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State of Ohio affirms CMSD has the Right Plan, Right Now

WAIVER FOR APPOINTMENT OF ACADEMIC DISTRESS COMMISSION GRANTED

by CMSD Communications

Dr. Richard Ross, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, traveled to Cleveland on April 8 to announce his decision to waive the appointment of an Academic Distress Commission for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

At a news conference held at the CMSD Administration Building, CEO Eric Gordon joined Mayor Frank G. Jackson in expressing gratitude to the State Superintendent. In doing so, he acknowledged the many people across the city that created *The Cleveland Plan* that Ohio's Superintendent affirmed is the "Right Plan, Right Now" for Cleveland, and a model for school districts throughout the state.

The visit to Cleveland by representatives of the Ohio Department of Education gave CEO Eric Gordon an opportunity to share CMSD's progress in the last year, and the CEO described the 2012-2013 school year as anything but usual.

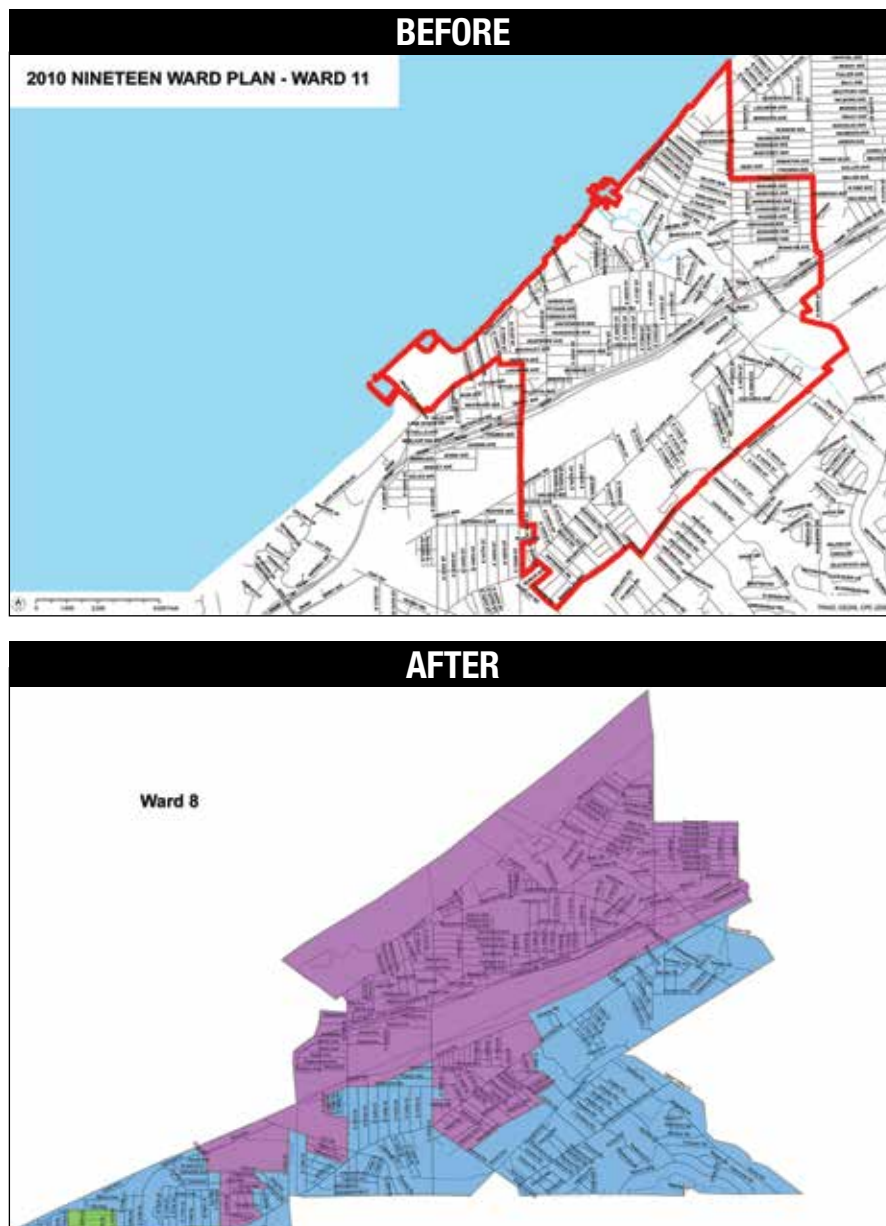
"This time last year, we knew that if we did not take serious action to improve our schools, we would face an Academic Distress Commission, a financial takeover, or both," said Gordon. "Through the unprecedented efforts of people across the city, *The Cleveland Plan* legislation passed in Columbus with strict accountability measures that mirror any plan that would have been imposed by a Distress Commission. The difference is, the Plan for Transforming Cleveland's Schools is our work, not the work of an outside commission."

The first quarter of the school year began with *The Cleveland Plan* in place. By Quarter 2, voter support of *The Cleveland Plan* led to passage of Issue #107, and citizens across the city provided input into how best to direct their levy dollars for the greatest impact on student achievement.

At the start of Quarter 3, CMSD was able to restore the full school day in all of K-8 schools. District officials also began work on a differentiated compensation plan for teachers and administrators so that, in addition to time and service, skills and performance will now also be considered in staffing and compensation decisions.

CMSD can now make hiring and teacher-placement decisions based on such factors as whether a teacher or principal are bilingual or whether they are STEM or Montessori-trained.

This is a welcome departure, the CEO said, from the focus of the District just one year ago. The District is now currently preparing for its Year 1 investment in low-performing schools, making good on its pledge to improve or replace failing schools throughout the city. The District is planning a Pep Rally for its "Investment Schools" on April 19 prior to the official announcement of the schools selected for Year 1 on April 25.



Collinwood Redistricted

WARD 11 IS NOW WARD 8?
WARD 10 IS... WHAT?

Open Letter to the Citizens of Ward 11

by Councilman Mike Polensek

March 26, 2013

This past week has been the most trying and difficult time in my civic and political life. The Redistricting of City Council Wards was a gut-wrenching, roller coaster ride, especially due to the fact that Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 3 PM, was the first time I was able to view our Ward map.

Since that time, the mapped boundaries had changed at least three times. On March 26, the majority of Cleveland City Council members voted 17-2 to pass the new redistricting lines, with Councilman Joe Cimperman (D-3) and myself (D-11), voting against the final version as presented. We were successful in keeping the North Shore Collinwood intact. Unfortunately, as

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Lights! Camera! Action! Collinwood!

by Darece Daniels

The camera is on **Collinwood Recreation Center's Digital Media Class**, which is held on Wednesdays at 4:30pm. This year has started off well for the participants of the digital media class, which is a program offered by Institutional Community Development Corporation, an organization whose primary focus is economic and youth development.

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Milan, Rakim, Amakhut, Alexis and Devon will perform a skit that they created on bullying called "Impact-Rose Colored Glasses."

Hannah Gibbons STEM Rockets Project X-51

by Sean Patton

On Wednesday March 27, the 8th grade students at Hannah Gibbons STEM launched rockets in our playground area. The objective was to apply the engineering design process to construct, test and launch a water rocket using a real world problem solving simulation.

Teams of students formed rocket companies and completed a commercial endeavor to construct a rocket capable of lifting payloads into the earth's orbit. Through a strong interdisciplinary approach, balancing science with technology, engineering and math, they developed a budget, purchased constructional materials and tracked expenditures while designing and constructing their rockets.

During this process students worked with Progressive Arts Alliance, who showed the students how to document their entire process. Students created a documentary video which will be shown at our STEM Fair and STEAM Festival in May.

On launch day students had to track the height of the rockets. The winning team's altitude was 39 meters. This



Young rocket designers from Hannah Gibbons STEM school make last minute adjustments before the launch.



A perfect landing.

team gets to launch their rocket again at the end of our STEM fair on May 9 at 7:45pm.

Sean Patton is the Principal at Hannah Gibbons STEM school in Collinwood.

Dialogue

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Councilman's Corner

by Councilman Mike Polensek

What a couple of weeks! The City-wide Ward redistricting was a lesson in futility and how not to involve the public in a very critical process. As of this writing it looks like the ward lines will be readjusted once again to be re-voted on on Monday, April 15th. If Nottingham Village is not reassigned back to our community and Northeast Glenville neighborhood still divided, I obviously will not be voting "for" any new legislation. This entire process is a classic example why citizens are disgusted with the political process. In 2013 we need more citizen participation than ever before in the political process. However, that obviously scares individuals who like to operate behind closed doors and in secret. Regardless of how the lines are ultimately drawn we must all work together to make the greater Collinwood community the best it can be. Stay tuned. As soon as the new ward lines are official, I will disseminate the information out to the community.

On a positive note, the NEORSR sewer work along Lakeshore Boulevard has been proceeding well. I am hoping that once it is completed the rebuilding of Lakeshore Boulevard will shift into high gear. Speaking of construction, work has

begun on the Waterloo Road Streetscape Project. New water connections are being installed now with the bulk of the major work to begin in July 2013.

The Nottingham Village Commerce Park Project along St Clair Avenue is well under way and several more abandoned commercial structures will be coming down over the next several weeks. Cleveland Range is finalizing its design work for their new "Headquarters of the Americas" which should begin this summer as well.

The wetlands project in Wildwood Lakefront State Park is almost complete. However, the best news though for our Lakefront was on Monday, April 8th Ordinance Number 504-13 was read into City Council for the first time authorizing the City of Cleveland Director of Public Works to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Cleveland MetroParks System to lease certain city-owned lakefront state parks including Villa Angela Beach.

This is the official beginning of our efforts to take back control from the State of the Cleveland Lakefront State Parks from Edgewater Park to Wildwood. I wish to thank the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the Governor's Office, and State Representative Bill Patmon for their quick work in moving critical legislation through the Ohio General Assembly to begin the process. In addition, I wish to thank Mayor Frank G. Jackson and his

Chief of Staff, Ken Silliman, for negotiating on behalf of our community in seeing that our parks came back to the City so that we could ultimately enter into a lease agreement with the MetroParks System.

None of this could have happened, however, without the support of the three MetroParks Commissioners; Debra K. Berry, Dan T. Moore III, Mayor Bruce G. Rinker of Mayfield Village and above all the Honorable Judge, Anthony Russo, Presiding Judge of Probate Court, who appointed all three Commissioners with the clear mandate to expand the MetroParks System to include our neglected lakefront parks. Many thanks also to the many individuals and organizations who lobbied, attended meetings, wrote letters and did whatever they could do to help bring about this change. We are finally on the verge of seeing the real "Emerald Necklace" materialize to include all of the lakefront parks in our ward.

I have been honored to be involved in this process and even though there are some hurdles, and legislative action still needed, we are finally in the home-stretch. This only reinforces what I have long maintained that, when people of good will come together, there is nothing we cannot accomplish. This is another major victory for our community. I look forward to working with you throughout this Summer and Fall on a whole host of other initiatives and projects.

Learn more about the Euclid Creek Tunnel at community meeting

by Jennifer Elting

The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District's Euclid Creek Tunnel project is progressing on schedule and "Mackenzie," the Sewer District's tunnel boring machine, is currently mining beneath Lake Erie! When complete, the nearly 18,000-foot long Euclid Creek Tunnel will hold more than 60 million gallons of combined sewage at a time. At the end of March, Mackenzie had "mined and lined" approximately half of the tunnel.

Surface-level work will continue throughout the duration of this project (end of 2014).

Collinwood residents and business owners wanting to learn more can



200 feet below ground, workers transport tunnel lining segments via rail.

attend the Sewer District's next Euclid Creek Tunnel Community Meeting on Tuesday, April 23, at 6 p.m. The meeting will be at the Cleveland Public Library's Memorial Nottingham Branch, 17109 Lakeshore Blvd.

Project updates are posted regularly at www.euclidcreek.blogspot.com.

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.

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East 156th F.O.E. marks 75th Anniversary

by William McCulloch

This April marks the 75th anniversary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles #2259 Waterloo Aerie in Collinwood. Founded in 1938, the chapter was initially chartered as the Collinwood Aerie. It was renamed the following year the Glenville Aerie when the club then settled at Glenview Hall located at 10612 St. Clair Ave. The Women's Auxiliary was chartered in 1946. Here it would remain until 1952 when they moved to their present site on the northeast corner of East 156th Street and Trafalgar Avenue. Prior this had been the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post # 3426 throughout the 1940's, and before that a furniture store in the late 1930's. The club would retain their Glenville name until the 70's, when it would be redesignated as the Waterloo Aerie.

The Fraternity of Eagles originated in Seattle Washington in 1898 by a group of theater owners. With its entertainment roots, much of organization's early rapid growth was attributed to touring theatrical troupes. Today there are over 1,400 local Aeries in the United States and Canada with a membership exceeding 850,000. Their international headquarters is located in Grove City, Ohio outside of Columbus.



F.O.E. #2259 Waterloo



Red Hackle at St. Pat's

With their motto, "People helping People," the non-profit donates more than \$100 million dollars annually to various local and national charitable organizations. Seven United States Presidents, from Theodore Roosevelt to Ronald Reagan have been members, and the organization was an important early backer of member Franklin Roosevelt's Social Security Act.

Mother's Day Tea Planned to Comfort Those Who Have Lost Mothers or Mother Figures

by Laurie Henrichsen

When we experience the loss of a mother or a mother figure, the pain can be palpable. We strive to keep her memory alive in our hearts and minds. Mother's Day can be especially painful emotionally for those who are missing this irreplaceable person in their lives.

To help those who are grieving the loss of a mother or mother figure, the Elisabeth Severance Prentiss Bereavement Center (ESPBC) is hosting a special Mother's Day Tea on Saturday, May 4, 2 to 4 p.m. The event is free and open to anyone in the community, but capacity is limited, so reservations are required. The tea will be held at the ESPBC, which is located inside David Simpson Hospice House at 300 E. 185th Street. For reservations, call Felicia Dunlop-Stanley at (216) 486-6335, by April 22.

Participants are encouraged to bring a photo of their mother or mother figure to display on a Table of Remembrance, and may also bring a teacup or coffee cup with special sentimental value. (Teacups will be provided for those not bringing them.) A guest speaker who has recently lost her mother will share her experiences and reflections.

Tea will be donated by the Rose Point Cottage Tea Room in Chagrin Falls, and special homemade tea pastries are being prepared by a mother and daughter volunteer team from Hospice of the Western Reserve. Those in attendance will have an opportunity to share special memories and lessons shared by their mother or mother figure and to plant a memorial flower with a personal note attached in a special memorial flower box. Special live background music is also planned.

Euclid Creek Lacustrine Project nearly complete

by Mary Louise Jesek Daley

The freeway pedestrian bridge that was taken down in March by a dump truck affected people getting to a meeting I was involved with all the way out in Mentor because attendees were delayed getting past East 152 Street!

The Councilman is in the process of negotiating with ODOT and the State as to what their plans are regarding the pedestrian bridge as well as talking with Northeast Shores Development Corp., BikeCleveland, and Friends of Euclid Creek, among others, to determine if the bridge is necessary to complete bikeway and pedestrian plans to connect Euclid Creek MetroPark to Lake Erie.

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“Alive on East 185” Family-Friendly Parade and Sidewalk Sale

by Denise Lorek

On May 18, the E. 185th Street community will be hosting “Alive on East 185”, a family-friendly event featuring a parade beginning at 11 AM and a sidewalk sale/party immediately following, until 5 PM. There is no admission charge, and all are welcome to attend!

The parade will begin at Villaview and E. 185th (near Muldoon's Saloon & Eatery) and will continue down E. 185th until it reaches Lakeshore Blvd. The parade is scheduled to begin at 11 AM.

Once the parade has ended, local merchants will set up a street-wide sidewalk sale/party, allowing everyone

to enjoy what East 185th St. has to offer. Alongside the merchants will be local groups and organizations providing information about their many activities and programs. There will also be an Inflatables area set up for the children to enjoy free of charge.

Please mark your calendar for May 18, at 11 AM to join us for this street wide Celebration of the Community!

If your group or organization would like to participate in the parade or sidewalk party, please contact: Denise Lorek, Community Organizer for Northeast Shores at (216) 481-7660 or dlorek@northeastshores.org



Last year's big event.

Breakfast with the Easter bunny

by Denise Lorek

For the fifth year the Easter Bunny had breakfast with the children of North Shore Collinwood. On Saturday, March 23, Northeast Shores and VASJ hosted Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. The children had a great time getting their picture taken with the Easter Bunny, crafting with the student volunteers of VASJ and going on an Easter Egg Hunt in the gym of VASJ.

Breakfast was donated for the fifth year in a row by Gus's Diner. We had some yummy French Toast and Sausage. A big thank you to Koula and Lou, from Gus's Diner for supporting this event again!

This event would not have been possible without the student volunteers from VASJ and their teacher coordinator Jill Latkovich. These students under



After breakfasting with the bunny, the kids head off on an Easter egg hunt.

Ms. Latkovich's direction are an awesome group of students. They patiently served up breakfast, did crafts with the children and face-painted. I would also like to thank the Easter Bunny for visiting our neighborhood and spending time with our children.

As you can tell from the picture, the children of North Shore Collinwood had a great time.

Hey, Hey, Hey!

by Tonya Broach

Happy Spring/Winter/Spring/Winter and eventually Spring! While you're waiting for Old Man Winter to concede, take a look at the latest installment of featured Facebook pages from the arts and business community. Please feel free to visit, read about their wonderful services, and click on the like button.

Beachland Ballroom

The Beachland Ballroom was built in 1950 as the Croatian Liberty Home, with the ballroom and tavern comprising the original structure. The Liberty Home was active on many social and political fronts and was a true Cleveland landmark before becoming Cleveland's most eclectic music club in the year 2000.

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Around Collinwood

Collinwood Library News

by Natasha Wells

On **Friday, April 19** from 1-3 p.m. Students from Collinwood High School and Ginn Academy will participate in our annual **Open Mike Poetry**. Please stop by and support these young poets as they present original works as well as readings from their favorite poets.

We will celebrate **Earth Day** on **Monday, April 22** at 3 p.m.! Students are invited to create an Earth Day craft made from recycled materials. We will also discuss simple things they can do at home to help save the Earth!

On **Tuesday, May 7** we will celebrate **Mother's Day** and **Cinco de Mayo** with our Madre's Day program which will begin at 3 p.m. Students will learn about the celebration of Cinco de Mayo while we also honor our mothers and create a gift for Mother's Day.

Our **America Reads** after school tutoring and Kids Café Snack programs are in full swing in the Learning Center! Tutoring, provided by a Cleveland State University student, is offered Monday-Thursday from 2:30-5:30 p.m. for students of all ages (Please note: tutoring will end on May 9). If you are in need of tutoring assistance, please visit www.cpl.org>Research and Learning>Live Online Tutoring. A certified tutor is available daily from 2-10 p.m.

The **Cleveland Food Bank** provides snacks for school age students Monday-Friday from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Please stop by the Collinwood Branch and sign up for a free library card for yourself, your infant or child. MyPlace My Card supports literacy for the youngest - kids five years old and under can sign up for a free library card with a parent signature.

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

Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society—Letter from the President

by Mary Louise Jesek Daley

The CNHS got together during the months of January thru April for dinner and meeting at Kristy's Tavern on East 200th Street. Now it is time to get to work and get out. Watch the website for meetings and outings for the Spring, Summer and Autumn periods. We will be concentrating on projects and activities than actual meetings per se.

We are going back to working with the Memorial Garden which has been neglected for years. Back in 1909 the Ohio General Assembly passed House Bill #140 declaring that a memorial should stand in perpetuity to honor those who lost their lives in this school fire tragedy. Therefore, we are obligated to do this. We will need many volunteers to make this project work but again, it is something we must take on. Any expertise or enthusiastic volunteer help is greatly appreciated so that we can recreate something to be proud of at the Memorial Garden that pays tribute to the neighborhood and the school fire of 1908. Let's we forget!

Finally, the State of Ohio, the City of Cleveland and the Cleveland MetroParks are working out a plan for Cleveland MetroParks to take ownership of the Cleveland Lakefront State Parks from Edgewater to Wildwood. Look for continuing improvements in our parks including hopefully the rebuilding of the historic Euclid Beach Pier!

Remember, keep in touch with us. We have fun and would love for you to join us! If you cannot reach us in any other way you may always call me at the Office of Councilman Polensek at (216) 664-4236.

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2013 Classic Mixer breaks all records

by Richard Osborne

The Third Annual Vikings Classic Mixer once again surpassed even our very high expectations for support. Not only was it *the* event of the year in terms of fun, food and friendship, it also broke all records as a fundraiser.

While we're still crunching numbers for a final accounting, it is already clear that the event will net – after all expenses are paid - drum roll, please....

More than \$200,000!

Of that amount, the “Continuing the Dream” tuition-assistance drive conducted midway through the evening brought in \$135,000. These funds will be used exclusively for direct help to deserving students and their families. Last year, “Continuing the Dream” netted \$47,850, which helped 30 students with their tuition costs with an average award of \$1,595.

Overall, the Classic Mixer represents 20 percent of VASJ's annual fundraising efforts.

This year's stunning achievement was made possible by a large number of Viking alums and supporters. Presenting sponsor for the event was Joseph Scaminace '71, who donated \$25,000. The event was chaired by Mike Romeo '88, who picked up the baton from last year's chairman, Peter Apicella '70.

Pete and his outstanding team last year set a new standard for the event, creating the previous record for a single fundraiser. Mike and his team turned in another stellar performance and a new record.

Current VASJ students were a significant presence at the event as greeters and helpers. Emcees were sophomore Danielle Paus and freshman John Henry Posey. Principal David Csank introduced Coach Babe Kwasniak '94, who in turn presented the members of his 2013 Division IV Championship basketball team.

Board of Advisors Chairman Don Dailey '70 literally set the stage for “Continuing the Dream” by announcing that a group of eight “Dream Makers” had collectively agreed to donate \$65,000 if other contributors would raise \$35,000, thus creating a \$100,000 total.

The Dream Makers were assembled after Tim Misny '73 said he would match \$10,000 if other donors would “make him pay.” In short order, others said they would join the effort. Besides Scaminace and Misny, the Dream Makers included John Hocesvar '69, Jamie Myers '72, Clark Kellogg '79, Jim Zinkan, Umberto Fedeli '78 and Mike Golic '81.



VASJ's gym was filled with more than 300 guests on Saturday, April 6, 2013, for the Third Annual Classic Mixer gala, which netted more than \$200,000, making it the school's most successful fundraiser.



VASJ Board of Advisors Chairman Don Dailey '70 and his wife, Mary Jo, were event sponsors of the Classic Mixer.



There was a great presence of current VASJ students at the event, serving as greeters and helpers throughout the evening.

Bob Mullin '88 got the “bidding” going by joining the Dream Makers on the spot with a pledge of \$10,000. Other contributors enthusiastically joined in, either in person or with “designated hitters” announcing their pledges from the floor. Mike Romeo spoke for his 1988 classmate (not to mention Heisman Trophy winner and Super Bowl MVP), Desmond Howard.

The VASJ Board of Advisors pledged \$9,000. Greg Lieb '70, a member of last year's Classic Mixer

committee and an event sponsor this year, pledged an additional \$5,000.

In addition to Scaminace and Lieb, sponsors of the event included Cinecraft Productions, led by Neil McCormick '70, who also was a Continuing the Dream contributor, along with *Cleveland Magazine*, Agents Choice, Don and Mary Jo Dailey, Euclid Hospital, Morgan Stanley, PCS, the St. Joseph Class of '88, Gerard Stadler '69 and committee member Sue Eline-White.

Needless to say, we are deeply grateful to everyone who supported us – our sponsors, program advertisers, auction and raffle donors, “Dream Makers” and other donors. Their generosity enables more students to have the blessing of a VASJ education while we also maintain, improve and enhance their experience at our school.

It was great to see all of you who were able to attend. Thank you for spending your Saturday evening with us. If you missed it, see you next year!



John Henry Posey '16 and Danielle Paus '15 served as the student emcees for the evening.



The three Tims, Tim Misny '73, Tim Ryan '62 and Tim McCormack '62, take time to pose for a picture.



Villa Angela – St. Joseph High School

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Boys basketball team wins fifth state championship

by Bill Tilton

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School Coach Babe Kwasniak doesn't own a crystal ball, but he knows enough about basketball and enough about working with young men that he felt confident making a prediction before the postseason started.

Duane Gibson scored 22 points to lead the Vikings to the state title

“Duane and Demonte won't let us lose,” Kwasniak said.

The two senior standouts made sure their coach was proven right, and more importantly, they made sure the Vikings were cutting down the nets in the Value City Arena.

It was the fifth state championship

for VASJ, which ties the Vikings with Columbus East for second most among all boys programs in Ohio history. VASJ has now won state titles in three of the four divisions – I, II and IV. It also gives Kwasniak a double as a player and coach, winning titles in 1992 and 1994 for his father, Tedd.

VASJ standout London Fletcher came to the game and celebrated with the Vikings on Ohio State's home floor after the victory. Kwasniak said Fletcher's presence and the support of the fans and community captures the best of Viking Village.

“That's what this school is all about,” Kwasniak said. “We have great alumni, great fans. It's been 18 years.



Seniors Pat Mastalski, Duane Gibson and Demonte Flannigan proudly display their state championship hardware.

Duane and Demonte are 18 years old. It's special to bring back another championship to the school we all love and has meant so much to all of us.”



Members of the VASJ boys basketball team pose for a picture after their state championship win on Saturday, March 23, 2013.

Clark Kellogg addresses NHS inductees



Clark Kellogg '79 returned to VASJ to speak at the NHS induction ceremony.

VASJ Hall of Famer Clark Kellogg '79 returned to his alma mater on Thursday, March 7, as the featured speaker for the 2013 National Honor Society (NHS) induction ceremony.

“This place is really special to me,” Kellogg says. “My experience here was fantastic and had a tremendous impact on who I am today.”

Students were lining up for autographs and pictures of the basketball legend – and he took the time to respond to each and every one.

Although he has had great success in his life, Kellogg focused his message to the students on the importance of character over success.

“It's important that we all strive for excellence in whatever we do, but I think the most important foundation we can lay for ourselves is who we are from the inside out,” Kellogg says.

Character, not success, Kellogg explained, is what will get you through difficult times.

“Who you're becoming is something that needs to be a high priority. That is what carries you through no matter what life throws at you.”

The twelve VASJ students who were inducted into the National Honor Society on Thursday, are the complete package of both academic achievement and character.

Viking Views



by Richard Osborne

Let the celebration *continue*. Not *begin*, mind you, because that would suggest we are starting all over again. The fact is that Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School has been on a roll since Villa Angela Academy was established in 1878.

The celebration of our school's success continued in 1950 when St. Joseph High School was founded at our current location on the corner of East 185th Street and Lakeshore Boulevard. And it continued when the girls' and boys' schools merged in 1990.

So when our team – and our fans – returned from their recent outing in Columbus with yet another state basketball championship, it was a continuation of the tradition of excellence that has been the story of VASJ for generations.

Banner after banner in our gym celebrate our championships and our champions, including professional athletes from Heisman Trophy winner and Super Bowl MVP Desmond Howard to basketball great Clark Kellogg to London Fletcher to the Golic brothers, Mike and Bob, and to so many others that we may need to order up new rafters for the gym.

Etched into the floor of the basketball court itself is the name of Timothy D. Robertson, the late and legendary math teacher who exemplified the Viking spirit. The court was dedicated to this outstanding teacher at the request of our athletes, which speaks volumes about the priorities we place on academics.

This emphasis on academic excellence gives us still more reason to celebrate. It is why 100 percent of our Class of 2012 enrolled in college. And it is why our National Honor Society and Honor Roll assemblies are seemingly endless parades of outstanding performers.

We call our annual scholarship drive “Continue the Dream” because all of us here in the Viking Village are focused on ensuring that the blessings of a VASJ education will continue for generations to come.

We use the word “legacy” often at our school, and for good reason. I am often struck by the strong sense of connection that today's students feel with those who went before them. That is as it should be. After all, as we are fond of saying: Once a Viking, Always a Viking.

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

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CMSD's 'Parent University' inspires parents, offers free bus tours to colleges

A highlight of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District's "Parent University," is the addition of free bus trips to colleges, with a goal of helping families "see the future now" by touring colleges with their children.

Parents are encouraged to sign up for a limited number of seats on buses bound for colleges throughout Ohio to get a glimpse of their child's life beyond graduation. Parent University includes previous favorites and new offerings that Tracy Hill, Executive Director of CMSD's Office of Family & Community Engagement, says are designed to help parents educate children academically and emotionally and to help parents enhance their own parenting and life skills.

An April 20 full-day session of Parent University at John Adams will offer courses on parent empowerment, computer basics, career exploration, advocating for your child and urban farm diets, which are only a few of this semester's offerings. Hill said she expects the Latino Parent Institute to be among this year's favorite courses.

Free parent-centered workshops are in session from April 8 through May 31. Call the Family and Community Engagement Office at (216) 858-0117 to register for Parent University, or register online at cmsdnet.net. Reserve your seat on the free College Bus Tour by calling (216) 436-5369.

Early Entrance Testing for Kindergarten Ensures Best Placement

Early testing for kindergarten is one of the ways parents can ensure the best possible placement for their children in the coming school year.

Accelerated learners, or students who show signs of being gifted and talented at an early age, can learn through kindergarten testing whether they qualify for early admission to kindergarten.

A student whose 5th birthday falls

between October 1 and December 31 of the school year he or she plans on attending kindergarten is eligible for early testing. Students whose birthdays fall after December 31 with written referrals are also eligible.

For additional information go to the CMSD website, cmsdnet.net, look for ENROLL TODAY and click on the link that says "Early Entrance Testing For Kindergarten Referral Form."

Kindergarten through 3rd Grade Reading Program: Federal Grant Funds Parent Workshops

With the support of a federal grant to improve reading in grades K-3, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District has launched the Gateway to Successful Readers (GSR) program in 20 of its schools.

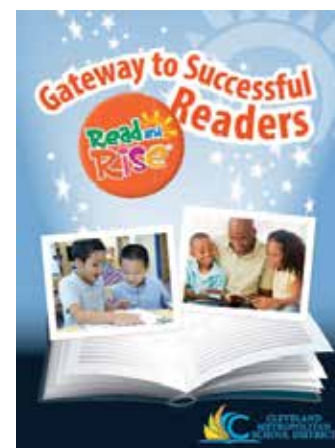
One of the strongest elements of the English Language Arts program is a strong parent component designed to extend the oral language and guided reading lessons taking place in the classrooms.

Chief Academic Officer Michelle Pierre-Farid said the monthly workshops provide fun and effective lessons and activities for parents to engage their children in reading at home and provide families with take-home books.

With nearly \$750,000 in grant funds to promote the teaching of oral language in grades K-3, CMSD trained instructional coaches and teachers are well-equipped to meet their target goals to ensure that struggling readers and, specifically, stu-

dents who are grade levels behind in their oral language acquisition, get the support they need.

CMSD parents can view their child's school workshop schedule at cmsdnet.net, and register by calling the school principal.



CMSD anti-bullying initiatives subject of repeat specials on CNN

Since CMSD's anti-bullying initiatives were prominently featured in a CNN special in February, the documentary aired twice in March, keeping CMSD's Humanware initiatives in the national spotlight.

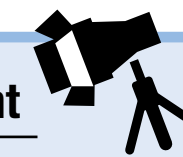
"The Bully Effect: An Anderson Cooper Special," chronicles the journeys of several people across the nation, including a bullied child, a grieving parent, a victim of violence and a filmmaker-turned-activist. It also features the anti-bullying efforts at

CMSD, captured on a visit to Cleveland by filmmaker Lee Hirsch for his highly acclaimed documentary.

CMSD is committed to providing safe and supportive schools where students can learn and thrive. A focus on positive behavioral supports and social-emotional learning across the grades is an essential part of the District's anti-bullying initiatives featured on CNN.

Cleveland Metropolitan School District

CMSD students in the spotlight



CSA bass player's passion, drive leads to European tour with Youth Orchestra

Wesley Bacon, a senior and valedictorian at the Cleveland School of the Arts, spent last summer traveling and performing in Europe with the prestigious Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra. He plans to let his musical talent take him a lot farther.



Bacon says he has learned that passion and hard work are the tools every student needs to reach and surpass his life's goals.

With the youth orchestra, Bacon, the group's principal bassist, and other music students from the region performed in Prague, Vienna and Salzburg -- three European cities at the epicenter of classical music. It was Bacon's first trip abroad.

Classical musicians don't often come from urban schools, and Bacon might not have been an exception had he not run into Dianna Richardson, music director of CSA, when he was in seventh grade. Richardson taught the teenager the artistry of the double bass, an experience that led Bacon to a seat in the youth orchestra in the eighth grade, and to Europe to showcase his developing talent.

Through his music, Bacon says he has learned that passion and hard work are the tools every student needs to reach and surpass his life's goals. CSA's Wesley Bacon appears to have an ample supply of both.

Two CSSM students admitted to Harvard

In time to celebrate with their families over spring break, two seniors at the Cleveland School of Science & Medicine at John Hay received their acceptance letters to Harvard University. Cyril Creque-Sarbinowski and Janae A. Hughes, both standouts at one of CMSD's highest-performing schools, will attend the prestigious Ivy League school this fall and will be featured in the next edition of E-Communicator, as we join them in celebration of their accomplishment.

MLK, Stokes students named Carson Scholars

Two CMSD students have been named 2013 Carson Scholars, qualifying them to receive \$1,000 scholarships and invitations to the Carson Scholars banquet Sunday, April 21, in Pittsburgh.

Kena-Joli White, of Martin Luther King Jr. Health Career Academy, and **Sherrell Adams**, of Carl & Louis Stokes Central Academy, were each lauded for academic achievement in maintaining a minimum 3.75 GPA, or higher.

John Hay hoops star makes All-Ohio team

Maurice "Moe" O'Field, a 6-foot-5 senior from John Hay, was named to the Division II All-Ohio Boys Basketball Team; he was selected by a panel of media representatives.

In February, he signed a National Letter of Intent to play Division I basketball next year at East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, TN.

CMSD students win 22 awards at science fair

Students from six CMSD schools brought home 22 awards, including six second place finishes overall at the Northeast Ohio Science & Engineering Fair (NEOSEF) held recently at John Carroll University.

Earning second place honors: **David Pratt** and **Zoe Miczak** of Riverside School; **Elijah Valero**, of R.G. Jones School; **Yasmine Sadik**, of Lincoln West High School, and **Ayee Ahmad** and **Michael Mascella**, of William Cullen Bryant School.

Collinwood High School's Spring Art Show celebrates Earth Day, Saturday April 20

by Betsy Voinovich

Celebrate Earth Day at Collinwood High School's Spring Art Show.

Student Art Work will be displayed and is for sale, \$10 for each piece. There will be face-painting; crafts with an Earth Day theme; refreshments including a Chocolate Fountain; student

performances; dancing; Earth Day vendors; community organizations and prom displays.

Come to Collinwood High School at 15210 St. Clair Avenue, on Saturday April 20 from 1 to 4 pm to take part in the festivities. Admission is FREE.

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Forum

Letter to Council President Martin Sweeney: Redrawn Lines are Unacceptable

by Councilman Mike Polensek

Dear Council President:

At about 11:51 AM, today, April 12, 2013 my office was called by Allen Dreyer, that the new ward map for the proposed new Ward 8 was available and that an email was sent to the office. Since then I did receive a hard copy of the new map. Mind you I had no input into these revised lines at all. I called Bob Dykes who said you were working on it and I called you twice with no response as of today.

To say the least the map and new ward lines are totally unacceptable. For, you have taken away three streets Cardinal, Pepper and Aspinwall, which I was more than glad to take per the original map and have added East 124th and half of East 123rd Streets, north of St Clair Avenue in the northeast Glenville area.

I don't want to think in sinister terms but doesn't Mr. Anthony Hairston, the Ward 10 Activist and elected Ward Leader, live on East 124th Street? Isn't he the same Mr. Hairston who recently pulled petitions to run for the Ward 10 Council seat? So, let me see here. In one week he went from living in Ward 10 to now living in the new proposed Ward 8. Man, I would say that that is a really strange coincidence! Wouldn't you?

Marty, let me cut to the quick since I need to say, officially, what most people in Glenville and Collinwood are saying right now. You cut up existing neighborhoods with traditional and historic boundaries to hopefully preserve Ward 10 Councilman, Eugene Miller. What you have done to Glenville, by creating three wards, is disrespectful and outrageous and totally uncalled for. What you have done to the Collinwood and Nottingham Village communities is

likewise. Do you think for one moment that the NE side of the city doesn't understand what you have done? Do you think we are that stupid? Politics is one thing but your efforts to preserve Councilman Miller speaks for itself. You did this at the expense of the Collinwood and Glenville citizens and above all to my two caring and committed colleagues, Councilman Kevin Conwell and Councilman Jeff Johnson.

Your action to prop up Miller defies logic and good public policy; for, it comes at the expense of traditional neighborhoods who have been working hard to reinvent themselves and to move forward. Frankly speaking, in my 35 years in public office I have been through 5 redistrictings. I have never experienced one so disorganized, disrespectful and so personally insulting. The lines between new Wards 8, 9 and 10 should be different. You know it, I know it and above all the people know it.

Finally, it goes without saying that I will not be voting for the new ward lines for 8, 9 and 10. I cannot bring myself to think so little of the Collinwood and Glenville communities to do that. As Council President tough decisions have to be made. I know that first hand having been there. However, when you sacrifice neighborhoods and citizens who care about their communities for pure political motivation then the line must be drawn in the sand.

I hope you and Councilman Miller both enjoy and take pride in what you have done to Collinwood and Glenville. I can assure you that the voters on the northeast side of the City won't soon forget either.

Respectfully yours,
Michael D. Polensek
Councilman, Ward 11

Lines drawn to deter participation in the political process

by Anthony Hairston

Dear Residents of Ward's 10 & 11:

As many of you know, the City of Cleveland had to re-draw the current 19 wards down to 17 due to the city's population loss. The process, which was led by Council President Martin J. Sweeney, who represents the far west side, and Ward 10 Councilman Eugene Miller, was done secretly in back rooms and behind closed doors with virtually no public input. Councilman Miller gave away parts of the current Ward 10 such as the E. 140th street corridor, where he currently lives, and the Northeast Glenville neighborhood, for he did not want to "represent those folks anymore."

WHAT A SLAP IN THE FACE TO THE RESIDENTS OF GLENVILLE! Because of this "so called" compromise, Nottingham Village has been stripped from Ward 11 and The Glenville area has been chopped up between three different council wards. The Glenville neighborhood, since the days of Mayor Carl Stokes, has never been cut up like this.

The tailor-made ward lines were truly done deliberately to disenfranchise the people who live in Nottingham Village and Glenville and to ultimately deter participation in the political process. These changes have created serious confusion and will have devastating effects on voter participation, effective leadership and the overall success of our communities. Council President Sweeney



The people of Ward 10 elected Anthony T. Hairston over Councilman Miller to serve as Democratic Leader of Ward 10

ney did not draw the new ward lines to enhance the 10th Ward but rather as an attempt to preserve the Councilman of the 10th Ward at all costs.

The residents of Ward 10 & 11 must stand together and not allow Sweeney to destroy our communities to protect Councilman Miller who has been lackluster and non-responsive to the people of the 10th Ward. June 27th, 2013 is the filing deadline for all councilmatic races. We will know then who is running and who is not. We cannot allow the present council leadership and their operatives to rip our neighborhoods apart.

You may reach me via email at a.hairston001@yahoo.com or by phone at (216) 377-9624

Kudos to Councilman Mike Polensek, State Senator Shirley Smith and State Representative Bill Patmon for standing up for the greater community in trying to keep our neighborhoods together!

Humbly Submitted,
Anthony T. Hairston
Ward 10 Democratic Leader

Lakeshore McDonald's a disgrace

by Mike Polensek

Are you tired of the appearance and the service at the Lakeshore McDonald's across from Dave's? Well, it seems a lot of people are, especially those who live in the Euclid Beach high rises. The store is dirty, the exterior and interior of the restaurant are not being maintained, the benches along E. 159 St. are missing and/or broken, and the American Flag flying in front of the business is filthy, tattered and torn; a total insult to our Veterans.

I encourage all concerned citizens to let the McDonald's Corporation know just how you feel about this operation located at 15901 Lakeshore Boulevard (Cleveland, Ohio 44110).

If you have a computer, go to: www.mcdonalds.com/us/en/contact_us/restaurant_feedback.html

located on the www.Mcdonalds.com website under Contact us and Restaurant Feedback. Lodge your complaint using the above address and send your complaint to corporate. Save a copy for yourself and email me a copy as well.

If you wish to write to Corporate Headquarters, their address is: McDonald's Corporation; 2111 McDonald's Drive; Oak Brook, IL 60523. Address the letter to the attention of Mr. Jim Skinner, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Let them know exactly how you feel.

The time is now for us to send a clear message to anyone and any business disrespecting our community that this will not be tolerated.

Naturally Collinwood

Redistricting Update: The Saga Continues

by Councilman Mike Polensek

At last night's City Council meeting, the redistricting legislation was pulled at the last minute, and an emergency meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday morning for a vote on another set of newly drawn lines, though it doesn't look like the lines for Collinwood will differ from the last change, which was last Friday. What has been done defies good public policy, logic and common sense. This is a good example of why people are disgusted with politics.

As obscene as it is, we will make the best of a bad situation, that's all I can say. This was done deliberately to hurt the Glenville and Collinwood communities and we shouldn't forget that. This was done to silence the community, to repress differences of opinion and the political process itself. Heaven forbid that you involve the citizens of the wards you represent! Heaven forbid that they have a voice!

You would not think that so little could be thought of the people who live in our neighborhoods, it's hard to imagine the disrespect being shown for our citizens.

What I can say to Northeast Glenville is at least you'll have a councilman who cares about you. You were thrown to the wind but now you will have someone who will not turn his back on you.

To our neighbors in Nottingham, you will not be abandoned. We will be standing together.

To the many that are distraught, at the end of the day, the neighborhood isn't going anywhere, no-one is putting fences around us. They want a divided community, they thought by drawing these squirrely lines they were going to get that. If we let them hack us up we get what we deserve.

But we are going to rise to the occasion and care about each other and look after each other. We need to reach out to each other and show it. We are all neighbors. At times like these we must wake up and become more politically astute and more engaged. We have historic neighborhoods, strong communities, and we're not going anywhere.

OPEN LETTER Continued from front page

heartbreaking as it is for our community and to me personally, we lost the historic Nottingham Village community along St Clair Avenue to the present Ward 10 councilman.

This loss was a result of the Ward 10 councilman demanding that the North Glenville area, east of Eddy Road, be placed in our ward, which will now be called the new WARD 8 beginning on January 4, 2013. When our voters go to the election polls for this coming September's Primary and November's General Election, we will be voting in the new Ward 8 configuration.

Could they have secured and kept Nottingham Village in our ward? The answer is "YES!" However, Councilman Miller would have had to agree to "take back" the northern Glenville area and a portion of the East 140th Street corridor, north of St Clair Avenue, which he presently represents. What I find so shocking and troubling is that here we are working to keep our community intact based on neighborhood identity and he is willing to see his own ward cut up like a Thanksgiving Day turkey. Go figure that one out! Nonetheless, the Council President supported Councilman Miller's position. Ward 10 will now run from Chardon Road at the Cleveland/Euclid border to East 40th Street and St Clair Avenue, approximately 7.5 miles long.

Regardless of what was done to Collinwood and Glenville, it is very clear that we must all join together to make the best of this flawed redrawing process. If there was ever a time that we need strong neighborhood groups and participation, that time is NOW. We must reach out to our new neighbors, presently in Ward 10 and Glenville, while at the same time continuing the support of our neighbors in Nottingham Village and continuing the progress we have made there and throughout our ward.

In the days and weeks to come, we will be discussing at length what has

transpired and our new ward boundaries at our neighborhood meetings especially during the month of April and throughout the Summer. If you wish to view the new Ward 8 and all City maps please go to www.clevelandcitycouncil.org and click under "Find my Council Ward" in the box to the left, and then look under "Proposed Wards" and "Ward 8."

The loss of the Ward 11 number, which we have had since 1981, is nothing compared to the loss of the Nottingham Village neighborhood, where I personally grew up and called home for a very long time. I call upon all present Ward 11 residents to support our brothers & sisters and businesses in the Nottingham Village neighborhood, which runs from Chardon Road west along St Clair Avenue to London Road. This neighborhood is critical to the stability of the Greater Collinwood community. Any decline in this area or lack of community support will have a pronounced impact upon the rest of the greater community.

At this point, it is too early to say who will be running for election in Ward 10. As for myself, I did a lot of thinking and soul searching this last week and have come to the conclusion that I WILL run for election in the new Ward 8. It would be easy for me to call it a day since I am thoroughly disgusted with what is happening in City Council. However, I refuse to throw in the towel and throw the good people of Ward 11 to the wind who have supported me faithfully over all these years. Just as I did not quit trying to keep our community intact, I refuse to walk away from a challenge; that being

– the future growth and stability of the greater Collinwood community.

I look forward to working with all of you the remainder of this year as we move into a new era. Once again, I ask for all concerned citizens to become stakeholders. Get involved. Pay attention and let's make the new WARD 8 the best it can be. There are only a few ethnically and racially diverse communities left in this City and we are one of them. Let's care and embrace one another and nurture our ethnic, religious, and racial heritages. We are a community of inclusion and need to be proud of that fact.

Finally, I have been overwhelmed by the phone calls and emails during these trying times. Could things have been worse? You bet. Glenville was cut up into three wards with my good friends & colleagues, Councilman Jeff Johnson and Councilman Kevin Conwell, being pitted against one another. At the end of the day though, I gave it my best. I wish to thank all the activists, businesses, community leaders, and neighborhood groups, who stood with me and came down to City Council on Monday, March 25. The outpouring of support was overwhelming and very humbling, to say the least. You all know how much this community means to me.

Watch for future updates. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call me. I may always be reached at my office at (216) 664-4236 or feel free to email me at council11@clevelandcitycouncil.org.

Sincerely yours,
Michael D. Polensek, Ward 11

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Pancake breakfast for the Fifth District

by Denise Lorek

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Rock and Roll Gallery “Space: ROCK” Opens on Waterloo

by Anastasia Pantisios

The grand opening of the Cleveland music history and photography gallery, Space: ROCK at 15721 Waterloo Road, took place on April 5 during April's Walk All Over Waterloo. Its inaugural exhibit, The Golden Age of Cleveland Rock: 1969-1974, spotlights an era when many northeast Ohio bands were getting signed to record labels and attracting national attention. The show will run through the end of May.

Among the bands featured through posters, photos, album jackets and promotional materials are the James Gang, the Raspberries, Damnation of Adam Blessing, Rastus, Wild Butter, Tiny Alice, Eli Radish, Rainbow Canyon, and Michael Stanley, along with the “Youngstown auxiliary” — Glass Harp, Blue Ash, and Left End.

All of these bands benefited from the record industry shift in emphasis from singles to albums and eclecticism of the psychedelic era, a period when record labels were actively seeking diverse rosters. Just as they were looking for the “next Seattle” in the '90s, they were looking for the “next San Francisco” in the late '60s. Cleveland was on their radar, thanks to factors like the area's hunger for new rock music and the number of former Clevelanders rising in the echelons of the labels.

In conjunction with the exhibit, the Beachland Ballroom will be hosting a public oral history taping with Jim Quinn, guitarist for Damnation of

Adam Blessing and longtime area band manager. It takes place at 2 p.m. Saturday April 20. Admission is \$5, food will be available, and the bar will be open.

Space: ROCK is a project of Cleveland Rocks: Past Present and Future, a new nonprofit formed last year to bring more attention to Cleveland music history and to support the music scene's growth into the future. Its offices are on the second floor of the Space: ROCK Gallery.

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Damnation of Adam Blessing

St Casimir Choir is Jubilant

by Nan Kennedy

The choir of St Casimir, on Neff Road, is one of six finalists in WCLV's Jubilation competition, in which hundreds of church choirs compete (peacefully, of course). The sing-off, if that's the right word, takes place on May 9 and 10, at 8 pm, at St John's Cathedral in downtown Cleveland. Free and uplifting.

Das Wird Sich Alles Finden [everything will turn out alright]

by Dave Desimone

Arts Collinwood is pleased to present, Das Wird Sich Alles Finden [everything will turn out alright] an exhibition of international artists. The German title speaks to the origin of the exhibit. In the spring of 2011, a group of international artists were selected to take part in an exhibition called The Berlin Project. The original call-out stated: 'The aim of this exhibition is selecting artists who dedicate their time to create original works who distinguish themselves through technical quality, innovation and sensibility toward the detail.'

Weeks went by and the organizers disappeared without contacting the artists or returning their fee. The artists were left without a show. Frustrated but not defeated, the artists organized themselves and set up a touring exhibition as a way of making things right. The title translates as 'Everything Will Turn Out Alright', a sentiment that runs through the project. A curatorial method of picking up these disparate pieces has allowed the exhibition to come together in new and unexpected ways that examine despondency, closure, hope, and accomplishment.

Local artist and Arts Collinwood Gallery Committee Member Mark Keffer was instrumental in bringing this exhibition to Cleveland. Das Wird Sich Alles Finden first showed in Sheffield, UK at Bloc Projects, and has expanded its scope for the Arts Collinwood location. Cataloged and curated by Christopher

L. Richards, the exhibit now contains additional works added by many of the sixteen artists to give a greater sense of what may have initially drawn the original organizers to these particular artists.

The Cleveland exhibition will take place April 5 thru the 27, 2013 at Arts Collinwood. The artists included are: Kayde Anobile (London, England), Elia Bettaglio (NYC, USA), Patricia Casey (Sydney, Australia), Yoonsuk Choi (London, England), Amanda Crozat (Paris, France), Niall Dooley (Dublin, Ireland), Lesley Joan Guy (Sheffield, England), Mark Keffer (Cleveland, OH, USA), Robert Lang (Bristol, England), Krystel Marios (Berlin, Germany), Jonathan McFadden (Minnesota, USA), Haroob Mullick (London, England), Lydia Panas (Pennsylvania, USA), Julia Schmid (Berlin, Germany), Mercedes Teixido (California, USA), and Margeret Withers (NYC, USA).

For more information, contact Amy Callahan at Arts Collinwood: (216) 692-9500 or info@artscollinwood.org



Unlikely Sun?2 by Mark Keffer



Portrait by Lydia Panas

Collinwood Arts

Wheels On Waterloo Sculpture Nears Completion

by Louis Ross

Waterloo Studios and Jerry Schmidt Sculpture are nearing completion of “Wheels On Waterloo,” a monumental steel sculpture funded by a grant from Community Partnership for Arts and Culture (CPAC) and Northeast Shores Development Corporation. The sculpture depicts five steel wheels traveling down a spiral roadway - a locomotive wheel, industrial gears, a factory fan, a 45RPM record and a bicycle tire - symbolizing the past, present and

future of Waterloo Road. The project has involved several students learning welding and metalworking skills. After sandblasting and powder coat finishing, the work will be ready for installation along the new Waterloo Streetscape Project.

Waterloo Studios and Gallery at 15318 Waterloo Road has been open for a year and features emerging artists working in studio spaces and showing their work. The studio has several openings for creative artists seeking

work and exhibition space. Waterloo 7 Studio and gallery across the street at 15315 Waterloo is Jerry Schmidt's metal working studio and gallery. Jerry is master welder and has been creating steel sculptures for over 40 years. Many of his pieces can be seen along Waterloo Road and in the Gallery. Jerry's work is in many health facilities, corporate offices and private collections.

Louis Ross is the owner of Waterloo Studios and Gallery at 15318 Waterloo Road.

Artistic Muse Gallery to host student art exhibit

by Joseph Miheli

The Artistic Muse Gallery and Neighborhood Forum located at 18322 Lakeshore Blvd in collaboration with Euclid High School art instructor, Meg Garbincus proudly presents our first student art show representing a cross section of area art students from Euclid to Gates Mills. The event kicks off on Friday April 19 from 6 til 9 pm with an opening reception. An Open House will be held on Saturday from 12 until 8 pm, followed Sunday by an open mic session from 12 till 4 pm featuring poetry, music, and comedy.

Coming April 26-28, the gallery will be hosting a special fundraiser for **Humana People to People India** featuring the photography of Halim Ina. Both events are open to the public.

Neighborhood Night at the Beachland Ballroom

by Dave Desimone

Starting in April, the Beachland Ballroom will host a free monthly neighborhood night. These relaxed tavern shows will feature musicians from the Collinwood neighborhood. The first Neighborhood Night was held on April 8 with Mike Uva and Moko Bovo. Doors open at 7:30pm. These are all ages shows.



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Nan's Notes

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by Nan Kennedy
ON WATERLOO
TOWER UPDATE The beloved/detested Waterloo landmark in front of Arts Collinwood is going to look quite, quite different by the end of the summer (quite, quite improved, we think). Sai Bondit, the inventive architect, will create an installation on the Tower by covering it in metal sheets (no small achievement in itself, the tower – although allegedly conceived as a base for art, having been constructed without provision for attachments), which a famous street artist from the Fest guest group, Zoetic Walls of Collinwood, will decorate. Suitably, one hopes – though how do we define suitably?

EARTH DAY WITH MUSIC? SUSTAINABLE RECORD STORE DAY?

How do we celebrate Record Store Day? By buying records, of course. And Earth Day? By buying only sustainable goods, of course. Which is why Troy Schwartz, the inventive owner of StarPop vintage&modern (a truly wonderful source of things one wants that once belonged to someone else) has chosen to celebrate Earth Day on April 20 instead of April 22.

Earth Day at Star Pop, April 20

STAR POP vintage + modern presents Earth Day 2013 - The Poster Exhibit: April 20, noon–8 pm + April 21, noon–4 pm (check www.starpopcleveland.com for additional days and hours, TBD). Local artists and illustrators have been invited to create a series of original environmental posters, ranging from the serious to

the absurd. During this pop-up event both original artwork and limited edition posters printed on recycled paper will be available to purchase. STAR POP's mission continues to be not only offer some of the coolest toys, clothing, music, video games, movies, books, and other pop culture collectibles in Cleveland, but to do it exclusively with sustainable merchandise.

The Poster Exhibit is taking place directly next door to STAR POP in Native-Cleveland's annex (Native-Cleveland, your source for the most inventive from-Cleveland T-shirts, gets a special thank-you for their support). You can share your own environmental message, by creating a poster to take with you or to add to the show – AND if you bring unwanted art supplies with you to recycle, you will receive 10% off your same-day purchase at STAR POP; the donated supplies will be given to local art programs and/or schools.

STAR POP vintage + modern, 15813 Waterloo Road, Tuesday-Saturday 2-9, Sunday 12-4 or call to shop most other times. www.starpopcleveland.com

RECORD STORE DAY Record Store Day, officially observed each year on the third Saturday of April, began in 2007 and has grown globally. It's celebrated with scores of artists making special appearances, performances, art exhibits, and most importantly the issuing of very special limited edition vinyl and CD releases. It will be celebrated this year on Waterloo Road, Cleveland's unique music district (two record stores plus a vintage outlet, plus art galleries and of course the Beachland Ballroom) with free performances at the Beachland and a treasury of records at MusicSaves.

AT THE BEACHLAND Keep up your strength on Record Store Day by pausing for a free concert at 4:30 pm at the Beachland – GoldMINES, Extra Medium Pony and Chin Shoda. Have a bite of lunch, too – the Beachland's new Saturday feature.

Beachland Ballroom, 15711 Waterloo, (216) 383-1124, www.beachlandballroom.com

AT MUSICSAVES Check out what was ordered for this year's Record Store Day on line (www.musicsaves.com) – but remember that what's actually in the store on April 20th will depend on distributor allocations – so you'll just have to stop in that day and see. Due to the limited nature of these releases, each customer will be allowed to purchase only 1 copy of each release. Prioritize your list, and if you're a serious buyer, plan to go to several local stores on Record Store Day. No preorders or holds. Music Saves will open at NOON on Record Store Day! MusicSaves, 15801 Waterloo, (216) 481-1875 www.musicsaves.com. Tue–Sat noon–9pm; Sun noon–4pm; Still open later some nights! Still closed Mondays!

PERMANENT ATTRACTIONS ON WATERLOO include but are not limited to a growing number of places to eat (the Calaloo at Arts Collinwood, Chloe's Kitchen diner, Blitz Barbecue and increasingly the Beachland, not to mention Friday fish at the Slovenian home and chili at the Boardwalk). And galleries – Arts Collinwood, of course; the latest Zaller tenant – Miller Schneider Gallery, and further

west, the confusing pairing of Waterloo 7 Studio and Gallery (Jerry Schmidt's long-established sculpture works) and Waterloo Studios and Gallery (identified by its Metro-style sign); Jerry's studio is identified by Jerry's crazy metal sculptures – it's less easy to miss.

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD
Ward 10 Bikeathon, May 11

The bikeathon starts at 9:30 a.m. at the Rec Center (be there at 8:15-9:15 to register) and ends at about noon at the Five Points Community Center (813 E. 152) – at which point, I trust, hot dogs will be served, although that is not mentioned. You can ask Edwin Parris at the Famicos Foundation in Ward 10 (eparris@famicos.org or 268-2138). Registration is free, of course, and a Playstation 3 will be raffled, along with bikes, gift cards and Indians tickets.

AT THE MARKET

Is it just me, or is the market showing signs of spring liveliness? There was certainly a big crowd for its French toast breakfast. Aficionados have been shopping there all winter, for spinach and salad greens, root veg and eggs, cheese and grain products, and some of the best cupcakes in Cleveland. It should be ramp season soon! Coit Road Farmers' Market Coit Road Farmer's Market is located at the corner of Coit & Woodworth Road in East Cleveland. www.coitmarket.org. Open year-round Saturday 8 am–1 pm; April–November Wednesdays 10 am–1 pm. (216) 249-5455 during market hours.

Slovenian Workmen's Home Schnitzel Dinner

by Pat Nevar

To honor Gerri Trebets and to benefit the Slovenian Workmen's Home a Schnitzel Dinner will be held April 23. A strolling musician will entertain you while you dine and the cash bar will be open. Tickets are \$12 each and must be purchased in advance. Tickets are available at the Friday Fish Fry from 3–8 PM or by calling (216) 481-5378. Dinner will be served from 3:30–7:30 PM at the Slovenian Workmen's Home located at 15335 Waterloo Rd., Cleveland.

The Slovenian Workmen's Home continues to be a busy place with people playing balina/bocce almost every day on the four indoor courts. To schedule a private party call (216) 481-5378.

Sunday dances continue every Sunday through May. Cleveland TV20 tapes some of the dances and they can be seen on their website. Bands appearing in April and May are: 4/21 Bob Kravos and the Boys in the Band; 4/28 Jeff Pecon; 5/5 Mike Wojtila; 5/12 Fred Ziwich & the International Sound Machine; 5/19 Frank Moravsek; 5/26 Bobby Kravos & the Boys in the Band. \$12 admission includes sandwich and soft drink. Doors open 2 PM, music from 3–7 PM. A cash bar is also open during these hours.



Left to right: Gerri Trebets, Slovenian Workmen's Home 2013 Woman of the Year, Linda Gorjup, SNPJ District Vice President and Stephanie Segulin, Slovenian Society Home Recher 2013 Woman of the Year and a Collinwood area resident.

Exploring Your Sixth Sense through Spiritual Development

by Reverend Tammy Hill

Some of you may know our little Church on Pawnee. We've been there over 85 years and are still going strong. An ongoing popular offering is our spiritual development classes. I call it the aeonian (eternal, everlasting) spiritual development series because learning this side of your spirit is an ongoing process.

We sometimes forget we are spiritual beings having a human experience.

The 5-part series of classes starts Fri, May 3rd and run 5 weeks from 7-10 pm. We talk about spirituality, mediumship, spiritual gifts, and healing, among other topics that will allow you to contemplate the spiritual realm.

The last 2 hours of class is dedicated to meditation, mediumship exercises, energy work used for facilitating healing through God, and other enlightenments. The class consists of beginners as well as seasoned veterans. If this is something you have been curious about for a while, please join us!

Registration is limited, please call to reserve your seat. The registration donation of \$50 includes all 5 sessions and a binder with learning materials, as well as snacks and beverages. We meet in the basement fellowship room at the church at 19204 Pawnee Avenue. If you have any questions, please call Reverend Tammy at (440) 897-2745 or check us out at our new website <http://www.MemorialSpiritual-ChristianChurch.weebly.com>. Email us at MemorialChurch@hotmail.com.

Reverend Tammy Hill is the Pastor of Memorial Spiritual Christian Church.

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