 – 6:30 pm.

Children and young adults, join the exuberant Cleveland-based percussion ensemble, Papa Assane M'Baye and Tam Tam Magic, for an exuberant African dance and drum workshop on traditional West African arts & culture. It will introduce splendid movements based on authentic traditional dances, explain the meanings of the dances, and offer a taste of percussion instruments and the meaning of their rhythms.

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Thursday, July 21, 5 – 6 pm

Express Yourself! What have you done, where have you been? Declare Yourself! What do you plan to do in the future? Tell your story. The library will supply the encouragement and supplies!

International Play Day,

Thursday, July 28, 2 – 3 pm

All around the world, children love to play games. Travel the globe to learn about and

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Come and learn about your environment, travel, technology, and space with our special guest from NASA!

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Saturday, July 23, 10:30-11:30 am

Book: Alone by Lisa Gardner

AT THE MARKET

Last week I bought two enormous hanging baskets of Wave petunias and Francis' last basil plant, plus spinach, strawberries and zucchini. I skipped lettuce, garlic scapes, cheese, eggs, honey – and lots more. Go check it out.

The market hopes you'll join iGive, an on-line shopping site with more than 900 stores and thousands of coupons and promo codes (I'm quoting) that will forward 1-3% of your purchases to the cause you have selected when you sign up. The site says it's been in business since 1997 and has sent checks to 27,000 causes.

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# History

## How did you get to Euclid Beach?

by *Elva Brodick*  
So how did you get to “the Beach”?

If you were lucky enough to live here in Collinwood, that’s a no-brainer – you walked! And you did it as often as possible! You’ve shared many tales about walking to the Park, to spend as many waking hours as possible there, even if it was only to fish off the Pier, or sit on a shaded park bench for a while.

But how did everyone else get there?

In the earliest days of the Park, it was likely you got there by what were fondly called “the Tubs.” There was actually regular passenger service on boats that traveled from the E 9th St pier to Euclid Beach Park – which was why the Pier was originally built, and why it extended so far out into the Lake. (And how neat would that have been, to land at the end of the Pier and see the beach, Dance Pavilion etc waiting for you? Not to mention hearing people shrieking on the coasters – and knowing you’d soon be shrieking too!)

Meanwhile getting around Cleveland was always changing. As the streetcar system grew, the Humphreys were astute enough to realize that getting the streetcar system to come to Euclid Beach would be a huge advantage. And that’s what they did – they not only talked the streetcar system into coming out to the Park, they put together a deal that meant it only took one fare to get there (“one fare, free gate and no beer.”) A win-win for both the streetcar company and the Park. (You’ll remember that the station was right off Lakeshore Blvd, east of the Entrance Arch.)

Which points up a unique aspect of Euclid Beach. Unlike other amusement parks of the same vintage, such as Kennywood in Pittsburgh PA or Conneaut Lake Park near Meadville PA, Euclid Beach was never what is referred to as a “trolley park”; that is, an amusement park that grew up around the end of either a streetcar line or a train line. Rather it was the other way around – it was the Humphreys who talked the streetcars into coming to Euclid Beach.

Then along came automobiles. Beginning as something only wealthy folks could afford, Henry Ford’s assembly line for building cars, put them in reach of “everyman”, and America’s love affair with cars began. And the Humphreys

were quick to see that more and more people would be driving to Euclid Beach, and prepared accordingly.

The Main Entrance Arch was built in the 1920’s as the entrance to the Euclid Beach parking area. Originally just a wood structure, the “Permastone” exterior was added in the early 1940’s. With “Euclid Beach Park” in full lights across the driveway, the Arch became one of Cleveland’s best known landmarks.

Ironically, this very thing the Humphreys recognized as important to the Park, was part of why the Park closed. As people became more mobile in their cars, and gas was cheap (if you’re old enough, you’re remember those gloriously big chromed – and finned -- cars of the 50’s – and the gas price wars!), people wanted to “go somewhere.” Which meant that the adventure became leaving the city, driving yourself, rather than going to the “hometown” park. (“After all”, we figured, “the Beach will always be there.”) Obviously this wasn’t the whole story, but it was something all traditional amusement parks faced. Guess it just points up what can happen when we take something for granted!

There’s still a few places though, where you can feel like you’re “going back to Euclid Beach”. Conneaut Lake Park ([www.conneautlakepark.com](http://www.conneautlakepark.com) ) is probably the best place to find that old “Euclid Beach” feeling. Free gate (just like Euclid Beach), you can buy tickets to ride – or simply enjoy a park bench under a big shade tree (sound familiar?!) Conneaut Lake Park has one of only 2 operating “Bug” rides, the vintage Blue Streak roller coaster, an antique Carousel – and one of the neatest Kiddieland areas outside of Memphis Kiddie Park! Well worth a trip, for a relaxing day of easy fun. And just and hour and a half away! (Check the website for hours and prices.)

Happy Summer!

*Elva Brodnick*  
President – Euclid Beach Carrousel Committee

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Fishing from the pier at Euclid Beach State Park.



Main entrance circa 1920.



1951 streetcar entrance to Euclid Beach Park.



Euclid Beach “Tub” takes off from Ninth Street pier Downtown.

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# Family

## The Fourth of July

by *Mary Louise Jesek-Daley*

Even though discontentment and hostilities had reared their ugly head by 1775 few of our ancestors of the original Thirteen Colonies imagined what complete independence from Great Britain would mean. Those who thought about such things were seen as radicals. However, with growing hostilities and greater discontentment the ideas of these same radicals began to take root.

Some time ago someone gave to me a copy of an article published in the London Times this year called “the Death of Common Sense,” which spoke of the death of the spirit of revolutionary thought and true common sense in our lives. It made sense in a very thought provoking manner. While trying to think about what to write for this article and thinking about the upcoming Fourth of July and what it should mean for Americans, I was reminded about Thomas Paine’s pamphlet “Common Sense” published in 1776 which was THE written impetus for our Revolutionary idealist forefathers to argue for freedom from British rule, a rule of tyranny that no longer served the people of the American colonies. Perhaps we need to go back to thinking about what is truly “common sense.”

Let us also remember though what exactly declaring Independence from your parent country meant to our forefathers. By 1776 this was inevitable. In June 1776 Virginia Delegate to the Continental Congress, Richard Henry Lee (yes, the great uncle of Robert E. Lee of the Civil War era) introduced a motion calling for the colonies to declare independence. On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee’s resolution for independence. It was ratified on July 4, 1776.

John Adams, who wrote about everything that was going on to his wife Abigail, sent her a letter on July 2nd 1776 stating that “ ... [this day] will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.” He was quite right as usual.

Did common sense win out then? Perhaps that even through our discontentment we honored and remembered what it meant to be free and indepen-

dent; so much so as to continue the celebrations that started with the ratification of a document that would change the lives of the American Colonies as we ll as the world. That it was common sense to seek out revolutionary thought when nothing else is working.

It seemed that afterwards, people continued their celebrations. After having been accustomed to celebrating the King’s Birthday as a holiday these early Americans transferred their intentions for celebration which included food, fun and fireworks to celebrating independence. Festivities including concerts, bonfires, parades and the firing of cannons and muskets, which usually accompanied the first public readings of the Declaration of Independence and began immediately after its adoption, would continue to our day.

After seven long years of fighting for that independence and the creation of a new government, the Fourth of July took on an even deeper meaning in the hearts of the new young Nation and was celebrated with much the same along family gatherings and hospitality. After the War of 1812, the second War of Independence, the idea of celebrating the ideals of independence was preminent.

By the time of the Civil War (1861) people had been celebrating their independence for 85 years. A newspaper in California (the Daily Alta California) wrote in 1855 that the 4th of July should be honored as “Hallowed be the day, forever bright its memory in the heart of the Nation. Sing to it, poets; shout to it, free men; celebrate it with bonfires, parades, and triumphant assemblies.” During the Civil War - July 4th celebrations still continued even though the Nation was divided. The greatest example of what the 4th of July was like during this period occurred during 1863 when even though the previous days were literally like living in “h - - -,” people celebrated the Union Victories at both Vicksburg and Gettysburg with fireworks and gatherings.

Since then we have fought in many more wars invoking the same ideals as to why we declared independence from a tyrannical king in the first place. However, do we today understand what it truly means to celebrate the 4th of July? We gather as families, we sing patriotic songs and we eat heartily. But do we understand why? Let us not abandon free thought and freedoms, let us truly celebrate what it means to be an American, but let us not forget common sense either. So in a world of discontent, uncertainty, budget woes and hostilities, let us also not forget family, friends and the reasons for celebration.



## When the kid says she likes Daddy best

by *The Grandmothers*

Dear Grandmothers,

Lately our two-year-old daughter has been rejecting me in favor of her father. She wants Daddy to read her a bedtime story, Daddy to pour her juice, Daddy to hold her hand etc. I know I shouldn’t let it get to me, but it does. Any advice?

-*Rejected Mom*

Dear Rejected,

If trying to not let it get to you isn’t working, you might want to consider possible reasons why your daughter has started choosing daddy instead of mommy. We’re not suggesting, nor do we think that you are, that you wouldn’t want her to love being with her daddy. We’re only responding to your feeling of being left out. So we’re suggesting a few possibilities:

She’s 2 years old. Two-year-olds are newly aware of their independence and want to demonstrate it, insist upon it, make every one of the decisions open to them and even a few that aren’t. They also love to tease. Is there a mischievous little twinkle in her eye when she asks for Daddy, not you, to tie her shoe?

She wants to be in control. That also comes with being two, but isn’t likely to go away when she turns three. What better way to gain control of her parents than to have them vying for the privilege of tucking her in bed at night?

She is angry at you for making her feel left out, so she’s going to make you feel left out. You leave her all day at the day care center, you brought home that baby brother that you’re fussing over all the time, and you sometimes go out with Daddy in the evening and make her stay home with a sitter, just to name a few of your crimes.

She’s learning to try out her preferences – in fact, she’s just beginning

to learn that she has preferences She’s experimenting with choosing what food she wants to eat, what clothes she wants to wear, and even with what parent she wants to buckle her into her car seat.

If this I-want-Daddy-not-you behavior persists and it’s still getting to you, you might want to start talking to her about it. Try saying something like, “Sounds like you want Mommy to feel left out. I’ll be happy when you start choosing me again for some of the things that you need to have done.” Daddy might also tell her that he doesn’t think it’s fun if Mommy never gets a turn. And if she becomes altogether too dictatorial, it’s time for both parents to step in and let her know that she may think she wants to be the boss, but that really you and Daddy are. If bedtime has become the issue, for example, come up with a schedule: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays are Daddy’s nights to read the bedtime story, but Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays are Mommy’s. It’s not an option any more. On Sundays, she can decide.

Our guess is that by the time the second Sunday rolls around, she will have forgotten about her previous preferences and start choosing Mommy just as often as she chooses Daddy.

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

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

## Shoelaces

by *Mary McElrath*

Sometimes the significance of the most menial objects can change in just a moment. I had such an experience on a warm sunny day as I sat down to rest on a vent outside of the Cleveland Justice Center. I saw 2 or 3 young women come out of the door talking with each other. They sat on the bench with the white statues. I thought nothing of it. Then they began to put shoestrings into their shoes. I wondered - why are they doing that?

Quickly I remembered something that I had heard somewhere. Shoelaces were taken from people who were arrested. In the penal system shoelaces as well as belts are considered instruments of self destruction, suicide, or possible weapons. I sensed that I was looking at an incredibly sad event on

many levels. In this arena the loss of your shoelaces meant the loss of your freedom.

Some men also came out of the doors. They sat on the opposite vent and began to put their shoelaces in. There was quite a range of sizes, ages, and races. One young man in this procession did not stop. He just walked away with his shoes flopping. I am sure he was glad just to be out.

One by one the people walked down the steps of the Lakeside entrance. When they reached the sidewalk, they went their separate ways. As I watched them I hoped that they would never have to give up their shoelaces again.



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been the first bank working with the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation to donate both properties and funds to the Land Bank,” said Russ Cross, Midwest regional servicing director for Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. “This year, we have donated 26 properties and \$127,000, and we will look at additional properties that we can contribute to the Cuyahoga County Land Bank. This reflects our longstanding commitment to giving back to the communities where our customers, team members and business associates live and work.”

Wells Fargo, Robert Klein of Safe-guard Properties and REO CH have been helping to keep servicers informed about the opportunities to work more closely with community-based organizations like the Cuyahoga Land Bank. After introducing the Cuyahoga Land Bank to many of the servicers with distressed assets in the county’s neigh-

borhoods, Wells Fargo asked REO CH to help negotiate and manage a program that would enable them to make low value properties available to the Cuyahoga Land Bank, even when the property is eligible for demolition. After agreeing to terms and conditions, Wells Fargo went on to donate 26 prop-erties over the past several weeks, most with a contribution toward demolition.

According to Wells Fargo’s Cross, local, collaborative approaches like the Land Bank also can help lead to national solutions. Wells Fargo’s engagement with the Cuyahoga County Land Bank is an excellent fit for the company’s recently announced national alliance with the U.S. Conference of Mayors focused on issues including property disposition and community development.

“Communities need a straightfor-ward and streamlined way to identify foreclosed properties from financial institutions like ours, and we can be a

source of funding to finance some revitalization activities,” Cross noted. “The Cuyahoga County Land Bank is a great example of the kind of best practices that we can share with mayors across the nation.”

“Unfortunately, many homeowners faced with unemployment, under-employment and other economic hardships have transitioned to alterna-tive housing situations, in many leaving behind vacant and deteriorating prop-erties that can cause neighborhood blight,” said Rebecca Mairone, national mortgage outreach executive for Bank of America Home Loans. “We are addressing this growing inventory of abandoned, uninhabitable properties with this program in Cleveland, and similar programs we have announced in Chicago and Detroit,

“Bank of America is committed to a comprehensive neighborhood stabi-lization approach to help support our customers and the communities we

serve and live in. This program builds on the initiatives we already have taken in homeownership retention, foreclo-sure prevention and neighborhood stabilization and revitalization.”

In addition to this partnership with the Cuyahoga Land Bank, Bank of America’s home ownership retention and foreclosure prevention initiatives in Cleveland include a recent mortgage modification outreach event where many customers responded to invita-tions to meet with home ownership retention specialists over a three-day period. This initiative provided a con-venient opportunity for customers who are having difficulty making their mortgage payments to receive face-to-face counseling, on-site processing and underwriting of mortgage modification requests and other assistance.

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“Everything that is really great and inspiring is created by the individual who can labor in freedom.”

—Albert Einstein



Horoscopes

by Observer Staff

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19) \*\*\*\*

Start a journal to capture all of your summer adventures. Relationships with coworkers improve daily as you gain more respect for each other. This Month: Paying better attention to your mate is going to pay off big time. Trust me.

Lucky Number: 9002

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20) \*\*\*\*

Double check you math before you make any big purchases, then treat yourself and get it, especially if it’s something to improve your house. Little victories take enormous weight off your shoulders. This Month: Forget travel and party in the neighborhood.

Lucky Number: \$400

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 20) \*\*\*\*

Surround yourself with fun people as much as possible, all the time, as many people as possible. Consider using your artistic skills as an extra source of income. This Month: the Never Faint of Heart Aries triumphs over the rest.

Lucky Number: A+

Taurus (Apr 21 – May 21) \*\*\*\*

It’s ok if you feel like you’re about to explode, just try not to. In the midst of the craziness you’ll find time to let loose and treat yourself. This Month: there’s nothing to report about your love life, so sorry, hopefully next month.

Lucky Number: 868

Gemini (May 22 – June 21) \*\*\*\*\*

Mars is in your sign all month long. Mars likes goals. It likes to know how you are going to accomplish them from beginning to end. This Month if you can come up with a suitable goal, Mars would be happy to team up with Saturn to help you devise and implement a system for achieving it.

Lucky Number: 10

Cancer (June 22 – July 22) \*\*\*\*

Your birthday month motto is getting your act together. Not in a tedious paperwork kind of way, but as a pursuit to be a happier human mission. This Month: You have hidden math talents bubbling in the background of your chart ready to emerge if you choose to use them.

Lucky Number: 21

Leo (July 23 – Aug 23) \*\*\*\*

The planets in retrograde encourage you to be more blunt about everything, but please mind your manners and strive to keep things light and fun. Support will come to you from unexpected places. This Month: The summer illuminates your energy making anything possible.

Lucky Number: 8,000

Virgo (Aug 22– Sept 22) \*\*\*\*

Approach projects with caution and boldness to get more accomplished, since work trumps every-thing else right now. Dance off all or your stress. This Month: Take a few minutes each day to treat yourself to something special.

Lucky Number: 44

Libra (Sept 24 – Oct 23) \*\*\*\*

Immerse yourself in knowledge, to gain the upper hand in all aspects of your life. Experiment with all of your summer recipes through the eyes of a child. This Month: The solar eclipse will renew your work ambitions and make you unstoppable.

Lucky Number: Par 4

Scorpio (Oct 24 – Nov 22) \*\*\*\*

Change is constantly surrounding you this summer, but no worries, most of it is for the better. When you feel the need to escape, find your fishing pole and put it to good use. This Month: A bright purple sunset will bring you good luck.

Lucky Number: 7

Sagittarius (Nov 23 – Dec 21) \*\*\*\*\*

The weather has you craving as much of the great outdoors as possible. If you can’t get away to the mountains, jump in the nearest pool and grill in the back yard. This Month: Think of all of your chal-lenges as exciting opportunities.

Lucky Number: 2

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 20) \*\*\*\*

At work, concentrate on efficiency to solve problems and get ahead. If you’re debating taking a summer vacation, do it, you’re worth it. This Month: Romance will flourish and blossom, just like all the flowers around you.

Lucky Number: 12

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