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“Frankenstorm” hits Collinwood

by Councilman Michael D. Polensek

WOW! What a Week! “Frankenstorm” will not soon be forgotten! My heartfelt thanks to all the Police, Fire, EMS and above all the Electrical Line Crews and Urban Forestry for their response to one of the most dangerous and destructive storms our community has seen since 1993. I also wish to thank, above all, the residents who were without power or who experienced damage to their property and who exhibited great patience and understanding.

However, the storm also highlighted the weaknesses within CPP and First Energy’s ability to respond to such a severe storm. CPP’s Call and Trouble Center was a major problem with residents unable to get through for days even to report downed lines. First Energy sending emergency crews to the East Coast knowing that Northeast Ohio was in the path of the storm was unexplainable. Nonetheless, Mayor Jackson assured Council that there would be an “aftermath review” of what worked and what did not work from the City’s perspective. I hope that they look at all facets of the City’s response and take the appropriate action to ensure that basic utility service can be restored in a reasonable timeframe if and when we find ourselves in the face of another monstrous storm, once again.

Many of you read an article in the Sunday, October 28, Plain Dealer regarding the spike in crime in Cleveland’s 5th District. As a result, I had calls into the office asking, “how big is the 5th District?” The 5th District, of which the 11th Ward is a part, runs from East 55th Street east to East 200th Street and north of Cedar Avenue to the Lake. It encompasses the entire Northeast side of the City. Obviously, our concerns are about the criminal activity that is in our neighborhood.

Of the 28 homicides that occurred in the 5th District, six (6) of those were in our community; three (3) were drug-related, two (2) were gang-related and the last one was a party that “went terribly wrong.” None of these were “indiscriminate acts of violence”; in other words, the victims knew their assailants and vice versa. From my experience over the years, unless you have a police officer right at the scene it is almost impossible to stop this type of senseless violence.

Burglaries occur to occupied property and break-ins are at unoccupied structures. Clearly, these types of crimes can be greatly deterred by observant and “nosey” neighbors. Ward 11 has the distinction of having the lowest crime rate on Cleve-



Tree off of Lakeshore with a downed power line.



Euclid creek almost overflowing.

land’s east side. Unfortunately, if you or your family have been victims, that is not much consolation. I know that first-hand.

So, how do we as a progressive community, combat criminal activity?

By becoming more proactive, by paying more attention to what is going on around us and on our streets. We have neighborhood groups and organizations which you can become involved in and who are working daily to improve the “quality of life” of our community. At the end of the day, though, the best and safest streets in the city are those where the residents are engaged and will not tolerate the “hood mentality.” You have heard me say that a community is only as good as the people in it, well that holds truer today than ever before.

I call upon all concerned citizens to be the eyes and ears of the Police. There are neighborhoods in this city where people see, hear and do nothing. We are not like that. I for one would never want to subject my family to a neighborhood like that. That is why we need to stand together. Set the tone and send the message: WE WILL NOT TOLERATE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY IN OUR COMMUNITY. Let’s keep Ward 11 safe and strong.

I may be reached at my office at (216) 664-4236 or via email at council11@clevelandcitycouncil.org. Email me rather than Facebook me.

Mike Polensek – Now the Longest Serving Councilman in Cleveland City Council History

by Mary Louise Jesek Daley

Congratulations to our Councilman, Michael Polensek, on achieving the distinction of being the longest-serving Councilman in the history of Cleveland City Council. He follows a line of many distinguished men and women who have served Cleveland since the time of our founding in July 1796. As of October 17th he has served the Greater Collin-

wood community for 34 years, 9 months and 15 days.

This is a significant achievement and one that needs to be celebrated. Cleveland City Council acknowledged this achievement on Monday, October 22 in Council and with a cake. Having known the Councilman since I was a young girl,

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Cleveland School Levy passes

by Betsy Voinovich

Issue 107, the 15 mill levy for the Cleveland Metropolitan schools, passed last Tuesday night, with 55% of voters’ approval. In Cleveland, an average home’s value is \$58,000, which means the levy will cost a typical homeowner \$264 more a year.

For those who would like to know how the district justifies asking for such a large sum, Collinwood’s Nan Kennedy, grandmother of children attending Cleveland public schools has this to offer:

“Pause for a moment: the Cleveland schools were making progress, to wit: graduation rate up 23%; safety incidents down 42%; 23% of schools in the top two ratings in 2010-11, compared to only 9% two years earlier; and 42% rated Continuous Improvement or higher, against only 25%; highest rating from the state auditor for 2007 to 2011.

Then state and federal funding was cut (by \$140 million), local tax collections shrank – and the schools cut 595 teachers. Could a drop in funding halt the upward progress? How could it not?...”

She goes on to describe what the District has already done: “The board cut 92 head office positions, and the remaining staff took a 5% pay cut and agreed to higher health insurance premiums, while taking on the workload of the departed staffers. Eric Gordon took a salary cut, and is now making \$50,000 less than his predecessor, and he drives his own car instead of using a district car and driver...”

She points out that the first thing the district will do is put back what they had to take away: “Key programs have been cut to save money; they’ll be restored. Teachers will be hired back; the full school day will be restored, too.” Nan’s Notes, September, 2012.

According to Citizens for our Children’s Future, the committee formed by Superintendent Eric Gordon and Mayor Frank Jackson, here are their goals: 1. Attract, retain and

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From Collinwood to the World



Collinwood resident and entrepreneur Darvio Morrow with comedian George Lopez.

by Darece Daniels

From an office on the east side of Cleveland, long-time Collinwood resident and 25-year-old Darvio E. Morrow connects with the rest of the world on a daily basis.

Darvio is the Founder and CEO of FCB Musera, a digital multimedia company that owns several online radio stations and record labels. The stations broadcast to anyone around the world with an internet connection and have a wide range of listeners from Cleveland to Brazil. “I was thrilled to see our numbers going up in Latin countries,” said Darvio. “That’s where the future is.”

Musera Radio, the company’s main product, has tens of thousands of monthly listeners and its group of record labels have a digital distribution deal with a company recently acquired by Sony Music Entertainment. But one of the things that Mr. Morrow is most proud of is the neighborhood that he started his company in almost ten years ago, Collinwood.

Darvio was born and raised on the south side of Collinwood and has a particular affinity for the northeast Cleveland neighborhood. “I try to explain to people what it’s like growing up in Collinwood, but it’s hard to put it into words. It’s a unique place,” Darvio said. “Collinwood used to be an independent city years ago, and I think we still have that independent attitude. We kinda do our own thing over here. I’m

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Wi-fi and pie

by Alenka Banco

What happens when you take a 30-year-old family-operated restaurant and reopen after only a month with a new owner? Mary Kean, the proud new owner of Chloe’s Kitchen Diner (formerly Fotina’s Restaurant) located at 400 E.156th Street, explains that you do a little bit of sprucing it up but keep it as authentic as possible. Kean’s immediate focus was upgrading the kitchen equipment. With a new stove, fridge and, most importantly, a dishwasher, Kean feels she can get back to business. She admits that she is anxious and excited at the same time.

With very little time to think about it, Kean entered and won a restaurant contest sponsored by the property’s new owner/developer, Alan Glazen. Glazen, who has also recently acquired the Harbour Pub on Waterloo Rd., wanted to find an owner/operator for this neighborhood diner that would open it back up as soon as possible and respect the flavor of the original business and what it meant to the community.

Chloe’s Kitchen Diner will feature an all-day, breakfast special for \$2.99. In addition, the menu will include traditional

diner foods like hot dogs and hamburgers to reubens and grilled sandwiches. Kean also plans on including neighborhood traditions like sweet potato pie which is made on Waterloo Rd. and freshly brewed coffee from Erie Island Coffee which is owned by her new landlord Alan. The diner will also display and sell art by local artists.

Whether you are interested in a great meal at an awesome price or free Wi-fi with your pie, Chloe’s Kitchen Diner will officially open for business on Wednesday, October 31 at 7 am. Please stop in for the Grand Opening and enjoy a free cup of coffee.

The diner will be open Tuesday through Sunday from 7 am-2 pm from then on. It is located on 400 East 156th Street, near Waterloo in the Collinwood (216) 738-7088.



Chloe’s Kitchen

Dialogue

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Don't miss the Holiday Open House at Cavotta's

by Betsy Voinovich

Cavotta's Garden Center will be hosting a Holiday Open House, from 11am to 6 pm, Saturday, November 24th. The Open House will feature everything Cavotta's is famous for: Fresh Christmas Trees, Holiday Wreaths, Vintage Christmas items. There will be lots of chocolate, along with our famous Gourmet Caramel Apples which have been rated Number One in the city of Cleveland.

Santa Claus and his reindeer will be arriving at 12:00 so bring the kids!

Cavotta's Garden Center is at 19603 Nottingham Rd. Cleveland 44110. (216) 692-0300.

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' & Tenants' Association First Wednesday, 7 pm., St. Mary's School, 15519 Holmes Avenue

E185 Street 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 Street 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.

Sewer District schedules regular community meetings about Euclid Creek Tunnel

by Jennifer Elting

The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District is currently constructing the Euclid Creek Tunnel; this large storage tunnel will capture and store combined sewage – a mixture of sanitary sewage and stormwater – until it can be safely treated at the Easterly Wastewater Treatment Plant on the shores of Lake Erie. Oftentimes, this bacteria-laden combined sewage is discharged directly into the environment because neither the treatment plant nor connected infrastructure is capable of capturing the increased flow during heavy storms. The Euclid Creek Tunnel will mitigate much of this pollution, resulting in a safer Collinwood.

The Sewer District has planned a series of regularly-scheduled meetings to address any customer concerns about this project. Meetings will typically occur the third Tuesday of each month

at 4 p.m. at the Collinwood Recreation Center (16300 Lakeshore Blvd.). The current schedule is:

November 13 (moved to the second Tuesday because of Thanksgiving)
December 18
January 15
February 19

In addition, a new blog was created to keep customers informed. It can be viewed at <http://euclidcreek.blogspot.com/>.

The Mill Creek Tunnel, the Sewer District's first completed tunnel, successfully captured 75 million gallons of combined sewage during "Superstorm Sandy," preventing discharge into Mill Creek.

The Euclid Creek Tunnel will hold 60.5 million gallons of combined sewage at a time and is expected to be complete in late 2014.



200 feet below ground, workers have begun excavation of the 3-mile long storage tunnel.

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Area Sisters form Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries



Members of the Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries.

by Sr. Mary Denis Maher, CSA

"To listen, to learn, to respond," is the vision for the recently formed Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries, [CNCM], a collaborative project of a group of Catholic Sisters and their lay co-workers," explained Sr. Mary Ellen Brinovec, OSU, the coordinator of the group.

Formed out of "Women and Spirit Now," a gathering of Catholic Sisters in the Diocese of Cleveland who wanted to continue and expand the message of the traveling exhibit, Women and Spirit: US Catholic Sisters in America, which many Clevelanders saw at the Maltz Museum of Jewish Studies, CNCM focused on the Collinwood area.

The mission of the 18 sisters from various local religious communities and several laity from neighboring parishes and schools, is "To respond to unmet needs of families and individuals in the Collinwood area in collaboration with various churches, social service agencies, neighborhood groups, and other. The CNCM is committed to listening to the people of the area and then developing programs that nurture the individual and family life by promoting spiritual, mental and physical well-being."

In an effort to listen to the needs and dreams of the area before planning specific programs, the group has met formally and informally since January with residents at several meal programs, neighborhood block meetings, leaders of the Collinwood and Nottingham Village and Northeast Shores Development Cor-

poration. In addition they've met with leaders of various churches, recreational, health and social service agencies, safety services and participated in the Collinwood Library summer lunch program.

The group has been touched by the warm welcome they have received everywhere they have gone. From Councilman Mike Polensek's oft-repeated comment "the Collinwood area has a wonderful opportunity with the Sisters here," to a neighbor at a block meeting who told Sr. Cecilia Liberatore, SND, "Sister, we really want you here and we're glad that you participate with us. It reminds us that we're important, that we count."

A special community gathering was held Sept. 29 to listen to representatives of some of these groups to talk about what the strengths of the community are, what could be visions and dreams for building positive relationships in the community and strengthening people's social and spiritual lives.

The enthusiastic group identified the proud history, the sense of community, the caring community, the willingness to stand up for what the people believe in, and presence of children in the neighborhood as strong assets of the area. They named "People" as the greatest asset of Collinwood. Being conveners for getting various groups together to coordinate services, continuing to build on people's hopes for the area, and engaging the churches to help the neighborhood were a few of the suggestions that Sisters heard.

"We welcome you to Collinwood and are excited to have you here. Whatever

Best Friend Self-Serve Dog Wash is stayin' alive on 185!

by Todd Corso

In October of 2004 Laura Gyorki opened "Best Friend Self Serve Dog Wash" at 640 E. 185th and Landseer; we are currently celebrating our eighth anniversary at this location.

Although there have been many needed staff changes, mainly due to Laura's Multiple Sclerosis and lack of ability to continue grooming and running day-to-day operation of the shop, the friendly, helpful, "Love Your Pet" attitude and atmosphere truly remain here, and are actually enhanced by the fact that we are proud to announce the engagement of our wonderful new groomer Precious Iglesias, formerly a resident of Southern California.

Precious is the former owner of the Grooming/Boarding Salon Dog Lovers Inc. A seasoned all-breed groomer for 30 years she also owned and operated Precious Pets Mobile Grooming Salon for 15

years in the Long Beach area of S. California. This friendly and awesome groomer does wonders for your best friend!

Manning the front desk is Todd Corso former owner of Café Corso at 185th and LaSalle, a hard-working dog lover who is Laura's caregiver and current business manager. Todd has been working with and loving dogs for more than 40 years, and will carefully assist you in any way possible to make both pet and owner pleased and proud with our services.

So despite the rumors that have appeared on the Internet and Facebook of late, Best Friend Self Serve Dog Wash is very much alive on 185!

You know us and we are here to serve you! Hope to see you again soon! (The pit is gone, it's safe so come on in!)

Our hours are 11am to 6pm Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9am to 5pm – Last dog in one hour prior to closing please!

Grooming is by appointment only – call us at (216) 486-1000, and a huge thank-you to all our loyal customers! Thanks to you we are still alive on 185!

your plans are for this area we know that they will be successful. We want you to know that we support you 100%," summarized one of the participants.

With the support of Yolanda Anderson, Executive Director of the Collinwood and Nottingham Village Development Corporation, the CNCM group will soon open a house in the area that will offer various programs and services. "Look for a notice of a special Open House for everyone in the near future," announced Sr. Mary Ellen. "We're anxious to welcome our neighbors and make new friends."

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and now having worked for him for the past 14 years, I see the passion and the dedication that Mike puts into his community each day. It's frustrating many times but also very fulfilling when you can achieve something for the community or help someone. I know Mike feels very much the same way. He is the first to tell you that though looking back it seems to be a very long time, when you are doing something you are passionate about the time seems so short.

Until this past week Mr. Herman Finkle held the distinction of being the longest serving Councilman. He served from **January 6, 1918 to October 21, 1952**. The Republican floor leader died at the Cleveland Clinic probably of cardiac arrest stemming from major surgery he had six months prior. The Cleveland Plain Dealer wrote this about him at that time, "[H]is tenure as a city councilman represented one of the longest unbroken terms of political service in the history of Cleveland and probably one of the longest in the history of the United States. The man who was urged to oppose Mayor Thomas A. Burke in the last three mayoralty campaigns, but who always declined the honor, left a long record of accomplishment in the municipal legislature." He attended to his duties and Council meetings almost up to the end. He was 61 years of age.

During the years Councilman Finkle served just think of what was going on in Cleveland, in the State of Ohio, our Nation and in the World!

Councilman Polensek, too, has left behind a long record of legislative accomplishments as well as community accomplishments and he has time yet in front of him to "pound the pavement" and help to make the improvements our Collinwood and Nottingham communities need. Having been born and raised in the Collinwood community it was only natural that if he went into politics, or as Mike has always said, was "challenged to put his passions where his mouth was," that he would serve his community. Mike did just that and was elected to office in November 1977 and sworn into office as Councilman of Ward 26 on January 4, 1978.

It was a tumultuous time in the City of Cleveland but through perseverance he weathered that storm and all other storms since then. He has served no less than five Mayors and several different Council Presidents – (having served as Council President himself in 2000-2001) each with their own unique personalities. Oh! the stories Mike can tell!

When you see the Councilman, tell him congratulations on this achievement. His service as our Councilman hasn't been easy – even though he makes it seem like it – but I believe that it has been life fulfilling. He has achieved much for our community and there is still so much more to go!

CONGRATULATIONS, MIKE!

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Annual Elections

by Brian Friedman

At the January 15, 2013 annual meeting, elections will be held to fill vacant seats and expired terms for the Northeast Shores Development Corporation Board of Directors. At this time, Northeast Shores is seeking representation from both residents and business/institutions for the upcoming election from our pool of members. Please consider serving on this important neighborhood board.

Being a member of the Board of Directors requires a commitment including:

- Attending the Board meetings each month held on the third Tuesday.
- Active involvement in at least one of our committees.
- Participation in board-approved fundraising activities and events.
- Active participation in neighborhood activities and events.

Although acting as a director of Northeast Shores means dedicating time, there are also rewards in serving on the board. You will have the opportunity to make a significant difference in your own neighborhood by helping to steer our efforts in targeting meaningful residential real estate rehab and homeownership assistance, creating business district improvements, solving safety issues and developing community block watch organizations. The 21-member board of directors works with a eight-member staff and several volunteers to make North Shore Collinwood a better place to live, work, and visit.

Also, feel free to review information about us on our website at www.northeastshores.org. If you wish to serve on the Board of Directors, please send a letter of interest by December 7, 2012.

Breakfast with Santa!

by Denise Lorek

One of Santa's elves has confirmed that Santa will once again be visiting the children of North Shore Collinwood! Santa will be at VASJ High School this year on December 15, at 10 a.m. for Breakfast with Santa. The cost of the event is \$5 which includes breakfast and a picture with Santa.

French toast and sausage will be provided by Gus's Diner. After the children visit with Santa and eat their breakfast, they can visit the craft tables where they will be able to decorate their picture with Santa. The children will also have the opportunity to enter a coloring contest sponsored by Family Sports. The winners of the contest will win a bag full of goodies donated by Family Sports.

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

Halloween is Alive on East 185

by Denise Lorek

On October 20, the LaSalle Theater came alive once again. Due to the rainy, windy day, the Halloween party for children in North Collinwood was moved from the parking lot of the LaSalle into the theater.

For the second year, Northeast Shores, the East 185th St Merchants, and the students from VASJ High School were hosts to trick or treaters for the annual Halloween



Candy Cane Cruise 2012

by Denise Lorek

On December 7, the East 185th Street community will be hosting its third annual "Candy Cane Cruise on East 185." Registration will be at 6:00 PM. This is a family-friendly event featuring a car cruise of open-top convertible cars and jeeps with bundled-up passengers immersed in the spirit of the season. The event is \$5 and all are welcome to attend! For \$5 you get a really cool East 185th St. ornament and the opportunity to jazz your car up for the Holiday and cruise East 185th St. The Salvation Army Bell Ringers and Brass Band will be playing on the street corners for your entertainment.

The Candy Cane Cruise will begin in the parking lot of the LaSalle Theater at the corner of Chickasaw and East 185th St., and will continue down East 185th until it reaches Lakeshore Boulevard. The car cruise is scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM. Once the cruise has ended, participants and attendees are encouraged to explore East 185th to enjoy sounds of the season, food from the area's wide selection of eateries, and to stroll among the area shops and boutiques.

Convertible owners and owners of fun cars are invited to register to participate in the Candy Cane Cruise on East 185th by emailing Denise Lorek at dlorek@northeastshores.org. Cars of all makes and models are welcome including vintage, classic or new Jeeps, coupes or sedans. Holiday decorations are encouraged; and all cars must be road-worthy. All passengers should be wearing seatbelts and nothing should be thrown from the vehicles as this is a street cruise; NOT a parade.

East 185th Street is part of the bustling North Shore Collinwood community, which also includes the Waterloo Arts District. East 185th Street is home to one of the largest collections of locally-owned restaurants in Cleveland, and is conveniently located right off I-90. A great spot for lunch or dinner with friends and family, East 185th Street is less than 15 minutes from Downtown Cleveland.

With unique shopping, delicious food, and top-quality service from local and national merchants, East 185th Street is the secret jewel of Cleveland's eastern edge.

is Alive on East 185 party. Twenty students from VASJ staffed tables of fun from cupcake decorating to bean bag tossing.

The students made sure the children attending had lots of fun activities in which to participate. A big thank you to Debbie Candow and her mother, Bridget Hippen, for supplying the coloring pages and prizes for the winners. Key Bank, Butta Fingers Nails, Phade Away Barbershop, Helping Hands Day Care, Paran Management, Martin's Mens Wear, Caroline Peak and Gus's Diner all donated towards making this day fun for all who attended.

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develop excellent teachers. 2. Replace failing schools with high quality schools. 3. Increase graduation rates across the district. 4. Ensure that all graduates are ready for college and careers. 5. Update textbooks, computers and technology. 6. Maintain disciplined classrooms where students can learn. 7. Provide "real world" education in local businesses. 8. Extend the school year for students who need it most. 9. Help fund outstanding and accountable charter schools. 10. Base teacher pay more on performance.

This is a lot to accomplish in four years, which is when the levy expires. Both Superintendent Eric Gordon and Mayor Frank Jackson have accepted the challenge to make enough gains in that time, to convince Cleveland voters to renew it.

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proud to be from Collinwood."

Darvio heavily credits his education for leading him down the path of being an entrepreneur in the Entertainment industry. That too can be attributed to Collinwood, as Darvio had his educational start at St. John Nottingham Lutheran School on the neighborhood's north side. "I was there from K

to 8th. I love that place. St. John gave me so much. I will forever be in debt to them," said Darvio. "Some of my closest friends I met at St. John. That was the first place outside of my home that I heard that I could be whatever I wanted to be."

Darvio still lives in Collinwood, although he is moving soon and does not spend as much time in the neighborhood as he would like. He still keeps up with current events in the neighborhood, is a fan of tough-as-nails North Collinwood Councilman Michael Polensek, and even cheers on the struggling Collinwood Railroaders football team. Periodically, Darvio also volunteers his time at the Collinwood Recreation Center, teaching teenagers the basics of radio broadcasting in the program "The Forum."

Regardless of where the future takes Darvio and his company, it is clear that the neighborhood of Collinwood was his launching pad. "Sometimes I don't think those of us from Collinwood appreciate our neighborhood like we should. This place and the people in it gave me the confidence to go and make my own way. We're a strong, independent bunch. That's who we are. I think we need more Collinwoods."

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Hey, hey, hey!

by Tonya Broach

What's up today? Here is the latest installment of featured Facebook pages from the area's arts and business community. Please feel free to visit, read about their wonderful services, and click on the like button.

1. **Adopt a Beach** Join the Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Team this fall along with 7,000+ other volunteers across the Great Lakes as we tackle some of the toughest months of the year for beach and water quality! www.facebook.com/AdoptEuclidBeach

2. **Lithuanian Club** The Lithuanian Club of Cleveland is the center for spirit, hopes and activities. We invite all, old and young, Lithuanian-speaking or not, and from any background to come and share our heritage with us. www.facebook.com/pages/Lithuanian-American-Citizens-Club/121070164576229?fref=ts

3. **Martin's Men's Wear** Martin's Men's Wear has provided quality fashion men's wear since 1945. They offer a wonderful selection of sportswear, shoes, hats and also carry big/tall sizes. Martin's Men's Wear is owned by Frank Barresi who is also an

active board member at Northeast Shores. www.facebook.com/pages/Martins-Mens-Wear/134293279947355?fref=ts

4. **Music Saves** We are TEAM MUSIC SAVES...owners Melanie and Kevin, and a black cat named Vinyl. An independent record store specializing in indie rock and its extended family. Music Saves is located in Cleveland Ohio, next to the Beachland Ballroom. Yes, we sell tickets to all Beachland and Grog Shop shows. www.facebook.com/MUSICSAVEScleveland?fref=ts

5. **Star Pop** Star Pop buys and sells vintage & modern toys, clothing, classic video games, music, movies, books, art, & other pop culture collectibles for kids and collectors in Cleveland, OH. Star Pop is located about ten minutes east of downtown, just off of I-90 and on the same block as the Beachland Ballroom & Tavern. www.facebook.com/starpopcleveland?fref=ts

6. **Villa Angela/Saint Joseph School (VASJ)** Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School (VASJ) is a Catholic, comprehensive, co-educational high school committed to academic excellence and the development of student gifts. www.facebook.com/VASJ Vikings


Be sure to stay tuned for next month's exciting lineup!

Pictures of Collinwood needed

by Denise Lorek

Northeast Shores has a special calendar coming out for the upcoming year, 2013. We would like to have pictures of our Collinwood neighborhood to decorate each month's page. We are looking for pictures that support a positive, public perception of North Collinwood. There are some amazing hot spots, people,

parks, buildings, and beautiful sunsets in our neighborhood so please showcase our assets for inclusion in this calendar. Snap those pictures and send them to us. Pictures can be emailed to DLorek@northeastshores.org. Look for your picture in the upcoming 2013 Northeast Shores Calendar. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Lorek at (216) 481-7660.



Waterloo Sculptural Garden, one of the results of the first wave of Artists in Residence Grants on Waterloo. Read about the Second Wave in Seth Beattie's article on Page 8.

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VASJ hosts ambassador from Republic of Slovenia

Visit includes TV appearances and meetings with Bishop Lennon, Mayor Jackson and other civic leaders

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School (VASJ) hosted His Excellency Roman Kirn, ambassador to the United States from the Republic of Slovenia, for an extraordinary three-day visit to Cleveland as part of the “Our World Today” program at the school.

Ambassador Kirn’s visit began with a meeting with Mayor Frank Jackson in the mayor’s office at Cleveland City Hall on Wednesday, October 10. Also attending were Slovenian Consul General Jure Zmauc and VASJ President Richard Osborne, as well as John Lecky, executive director of the Our World Today organization. The meeting focused on business prospects in the local community and the multicultural makeup of Cleveland.

The ambassador addressed social studies classes and student leaders at VASJ on October 11. Joining the ambassador was his friend George Voinovich, former governor and senator from Ohio and former mayor of Cleveland. In addition, a luncheon for the school’s Howley Scholars included Cleveland City Councilman Michael Polensek, Slovenian businessman Robert Grah and Lorie Howley, executive director of The Howley Family Foundation.

“The conversation our students had with Ambassador Kirn and the other dignitaries was a memorable experience, made possible through the generosity of The Howley Family Foundation,” said Osborne. “Thanks to the Howleys, our students were given the opportunity not only to learn about Slovenia but also to have their global horizons expanded by leaders who stressed the importance of understanding all the world cultures around them.”

On Thursday afternoon, as a cooperative outreach between VASJ and Collinwood High School, Ambassador Kirn and Councilman Polensek spoke to a 9th grade assembly at Collinwood. That evening, Ambassador Kirn addressed dozens of representatives from the international communities of Cleveland at a reception at the InterContinental Hotel. On Friday morning, the ambassador met with business leaders at WKYC-TV3. He appeared on the station’s “Live on Lakeside” program and was interviewed for newscasts by TV3 reporter Dick Russ, who is of Slovenian descent. Ambassador Kirn highlighted his time with students at VASJ.

“I feel like I am at home in Cleveland,” Ambassador Kirn said, adding that the Slovenian presence in Cleveland sets the city apart. “Our bond with the United States is stronger than it is with any other country in the community of nations,” he added.

Ambassador Kirn, along with Osborne, Lecky and Grah, later met with Toby Cosgrove, CEO of the Cleveland Clinic, and with His Excellency Richard Lennon, Bishop of Cleveland.

The ambassador was interviewed for *Inside Business* magazine, and the day concluded with a reception at the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame in Euclid. There, the group was welcomed by Tony Petkovsek, chairman of the board, and Joe Valencic, president. The ambassador and guests were treated to traditional Slovenian music.

Coordinated by Admissions Director Terri Richards and the Washington-based Our World Today organization, VASJ will continue to invite ambassadors from around the world to Cleveland in order to stimulate student awareness and interest in different nations and their people. The program also seeks to enhance public understanding of the nations of the world, promote opportunities in business and trade, and build relationships with northeastern Ohio media and governments.

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School is a Catholic, comprehensive, co-educational high school committed to academic excellence and the development of student gifts. With a college preparatory curriculum rooted in Ursuline and Marianist core values of education, service, justice and diversity, VASJ strives to bring each student to a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ and Gospel values.

For more information about the Our World Today program at VASJ, please contact VASJ President Richard Osborne.

Clockwise:
WKYC-TV3’s Amanda Barren interviews the ambassador for “Live on Lakeside.”

(l to r) VASJ President Richard Osborne ‘69, Ambassador Roman Kirn, Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson, Consul General Jure Zmauc and John Lecky, founder of Our World Today.

Ohio State Rep. Kenny Yuko presents Ambassador Kirn with a state resolution honoring him at a reception held at the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame in Euclid.



(left to right) Richard Osborne, Ambassador Kirn, Bishop Richard Lennon and Jure Zmauc.



His Excellency Roman Kirn, ambassador to the United States from the Republic of Slovenia, poses with former Sen. George Voinovich, Councilman Mike Polensek, Slovenian businessman Robert Grah, Lorie Howley and VASJ’s Howley Scholars.

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VASJ sophomores make a difference

All of VASJ’s sophomores participated in “Make A Difference Day” again this year in a program coordinated by Campus Minister Jill Latkovich. The Class of 2015 split into nine groups, each accompanied by a faculty or staff member, and set off to spend the morning of Sept. 25 providing service at these locations:

- Cleveland Food Bank
- Rose-Mary Center – St. Anthony Adult Day Center
- St. Jerome School
- MedWish International, Cleveland
- Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland
- Northeast Shores Development Corporation – LaSalle Theatre
- Family Promise of Greater Cleveland
- St. Augustine Church Hunger Center
- Transitional Housing Incorporated

“Commitment to service, justice and peace is at the heart of VASJ’s school mission,” said Mrs. Latkovich. “Those ideals are rooted in both the Marianist and Ursuline charisms that guide our school as well as what the Gospel calls us as Christians to do.”



VASJ sophomores Tyron McCoy and Danielle Paus joined their classmates in a dance to entertain adults at Rose-Mary Center’s St. Anthony Adult Day Center.

The annual service day, which focuses on the needs of the poor and vulnerable, is a “lab” component of religion class, she explained. Following their service, the students met to share their experiences and discuss what they had learned.

“Many of the students committed to return to the sites of their service

as volunteers,” said VASJ President Richard Osborne, who accompanied the students who served at Rose-Mary Center and visited with adults at Rose-Mary’s St. Anthony Adult Day Center. “Our students really connected with those they visited,” Osborne added. “They gained as much as they gave.”

Flannigan and Gibson make college choices



Viking senior basketball standouts Demonte Flannigan (left) and Duane Gibson have made their college choices. The two will continue the tradition of VASJ graduates continuing their education. All graduates from the Class of 2012 are in college now.

VASJ seniors Demonte Flannigan and Duane Gibson have given their final decisions on where to continue their education after graduation. Flannigan has chosen Cleveland State University while Gibson has gone with the University of Evansville.

“The University of Evansville was the choice for me because it’s a smaller school and I will get individual attention from each of my professors,” Gibson said. “The coaches remind me of the ones here at VASJ because they believe in me.”

Flannigan is excited to stay a Viking for another four years, moving from VASJ Viking Coach Babe Kwasniak to CSU Viking Coach Gary Waters. “Coach Waters said that the team needed me, not just wanted me,” Flannigan said. He said the coach told him was a large part of the vision for the team’s 2014-15 season.

While attending CSU, Flannigan plans to pursue a degree in business.

VASJ stresses the importance of college education. All graduates from the Class of 2012 are now in college.

VASJ’s Drama Club presents “Alice”

VASJ’s Drama Club will be presenting “Alice,” a one-act play adapted by Lindsey Price from the original Alice in Wonderland, the weekend of November 17. Tickets are \$5 if purchased before each showing, \$6 at the door. Make sure to attend one of the three performances in the gymnasium:

Friday, Nov. 16 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 17 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 18 2:00 p.m.

Congratulations to the Viking cheerleaders

Congratulations to the Viking cheerleaders for taking first place in the 5th Annual Monday’s with Malta Cheerleading Competition held at the American-Croatian Lodge on Monday, October 1, in Eastlake.

Including VASJ, there were a total of 10 teams competing from Collinwood, Eastlake, Euclid, Kirtland, Lake Catholic, Mayfield, Mentor, Wickliffe and Willoughby.

Viking Views



Help elect Storey Coach of the Year

by Richard Osborne

When I wrote the Viking Views column as a student back in the ‘60s, one of my favorite features was the “Viking of the Week.” Who knew that some four-and-a-half decades later I’d have the opportunity to write something in this same column about one of our favorite Vikings of all time.

His name is John Storey and he’s been important to our school since he was a student here, graduating in 1959. Over the years, he’s been a teacher, coach and friend of the Viking Village. Today, he’s everyone’s favorite football coach.

Now we have an opportunity to tell the world how much we value him by giving him some small measure of recognition. Coach Storey is a finalist for “Coach of the Year” honors in a contest sponsored by Liberty Ford.

Many of us remember what a commanding presence Coach Storey was back in “the day.” Nothing much has changed. He still conveys the values and the principles that define VASJ. He is devoted to football but he is even more devoted to his athletes and to everyone connected with the school.

For a generation, students have been saying that their lives have been changed because of his influence. He truly views athletics as a means to an end, and the end is shaping young people into leaders who care about those around them.

Coach Storey is a role model not only for those who play for him but also for the other coaches he leads. His first concern is always the well being of his players. Make no mistake: He wants to win, but he cares far more for the welfare of his players and the dignity of the games they play.

His impact goes beyond our hallways. Whether it is a community parade, a fund-raiser to support cancer victims or any other worthwhile endeavor, you can always rely on Coach Storey to give his time and energy to help.

I can’t imagine anyone more deserving to be the Coach of the Year. You can help him win the award he so richly deserves – along with a big flat-screen TV – and help the school win a \$5,000 cash award for athletics. It is very simple: Just go online and cast your ballot. You can vote once a day through November 30. Here is the link:

www.cablemediasales.com/coach_of_year/

Make sure you get the message, “Thanks for your vote.” If not, try again. Let’s tell everyone what we already know: Coach Storey is the best of the best.

Richard Osborne ‘69 is the president of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.

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Schools, Libraries & the Arts

Cleveland Young Scholars encourages kids to go to college, and to see this movie!

by Chris Myles

The Cleveland Young Scholars Program is a college preparatory program sponsored through The Ohio State University that works with CMSD students in grades 7-12. In addition to attending a CMSD school the students also meet the following criteria: 1) Have a 3.3 GPA. 2) Be a first generation college student (students parents did not go to college.) 3) Their family meets income guidelines based on the free and reduced lunch guidelines

They work with 120 Scholars a year (20 Scholars in each grade). If a student is able to complete the program they will receive guaranteed acceptance to The Ohio State University as well as a financial aid package to attend (many of their Scholars are at OSU cost free).

Come join us for the Cleveland premier screening of "First Generation," a film which tells the stories of four highschool seniors who are hoping to overcome their own set of challenges in

order to follow their dreams of becoming the first in their families to go to college. The film is showing at 5pm at John Hay High School. 2075 Stokes Blvd, in Cleveland.

If you are the first one in your family that is considering going to college, this film is for you. It will leave you feeling empowered to make your dreams of going to college a reality. After, there will be an opportunity to meet with future Ohio State students or to attend a parent information session. Please RSVP to this free event soon. Seating is limited.Go to: <http://go.osu.edu/firstgeneration> to RSVP. Questions? Contact Maria Sanchez at (614) 292-0964 or Sanchez.789@osu.edu.

Chris Myles is Manager of Employer Relations at Youth Opportunities Unlimited. He can be contacted at 1361 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, OH 44115 T: 216.566.5445 C: 216.210.7485 cmyles@youthopportunities.org, www.youthopportunities.org

Second wave of Artists in Residence grants awarded in Waterloo: Artists begin projects to strengthen their neighborhood

by Seth Beattie

Seven artists received grants today for community projects in Cleveland's Waterloo Arts and Entertainment District. A component of the Artists in Residence program, a total of \$45,000 in grants this cycle will address three community priorities between Nov 1, 2012 and March 31, 2013. These priorities were identified by the program's initial neighborhood survey "Picturing Collinwood": celebrating residents, visibility and awareness of community assets and youth.

Neil Chastain – Youth: The Collinwood sound project. Neil will lead a series of workshops for youth designed to engage young people in composing, creating, performing and recording original music pieces. One of the main desired goals is for participants to create a Collinwood sound compilation that they will then market and distribute.

Ray McNiece – Celebrating Residents: North Collinwood Stories – An Intergenerational Story Circle. Ray will mentor students from Villa-Angela-St. Joseph's School Honors English Program as they interview and transcribe the stories of elderly residents in the Waterloo area. The project will culminate in an inter-generational story sharing at the Collinwood Arts Café.

Lou Ross – Visibility and Awareness of Community Assets: Wheels on Waterloo. Lou will oversee development of a public sculpture for placement opposite the 2013 Waterloo streetscape project. The sculpture will reflect the neighborhood's rich history of transportation and manufacturing, with wheels representing the movement of time, where we have been, are now and where we are going in the future.

Jerry Schmidt – Youth: Jerry will instruct teenagers about metalworking, using various welding techniques learned in the studio classroom. Basic mathematics, reading a tape measure and preliminary design sketching will also be taught. They will apprentice Jerry as he completes art pieces and utilitarian projects for Collinwood area merchants.

R.A. Washington – Youth: North Collinwood Youth Choir and Performance Ensemble. R.A. will engage North Collinwood teenagers in a series of workshops to form a performance group. He will teach the

ensemble the basics of performance poetry, musical theatre and songwriting and will work with them to create new arrangements for a songbook of historic songs.

Doug Wood – Youth: The Music Education Series. Doug will continue his music program with a series of five 1-hour classes for children ages 6 – 9. The classes will take place weekends this winter, each with different guest performers from different genres of music. As curator of the class, Doug will help the artists share their music and engage in a question and answer session with the children.

Linda Zolten Wood – Visibility and Awareness of Community Assets: Rain Barrel Art Auction. Linda will organize a juried competition for neighborhood artists to document neighborhood history on rain barrels. The top 10 will be selected, and the artists will be paid \$500 each to paint them. Finished rain barrels will be displayed in highly visible locations throughout the neighborhood.

Every artist who receives an Artists in Residence grant is a resident or works in the broader North Shore Collinwood neighborhood. All activities will take place in North Shore Collinwood, with the majority of activity in Waterloo. For more details and map defining the target area, please download the guidelines at <http://www.cultureforward.org/Our-Programs/Residence/Grants>.

Artists in Residence is a new initiative in North Shore Collinwood, designed to increase artists' access to affordable space and to get them more involved in neighborhood revitalization. In addition to the grants program, Artists in Residence includes newly rehabbed artist housing at a fraction of the construction cost and low-interest loans for creating art space in the neighborhood.

Over a two-year period, CPAC and Northeast Shores are awarding \$125,000 of funding to support North Shore Collinwood artists' community projects in the neighborhood. The grants are designed to provide artists with incentives and capital to propose creative solutions to some of the issues the community cares about most.

Seth Beattie is the Artists in Residence Coordinator for Northeast Shores.

Memorial-Nottingham Branch Programs

by Maria Estrella

Digital Storytelling Every Tuesday during December, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Three technology workshops, conducted through the Young Audiences of Northeast Ohio, engage students through a modern version of the art of storytelling. Instructor, Jimmie Woody, will guide students as they write and produce a three to five minute "digital story" that weaves together an autobiographical story with still images, music, narrative and voice, creating a cohesive and compelling multimedia presentation. Students will experiment with new forms of technology, and learn how incorporating digital media adds impact and dimension to their stories. The Young Audiences of Northeast Ohio is an organization that provides hands-on experiential learning in the arts to students in urban, rural and

suburban school districts in Northeast Ohio. There will be a small reception during the last week of December 2012 where attendees will be able view the young participants' digital masterpieces.*

Growing Readers' Story Time Every Monday during

December from 10:30-11:00 a.m.

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

**Space is limited! Supplies will be provided for those who make reservations.*



Mr. Jimmie Woody will help students write and produce their own mini movies.

St. Jerome School Pumpkin Carving Contest Winner

by Channele McCloud

Creatively carved pumpkins lined the main hallway of St. Jerome School during Halloween week. The eighth-graders of the school participated in a pumpkin carving contest, and all the students of the Collinwood Catholic School were the judges.

Out of 25 entries, Eric Reese-Conner won first place. The custom-carving was a Jack O'Lantern that featured the trademark Nike check as a smirk.

Mr. Dave Novicky, the eighth-grade homeroom teacher, supplied pumpkins and braved the stench and mayhem of 25



Eric Reese-Conner proudly presents his contest winning Nike pumpkin. Photo taken by Cidney Johnson, 7th grade photographer at St. Jerome School.

teens gutting and creating contest-worthy Jack O' Lanterns.

Local Independent Film "Shelter" to play at Atlas Cinemas Lakeshore Theater in Euclid

by Bernadette Gillota

In collaboration with Atlas Cinemas, Independent Pictures is screening the independent film, "Shelter," written, produced and directed by Ohioans Adam Caudill and Wrion Bowling. "Shelter" will show at 7:00 PM on Fri, Nov 16 at the Lakeshore Theatre in Euclid, 22624 Lakeshore Blvd. Tickets are \$9 at the door or in advance by visiting www.atlascinemas.net.

Shaker Heights filmmaker and Independent Pictures' Board Member Todd Kwit will emcee the screening of the film, which tells the story of five survivors forced to wait out their respective fates in a bomb shelter with no contact to the outside world. Produced on a micro-budget, "Shelter" is an exceptionally-made example of the talent that can come from our fine state. Bob Ignazio of the Cleveland Movie Blog writes, "Despite being a micro budget production, there's no need to grade SHELTER on a curve. The writing and directing team of Adam Caudill and Wrion Bowling have crafted a taut little thriller here that feels like an episode of The Twilight Zone that's been stretched out to feature length without feeling padded."

The screening of "Shelter" on November 16 is a must-see, one-time engagement. Bernadette Gillota, Artistic Director of Independent Pictures, has been screening films since the organization formed in 1993. Gillota said, "Shelter" illustrates what true low-budget independent filmmaking is all about."

Independent Pictures, parent organization of the annual Ohio Independent Film Festival (OIFF), screens excellent independent feature-length and short films from Cleveland and all over the world. What started in a storefront in Tremont as the Off-Hollywood Flick Fest

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So... You feeling lucky? It's almost that time of year for the 5th Annual "Home For The Holidays" Poker Run!

I'm busy putting together the list of participating taverns, scheduling & planning the "Wrap-Up" Party, which will be hosted by Cebars Euclid Tavern on January 19th.

The Poker Run/Crawl will likely last for 4-6 weeks during December into January.

Many of you may recall that last year we made

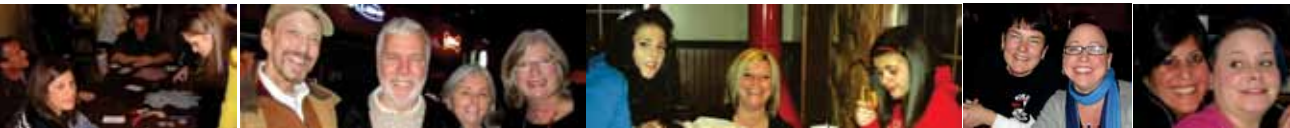
the cover of the Plain Dealer's Friday Magazine. The "Minister of Culture, Michael Heaton went bar-hopping with me and put several of our neighborhood bars on the map. There were

inquiries as far as Sandusky looking for Poker Run specifics.

Twenty bucks gets you in the "Run", plus the official T-Shirt.

Once again this year, we plan to raise \$1000 for the Euclid Animal Shelter and bring some attention to all the great taverns we have in and around our town.

More details to come!



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Around Collinwood

Nan's Notes

by Nan Kennedy
AT THE PARK

WILDWOOD WETLAND PLANTING Sat Nov 17

Euclid Creek restoration project has three chores: 1. **Planting wetland plugs** (small plants) in water that is approximately 1-2 feet deep—bring clothes that can get wet and/or a change of clothes. 2. **Planting containerized trees and shrubs.** 3. **Installing brush layering** (staking or tying layers of brush to contain bank erosion while the plantings take hold—probably also a rather damp occupation). Meet at Wildwood's wooden picnic pavilion behind the orange fencing near the project sign (open just for the project) - over the bridge and to the right. Event will run from 9am to 12pm. Please RSVP to Joel Bingham (jbingham@enviroSciencinc.com). Wildwood State Park is at E. 174th St. and Lakeshore Blvd.

NEW ON WATERLOO

A2D2, ELECTRONICS EXPERT

I stepped into the little windowless shop next to Arts Collinwood – A2D2. It's the project of David Alexander, whose father owned the only TV repair in West Virginia while he was growing up. Electronic sales and repairs—and recycling—are his business. 15609 Waterloo, 759-3991, www.a2d2electronic.com.

BLITZ BARBECUE INCHES CLOSER

The Blitz Barbecue sign has been installed; can pulled pork be far behind?

GLASBENA MATICA: SLOVENIAN SINGING SOCIETY Saturday, Nov 17

Enjoy "A Day in the Country, a Night on the Town," with the Glasbena Matica Slovenian Singing Society, as Cleveland's legendary Slovenian chorus appears in concert with an evening of dining and dancing, all performed in Slovenian and English.

The concert takes place at the majestic Slovenian National Home, at 6417 St. Clair, with Tavar Catering providing the fine dining and the Jeff Pecon Orchestra playing dance music. The cocktail hour begins at 4 pm and dinner is served at 5. Curtain time is at 7, with Angela Perrine directing the chorus and Michael Cercek at the piano. Jeff strikes up the band after the show. Admission to the concert, dinner and dance is \$30 per person. Tickets

are available from chorus members and the Polka Hall of Fame, 605 E. 222nd St. For more information, contact Lori Sierputowski at (440) 449-5643.

POLKA HALL OF FAME AWARDS Sat Nov 24 AND DANCING Nov 22, 23, 24

The priest who popularized the Polka Mass, and two bandleaders, will be inducted into the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame. Father Frank Perkovich first celebrated the Polka Mass in 1973 and toured with his unique service combining favorite polka and waltz melodies with lyrics from the Liturgy. It is now a key event at nationality and church festivals in the U.S. and Canada. Accordionists Steve Meisner of Whitewater, WI, and Eddie Vallus of Youngstown, have played polka, made recordings and led bands since 1976 & 1950, respectively.

The ceremony is at 2 pm, Sat. afternoon, Nov. 24, at Euclid Auditorium, 711 E. 222 St. The Awards Show is the high point of the Polka Hall of Fame's annual Thanksgiving polka marathon weekend with 3 days of dancing – Thur, Fri, and Sat, Nov 22, 23 and 24 – at the Marriott Hotel on Public Square. Fr. Perkovich will celebrate the Polka Mass with Bishop Edward Pevec in the Marriott Ballroom on Sat. at 6 pm.

Tickets for the Awards Show and the evening dances are \$15 each. For info-call (216) 261-FAME, toll-free (866) 66-POLKA, or order on the Polka Hall of Fame website, www.polkahall.com. The National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum is at 605 E. 222 in Euclid, in the former Euclid City Hall.



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Horoscopes

by Sukki

November has two eclipses in store for us! A solar eclipse will occur on November 13 around 5pm and lunar eclipse will occur November 28 near 9:45am. These significant events will affect each sign differently but for all, it's best not to make any big decisions before or during these times. The completion of an eclipse often reveals the answer you have been searching for.

Aries (Mar 21-Apr 19) November is a time for reflection and change. Replicate a hairstyle from an old yearbook photo and give someone your two cents. Fix your budget problem - be your own cheap date.

Taurus (Apr 20-May 20) It's all about relationships and finding which ones are right for you. The other person is probably wondering the same

thing. Don't worry...it's not you, it's them.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) Your health may be in jeopardy if you don't make adjustments. Sign up for a fitness class to fill your dark evenings. The lunar eclipse on the 28th brings a revelation to your resolution.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) Don't be such a crab! Love is all around you and good news is coming. Keep your claws down and your eyes wide open because if you aren't careful, you may miss the boat.

Leo (July 23-Aug 22) Express yourself in November! Write a song for a love or a love letter to yourself. Your creative juices will flow into a fast-moving river. There is no time for spawning so keep your paddle in the boat!

Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 23) Spending vs. saving will be a dilemma this month but with Mercury

in retrograde after the 6th, it's best to put your pennies away. However, you will double your luck if you donate to a charitable cause.

Libra (Sept 24-Oct 23) It's all about you; your space, your possessions and your desires. Your self-centric ways will attract people to you. Stay tuned to your own channel, its rated #1.

Scorpio (Oct 24-Nov 22) Old habits fade away to make room for new beginnings. When you rid yourself of un-healthy ways, you make room for new money and new love. This is not a situation where you should recycle!

Sagittarius (Nov 23-Dec 21) People want to listen to you but be careful what you say and how you say it. Your energy should focus on words of encouragement, not unwanted opinions. Filters aren't just for coffee.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 20) There is no "I" in

team. Group projects will develop this month and bring great success in coming months. Pay close attention to that special someone cheering from the sidelines.

Aquarius (Jan 21-Feb 19) It's not just a job... it's an adventure. Your issues at work will resolve themselves if you tune into your leadership skills and help navigate the course. Don't forget to use your moral compass!

Pisces (Feb 20-Mar 20) Your dreamy creativity will serve you well in November but keep your new ideas in touch with reality. Wear your best flannel pajamas to the grocery store and pick up canned goods for Harvest for Hunger*.

*The Euclid Observer has no affiliation with Harvest for Hunger. Please give generously to any cause that will help those in need during this holiday season.

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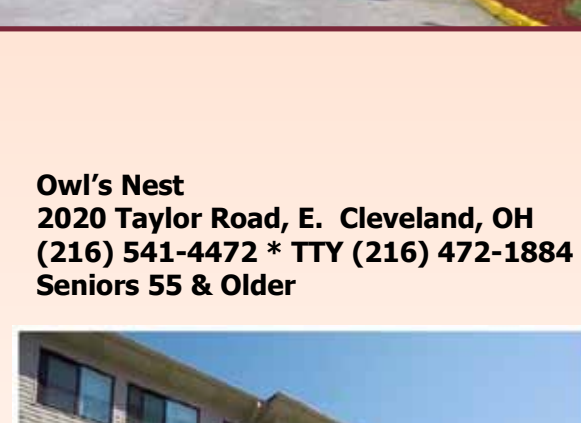
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Andrew J. Rickoff	8:05am	1:45pm
Anton Grdina	8:05am	1:45pm
Artemus Ward	9:35am	3:15pm
Benjamin Franklin	8:25am	2:05pm
Bolton	9:35am	3:15pm
Buckeye-Woodland	9:35am	3:15pm
Buhrer Dual Language	9:10am	2:50pm
Campus International School	8:25am	3:05pm
Carl and Louis Stokes	8:05am	1:45pm
Case	8:05am	1:45pm
Charles Dickens	9:55am	3:35pm
Charles Eliot	8:05am	1:45pm
Charles A. Mooney	8:05am	1:45pm
Clara E. Westropp	8:25am	2:05pm
Clark	9:55am	3:35pm
Cleveland School of the Arts – Lower Campus	9:35am	3:15pm
Daniel E. Morgan	8:05am	1:45pm
Denison	9:55am	3:35pm
Douglas MacArthur Girls Leadership Academy	8:40am	3:20pm
Early Childhood Development Center @ Mary B. Martin	8:25am	2:05pm
East Clark	8:05am	1:45pm
Euclid Park	8:25am	2:05pm
Franklin D. Roosevelt	8:25am	2:05pm
Fullerton	8:45am	2:25pm
Garfield	9:55am	3:35pm
George W. Carver	8:25am	2:05pm
H. Barbara Booker Wraparound	9:55am	3:35pm
Hannah Gibbons S.T.E.M.	9:10am	2:50pm
Harvey Rice Wraparound	8:25am	2:05pm
Iowa-Maple	9:55am	3:35pm
Joseph Gallagher	8:25am	2:05pm
Kenneth Clement Boys Leadership Academy	8:40am	3:20pm
Louis Agassiz	9:55am	3:35pm
Louisa May Alcott	9:35am	3:15pm

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Luis Muñoz Marín	8:05am	1:45pm
Marion C. Seltzer	9:55am	3:35pm
Marion-Sterling	8:25am	2:05pm
Mary B. Martin S.T.E.M.	8:25am	2:05pm
Mary M. Bethune	8:25am	2:05pm
McKinley	9:10am	2:50pm
Memorial School	8:25am	2:05pm
Michael R. White	9:55am	3:35pm
Miles at Cranwood	9:35am	3:15pm
Miles Park	8:25am	2:05pm
Mound S.T.E.M.	8:05am	1:45pm
Nathan Hale	8:25am	2:05pm
Newcomer's Program @ Thomas Jefferson	8:05am	1:45pm
Newton D. Baker	9:35am	3:15pm
Oliver H. Perry	8:05am	1:45pm
Orchard @ Halle	9:35am	3:15pm
Patrick Henry	8:05am	1:45pm
Paul L. Dunbar	9:55am	3:35pm
Paul Revere	8:25am	2:05pm
Riverside	9:55am	3:35pm
Robert H. Jamison	9:55am	3:35pm
Robinson G. Jones	9:55am	3:35pm
Scranton	8:25am	2:05pm
Sunbeam	9:55am	3:35pm
Tremont Montessori	9:55am	3:35pm
Valley View Boys Leadership Academy	8:40am	3:20pm
Wade Park	8:25am	2:05pm
Walton	9:35am	3:15pm
Warner Girls Leadership Academy	8:40am	3:20pm
Watterson-Lake	9:55am	3:35pm
Waverly	9:35am	3:15pm
Whitney M. Young	8:25am	2:05pm
Wilbur Wright	8:05am	1:45pm
William Cullen Bryant	9:35am	3:15pm
Willow	8:25am	2:05pm
Willson	8:05am	1:45pm

First Day of School

Wednesday, August 15, 2012

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Saturday, August 18
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
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