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OMG! Blitz is really opening!

by Nan Kennedy

Directly across from the Beachland Ballroom and Tavern, for lo, these many years, has stood a depressed building promising to turn into Blitz Barbecue but, as rehab progressed, becoming more and more dilapidated. And during all those years, Bill “Billy” Madansky, a popular food vendor at the annual Waterloo Arts Fest and would-be operator of a Waterloo barbecue joint, hung in there because, he says, “It’s all about, location, location, location. I really wanted to be on Waterloo across from the Beachland Ballroom.” Madansky’s older brother, Johnny “Blitz” Madansky, was the drummer for Cleveland punk rock icons The Dead Boys, who rose to fame in the late 1970’s as part of CBGB’s music scene in New York City, and have more recently played reunion shows at The Beachland Ballroom. Growing up on Cleveland’s east side, Madansky learned to cook from his mother at a young age and has been perfecting his own barbecue sauces, special dry rub technique for his ribs, and a range of other specialty dishes ever since. “I feature rib dinners, pulled pork sandwiches, jerk chicken and a special round up platter that features all three items.” The menu also features hot dogs, hamburgers, BBQ meatloaf, meatball subs, lasagna, chicken wings, vegetarian stir fry, and slaw, a 110 lb. brownie (served in squares, but I suppose you could order a whole one) and Bill’s signature peanut butter chocolate banana pudding.



Blitz Barbecue is located directly across from The Beachland, because, according to Madansky, “It’s all about location, location, location.”



Billy Madansky has been perfecting his own barbecue sauces, special dry rub technique for his ribs, and a range of other specialty dishes.

The Grand Opening and ribbon cutting is scheduled for Friday, February 15, at 11 am, but Blitz will be open tonight for Waterloo Walkers (see above).

Blitz BBQ, 15710 Waterloo Road, (216) 692-9775; BlitzBBQ@att.net; open daily: 11 am-midnight

Mayor Jackson urges State of Ohio to Terminate Lease for Lakefront Parks, including Ward 11’s

by Mary Louise Jesek-Daley

Cleveland City Councilman, Michael D. Polensek, personally thanked Mayor Frank G. Jackson for his action in urging and asking the State of Ohio to terminate their 50-year lease with the City of Cleveland pertaining to the Cleveland Lakefront State Park System. Councilman Polensek, who has three Lakefront State Parks in his ward, the historic Euclid Beach, Villa Angela Beach and Wildwood Marina, has long championed and advocated the termination of the lease and the return of these critical and historic properties back to the City of Cleveland.

Councilman Polensek states, “for far too long the State of Ohio has neglected its responsibility along our precious lakefront. It is time for us to go in a new direction by reclaiming these parks and ultimately working with the Cleveland MetroParks System to create a real ‘Emerald Necklace’ that would incorporate all of our lakefront

parks and properties into a regional MetroParks System. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create the kind of recreational facilities and economic development opportunities that we all have longed for in Northeast Ohio. Now is the time for bold steps to be taken.”

Councilman Polensek looks forward to working with Mayor Frank G. Jackson, State Representative Bill Patmon, who represents the Northeast Side of the City, the Governor’s Office and ODNR to make this dream a reality so all Greater Clevelanders may benefit.

For additional information or if there are any questions please feel free to contact Councilman Polensek. He may be reached at his office at (216) 664-4236.



Celebrate Black History Month with the History of Black Music

by Nan Kennedy

M4M (Music for Miles) Series Features Popular African-American Soprano, Pat Harris.

Music is a language we can all understand, from African drums to Peruvian flutes to Beethoven symphonies. So it’s especially appropriate that the M4M concert for February will feature the rich soprano of Pat Harris Thomas.

Pat’s splendid voice will fill the Arts Collinwood gallery on Sunday, February 10, in a program of spirituals, classics from Porgy and Bess, and historic Gospel selections. Pat will be accompanied by pianist Robert D. Mollard, principal keyboardist of the Akron Symphony Orchestra, and the concert will be free. Light refreshments

will be offered for a small charge.

The concert begins at 4 pm and runs a little over an hour. Come early to enjoy juice or wine with fruit, cheese and cookies, \$5. Stay after to talk with the musicians and other music lovers.

While you listen, you can also enjoy the current show in the Arts Collinwood gallery: “Pretty Vacant,” an installation by five artists who have spent the last decade exploring abandoned factories and vacated neighborhoods, and pondering vacancy’s potential for both damage and new opportunities. Featuring Joseph Carl Close, Ron Copeland, Dana Depew, Dave Desimone and Greg Ruffing.

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Cleveland Schools respond to the Governor’s budget proposal

by CMSD Communication Team

In light of financial challenges brought on by cuts to education and declining personal property taxes the last two years, the CEO of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District said he looks forward to reviewing details of Gov. John Kasich’s 2013 budget proposal, released today.

“It’s too early to tell what the details mean for Cleveland, said CEO Eric Gordon, “but at first glance, there are several strong indications the State is addressing long-standing problems with school funding in Ohio.”

Gordon said he likes what he sees so far in the philosophical structure of the budget, particularly in the Governor’s attempt to address Ohio school districts’ long-standing reliance on property taxes.

“There’s an effort here to treat people in a fair and equitable manner,” he said. “It appears to be a thoughtful process and an attempt to address tax issues without simply taking from rich districts to give money to poorer ones.”

The CEO said he is encouraged by the budget proposal’s inclusion of opportunities for districts to seek support for innovative programs and activities, given the district’s current reform efforts and its goals to provide high-performing school choices in all Cleveland neighborhoods.

Gordon said once school officials have fully reviewed the proposed budget, his team will know better how the budget will support the District’s goals and strategies.

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St. Jerome School honors Sr. Helen for 60 years of service



Sister Helen captures the memory of her day with some of her students.

by Channelle McCloud

Sister Helen Marie Davidson, an Ursuline sister, sat in January’s all school mass at St. Jerome Church, not knowing that the students, faculty and staff were there to honor God and to honor her for 60 years of service as an educator.

Sister Helen, who received her teaching degree from St. John’s Teacher’s College, has been teaching and studying education her entire 60 year career.

The tribute, which was coordinated by Lynda Caffarelli, the fifth grade teacher at St. Jerome School, acknowledged Sister Helen’s intelligence, experience, and dedication.

“She could easily be enjoying her retirement, but instead continues to help children improve their reading skills,” Caffarelli said to the audience.

Sister Helen, who is a reading specialist, is skilled in diagnosing reading disabilities and deficiencies. To top it all off, she is also a certified teacher of the deaf.

Friends and even a former student from the first school she taught at came to celebrate Sister Helen’s accomplishments and commitment to education.

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Dialogue

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Councilman's Corner: Wintertime

by Councilman Mike Polensek

The winter we had been dodging is unfortunately here now. So, a few pointers I hope everyone will take into consideration in the City's efforts to keep our streets clear and passable: First, report any abandoned and or unmoved vehicles on your street to the Fifth District at (216) 623-5505. Please pay attention if Emergency Parking Bans are invoked - this could be a total ban on all street parking if the weather warrants it. In addition, if there is a fire hydrant in front of your home or business, please try to keep it free of all snow and ice build-up. Extreme cold weather means two things as we know: chuckholes and water leaks. For chuckholes call (216) 664-2150 and for water leaks call (216) 664-3060.

The Public Works Department has made public service announcements that it could take up from 24-36 hours AFTER a major snow event to respond to residential side streets. If you have a concern or a complaint, please call Operation Snowbird at (216) 664-2510,

to report the problem area. We all know it is winter and with it comes challenges. If we all pay attention and watch for news alerts we will all get through this Winter unscathed.

As I have reported before, please pay attention to any elderly or handicapped residents who you haven't seen recently especially if you haven't seen any activity in or around their home. We know people can become ill or possibly fall and become injured. Good and watchful neighbors go a long way in ensuring a safe Winter season.

Keep pets well-attended and with the new "Tethering Legislation" passed in Council - you cannot leave an animal tied up on a tether or on a leash unattended for more than 2 hours at a time (not to exceed 6 hours in a day) in the frigid weather (or otherwise) especially without proper shelter or food. An animal cannot be left outside after 10 PM and before 6 AM and cannot be left out when the owner of the animal is not home. If you know of someone who is not taking proper care of their pets or violating the provisions please report it to the Animal Warden at (216) 664-3069.

Finally, pay attention to any unoccupied home or structure on your street. If it is unsecured please call (216) 664-2007 to report it. If you see or hear water running from the structure, immediately call the Division of Water at (216) 664-3060 to report it.

Be careful, watch for the ice and stay warm. Remember, Spring is not too far off!

Fish Fry served by Kitchen Angels

by Pat Nevar

The Kitchen Angels at Slovenian Workmen's Home are noted for serving delicious meals.

Every Fridy throughout the year from 3 - 8 p.m. dinners are served ath Slovenian Workmen's Home located at 15335 Waterloo Road.

On the menu is fish (hand breaded and deep fried or baked), shrimp, pork chops, goulash and macaroni & cheese dinners. Side dishes include cole slaw made with their speial vinegar & oil dressing, Slovenian home fries, polenta, cabbage & noodles, French fries and macaroni & cheese. For dessert, a slice of freshly baked strudel is always a good choice. A cash bar is also available.

For reservations for eight or more, additional information or take out orders, please call (216) 481-5378.

Girl Scouts invite you to World Friendship fair

by Erin Randel

The Girl Scouts in Euclid and Collinwood invite you to join them for a trip around the globe at their annual World Friendship Fair on Sat., February 23 from 1-3 pm at Sts. Robert and William School, 367 East 260th St. in Euclid. Admission is 50¢ per person, and all are welcome.

The fair celebrates World Thinking Day, first created in 1926 as a special day for Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from around the world to think of each other and give thanks and appreciation to their sister scouts.

The event starts with an opening ceremony and parade of flags at 1 pm followed by the fair. Each troop will have a booth celebrating a particular country they have adopted for the year. Girls will be selling foods and crafts inspired by their country and offering games to play, all with prices from 25¢ to \$1. All proceeds will be donated to the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace in Savannah, Georgia, for programs that benefit scouts around the world.

Whether you took part in a World Friendship fair over the past 50 years in Euclid or are new to the idea, you are welcome to come and support the leadership experience that is Girl Scouting.



Daisy Girl Scouts from Collinwood/Euclid learn more about the culture and customs of Lithuania from their sister scouts in the Lithuanian Scout program at St. Casimir Parish, led by neighborhood resident Virginija Rubinski at their meeting on Jan. 12.

Rummage Sale at Slovenian Home

Help chase away the Winter Blahs. Stop in at our Rummage Sale on Feb. 16, 10 am-3 pm, 15335 Waterloo, featuring a Bake Sale and LOTS OF BARGAINS. All proceeds to benefit UpStage Players.

Know someone who would like to rent a table? Cost is \$10.00; contact: Bernadette.Walsh@upstage-players.com

Please come support our bake sale and rummage sale. We are also set-building this day so come down and share your talents! You can sell your rummage items for \$10.00 a table or just shop.

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Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries open new house

by Sr. Mary Denis Maher, CSA

The staff of the Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries is hosting a series of "Coffee and Conversations" at their new home, 15706 St. Clair Ave. on Thursdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21 from 10 am to noon. Several planned formal Open Houses for various groups of neighbors, benefactors and friends will be scheduled and formal invitations sent in the near future.

"The Sisters and staff of the center welcome anyone who would like to stop by to learn about upcoming programs, see the house, and talk about ways to continue to improve the quality of life and spirit in the Collinwood neighborhood," said Sr. Mary Ellen Brinovec, OSU, coordinator.

Future scheduled programs during March and April at the house include topics ranging from music and prayer, arts and crafts, to assistance for first offenders.

"Finding God in Quiet Music," led by Sr. Janet Moore, OSU, professor of music at Ursuline College, will be offered on Saturday, Mar. 16 from 10-11am. The experience will give everyone a chance to spend peaceful time away from the busyness of life.

No experience is necessary for two creative programs offered concurrently on Friday, March 22, 2-3:30. "Paint for Peace" and "Create a Prayer Shawl." Bill Denihan, who provides art instruction to residents of Joseph's Home, along with an alum of Joseph's Home and Sr. Joan Gallagher, CSA, will lead an oil painting session.

Crocheting or knitting a prayer shawl will be taught by Sr. Felicia Petruziello, CSJ and 2 women from the Women's Outreach Center.

All materials will be provided for both programs and follow-up sessions will be scheduled for those interested in further instruction.

Sr. Helen - Continued from Front Page

"St. Jerome School was built in 1924 and continues to be an important part of our community," Caffarelli said. "However, we have a rare gem among us."

Sister Helen was very surprised that the entire student body was able to keep such a precious secret from her.

"Nothing like this has ever happened to me before in my life," Sister Helen said.

She was given balloons, flowers and a card from each student in the school. Sister Helen beamed with joy and surprise.

Susan Coan, the principal of St. Jerome School, said the school is blessed to have someone as experienced, knowledgeable, and caring as Sister Helen on staff at the school.

"She gives her time and her wisdom to our students," Coan said. "She deserves this, and may God continue to bless her for all she does."



Sister Helen is suprised and full of joy.



This is from our community meeting in September at St. Mary's parish.

"Growing Old With Grace and Humor," 3-part series, by Sr. Eileen Mary Collins, OSU, will be offered Thursdays, Apr. 4, 11, and 18 from 10-11:30 am. This is a repeat of the popular program previously given at the Collinwood Rec Center and the Holy Redeemer Senior Citizen Center.

Come "Plant a Pot of Salad" for your porch on Wednesday, April 24 and May 1 from 2-3:30. Plants and pots will be provided and assistance given by Sr. Pat McHale, CSJ.

Are you or someone you know a first time offender of a prior criminal conviction seeking to have those records sealed? If so, Joy Kennedy, LISW, JD, will present a workshop for the process called "expungement" some time in April. Date and time to be announced later.

Watch for additional programs in the Observer and flyers in your neighborhood. For further information, call Sr. Mary Ellen at (216) 481-8182.

Sr. Mary Denis Maher is a member of the newly formed Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries, a group of Catholic Sisters and other collaborators, who are in the process of listening and learning about the needs of the Collinwood area and responding to them. She will be writing some articles on their services and projects.

Polka Dances at the Slovenian's Workmen's Home

by Pat Nevar

The Slovenian Workmen's Home continues to hold Polka Dances in the Waterloo Ballroom every Sunday.

Music for your listening and dancing pleasure is from 3 until 7 PM. The cost per person is \$12.00, which includes a sandwich and a soft fountain drink.


During February the bands appearing will be:

February 3	Al Battistelli
February 10	Bobby Kravos
February 17	Wayne Tomsic
February 24	Jeff Pecon

The Slovenian Workmen's Home is located at 15335 Waterloo Road.

Please call (216) 481-5378 for reservations of eight or more or for additional information.

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Collinwood Rising: Part II

by Jack Storey

This past week, with the support of the ArtPlace grant, Northeast Shores and Saving Cities released the second in a series of videos depicting the revitalization efforts happening throughout the neighborhood. This second video focuses on the Artist-in-Residence program, and recipients of the first grant round of that initiative. It tells the inspiring short stories of Omid Tavakoli and Krista Tomorrowwitz, two local artists who are making tangible changes in the Waterloo district through their innovative art interventions. The video also introduces the Artist-in-Residence and Collinwood Rising program manager, Seth Beattie, along with Program Assistant - and native Collinwood resident - Tonya Broach.

This second video concludes with Brooklyn-based entrepreneur and Art Home founder, Esther Robinson. Esther has been working in conjunction with the Artist-in-Residence and Collinwood Rising initiatives, and shares a very unique and flattering outside perspective of our city and our neighborhood. You can watch the video by visiting the Northeast Shores YouTube Channel online at www.youtube.com/neshores or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/northeastshores. You can also take a minute to find out what's happening with Saving Cities and Art Home by visiting their respective sites at www.savingcities.com and www.arthome.org.

For more information on what's happening around the neighborhood, visit www.welcometocollinwood.com.

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Calling All Artists!

by Tonya Broach

Applications are now being accepted at Northeast Shores for the final round (Round 3) of the Artists in Residence Grant program. The program gives musicians, writers, photographers and other artists who live or work in North Shore Collinwood the opportunity to carry out community art projects in the neighborhood. For this round, artists are being asked to submit applications for art projects that address vacancy and underutilized space. We'll be distributing a total of \$50,000 this round, with awards of up to \$7,500 per project. If you're an artist living in North Shore Collinwood or working at least 15 hours a week in the neighborhood, and you'd like to make a difference in the community, this program's for you! Here's how to apply:

- Submit an application for the program to the Northeast Shores office (317 E. 156th St.) by the deadline – Friday, Feb. 15, at 4 pm. You can access the application online at www.cultureforward.org/Our-Programs/Residence/Grants, or pick up a paper copy from the Northeast Shores office.
- Before submitting your application, please view the program guidelines (www.cultureforward.org/Our-Programs/Residence/Grants). They'll give you additional information about the program, plus tips for making a competitive proposal.
- If you have any questions while you're working on your application, we're always happy to chat! You can e-mail Seth Beattie sbeattie@northeastshores.org or Tonya Broach tbroach@northeastshores.org, or feel free to call (216) 481-7660.

Also, if you're working on building out arts-related space in the neighborhood or need to purchase arts-related equipment, you may want to check out our new Artists in Residence loan program, a partnership with NoteWorthy Federal Credit Union. It's the perfect loan for something that's not typically covered by a mortgage or that you would have to put on a credit card. With flexible periods of up to four years and interest rates as low as 5.6% APR, this is just one more way that we're build-

ing capacity among our neighborhood's artists. Learn more at <http://www.mycreativecompass.org/Money/Loans/Artists-in-Residence-Loans>. For more information about the program, contact Charlie Kamen, Northeast Shores Property Manager at (216) 481-7660 or ckamen@northeastshores.org.

We're so excited to have resources that support the extraordinary work of our neighborhood's arts community and are so grateful to have an opportunity to work with passionate people like yourselves. We look forward to chatting with you soon. Good Luck!

The Artists in Residence program is a special partnership of the Community Partnership for Arts and Culture and Northeast Shores Development Corporation, made possible through the generous support of Leveraging Investments in Creativity, the Kresge Foundation, the Ford Foundation, NoteWorthy Federal Credit Union, the Educational Foundation of America, the George Gund Foundation, ArtPlace, KeyBank, the Ohio Arts Council, Charter One Growing Communities and Dominion.

Save the date for Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

by Denise Lorek

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny is still only five dollars which includes breakfast and a picture with the Easter Bunny. It will take place at VASJ High School at 18491 Lakeshore Boulevards from 10 am to noon. The Easter Egg Hunt is at 11am. Breakfast will be provided by Gus' Diner.



Last year's breakfast with the Bunny was a great time for all.

Taste the Neighborhood (5th Annual)

by Denise Lorek

Taste the Neighborhood is the only fundraiser that Northeast Shores Development Corporation has. We do this event once a year to try to raise funds and recognize people and businesses in the North Collinwood area that go above and beyond to help improve the Quality of Life in North Collinwood.

The award recipients this year will be in the following categories:

- **North Collinwood Hall of Fame:** Francis Hunter for her dedication to North Collinwood.
- **Partner of the Year:** Neighborhood Housing Services for partnering with us in the Cover Your Assets Roofing Program.
- **Business Investment of the Year:** Muldoons owner Billy Dagg for providing the "Neighborhood Gathering Place" a wonderful outdoor patio.
- **Block Club of the Year:** Shore Acres Block Club/Homeowners Assoc. for their dedication to their neighborhood.
- **Volunteer of the Year:** Leonard "Lenny" Kedys for his many hours of volunteer work repainting the marquee on the LaSalle Theater.

This year's event promises to be the best Taste the Neighborhood in the five years that we have been hosting this event. We will again have over 20 restaurants and eateries donating food. North Collinwood boasts some of the best ethnic food around. We have Greek, Italian, Slovenian, Lithuanian, Croatian, Irish, Mexican, Barbecue, comfort food and desserts from all over North Collinwood. We have many new restaurants that have recently opened and many set to open in the near future.

Come try the many tasty dishes that these eateries have to offer. February 19 from 6-9 pm. Tickets are going fast. They are \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of the event. The event will once again be held at the Lithuanian Hall, 877 East 185th St., Cleveland, 44119. You can purchase your tickets from Denise Lorek at (216) 481-7660.

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Around Collinwood

Waterloo Alley Cat Project Fundraiser and World Spay Month Celebration

by Deborah Gulyas

The Waterloo Alley Cat Project is the North Collinwood neighborhood volunteer organization in Cleveland that has implemented the trap-neuter/spay-return method to reduce the number of cats and kittens roaming the streets around the burgeoning Waterloo Road arts and business district. Since its inception in November 2009, the Project has spayed and neutered over 200 cats and has garnered the support of municipal officials, residents and local businesses. Debbie Gulyas, business owner and Waterloo Alley Cat Project volunteer, remarked, "The cat population in the neighborhood is now decreasing and we have saved the lives of many cats. Through teamwork, our mission is to improve and protect the lives of all feral cats; and teach that all

life is connected."

In neighborhoods throughout the U.S., trap-neuter/spay-return programs (TNR) have proven to be effective in humanely managing feral and stray cats while at the same time reducing their population. With TNR the cats are trapped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated for rabies, left ear-tipped (the universal sign that a cat is fixed) and, if feral, returned to their original territory. A trained caretaker then provides food and shelter, and watches for newcomers. February is World Spay Month; an annual campaign of The U.S. Humane Society that shines a spotlight on spay/neuter. World Spay Month provides a unique opportunity for everyone who cares about animals to get together toward a common goal — to end the euthanasia and suffering of companion

and homeless animals.

On Friday, February 15, Waterloo Alley Cat Project is hosting its 4th Annual Fundraiser at The Beachland Ballroom, 15711 Waterloo Road. The night will begin at 7 p.m. with a basket raffle and silent auction, emceed by the legendary TV personality The Ghoul and DJing by artist Jake Kelly. Over 30 fabulous items have been donated by local artists, businesses and individuals; and local restaurants will be donating appetizers. Following the raffle and auction, there will be a concert at 9:30 p.m. featuring 3 bands: Infero (Cleveland), Jimmy Ohio (Detroit), Little Bighorn (Cleveland). Admission for the night will be \$5 or \$3 if you bring cat food, canned or dry. This major event determines how much the project can do for the rest of the year to help the neighborhood stray cats. 100% of the money raised goes to the care of Waterloo cats. Tax deductible donations can also be made to: Northeast Shores Development Corporation, P.O. Box 19246, Cleveland 44119 and mark in the memo Waterloo Alley Cat Project.

Debbie Gulyas is a Waterloo Road merchant (Blue Arrow Records and Boutique and This Way Out Vintage Shoppe in the Beachland Ballroom and Tavern) who also volunteers for the Waterloo Alley Cat Project.



Popeye Doyle, age 3, was found in the winter of 2010.

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A few highlights from Pat Harris Thomas' distinguished career: featured soloist for President Bill Clinton, Oprah Winfrey, Louis Stokes, Andrew Venable, Dr. Otis Moss, Jr., Senator Shirley Smith, the late Stephanie Tubbs Jones. Featured soloist in many outdoor festivals such as The Tri-C Jazz Festival, Madison Jazz Festival, A Taste of Cleveland, opening act for Barry Manilow. Lead vocalist for the group Superlove in Europe with worldwide tours and recordings. Bob Mollard is founder and president of Mollard Conducting Batons, Inc., the leading manufacturer of products for professional conductors worldwide.

The M4M concert series will continue into Spring: "The Passion of Bach" with pianist Stuart Raleigh and the Raleigh Chamber Players, on March 10.

"Stringtime For Springtime" with the Fine Arts String Quartet on April 14.

"Honoring American Composers" with The Silver Keys Clarinet Quartet, on May 12.

All concerts are held on Sunday at 4 pm, and are free, thanks to generous support from Local 4 Music Fund, the Music Performance Trust Fund, the Arts Collinwood Friends' Committee, Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, and Ohio Arts Council.

For more information, contact Arts Collinwood, 15605 Waterloo Road, (216) 692-9500, www.artscollinwood.org

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

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VASJ celebrates Founders Day

Every January, the Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School community comes together for the annual Founders Day liturgy and celebration. The month of January marks the feast day of St. Angela Merici, foundress of the Ursuline Sisters, and Chaminade Day, named for Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, founder of the Society of Mary.

As VASJ is the only school in the world sponsored by both the Ursulines and the Marianists, Founders Day is the perfect opportunity to celebrate the school's unique identity.

VASJ President Richard Osborne '69 remarked, "We are here to give honor, say thank you and to celebrate." That's what Founders Day is all about — honoring founders St. Angela Merici and the Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, thanking the Ursulines and Marianists for their sponsorship, and celebrating VASJ's student scholars.

Father Jim Bartlett, SM, opened the celebration with Mass where he spoke of forgiveness and grace. "Grace is all around you like the air you breathe," he said. "And grace is love."

At the conclusion of the Mass, more than 50 of VASJ's scholar students accepted their awards with humility, excitement and, above all, grace.

With more than \$50,000 awarded in scholarships, it was the perfect ending to a wonderful celebration.



Andrea and Rose Valentino, daughter and wife of the late Nicholas Valentino, along with President Richard Osborne '69 and Principal David Csanik present Jacob Stauffer '16 with a Nicholas Valentino '64 Memorial Scholarship.



Representatives of the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland present Gabriella Giffin '16 with the St. Angela Marie Waldron Scholarship.



Fr. Jim Bartlett, SM, President Richard Osborne '69 and Principal Dave Csanik award students with the Fr. Louis Wiesner Scholarship.

VASJ's *Ventures* magazine earns 'Excellent' ranking from national group

The 2012 issue of *Ventures*, VASJ's literary magazine, was one of the best in years. "We did more planning than any magazine before — a lot of time and effort was put into it," says Maria Dybzinski '13, one of the magazine's editors. "We really wanted to make it good for (English teacher) Mrs. (Charlene) Dayton since it was her last year." (Mrs. Dayton retired in May after more than two decades of teaching English at VASJ).

Their hard work was rewarded when they recently received an Excellent ranking in the 2012 National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines.

Each year VASJ's *Ventures* Club compiles a group of student pieces including poetry, nonfiction, fiction, prose, digital and traditional art, and photography to form *Ventures* magazine. The entire production is student-driven from choosing the theme, designing the layout, marketing the

magazine to the student body, making up contests and incentives to encourage participation, and judging which pieces will be included in the final publication, which is submitted at the end of each school year.

"It's a chance for students who like to write and draw to show off what they do all year," says Nicole Ouaddaadaa '13, another editor of the magazine.

Last year's theme, Path Breakers, was about breaking away from the norm. "It was about being different and being proud of it," Nicole explained. "Just like us," Kelly Tecco '13, another editor, added.

Being one of only 11 schools in the state of Ohio to receive NCTE's ranking of Excellent, VASJ's *Ventures* magazine, under the guidance of Mrs. Dayton and current moderator and VASJ English teacher Mrs. Kristin Scharfeld, was definitely different and most certainly something all of the members should be very proud of.



Senior editors of *Ventures* magazine. Bottom left to right: Tyann Carter and Maria Dybzinski. Top left to right: Mychael Primes, Kelly Tecco and Nicole Ouaddaadaa.

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Judge Tim McCormack takes oath of office at VASJ

A member of the VASJ Hall of Fame, Timothy McCormack '62, returned to where his road to a career in law and public service began more than 50 years ago: The Viking Village.

Before an impressive array of black-robed judges, Ohio Supreme Court Justice Terrence O'Donnell swore in McCormack as a judge in the Ohio Eighth District Court of Appeals. The ceremony took place at a school assembly in the Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School gym on Monday, December 17. In attendance were the entire VASJ student body, faculty and staff, as well as dozens of family members, public officials and supporters.

"I asked to come here today not out of nostalgia, but because of what



Ohio Supreme Court Justice Terrence O'Donnell swears in Timothy McCormack '62 as a judge in the Ohio Eighth District Court of Appeals as McCormack's wife, Valerie, looks on.

you are today," McCormack told the students. "VASJ is one of America's most important schools. That is not an overstatement.

"You come from very diverse religious backgrounds," he continued. "But this place — you — are a living expression of Christ's teaching. You do not all look the same — each of you is a complex young person — but together you are a beautiful combination,

dedicated to each other."

Students and guests reacted to McCormack's heartfelt words with enthusiastic applause and a standing ovation.

"He really captured the essence of what our school stands for," said VASJ President Richard Osborne '69. "It says a great deal about his experience here that he chose to share this important day with us."

Students recognized at honor roll assembly

The honor roll students at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School were recognized at an all-school assembly on Thursday, January 31.

As the guest speaker at the event, it was an opportunity for Kirsten Holzeimer Gail '88 to come back home and celebrate the accomplishments of the students in her Viking family.

In her capacity as Council President of the City of Euclid, she will sometimes hear residents complain about the lack of respect and work ethic among today's youth.

"I have been fortunate enough to see another side of today's young people — of the young men and women of VASJ who are hard working, caring, and talented members of a community," Gail said. She spoke of



Kirsten Holzeimer Gail '88 presents her son Connor '14 with his honors award.

the honor and tradition that comes with being a student at VASJ and

encouraged students to become actively engaged in the community of the Viking Village.

"In addition to achieving in your academic classes, you will develop lifelong relationships and an understanding of what it means to be a part of something special, and hopefully a sense of belonging that will stay with you and support you along the way.

"Set goals, work hard to achieve them, utilize your talents, utilize this community of support that surrounds you," she said. "Be an active and engaged part of this wonderful community that is VASJ. And most of all, I encourage you to be the best that you can be"

VASJ students participate in March for Life in D.C.

The 40th Annual March for Life was held in Washington D.C. on January 25. Once again, members of the Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School community were there to participate in the event.

Thanks to the generosity of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, a group of nearly 30

VASJ students, staff members and parents were able to travel as guests on their bus to Washington D.C.

In addition to participating in the March for Life, the group also visited many of the sites in Washington, including the Lincoln Memorial and the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, before heading back home.



VASJ students walking in the 40th Annual March for Life event in Washington D.C.

Viking Views



by Richard Osborne

The Viking Village has been a healthy frenzy of activity over the past few months and we greeted the new year with a spirit of optimism and excitement. Several events brought to mind the important place our school has in the community we serve, while also reminding us of the honor and responsibility we have to preserve the legacy and tradition we represent.

The loss of Viking legend Bill Gutbrod this past November was certainly such an occasion.

The example of sportsmanship and perseverance he set remains a powerful force even now, and our basketball and football players paid tribute to him in a touching display of reverence as they saluted the funeral procession when it wound its way past the school's front entrance.

The new Viking Color Guard stood at the entrance, flanked by players who silently acknowledged Coach Gutbrod's place in our school's history.

The Viking Color Guard — freshmen Liam Staunton, Jacob Stauffer and Jayson Johnson — also added a special dimension to two recent assemblies. The group, under the direction of moderator Mr. Gary Minadeo, posted the colors for the visit of Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson and the investiture of Tim McCormack '62 as judge in the Ohio Eighth District Court of Appeals.

In a wide-ranging exchange with students, the mayor spoke of his personal background, the motivating factors that led him to pursue a life of public service, and his philosophy of leadership. Through it all, the mayor stressed the vital importance of education.

That theme was underlined when Tim McCormack addressed our students at his investiture on December 17. He spoke against the impressive backdrop of some dozen judges, all in their black robes, who came to celebrate the occasion. McCormack was sworn in by Ohio Supreme Court Justice Terrence O'Donnell.

In his remarks to our students, McCormack called VASJ one of the most important schools in the country, emphasizing our cultural diversity and record of achievement.

Needless to say, we fully agree. Visitors to our school consistently remark that it "feels like family" here. We know the reason why. It feels like family because it is family.

Richard Osborne '69 is the President of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.

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Libraries

What’s Happening at the Collinwood Branch Library?

by *Natasha Wells*

On the wings of honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in January, the Collinwood Branch of Cleveland Public Library has scheduled two programs for the month of February in recognition of Black History Month.

Monday, February 4 at 3 p.m. students are invited to create a quilt block honoring a well-known Black American who made great contributions to the nation.

Friday, February 8 at 2:30 p.m. students can participate in Art on My Block which will focus on utilizing Romare Bearden’s, a well-known African American artist, art of collage to create their own works of art.

Collinwood also has the following weekly and daily programs:



February 4 through March 29 children and their caregivers are invited for weekly storytime held at the branch. **Baby and Me** (infants through 18 months) will meet on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and Growing Readers (ages 3-5) will gather on Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Each session will focus on early literacy skills and will include a story, song, and/or craft. Come join the fun!

America Reads afterschool tutoring is provided by a Cleveland State University student in the Learning Center. Tutoring sessions are held Monday - Thursday starting at 2:30 p.m. and ending at 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday and until 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

The Kids Café Snack Program, in collaboration with The Cleveland Food Bank, provides snacks for school age students Monday through Friday from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Please feel free to stop by the Collinwood Branch of the Cleveland Public Library (Manager, Caroline Peak) at 856 E. 152nd St. You can also contact the branch at (216) 623-6934 for inquiries or visit www.cpl.org for more information.

Q&A Book Discussion with Michelle Alexander

by *Jeanne Coppola*

In her book, *The New Jim Crow*, author Michelle Alexander writes that “we have not ended (the) racial caste (system) in America; we have merely redesigned it.” Ms. Alexander argues that policies of racial inequality have been used over and over again in different forms in the past, and continue today through the criminal justice system which targets African American males.

The Jim Crow Laws were a system of rules, laws, and policies of legal segregation. And although they have been abolished, Ms. Alexander argues that the current legal system is another form of segregation.

A recorded Q & A session, recently held with Michelle Alexander, was the topic of a group discussion at the Memorial Nottingham Library, on January 5th. During the recording, Ms. Alexander said that she wrote the book “as a call to action.” The current justice system is a form of racial control, it is a “manifestation of a larger system,” she said. It is a “loophole.”

“We are living in a world of change... We are living in a different time... And democracy needs to be changed,” Alexander said. “With men incarcerated, the right to vote is taken away from them.” “And everyone should have the right to vote.”

During the discussion, members of the audience, (including educational and legal professionals), were encouraged to interject with their own thoughts. “This is an open discussion,” said librarian, Alfonzo Daniels. “We are here to think of ideas to implement.”

“Help youths rethink their lives, and hold officials, and parents responsible,” were some of the suggestions.

Audience members also revealed that the legal system is a major source of revenue. It is “big business.” 3rd graders are being evaluated on their grades, which are used to “calculate how many facilities will be needed in the future.” They are calculating and figuring out their future.

Mr. Daniels suggested that the Q&A with Ms. Alexander be taken to the schools to educate the youths, about what is going on.

Members of the audience, were also “open to meet again,” to continue the discussion. For further information or to schedule a future discussion, please call librarian, Alfonzo Daniels, at the Memorial Nottingham Library: (216) 623-7039. The library is located at 17109 Lakeshore Blvd.

Author Michelle Alexander is an OSU Associate Professor, with a law degree from Stanford University, who specializes in race and gender discrimination. She said all people should be “guaranteed to be treated with dignity.” And that she supports “a system of justice and dignity for all...”

Jeanne Coppola is a resident of the Collinwood neighborhood, and is interested in art and writing. She has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Cleveland State University, where she was a writer for the multi-cultural student magazine, “The Vindicator.”

Jeanne is pleased to be able to write for “The Collinwood Observer,” and offer her comments and opinions for this new and exciting community newspaper.

Children’s Library Program: How do animals survive in the winter?

by *Jeanne Coppola*

Have you ever wondered how the animals survive the winter? Or what they do when the weather gets cold and there is a lot of rain or snow? With the recent blizzard we just had, and mounds of snow and arctic temperatures, it has become a really harsh winter for the animals. So what do the animals do?

These questions were answered by Carol Ward, naturalist with the Cleveland Lakefront State Parks, in the first of a three part children’s program at the Memorial-Nottingham Library on December 11, 2012.

Animals do many things to survive the winter, she said. Some birds migrate in the fall to a warmer climate. Other animals, like the deer, coyote, fox and rabbit “stay active all winter.” They grow thicker fur and a layer of fat underneath to keep them warm. Carol showed the children different animal pelts and let them touch the different textures of fur.

To demonstrate how fat helps keep the animal warm, a girl in the audience volunteered to put her hand in a bucket of ice water to feel how cold it was. Then she wrapped her hand in a protective glove insulated with a layer of fat. The glove protected her hand from the cold ice water, just like the layer of fat protects the animals from the cold.

But food is often hard to find, so some animals, like the squirrel and beaver gather food in the fall, and store it for later. But other animal, like the bear hibernate (or sleep during the winter.)

When there is “snow, soft sand, mud or dust,” you can see the animal foot prints, and “learn how to read their tracks,” Carol said, in the second children’s program, on January 15, 2013.



Which of our wild animal friends left these tracks?

Some animals, like the beaver and rabbit, have “soft pads and toes,” but the deer has a “hard hoof.” And ducks have three toes and webbing.

Animals also have different kinds of feet...and track patterns “based on how the animal moves.” Rabbits and squirrels “gallop.” Raccoons, skunks and beavers “waddle.” And deer, coyote and foxes are called “diagonal walkers,” because they move opposite feet at the same time.

During the program each participant got a chance to use a rubber stamp made from the footprints of different animals, and printed them on a take-home animal track patterns guide. Then everyone and went outside to look for real tracks in the surrounding muddy areas.

The final children’s program will be about animal scat (poop), and how you can identify “clues” the animal leaves behind about what it ate and how small or large it is.

The program will be on February 5th at 3:30pm-4:30pm at the Memorial Nottingham Library, 17109 Lakeshore Blvd. For further information please call the Cleveland Lakefront Stat Parks at (216) 881-8141, ext. 3001 or visit their website www.clevelandlakefront.org and click on Naturalist Programs.

Meet Cleveland author CJ Hudson at the Collinwood Branch

by *Natasha Wells*

The Collinwood Branch Page Turners Adult Book Club presents Cleveland’s own - author CJ Hudson. Join us on Saturday, March 16th at 12 p.m. for an up close and personal conversation as he shares some of his experiences as an author and gives us valuable writing tips and techniques. CJ Hudson is the author of *Chedda Boyz*, *Mo Chedda*, *Hood Lawz*, and many more! For more information on the Page Turners Adult Book Club contact Elizabeth Patterson at (216) 623-6934. Please feel free to stop by the Collinwood Branch of the Cleveland Public Library at 856 East 152nd Street or visit www.cpl.org for more information.

Natasha Wells is the Children’s Librarian at the Collinwood Branch of The Cleveland Public Library.



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Around Collinwood

Schools - Continued from Front Page

District officials are expected to review the proposal at a school board and senior leadership retreat this week-end, along with feedback provided in community surveys and at more than 20 meetings held to engage citizens in shaping the district’s reform strategies and academic priorities over the next four years.

The CEO said he expects the Board and school officials to welcome the State’s inclusion of more flexible rules for how schools operate.

The Governor’s release of the pro-

posed budget plan today follows the July, 2012 passage of legislation that enabled the Plan for Transforming Cleveland’s Schools to be implemented in the CMSD, and also the November, 2012 passage of the District’s first operating levy in 16 years.

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Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach 2012 – Year in Review

by *Stephen Love*

A Look Back, A Look Ahead...

Happy New Year! It’s never too late to say it and it’s never too cold to think about the beach! At least that’s what volunteers of the Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Team say! For the past three years, through monthly beach cleanups, Adopt-a-Beach volunteers have picked up close to 3,500 pounds of trash and recyclables at Euclid Beach State Park in Cleveland! But there’s a lot more to talk about than just picking up trash on the beach!

2012 Highlights:

- Over 250 volunteers from all around the community and the region participated in beach cleanups and park beautification projects at Euclid Beach in 2012! A **HUGE** thanks to the entire Swagelok Team and a shout out to **Super Volunteer** Rhiannon Murkowski!

- Beautified the parks with over \$2,000 in native plantings at Euclid Beach and Edgewater Beach State Parks thanks to support from the Friends of Edgewater, Cleveland Waterfront Coalition, Drink Local Drink Tap and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. Special thanks to Key Bank community volunteers for helping with the planting!

- Partnered with Arts Collinwood, Project Pop Up Galleries and Northeast Shores to organize the second annual Euclid Beach Blast festival-an evening of live music, sand castles, art and food to celebrate all things great about our great Lake!

- Partnered with local businesses to support beach cleanups and local business involvement in the community. We are especially grateful for Chili Peppers Mexican Grill commitment to offer burrito gift cards to our volunteers and to Name Brand Paint and Hardware Closeouts for supplying paint for all of the park benches!

Here’s some of what you can expect in 2013:

- Launching a pilot Urban Beach Ambassador (UBA) Program at Euclid Beach and Edgewater Beach Park in partnership with Cleveland Lakefront State Park, Cleveland Metroparks, Alliance for the Great Lakes, Friends of Edgewater and Drink Local Drink Tap. We are now recruiting UBA volunteers for Spring 2013! **Sign up** if you are interested, email urbanbeacham-



Regular volunteers Rosa Kovacevich and Jon Nagy get on their hands and knees to collect and record data on even the smallest of litter items washing ashore.



Volunteers from Swagelok are hard at work last summer giving every bench in the park a fresh coat of paint—thanks to a generous donation from Name Brand Paint and Hardware Closeout.

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- Recruiting more volunteers for Adopt-a-Beach™ cleanups and park beautification projects at Euclid Beach and Villa Angela Beach!

- Advocating to reduce plastic cigar tip litter on the beach.

- Bringing more fun events and educational programming like the Euclid Beach Blast, and Yoga Cleanups by expanding partnerships with more community organizations.

- Helping to guide the Cleveland Metroparks as they step in to acquire Cleveland Lakefront State Park.
- Supporting the implementation of the Euclid Beach Redesign vision plan-a product of Northeast Shores Development Corporation, MKSK Architects and most importantly, input from community residents!

Stephen Love is a Lake Erie fanatic from Cleveland, OH. In his day job he works for the Cuyahoga Land Bank and in every other waking moment is the founder and coordinator of Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Team and Euclid Beach Blast! He started Euclid Beach Blast out of a desire to explore the connections between environmental stewardship, art, public spaces, music, and community.



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Faith in Collinwood

Upstage Players presents The Little Mermaid Jr. in March

by Matthew Orgovan

North Collinwood's UpStage Players, one of Northeast Ohio's hardest working children's theatre companies, celebrates its 19th year in 2013 with the beloved Disney musical The Little Mermaid Jr. Tickets are now on sale!

Performance Dates

Friday, March 22, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 24, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.

Performance Venue

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Ticket Prices

\$8 in advance (tickets sold in advance are reserved seating)
\$12 during Tech Week (March 14–20) and at the door (these tickets are general admission seating, cash only)

Ticket Ordering

Mail self-addressed stamped envelope and include \$2 for processing to: UpStage Tickets; 1750 Buena Vista; Euclid, Ohio 44117

For questions, contact Beverly at (216) 531-5156 or krisupstage@aol.com

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In a magical kingdom fathoms below, the beautiful young mermaid Ariel longs to leave her ocean home to live

in the world above. But first, she'll have to defy her father King Triton, make a deal with the evil sea witch Ursula, and convince Prince Eric that she's the girl with the enchanting voice. Adapted from Disney's 2008 Broadway production, The Little Mermaid Jr. features the hit songs "Part of Your World," "She's in Love" and the Oscar-winning "Under the Sea."

About UpStage Players

The mission of UpStage Players is the dedication to the child performer, instilling a love of theatre while building leadership and community. The nonprofit group was founded with 30 children and a vision to create love and respect for the performing arts. Beyond evolving into a strong group of nearly three times as many children today, two keys to the success of UpStage over the years have been its unwavering no-cut policy and its army of committed volunteers who are dedicated to transforming everyday kids into accomplished artists. The children of UpStage Players come from varied backgrounds and neighborhoods throughout Northeast Ohio, yet they all enjoy demonstrable measures of success.

"We work for the kids of Greater Cleveland," explains Bernadette Walsh, UpStage's executive director. "The value of the arts in a community cannot be underestimated. We proudly foster teamwork, service, self-confidence, self-esteem, responsibility, leadership and creativity, and provide a fun social outlet within the safe environment of a theatre experience."

More Action less Talk on Youth Violence

by Donald Holcombe

Youth violence is widespread, and is the second leading cause of death nationally for people between the ages of 10 and 24, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. These statistics are heart-wrenching, and the pain and suffering is felt profoundly by families and the wider community.

I was intentionally going to begin this article with statistics on the murder rate of our community but I figured the number isn't zero so it doesn't matter because one murder is too many especially for my neighborhood. But the question that so many seem to not have an answer to in this community is "how do we stop youth violence?"

Then again maybe we do have an answer but are taking the wrong approach to fix the problems. And then again maybe the people in this community are all talk and no action. When was the last time you contacted your councilman or political figure in your community to just ask, "What are you doing about youth violence?"

If you haven't done this or can't remember the last time, then you are a part of the problem (all talk and no action). It's time the people of this community come together to answer the question, "What do we do about youth violence?" so that we can take the correct approach to zero tolerance of crime in our community.

I have been to a countless number of community meetings where the topic of discussion is youth violence and how we prevent it and what is the cause of it, then

I look around, it's a room full of adults and no youth.

Let me ask you a question, if you wanted your walls painted would you go to a mechanic? I know common sense isn't common but any person with good sense would say "No."

So I ask you if we are wanting to know how to stop youth violence, why we are not asking the youth within our community? My approach is let's go directly to the source and I believe the best way to reach out to the youth is to go into their classrooms. This way we can ask them for answers and suggestions in a setting amongst their peers– the same people they seem to be having conflicts with.

Let's just be honest here. A lot of these problems are coming from a school system that is failing our children and this failure is escalating the trouble on the streets of our community. We as a community have to come together and that includes the parents of the youth. You have to step up and take control before it's too late because the reflection of a child comes from their home. I am proud to be a resident of North Collinwood but I am not proud of many of the residents that live here in North Collinwood, not enough of us are stepping up. With or without your help I will do my best to help this community. I would like to give a special thank you to our councilman and a true mentor of mine, Mr. Michael Polensek, who has supported me and this community and who is every day is making an effort to better our community.

Donald Holcombe is a youth activist.



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"PRETTY VACANT", Feb 1-23

Installations by Joseph Carl Close, Ron Copeland, Dana Depew, Dave Desimone, Greg Ruffing. Opening reception Friday Feb 1, 6-9pm.

Like last month's "Half Empty," this show is part of the "Collinwood Rising" grant's focus on the two sides of a shrinking city: vacancy and decay versus vacancy as an invitation to fill the space, to rebuild and begin again. In execution, though, "Pretty Vacant" is very different from the distant elegance of "Half Empty"; these installations are big, bright (in a suitably faded way) and rough-edged creations forged from the detritus of a society that has moved on.

The five artists involved, Joseph Carl Close (Canton), Ron Copeland (Pittsburgh), Dana Depew (Cleveland), Dave Desimone (Cleveland), and Greg Ruffing (Chicago), have spent the last decade exploring the abandoned factories and vacant neighborhoods of the region, and they embrace rebuilding on the foundation of the old, instead of always breaking new ground. Their installations in "Pretty Vacant" are designed to remind you that everything is temporary and the future of the Collinwood is unwritten.

Come back for an artist talk on Thursday Feb 7 at 7pm: "With What They Left Us: The Beauty of Decay." The Callaloo Cafe will be serving drinks and Caribbean cuisine, with free live music, for both the opening and the artist talk.

Gallery Hours: Wednesday - Saturday, 4-10 pm & By Appointment.

THE CALLALOO CAFE

The Callaloo will have its formal opening on March 1, but it's open in the meantime Wednesday-Saturday 4–11 pm, with a Caribbean menu that features a different special for each day of the week. Sunday it serves the traditional Tobago Sunday lunch (which is the origin of some traditional dishes from the American South) and on Fridays, it's Trini rotis (curry and flat bread, Trinidad style – delicious!)

AT THE BEACHLAND

CLUB BELLYDANCE, Feb 6

Reportedly, Miles Copeland, the musical visionary behind IRS Records and The Police, said of his invention, Bellydance Superstars: "My new tool for world domination: Riverdance ... with bare midriffs." Who's going to argue with bare midriffs? Club Bellydance is a smaller-scaled version of Bellydance Superstars, featuring some of the dancers from the larger-scale theatrical production and giving them

an opportunity to try out new ideas and choreography. In each city, the local bellydance community will provide the first half of the show and the BDSS dancers the second half. Club Bellydance isn't just a one-way mirror into the wonderful world of bellydancing, it's a chance to experience, learn and dive right in. \$20

CLEVELAND ARTS PRIZE COMES TO WATERLOO

JOIN THE PARTY AT THE BEACHLAND, Feb 16

Robert Kidney and the Numbers Band + Ernie Krivda provide entertainment while you dine and bid on truly interesting auction items. Tickets range from \$20 to \$15 (with appropriate benefits). See details at their Web site: www.clevelandartsprize.org

NEWS FROM THE REC CENTER

Winter schedules are available from the front desk – where Jen Ryba and her staff spend a lot of time registering new members – even though users now total 20,000 (I believe that puts the Rec Center in the same class as the West Side Market). Also available at the front desk are forms to fill out (and help doing that) for the Mayor's Scholarship opportunities and financial aid applications. And applications for jobs with Youth Opportunities Unlimited; those can be submitted until March 29. I'll try to get one that can go out with the next Notes.

The building is being retrofitted to accommodate an emergency generator, so if Son of Hurricane Sandy hits our neighborhood, we'll have a place to go. Tell your neighbors: Cleveland EMS visit the center on the first Friday of every month, 1–2:30 pm, to take blood pressure and such. Black History Celebration Friday, Feb. 15 Young members of the Center will make presentations about important historical figures, African dancers and a singer will perform – and maybe the Center's ballet class will show off its skill. 6–7:30 pm.

AT CLEVELAND LAKEFRONT STATE PARK (WILDWOOD):

Exploration Station: The Nature Center will be open in Feb on Saturdays, 1-4 pm.

Cure for cabin-fever: Balina/Bocce/Balinca Tournament

by Pat Nevar

A "Cabin Fever Balina/Bocce/Balinca Tournament" will be held March 3 and 4 at the Slovenian Workmen's Home.

Your Class A or B team can consist of all male, all female or a mixed team.

The entry fee is \$40 per team. There are four indoor courts in excellent condition at the Slovenian Workmen's Home. Prizes for each class will be 1st

News of the Euclid Beach Carrousel

by Elva Brodnick

On January 23, we had a chance to find out more about the Euclid Beach Carrousel project in University Circle, when the local Cleveland Lakefront State Parks offered its Park History Speaker Series for Adults – the Euclid Beach Carrousel, presented by Euclid Beach Park Now.

EBPN President John Frato presented a slide show, beginning with a brief history of the carousels at Euclid Beach. (There were actually at least seven altogether over the years, including several unique machines such as the Flying Ponies and the Great American Racing Derby.) He then talked about PTC 19's history, and what lay in the future in University Circle.

For this report, I'll be focusing on this new information – it's what we've been waiting to hear about!

There's quite a bit involved with the University Circle site, from building the new pavilion that is now part of the Crawford Auto Aviation Building to building and restoring the mechanism to actually getting everything put together and operating. Mr. Frato told us that the pavilion, designed by Richard Fleischman + Partners Architects is now complete, an all-glass enclosure 75 feet wide by 32 feet tall. The pavilion includes such features as seating running around the perimeter, a separate alcove for the band organ, a "photo op" location using one of the original chariots (more on this in a sec!) – and even its own restrooms. Entrance to the pavilion from Crawford/Western Reserve Historical Society is through a stylized replica of the Euclid Beach Entrance Arch, which currently has no signing, awaiting a possible "naming rights" sponsorship. (There will be an "outside" entrance, but how this will be used is not known at this time.)

The Carrousel itself will ride a partially original and partially new mechanism; the damage done to the mechanism's center pole and main stationary gear after the auction in 1996, when it was brought to Cleveland, was repairable, but the decorations were mostly missing and the 50 foot wide platform itself needed replacing. Carrousel Works, the restoration firm working

on this, is replacing much of the missing decor – scenery panels, rounding boards etc., combining several themes, such as blending the original 1910 and later Art Deco looks, and including themes like "Cleveland's 100 Year Old Companies" and Euclid Beach itself. The good news is that the horses and chariots are staying with the 1910 colors Caroussel Magic researched and used, when they did the restoration back after the auction; they'll need some touching up etc., but they're otherwise considered "done." For now, there's a chance some of the horses will be exhibited in the finished pavilion, while fundraising continues. (And speaking of "exhibits," one possibility is to set the Carrousel up with a "jogging" mechanism – it could therefore run by itself, with lights on, after hours. Rather interesting idea.)

The original band organ, now owned by the Avanti family, is fully restored and will be lending its music to the Carrousel. It will be situated, however, in its own alcove with special acoustics, to allow visitors to "watch it run" as it plays.

One of the concerns for operating the Carrousel is meeting ADA requirements. To this end, Caroussel Works is building a somewhat smaller chariot to replace one of the originals on the machine, set up to accommodate a wheelchair with lockdowns. The replaced original will then serve as a "photo op" setting elsewhere in the pavilion – Mr. Frato stated that no one involved in the project felt comfortable revamping one of the original chariots, and decided on this instead (thank goodness!)

Operations-wise, things seem to be up in the air. Questions about the cost of a ride (possibly \$2.00), whether there would be outside access (as opposed to visitors having to go through WRHS' main entrance to ride, or after WRHS hours), etc. had no answers as of yet; we were told it's too soon to know how these things will work out.

Fundraising, on the other hand, is now really kicking off – there are all kinds of things that are "sponsorable" on the Carrousel and in the pavilion, including the "naming rights" for the entry mentioned before. How this fundraising goes will determine when exactly the Carrousel opens to operate; timeframe given at this meeting was possibly late this year to early 2014.

All in all, this was a chance to finally get some news on how the Carrousel project is coming along. Thanks to ODNr and EBPN for putting this program together.



\$300.00, 2nd \$150.00 and 3rd \$100.00. The kitchen and bar will be opened for your convenience.

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Anton Grdina	8:05am	1:45pm
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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
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Case	8:05am	1:45pm
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Charles Eliot	8:05am	1:45pm
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Garfield	9:55am	3:35pm
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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
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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
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Nathan Hale	8:25am	2:05pm
Newcomer's Program @ Thomas Jefferson	8:05am	1:45pm
Newton D. Baker	9:35am	3:15pm
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