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The Wedge on Waterloo



The Wedge, by Abe Olvido, is the newest art installation at Arts Collinwood.

by Abe Olvido

wedge: 3. Any action or procedure that serves to open the way for a gradual change. (*Webster's Dictionary*)

The definition above exemplifies the changes that have happened and are happening on Waterloo. My concept takes all of that change in consideration. In the sunlight, The Wedge installation becomes a vibrant shape of color with its tonal bands glowing in a rhythmic pattern. During those gray days of Cleveland, the installation is a bright and uplifting stroke of massive color and provides an atmospheric backdrop for performances. It is a fantastic beacon of art, ingenuity, and collaboration for the Collinwood area.

Abe Olvido is the creator of The Wedge.

Superthief: The Collinwood documentary, comes to Collinwood exclusively at the Lakeshore Atlas, along with book signing



Coming to the Lakeshore Atlas Cinema on Friday, April 6th is an EXCLUSIVE showing of the documentary SUPERTHIEF which takes place in Collinwood, the story of one of the U.S.'s most prolific and daring bank robbers of all time—Collinwood's Phil Christopher, who pulled off a bank job for a record-setting \$30 million dollars.

On Friday April 6th, at 6:30 pm, "Superthief" author, Rick Porrello will be signing copies of his book and answering questions at the theater. Don't miss it!

Euclid Creek Tunnel meeting: Trenching Lakeshore

by Nan Kennedy and Jean Chapman

So I went to the Euclid Creek Tunnel meeting – and learned that (a) the work will be considerably less dramatic than feared – the ten-foot trenches will occupy only a few blocks of Lakeshore – and (b) communication is very, very important. Briefly, Cleveland's original sewage system ingeniously provided for storm-water overflows so the treatment plants wouldn't be overwhelmed, but the system is no longer adequate, so a huge diverter tunnel is being dug/sunk/driven under the lake and Lakeshore Blvd to carry storm-water floods directly to the treatment plant, where they'll be cleansed of their admixture of household waste (the polite phrase) before going into the lake – instead of going straight in, as before, dissolving toilet paper and all. (You really need pictures to grasp this; go to www.neorsd.org and click on CSO.)

This storm-water diversion is a massive project; to build its 27-foot-diameter tunnel, the District has also built a power plant and is moving utilities left, right and center – "Lakeshore is just littered with existing utilities," said the harassed presenter. That's part of the street work you see now; the heavy construction bit is the sinking of shafts for micro tunnels, which will be followed by structures to pick up the overflow and help direct it to the diverter. Once construction of the tunnel

Music for Miles: Classical music comes to Waterloo

by Nan Kennedy

Waterloo Road is already famous for the Beachland Ballroom; now it's adding a little classical music.

Clarinetist Bill Meyer (an Arts Collinwood board member) presents mellow classics every month in the Cafe at Arts Collinwood, played by himself and visiting artists. Cafe Music, as the name implies, provides a pleasant background for an evening out. For more serious listening, Bill, in concert (pun intended) with Nan Kennedy has arranged a concert series in memory of Nan's husband Miles Kennedy, who was a founder of Arts Collinwood and deeply devoted to both Waterloo Road and classical music.

M4M (Music for Miles) will present a series of classical concerts at Arts Collinwood, with support from the Cleveland Federation of Musicians Local Four and the Arts Collinwood Friends Committee.

Sunday, April 29, 4 pm: Patricia Harris (who has a five-octave range and has sung for everyone from Barry Manilow to president Bill Clinton) and William Clarence Marshall, whose impressive bass has been heard in performance from Severance Hall to Karamu House, performing opera selections, art songs and spirituals, with piano accompaniment.

More concerts are planned for this series; details will be announced. Contact Arts Collinwood at (216) 692-9500 or www.artscollinwood.org for information.

Nan Kennedy is a founding member of Arts Collinwood; chair of the Arts Collinwood Advisory Board; president of the Lakeshore/Collinwood Garden Club; writer of neighborhood events e-letter; grandmother of Emma, Jane and Attila.



Vibration monitors make sure the blasting is within specified limits at the Triangle excavation site on Lakeshore Blvd. Photo credit: John Copic

itself begins, a massive boring machine (even now traveling to Cleveland) will p-u-s-h through the earth from Bratenahl to Nottingham, emerging at approximately Nottingham and E185 to be taken apart and sent home. (This conjured up images of an immense worm tunneling through the earth, which sent me off to Google ouroboros, but that turned out to be the snake swallowing its tail and symbolizing completeness.)

INFO STRAIGHT FROM THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER by Jean Chapman

NEORS has begun rock excavation at Shaft 4, which is located at Triangle Park on Lakeshore Blvd. Excavation includes blasting the rock 100 feet below the ground, which is the most common and safe method for removal.

'We understand that the word 'blasting' can invoke some fear in residents,' stated Doug Gabriel, NEORS Construction Program Manager for the Euclid Creek Tunnel project. 'I want to reassure the residents that blasting rock beneath the ground is safe, effective and, nationally, a very common practice.'

In an effort to loosen the rock, a series of blasts, lasting 15 to 30 seconds, is required. Once the rock is loosened, it takes 2 to 3 days to remove it. Then blasting will resume and the removal process will be repeated. Residents can expect this to occur a couple times a week for 4 to 6 weeks. To date, one other Euclid Creek Tunnel shaft has been successfully excavated via the rock blasting process.

'To assure that residents are informed and at ease with the Triangle Park shaft excavation, NEORS has placed vibration monitors at locations near the shaft excavation site, including locations across the street from the park. So far, the monitors have registered below specified limits,' stated Gabriel. 'Further, we'll keep residents and elected officials continually updated on the progress of the shaft excavation.'

WHAT YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW (back to Nan here)

NEORS will publish its construction schedule and (one hopes) the very informative map (of which they had only one copy at the meeting) in the Collinwood Observer and on their website, and will keep Councilman Polensek informed. The city, not NEORS, is responsible for those potholes that currently make the two remaining lanes of Lakeshore's construction area barely driveable; call 664-2150 and give the patching crew details of location. Try not to yell at them.

Monsters make friends at St. Jerome School

Chanelle McCloud

A fifteen-foot tall monster and a few of his friends were spotted at St. Jerome Elementary School recently. Well, they weren't really monsters, but the beautiful artistic creations of Madcap Puppet Theatre.

The entire student body, faculty, and staff of St. Jerome School gathered together, from preschool through eighth grade, and were entertained by the nationally recognized puppet company. Madcap which is based in Cincinnati, OH, presented, "Jack and the Gentle Giant," a sequel of the classic Jack and the Beanstalk.

The puppets ranged from approximately one foot tall to the "Giant" who appeared to the audience to be about 15 feet tall.

"I was scared," said seventh grader Jaylin Reese jokingly.

The puppeteers revealed at the end of the program that the puppet was only half of a face and that they stood a ladder behind a curtain to make the puppet appear so tall. The puppeteers told the audience that if the puppet was made in its entirety it would be close to 50 feet tall.

Jaylin, who has been attending St. Jerome School since sixth grade, said he enjoys all the programs and assemblies that St. Jerome School provides for their students.

"We learn a lot, but we also have fun," Reese said. "That is one of things I really like about my school."

Sue Coan, the St. Jerome School principal, said it makes her happy to be able to offer the students opportunities to have fun.

"Just to see their faces is a joy to me," Coan said. "We strive to give our students a faith-filled, academically challenging, and enjoyable education."

Chanelle McCloud is a teacher at St. Jerome Elementary School and also the co-founder of Professchanelle Inspiration, which strives to help people reach their full potential.



Students at St. Jerome School get front row seats to nationally recognized puppet show.



St. Jerome School Students enjoy a monster filled puppet show.

Dialogue

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From Councilman Polensek

by Councilman Michael D. Polensek

As of this writing, City Council has heard nothing back from the Administration as it pertains to the ongoing issue of suburban residents using the new Collinwood Recreation Center at no cost. I was absolutely amazed by the feedback I received in support of my Resolution in City Council recommending that there be a fee structure put in place for admission at the new facility by suburban residents or a reciprocation agreement with each surrounding suburb, thereby, permitting Cleveland residents and their children to use their facilities and complexes. There is no doubt that this issue has hit upon a very sore subject with our residents who have had no recreation facility to call their own for so long and were denied access to other suburban facilities unless they paid often exorbitant fees. Please stay tuned for future updates on this pressing matter.

I am sure that everyone has noticed that the much needed Euclid Creek Tunnel Project is well under way at this time. Please watch and drive with caution as you drive past or through each of the construction work zones. We all know there will be times when there will be lane closures on Lakeshore Boulevard along with St Clair Avenue, and as with any major construction project there will be inconveniences. However, this project is vital to the long term economic development of our area, and more importantly the environmental protection of our creek and lakefront.

You might have read lately that there is an effort underway on the Federal level to secure funding to expand the demolition of abandoned and foreclosed properties.

Slovenian Workmen's Home Happenings

HUNGRY FOR SCHNITZEL? There will be a Schnitzel Dinner Tuesday, May 1st at the Slovenian Workmen's Home located at 15335 Waterloo Road, Cleveland. The board of trustees, with the help of the "Kitchen Angels," will be the chefs and servers for this fundraiser to benefit the hall. If you have ever attended a Friday Fish Fry or past dinners, you know what delicious meals are served. Purchase tickets at the Friday Fish Fry, from any trustee or by calling the office at (216) 481-5378.

SUNDAY POLKA DANCES October thru May Sunday Polka dances are held in the "Waterloo Ballroom." Doors open at 2pm and music for your listening and dancing pleasure is from 3pm til 7pm. Call (216) 481-5378 if you would like to reserve a table of 8 or more. April dances begin April 15 with Bobby Kravos, April 22—Donny Wojtila, April 29—Joey Tomsick.

For more details: www.collinwoodobserver.com.

If there is an abandoned house next door to you or on your street please contact the City's Building & Housing Hotline at (216) 664-2207 and report the property. Make sure you have a correct address. There should be no home or structure unsecured in our ward without the proper city department being notified. The hotline number is designed for residents to be proactive on behalf of the community. If we all do our part — the City will have a better inventory as to what is abandoned and what needs to be inspected, secured and possibly razed.

Finally, Spring is already here and Summer is not far off. Please help improve the look of our neighborhood. Start with your own yard. Take the initiative to clean up and remove wintertime debris. Remember, a street or a neighborhood is only as good as the people who live there. Be a responsible and caring neighbor in our community.

You may reach me at my office by calling (216) 664-4236. If we miss your call, leave a message and make sure you leave your name and a phone number so that I can get back with you. Feel free to email me as well at council11@clevelandcitycouncil.org. Have a BLESSED EASTER.

The Salvation Army needs volunteer softball coaches

by Lt. Chris Mauk

The Salvation Army is in need of volunteer coaches for it's up-coming Softball League Season!

Three head coaches for each division and three assistant coaches for each division are needed. One or two coaches are also needed to help with the travel team(s).

The categories are: Fast Pitch, 15-18 girls only, Intro to Fast Pitch, 11-14 girls only, Coach Pitch, 7-10 boys and girls, all two games a week, 6:30 to 8:30, practice times determined by coach, and T-ball, 4-6 boys and girls, Saturday, 11 am to 12 noon, practice time determined by coach.

If interested, please contact Softball Coordinator Emma Ramseur at (216) 254-4949. For more information on all the great things going on at The Salvation Army, call (216) 692-1388!

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Let's make a neighborhood resolution for the new year — check out the block clubs. It takes just one evening a month, it often involves food, you get an up-close view of neighbors you didn't know, you hear what's going on and you can seize the moment and ask why. Or why not. Stick this list on the refrigerator. Or on your iPhone.

Collinwood Homeowners' and Tenants' Association
First Wednesday, 7 pm, St Mary's School, 15519 Holmes Ave.

E185 St Block Watch
Second Tuesday, 6 pm, Lithuanian Village Hall, 877 E185 (rear entrance).

Nottingham Civic Club
Third Tuesday, 7 pm, Nottingham United Methodist Church, 18316 St Clair.

E156 St Block Watch
Third Wednesday, 6 pm, M&M Bar-B-Que, 15116 Lakeshore Blvd at E152.

Northeast Shores Development Corp
NSDC holds its quarterly meetings, open to all, members and public, on the third Tuesday of January, April, July and October, at 6:30 pm, at our lovely new rec center. These meetings are well worth attending, all kinds of neighborhood-wide initiatives come up for discussion.

Collinwood/Nottingham Historical Society
Second Thursday of the month, St Mary's Church Hall, 15519 Holmes Avenue, beginning at 6:30 pm.

The Cleveland Foodbank can now help you apply for Food Stamps, Medical, Utility, and other benefits

by Calondra McArthur

The Cleveland Foodbank understands that times are tough and money is tight. In order to help you and your family have access to nutritious and delicious meals, which you choose, we now have a full time staff of Assistance Counselors that can make the application process quick and easy. In about 30 minutes and one online application, you can apply for SNAP (Formerly Food Stamps), prescription benefits, child care vouchers, WIC, medical coverage, and other assistance programs. We are working to help you get the assistance you need to get back on your feet and help your family have what they need to be healthy and happy.

Your application options are varied in order to accommodate your family's immediate needs. You may visit the Foodbank during our walk-in hours, weekdays, Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you would like to visit the Foodbank outside of those hours please call (216) 738-2067 to make an appointment. If you have access to a computer you can apply online for all the same benefits at www.ohiobenefits.org.

Call today and we can guide you through the application process step-by-step. If you have questions about eligibility, finding food pantries in your area, or what benefits you might qualify for, please call our Benefit Outreach Counselors at (216) 738-2067.



Cleveland Foodbank's "Produce to People" Distribution, 3rd Thursday of every month from 4-6 pm for income eligible residents.

Ginger Hannah and the Euclid Beach Feral Cat Project

by Gia Campola

The Euclid Beach Feral Cat Project has existed for 2 and a half years and is the result of Ms. Ginger Hannah's desire to assist the large number of unwanted and abused cats in the Collinwood neighborhoods of Wildwood, the Euclid Beach Mobile Home Park, the State Park pier, and Euclid Beach Villa Apartments. The main focus is the historic Euclid Beach area where a shocking amount of cats and kittens are routinely "dumped," often while pregnant. Many are injured or emaciated; all are terrified. Together Ms. Hannah and the dedicated individuals at the Cleveland Animal Protection League, have "saved" 642 cats since 2009.

To donate, make checks payable to the Northeast Shore Development Corporation, note EBFCP in the check memo. For more information visit the Cat Project site: <http://ebfc.org>. Thank you on behalf of Ginger Hannah and all the animals she speaks for. For more details about Ginger Hannah and the EBFCP, go to www.collinwoodobserver.com.

Naturally Collinwood

Residents re-imagine Euclid Beach State Park

by Stephen Love

Northeast Shores Development Corporation, LAND studio, Lakeshore Merchants Association, Councilman Polensek and the Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Team are working together with landscape architectural firm MSI-KKG to develop a conceptual plan to improve and re-imagine Euclid Beach State Park from its current state.

On Wednesday March 14th, Collinwood residents attended an initial public meeting at the Lakeshore Golden Age Center to share their ideas, concerns and questions with the design team from MSI-KKG.

Community input was solicited through questions and answers as well as through written comments.

Among the big takeaways so far is the need for a bigger and better park entrance, less fencing around the park perimeter and a new playground. This was the first of several public meetings designed to solicit input from park users. MSI-KKG architects are now summarizing community input and will be holding another meeting in about a month to present some initial design concepts!

If you are interested in getting involved with the Euclid Beach Redesign or have



Residents write comments and MSI-KKG architects take notes and listen!

ideas you would like to submit to MSI-KKG, please contact Denise Lorek, Community Organizer at Northeast Shores Development: dlorek@northeast-shores.org (216) 481-7660.

Baker Candies: Collinwood's chocolate connection

by William McCulloch

Baker Candies has produced chocolates and candies for the greater Cleveland area since 1921. In 1945 their operation started by Louis Bracracheff, a young immigrant from Aegean Macedonia, moved to their present location at the corner of Holmes Avenue and East 163rd Street. Baker has been Cleveland's second largest chocolate wholesaler, providing in the past for Higbee's, May's, Nut Hut, and Nut Kitchen.

Still a family-owned business, the daily operation is being run by the fourth generation of Chris Alusheff and

Chris Galgoczy. Though known especially for their Whipped Eggs, they offer a wide variety of different chocolates and candies produced on location. If you've never been there or it's been a while, it's worth a visit to check out this venerable Collinwood institution.

They are also able to take orders by phone or through their website and ship to you directly. Through Easter they are open till 7:00 pm weekdays. Otherwise their normal hours are 9:00 am to 4:00 pm weekdays and 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturdays.



(L-R) Chris Alusheff and Chris Galgoczy, the fourth generation to run Baker Chocolates.

Baker Candies, 16131 Holmes Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44110, (216) 451-7779 or (800) 743-7779, www.BakerCandies.com. 2nd retail outlet, 2804 SOM Center Road, Willoughby Hills (440) 943-0508.

Shenese Wilson: Sweet Sergeant Sweat



Shenese Wilson makes getting and staying in shape a fun, happy, event.

by Deborah Howitt

At the Collinwood Rec Center on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday come and experience one reason our Rec Center is full of people exerting themselves, smiling and occasionally whooping or laughing out loud.

Shenese Wilson is perfect for us. Her extensive experience with health and wellness programs in the military gives us confidence that the hydration and diet advice she offers is the latest information. We are a large, diverse community of people with goals and aspirations to improve our health. She comes early for her 7:30 fitness for seniors class. She stays late after her step aerobics class, discussing personal progress toward a goal, setbacks and solutions, and of course celebrating every incremental step achieved toward a major goal. Shenese is interested and involved

The Coit Rd Farmer's Market is growing in the neighborhood

by John Copic

What's Happening: Wed hours begin April 18, 10am to 1pm. Greens are available from the covered beds along with lettuce, spinach, winter vegetables, apples, bakery, cheese and free range eggs. Our newest baker, Chef Deborah of Impassioned Bakery has specialty breads. You can always get Kevin's advice on how to blend what's available in fresh ingredients with over 200 spices to create wonderful food. Mark your calendar for Sat, June 2 for our 80th anniversary celebration during market hours 8 am to 1 pm.

Community Support: Grow your EBT/food stamps, 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. A new incentive for produce will begin this season with a \$20 match. There's time to participate in The Coit Urban Farm Cooperative to grow and sell on the Coit Rd Market site. Interested? E-mail com-laser@gmail.com or call (440) 376-9448.



The Coit Road Farmers Market in action!

with her class participants. She remembers names and greets us individually.

She is one of the dedicated crew of volunteers at the Rec Center. We are so grateful to receive the benefit of these "hearts of hospitality." They make getting and staying in shape a fun, free, happy, event.

Shenese's senior fitness class at 7:30 am has lots of room. The routine is extensive, performed seated on chairs, and lasts approximately 45 minutes. It gets your circulation going!

Shenese's 10 am step aerobics class is often filled to its capacity of 40. Get there early! She takes us through a series of step routines that she makes look easy. For the fumble-footed, she notices and praises those who keep moving even without achieving the "new" or "complicated" step. The goal is a cardiovascular work out. We stretch and bend in ways that can cause unused muscles to make their presence known.

Shenese serves us just because she can. The participants and staff thank Shenese from the bottom of our hearts for giving so freely of herself.

Deborah Howitt has lived in Collinwood for 20 years - with 7 years out as an international science teacher. She is happy to be back here and looking for a way to make a difference in the quality of life here.

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Artists in Residence loan program announced

by Seth Beattie

Northeast Shores is announcing another support program for artists living and working in the North Shore Collinwood neighborhood, as well as artists who would like to relocate here.

Through a unique partnership with NoteWorthy Federal Credit Union and the Community Partnership for Arts and Culture (CPAC), we are pleased to announce the Artists in Residence loan program which supports artists looking to create art space in North Shore Collinwood. It covers space conversions such as a musician wanting to soundproof a rehearsal space or a painter who wants to convert his garage into a studio.

Northeast Shores provides participants with access to free space-ownership coursework and works with them to develop a personalized financial plan. CPAC is providing 25% collateral on every Artists in Residence loan. NoteWorthy Federal Credit Union's understanding of the artist community's needs makes the lending process a friendlier for participants.

If you are interested in applying or for more info about our efforts to support artists, contact Northeast Shores at (216) 481-7660, ext. 27, or sbeattie@northeastshores.org. For more details go to www.collinwoodobserver.com.

Seth Beattie is the Artist's in Residence Coordinator at Northeast Shores.

Do you love a parade?

by Denise Lorek

Then save the date of May 19th. Northeast Shores along with the "Alive on 185" Committee will be hosting their 4th annual "Alive on 185" parade.

Don't leave after the parade is over! There'll be more fun as our merchants participate in a streetwide sidewalk party. There will be food, fun and inflatables until 5pm. Call Denise Lorek at 481-7660 to find out how you can participate.

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



Photo: Last year's "Live on 185" parade.



COLLINWOOD NOTTINGHAM VILLAGE

Code Enforcement Partnership

by Mike Troha

Last year, because of the rising number of Building and Housing Code violations in the City of Cleveland, the City Council voted on a co-operation of the Building and Housing (B&H) department and all Community Development Corporations (CDCs) within the city. The CDC's are to go out and inspect the outside of homes within a specified area. The owner will be contacted regarding violations observed by the code enforcement officer for the ward and given 30 days to correct them. If they are not corrected within the 30 days, and the CDC is not informed as to progress/intent by the owner, the house is turned into B&H for a formal inspection, ticketing, and a potential housing court appearance.

Letters have gone out to homeowners that have been inspected, telling them what violations need to be corrected. We've been getting a lot of response from homeowners looking for assistance and acknowledging problems existing on their properties.

Getting things done before there is a legal battle is why City Council voted for this partnership. It will take a while to see dramatic changes, but this is a good start. Ward 11 has always had a solid residential base, this partnership is only going to make it better.

For more info and to find out when your street is slated for inspection, contact CNVDC 383-9772 or Northeast Shores 481-7660

Mike Troha is the Code Enforcement Officer for Ward 11.

Spruce up your house: 2012 paint voucher program

by Yolanda Anderson

CNVDC is taking applications for the 2012 Paint Voucher Program through August 1. Eligible South Collinwood applicants could receive vouchers for up to \$400 in paint and supplies. You will be responsible for the labor to paint your home, once approved.

To Qualify: Must be a low or moderate-income family (call for income guidelines). May be owner or tenant, he/she must reside in the house being painted. If applicant is a tenant, he/she must get signed permission from the owner to participate in the program. Must receive Lead Safe Work Practice instructions at the time of application.

Your house must be in good repair. If you have housing repair needs, call CNVDC or go online at www.cnvdc.org for information on other programs available to Cleveland homeowners.

Get an application and more info by calling CNVDC at (216) 383-9772. Vouchers and funds are limited. For more details go to www.collinwood-observer.com.

Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to all of our St. Jerome Eighth Grade students! All have been accepted to a Catholic High School.

Aaron Alston - St. Ignatius High School

Jamal Anderson - Villa Angela St. Joseph

Marcita Barnes - St. Martin De Porres

Carlie Beard - Villa Angela St. Joseph

Johnathan Carter - Villa Angela St. Joseph

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Destiny Sywanyk - Villa Angela St. Joseph

Jayla Terry - Villa Angela St. Joseph

Jasmine Toney - Villa Angela St. Joseph

Tavaris White - St. Martin De Porres

Jason Williams—Villa Angela St. Joseph

Marco Young Jr.—Villa Angela St. Joseph

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Join the Discussion at: www.collinwoodobserver.com

Schools

Cleveland Job Corp partners with Christian Business League

by Michael E. Taylor

The CBL Christian Business League sponsored their Faith and Finance Breakfast and Job Corps Student Ambassadors were in attendance. The speaker was Mr. Joshua DuBois, White House Director of the Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships. Mr. DuBois's topic was "Building Neighborhood and Community by Investing in Community and Economic Development."

The Student Ambassadors of the Cleveland Job Corps Center help set up the event under the leadership on Tina Rice of Trice Communications, LLC. Sponsors for the event were PNC Bank, Cleveland Clinic, Ohio Department of Development,



Student Ambassador Michael Holland and Mr. Joshua DeBois, White House Director of the Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships talk about making a difference in the community.

T-Mobile, COSE and the Black Professional Association Charitable Foundation, along with many more companies.

The Cleveland Job Corps Center will partner with the CBL on the subjects of Financial Literacy and How To Create Your Own Business.

Student success story—Collinwood High School

by Sherrell Germany-Clark

Tashyra Henry is a 12th grade student at Collinwood High School, in the Interior & Fashion Design Academy. Tashyra is an overall outstanding student. She is currently in the top 5% of her senior class. In the Interior & Fashion Design Academy, she is ranked #1 out of 48 other 12th grade students. Despite personal challenges, Tashyra continues to persevere and excel. For this reason, she is an inspiration to her peers and others.

Throughout her high school experience, Tashyra has maintained a 3.0 or higher each year. She currently has a 3.5 GPA. In addition to achieving academically, Tashyra is a member of our JROTC program. She has earned the rank of Cadet Captain, which requires her to lead her peers. As a member of the JROTC program, she has taken advantage of community service opportunities. She has worked with the Junior Achievement Program and has volunteered at the Salvation Army, where she worked with

smaller children in Bible study.

Last year, Tashyra participated in the "Look Up To Cleveland" program. This program allowed her to take on a leadership role within her community. In 2011, upon completion of this program, she was recognized by Mayor Frank Jackson for her participation and effort.

This year, Tashyra was selected to be Collinwood's nominee for the "Senior Standouts." Each year, the Plain Dealer recognizes well-rounded seniors whose efforts make them exemplary. In addition, she was recognized by the Cleveland Rotary Club at the "Who's Who" ceremony. This event also recognizes the top seniors in Cleveland's high schools.

After graduating in June, 2012, Tashyra has decided to either go into the military or attend The University of Toledo. If she decides to enlist in the military, she still plans to go to college and pursue a degree in Criminal Justice. Tashyra would be the first in her family to attend college and earn a degree.

Great Job, Tashyra. We are all proud of you. Good luck with all of your future endeavors.

Sherrell Germany-Clark is a counselor at Collinwood High School.

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Pep Rally at Collinwood High School

by Kimili Guley

The Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) is a very important examination that determines if students in the state of Ohio will earn a high school diploma. Sophomores are tested in five areas: reading, mathematics, writing, science and social studies. If a student does not pass all five parts of this exam, then he/she has to retake it until it is passed. Thus, many 11th and 12th grade students still have parts of this test to pass. This can be frustrating and exhausting to students that continually fail parts of this test.

In an effort to energize and encourage the sophomores at Collinwood High School, a pep rally was organized to get everyone excited. This pep rally was organized by teachers and included the Collinwood cheerleaders, high steppers, drum line and was DJ'd by DJ M.A.X, sophomore Lejon Kidd. Additionally, Mrs. Marnisha Brown, principal of the STEM teaching professions academy within Collinwood High School, gave a wonderful

motivational speech that educated the students on what it means to be a part of the Collinwood railroader family. Seniors Anthony Moore, Mitchell Wilson and Najee Patterson also offered advice since they passed the OGT during their sophomore year. Guest speaker, the renown DJ Steph Floss of Cleveland radio station Z 107.9, was also in attendance and strongly encouraged the sophomores to do their best and pass the test.

The goal of this pep rally was to get the students excited about taking the OGT and encourage everyone to come to school every day during the week of testing. Getting the students to realize that showing up and putting effort into their work is a necessity and this pep rally delivered that message to the max. The hope is that everyone will pass this exam beginning Monday, March 12, 2012, and be able to graduate. The administrators, teachers and students of Collinwood High School are working hard to make that a reality.

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Japanese students meet the mayor

by David Wilson '08

A group of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School students and 12 Japanese visitors from Shizuoka St. Charles High School in Japan had the opportunity to meet with Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson and Cleveland Mayor Jackson on Friday, March 23.

During the visit to City Hall, the students received a tour of the building including the mayor's official City Council chambers.

Mayor Jackson greeted the students in his office, where he described the beautiful view outside looking out of the windows of the city of Cleveland.

The mayor and the Japanese students presented each other with photographs taken with the mayor. The mayor signed the photos for the students.



Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School students and Japanese students from Shizuoka St. Charles High School in Japan pose for a group photo in front of City Hall.

In addition to visiting Mayor Jackson, the students also visited John Carroll University and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and took a sightseeing tour of the city of Cleveland on the historic City of Cleveland.

With student and faculty leaders from Japan, their visit lasted from March 8 through March 23.

The Cleveland tradition is very strong in the U.S. community and the students of the Japanese students over the two-week period helped to strengthen that bond internationally.

Finally, the community leaders and students and clergy are very important members of the U.S. community, and the visit from our nation's capital.

Students from Japan highlight the visit.

"It was a great experience of our visit," says Richard Coleman, president of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School. "It was a great experience of our visit."

This is the second time Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School has hosted students from Japan. The first visit took place in April of 2009.



The mayor and Japanese students and Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School students pose for a group photo in front of City Hall.



Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School students and Japanese students from Shizuoka St. Charles High School in Japan pose for a group photo in front of City Hall.

Students offer support to Chardon High School

On Wednesday, March 7, students from Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School and Chardon High School, along with the Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School and Chardon High School, offered support to Chardon High School.

Both schools were very supportive of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School. The students of Chardon High School displayed an expression of support for the upcoming community.



Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School students and Chardon High School students pose for a group photo in front of City Hall.

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For more information, visit www.vasj.com or call the advancement office at 216-481-8414 ext. 200.

Let's hear it for the girls

The Villa Angela-St. Joseph Association will be holding its annual Ladies Night Out event on Thursday, May 3, at 6 p.m.

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your own personally signed bags to want your tickets to be the first to be sold, the evening is just what you need.

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Tim Misny addresses new NEIS members

by David Wilson '08

The Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School, to address the current situation of the National Board of Education (NBE) on March 20.

With the purpose of the day was to "make them see" that the girls of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School are the girls of the future.

At the end of the day, the girls of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School were the girls of the future.



Tim Misny, the current president of the National Board of Education (NBE), addressed the girls of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School on March 20.

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Viking Views



by David Wilson '08

I was talking to one of my classmates from "Back in the Day" recently. The subject of the conversation was Viking ships.

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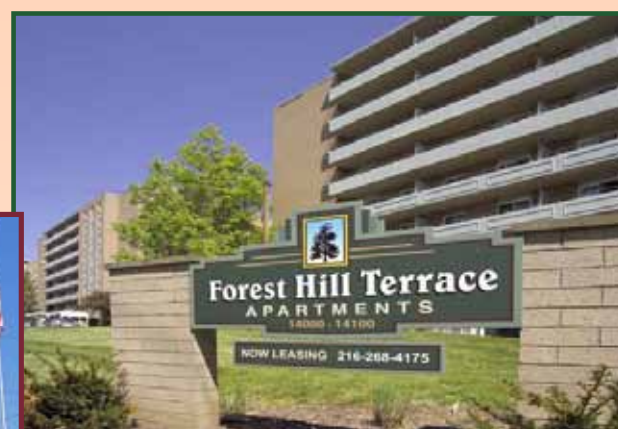
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by Christine Siarka

Come and see the inspiring and eclectic assortment of art pieces, purchase a special gift or take home that special souvenir. Don't forget Mother's Day is right around the corner, and we have a Mothers and Daughters Book by a local author that is the perfect gift. In the coming weeks, look for Branches own blend of coffee.

Stop by, have a cup for a small donation, and meet the artists that also work at the gallery.

If you are a local artist looking to share your art with an eclectic group of peers we would love to have you. We are looking for artists who create ceramics, glass, watercolor, printmaking, as well as wood artisans. The next group will be showcased during the May exhibit, exact dates to be determined. If you are a local artist and have not yet visited, stop by or contact our Managing Partner - Evelyn Copan-Bute, (216) 408-5142, email: evelynbute@adelphia.net.

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Nan's Notes

by Nan Kennedy

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FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT: SHIPWRECKS Friday, April 20 This student- and family-oriented program will focus on hands-on science activities related to understanding more about the sinking and research of the Titanic, and shipwrecks in general. Stop by the park office building to participate and learn more about the upcoming summer day camps at Case Western Reserve University—Center for Science and Mathematics & Cuyahoga County Public Library. 7-9pm. *The Exploration Station will be open during this program.* Pre-registration is greatly appreciated for planning purposes.

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Rose-Mary Center: "We remember, we celebrate, we believe" Part 2

by Donna Cantlin

This year marks the 90th Anniversary of Rose-Mary Center, in conjunction with the 100th Anniversary of Cleveland Catholic Charities. As we celebrate these important milestones, we reflect on the Center's rich history in the community. Part 2: 1943 - 2012

In 1943, the late Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Delaney presented their property to the Cleveland Catholic Diocese. The Delaney home was subsequently incorporated into the Rose-Mary Center and is recognized today as the Administration Building. Rose-Mary's main building was built in 1949 and connects the two mansions formerly known as the Grasse and Delaney homes.

A significant change occurred in 1967 when, after serving children with physical disabilities for 45 years, Rose-Mary Center revised its mission to serve children with developmental disabilities.

Rose-Mary Center provides residential, habilitation and education services, medical, dental, psychiatric and nursing



The Delaney home is recognized today as the Administration Building of the Rose Mary Center.

care, as well as behavior management programs guided by a trained psychologist for clients with maladaptive behaviors. Also included are occupational, physical, speech and therapeutic recreation therapies. In addition to residential services, Rose-Mary offers day programs and services for children and adults with developmental disabilities. To learn more about the Center and the events that are planned for the 90th Anniversary, go to www.rose-marycenter.com

Donna Cantlin is the Director of Development at the Rose-Mary Center.

As a mustard seed

by Rhonda Hudson-Williams

The mustard seed is the smallest of all seeds. When planted, it grows up and becomes a tree with long branches and is larger than all the other garden plants. With cultivating and the passage of time, this small seed turns into something other than what it started out to be, affecting much more than the way it appeared it would.

Anything we desire—better health, more money, better relationships, etc., is ours by having Faith. As the mustard seed is planted, so should our Faith. Just as we have to cultivate a garden and remove the weeds, the same is true of our Faith.

We water our Faith with positive self-talk (affirmations), listening to positive and uplifting CD's, or reading verses from our Bible. Faith that is planted in our hearts and nurtured, being constantly fed by speaking good words and watching the thoughts that enter our minds, will grow into more Faith. Like a mustard seed, our Faith grows into something larger than what it was when it began, sprouting into all areas of our lives and showing its effects in ways we may find to be amazing.

Even though the news reported on our televisions tells of wars, killing, high unemployment, rising gas prices, and foreclosures, there is good going on in the world though the good news is not reported as often nor as loud. There are good things happening to others. There are a many, many, many, good people in the world.

I won't buy into the doom and gloom that is constantly thrown at us. I have seen good and experienced good.

I have planted in my heart that our entire world will soon be full of the kind of loving people I already know and all will exist without the worry of being in harm's way.

In the words of singer Billy Joel, "The good old days weren't always good and tomorrow ain't bad as it seems, I'm keeping the Faith."

Wayback on Waterloo

by Barbara Buchanan Mullally

Growing up on East 157th Street, south of Waterloo Rd. between 1953-1973.

Reflection of an old lady. In the late 1950's and 60's, the world was very small for the Buchanan children but we were always busy. We walked to Memorial School with the aid of the crossing guards. We walked in the garden maze and looked at the golden fish. We walked to St. Jerome's Church and on week-days it was open to come inside to pray. We walked to the Memorial Library and were terrified by the librarian. We walked to the Commodore on Saturday afternoon to watch movies. We weren't allowed to go to the Dog House across the street.

We walked to Groveswood pool every summer afternoon. We walked to Humphrey's field in the evening to watch baseball and cute guys. Then we went to Race's Dairy for ice cream where for 50 cents you could get a banana split. We walked down East 156th Street to Euclid Beach Park, just to take a walk. We ran through the popcorn field lined with sycamore trees...

This is the Waterloo I remember. Now that I'm pushing 60, it seems like time to share for my grandson who sees Waterloo very differently. Declan loves the toy store. He plays with the cat in the music store. His dad plays in the tavern and kid fests happen in the ballroom. June means street party and time to play with all the kids of the hipsters. I love that this 5-year-old is standing in the shadows where his grandmother grew up. I enjoy that Waterloo made the transition to keep alive a great neighborhood. So Declan and grandma have different memories, they are memories all the same. Walk on Waterloo today or in my Wayback on Waterloo.



Around Collinwood

Adopt-a-Beach™ Cleanups are in full swing at Euclid Beach State Park

by Stephen Love

Adopt-a-Beach™ cleanups are in full swing at Euclid Beach State Park after a great kickoff for World Water Day 2012 on Saturday March 24th when over 30 volunteers from Cleveland Division of Water and Water Pollution Control, Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity from Case Western Reserve and the community collected a whopping 262 pounds of trash and 87 pounds of recyclables! Most interesting items included a plastic sword, a car bumper and a boat sail! Also a huge thank you to Steve Newman, owner of Chili Peppers restaurant for donating delicious tacos to all of our volunteers.

This is just the beginning of an exciting year at Euclid Beach Park! Mark your calendars for our next beach cleanup on Saturday April 21st from 10am-12pm.

We will be celebrating Earth Day and Global Youth Service Day. Volunteers will meet in the park pavilion at 10am. Gloves, trash pickers, rakes and bags will be provided. Please dress for the weather



Phi Kappa Tau brothers enjoying some Chili Peppers tacos after a some hard work!



Volunteers from Cleveland Division of Water tallying trash and taking names!

whether its warm or cold and wear tennis shoes. Coffee and snacks will be provided and lunch afterwards at one of Collinwood's many great restaurants. The team that picks up the most trash will also get a special prize...for real!

Can't make it out on Saturday April 21? There's still so many ways to get involved!

• **Donate!** We always need trash bags, gloves, bags and trash pickers! Mail donations (checks only please) to:

Northeast Shores Development Corporation 317 E. 156th Street, Cleveland, 44110 Make checks to **Northeast Shores Development Corp.**, subject line: Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Volunteers.

• **Volunteer** At Another Beach Cleanup. Beach cleanups are from 10 am-12 pm on the 3rd or 4th Saturday of the month at Euclid Beach Park.

For more information contact Stephen Love, Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Team Coordinator, atadopt.euclidbeach@gmail.com

Second commemorative marker planned for Euclid Beach State Park

by Richard Wickens

At a recent board meeting of Euclid Beach Park Now, the directors approved a proposal to place a second commemorative marker at the site of the former Euclid Beach State Park amusement park. A marker featuring Euclid Beach Park's Grand Carrousel was unveiled last September at the State Park during the organization's annual event held in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources at Cleveland Lakefront State Park, "Remembering the Sights and Sounds of Euclid Beach Park." A survey was offered to the attendees as to what ride or attraction should be the subject of the next marker. The overwhelming choice was to feature "Coaster Row," three of the park's four roller coasters that stood adjacent to each other along the main midway. The three coasters were: the Flying Turns,

Thriller, and Racing Coaster. The park's fourth roller coaster, the Aero Dips, was located north of the main midway closer to Lake Erie. Half of the funds needed for the marker were raised at last year's event through donations and a raffle featuring gift certificates to E. 185th street's most popular eateries. Fundraising will go on this summer at all of EBPN's public events. The new sign will follow the same format as the one which has already been installed and will be unveiled at the State Park event scheduled for September 30, 2012. This year's event has the support of Neighborhood Connections, the Cleveland Foundation's small-grants program intended to benefit grassroots groups in Cleveland.

Rich Wickens is the Vice President of Euclid Beach Park Now.

Myths of Euclid Beach, Part 1

by Elva Brodnick

Thought it might be fun to look at a couple of myths about Euclid Beach that seem to have real staying power. Sure you've heard them, but I'm here to tell you they're not true—and why.

The most popular myth or urban legend about EBP is the one about one of the Rocket Ships not only coming off the ride, but also flying into the lake. No idea where this started—possibly something similar happened at another park—but this story is simply not true!

If you look at this close-up from a popular postcard, you will see that there are a total of 8 cables attached to each Rocket Ship. While I'm no engineer, the number of things that would have to go wrong for a Rocket Ship to "fly into the lake" is huge! From what I've been told by people that understand these things (and some plain common sense), all 8 cables would have had to snap at once for any one car to come loose. Not only that, but because of the abrupt misbalance of the load on the ride, the whole thing would have very likely come down.

Didn't happen. Have never been able to find any news story about any such thing happening either—and you know that if this had happened, the headlines would've been HUGE!



And then there's the one about the Rocket Car landing at the Terminal Tower.

Stay tuned next time for a story about a very athletic snake, taking a ride on the Carrousel..? Meanwhile, here's to enjoying the Park again soon some warm (HOT!) summer days! Seems there's always a breeze coming over the bluff at Euclid Beach.

See you all around and about!

And if you have any stories of your own about times at Euclid Beach—or any other "legends" submit them to the Collinwood Observer, by going to www.collinwoodobserver.com, clicking on Member Center, signing in, and submitting (It's easy!) your story, or by sending them on paper to the Collinwood Observer at 650 E. 185th St, Cleveland OH, 44119. Remember we love pictures, you can attach them to your stories online, or send them to the office and we'll scan them and send them back. Thank you!

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