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Collinwood High School and Kenneth C. Clement Boys' Leadership Academy chosen as "Investment Schools" CMSD selects 13 schools for Phase I of *The Cleveland Plan*

by CMSD Communications

On April 25, Chief Academic Officer Dr. Michelle Pierre-Farid joined CEO Eric Gordon in announcing the District's selection of 13 "Investment Schools" for the 2013-2014 school year.

The CEO sent an email to all staff prior to making the announcement at a press conference held in the Administration Building auditorium, and sent separate emails to staff at Investment Schools informing them of the school's selection.

The Cleveland Plan requires CMSD to improve student achievement for all of its lowest performing schools within six years, and to do so by identifying and selecting groups of "corrective action" schools to receive intensive resources and supports, the CEO said.

"We chose the term 'Investment Schools' for the schools selected so that staff, students, families, and our neighborhood communities understand that we are directing resources, time, and personnel where they are needed to help every student succeed," he said. "We also want families to know that, on every level, CMSD is investing in their child's school."

The rigorous process for selecting Investment Schools for Phase I involved an intensive review of student achievement data and an analysis of the District's capacity to find the right supports for particular schools.

"We were honest with ourselves about schools in which quick, dramatic improvements were ambitious, but

attainable," said the CEO. "We drew on a vast research base in developing an approach for supporting schools and avoided taking a 'one-size-fits-all' approach to change."

As a result, there are different possibilities for how the changes will look and feel in each Investment School building where different levels of interventions will be implemented and support strategies will be customized.

In the Collinwood area, two schools, Collinwood High School (which is currently divided into three separate schools: College Board Academy, Teaching Profession, and Interior Design & Fashion Merchandising) and Kenneth C. Clement Boys' Leadership Academy are among the first 13 schools chosen to



Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, Chairman Emeritus of Forest City Enterprises and business leader Albert Ratner, and CEO Eric S. Gordon. Photo by Maria Kaiser/Cleveland Photographic Society.

participate in the "Investment Schools" phase of *The Cleveland Plan*. Both schools meet the criteria for learning institutions in which rapid and significant improvement is within reach.

Following the announcement the overriding questions included, "What does this mean for CMSD staff?"

It is important to note that CMSD's "investment" in change extends beyond the Investment Schools to

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Collinwood High School's JROTC Program gains Honors and Recognition

by Anthony Battle

The mission of the Collinwood Army JROTC program is to motivate young people to be better citizens. Under the instruction of Major Thomas Jenks (Ret) and Sergeant First Class Enrique De Jesus (Ret) cadets learn skills necessary to be productive in their communities.

March 22 was the 18th annual military ball. Cleveland City Councilman Mike Polensek attended and spoke to cadets about the keys to success and his own high school career at Collinwood, where he is a member of the Hall of Fame. Our cadets learned valuable information during his presentation. Councilman Mike Polensek strongly supports Collinwood High School and the Collinwood community.

After the formalities, the cadets were able to enjoy the ball, socializing and dancing amongst themselves.

Below is a photo of the Collinwood drill team. They took 2nd place in this year's CMSD military drill team competition.

Cadets work hard to learn strict military drills and to construct a routine for the exhibition round of the competition.

Anthony Battle is a senior at Collinwood High School and a 4th year JROTC cadet. After graduation, he will be heading off to the U.S. Marine Corps. Michael Parker, also a senior, and a 3rd year JROTC cadet, currently plans to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps, following graduation.



Pictured are the members of the JROTC military drill team, that took second place in this year's annual CMSD military drill team competition.

A Decade of Decibels: The photography of Joe Kleon

by Anastasia Pantsios

Space: ROCK, the new music photography gallery at 15721 Waterloo Road in North Collinwood, is proud to present the first-ever one-man show by Joe Kleon, the area's premiere music photographer of the past decade. "A Decade of Decibels: The Photography of Joe Kleon" opens with a reception from 6-10 pm Friday June 7.



Joe Kleon

It's an appropriate date for the show's opening. It's also his 10th wedding anniversary. And he bought his first professional quality camera to take on his honeymoon following his marriage to his wife Nicole.

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LaSalle Theater will be restored to its former grandeur as LaSalle Arts and Media Center

by Alenka Banco

Over the past several years, Northeast Shores has been working on finding an appropriate use/user for the LaSalle Theater. Recognizing that the LaSalle Theater is a huge asset to the neighborhood and the development of this project would be the catalyst for additional investment in the neighborhood, Northeast Shores has explored and entertained every inquiry and possible candidate for the property leaving few candidates who understood the full capacity of the rehab. The State of the Street address was the official announcement that Northeast Shores is moving forward with the rehabilitation plan and com-



What is your best memory of the LaSalle Theater? Go to www.collinwoodobserver.com, click on Member Center and send it in to the paper. With pictures!

munity-based use. The LaSalle Arts and Media Center will be rehabilitated and restored to the grandeur it deserves as a multi-use arts facility.

Effective-rated O.H. Perry is the place to be

by Bill Carroll

Success breeds success at O.H. Perry Academy. Since achieving its ranking as the only CMSD K-8 school in the area to earn an EFFECTIVE rating on the Ohio Department of Education Report Card, O. H. Perry has become the place to be for accomplished students.

The 7th and 8th grade girls basketball team won the Erie Division Championship. The Girl Eagles soared through their second playoff appearance in two years completing a season of nine wins and one loss. Coach Wilburn anticipates that another good team will take the court next year.



O.H. Perry Regional Champions. The Girl Eagles soared through their second playoff appearance in two years completing a season of nine wins and one loss.



O.H. Perry Cheerleaders

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Dialogue

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Councilman's Corner

by Councilman Mike Polensek

A lot of good things have transpired since my last writing. As I am sure you have heard, on April 22, Cleveland City Council passed two pieces of critical legislation, unanimously; one authorizing the City to take back the lakefront parks from the State along with Villa Angela Beach and the second was to enter into a 99-year Lease with the Cleveland MetroParks to operate Euclid Beach, Villa Angela Beach and Wildwood Park, along with other lakefront properties, as a part of the MetroParks' System. Also, the Wildwood Wetlands Project is virtually complete and we are all looking forward to a great summer along our lakefront parks.

This is great news for our neighborhood and it has been something which I have lobbied and worked for for several years. We are on the verge of not only connecting the entire lakefront but connecting our neighborhood to the Euclid Creek Reservation with a defined bike path, thereby adding another critical link to the "Emerald Necklace."

MetroParks' administration should be well in-place by July 1, 2013. No doubt it will take time to get a handle on maintenance and capital repairs. However, MetroParks has assured me that Safety and Security issues are the immediate Top Priority. This is great news and we all look forward to working with an outstanding partner such as the MetroParks System.

My thanks to all who helped bring

this about including Mayor Jackson, State Representative Bill Patmon, ODNR, and the Board of Commissioners of the MetroParks System including the Appointing Authority, the Honorable Judge Anthony Russo. This is a great victory for our community.

The rebuilding and resurfacing of Lakeshore Boulevard will start up once again as soon as the two last sewer connections are completed, one near the Recreation Center and the other just west of East 150th Street. My thanks to all who have had to endure driving Lakeshore Boulevard during this much needed sewer rebuilding process. The work on the Euclid Creek Tunnel Project is proceeding on schedule toward our goal of a much cleaner Euclid Creek and lakefront.

Demolition continues for the Nottingham Village Commerce Park along St Clair Avenue with groundbreaking for the Cleveland Range headquarters' building planned sometime in early Summer; if everything goes according to construction schedule.

My thanks to Northeast Shores Development Corporation for helping to organize a very successful meeting for the East 185th Street Stakeholder's held on Monday, April 29. The message was sent loud and clear, from not only my office but from Euclid Officials as well, that we need the merchants and property owners on East 185th Street to step up to the plate and become real stakeholders in the corridor. Only then will we see the improvements that our community has long desired to see come to fruition. East 185th Street has great opportunities and we need to maximize that potential – NOW!

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Oliver H. Perry also offers the program for Gifted and Talented students for grades two through eight which continues to perform at a high level. One of the only Gifted and Talented programs in the area, it provides challenging material to students who are preparing for rigorous secondary and post-secondary education. "It is O.H. Perry's focus on academics and social/emotional learning that makes our school a successful and positive educational environment," said principal Sofia Piperis. She cites the dedicated staff at O.H. Perry as one of the reasons students have been successful there.

Look for O.H. Perry students at the East 185th Street Parade on May 18th. The cheerleaders and drill team will be there, as well as the drum corp which seems to impress and entertain audiences wherever they perform. Oliver H. Perry is fortunate to have the support of Senator Voinovich as he helps to celebrate and encourage the students and staff year after year. Along with the annual "Molly Day" celebration that takes place every fall in the memory of Senator Voinovich's daughter, Senator Voinovich will be featuring a Bike Safety day at O. H. Perry on May 9th. He and Mrs. Voinovich will meet with the students and give out 80 free bike helmets.

O.H. Perry is a proud member of the North Collinwood neighborhood and always welcomes community partnerships because our students benefit from the expertise of people in the community. If you can contribute to the education and accomplishments of our students please call the office. We look forward to meeting you.

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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Collinwood Juice adds Southern Hemisphere pressings

by William McCulloch

Collinwood's neighborhood wine grape and juice purveyor since the 1920's, Collinwood Juice, whose regular season runs September through October, has added for the first time a second spring harvest. These juices come from the Chilean Maipo Valley which is bordered by the Andes mountains and the Pacific ocean. This region mirrors California's wine topography and climate including its hot days and cold nights.

Carl Cocita, owner and grandson of founder Nick Martino, is offering some 15 varieties of these wine grape juices including Cabernet, Merlot, Pino Grigio, Malbec, and Carmenere, but call for availability. At this point Carl says they are only selling the pressed juices, but may in the future look to import the raw grapes from Chile as well. Comparatively priced with its Californian competitors, a 6 gallon pail is going for around \$50. He adds that this Fall he's looking to be selling juice from Italy as well.

So from the Vatican, to the Dutch monarchy, to local wine production, 2013 seems to be becoming South America's year. Salute!



15741 Mandalay Avenue, the home of Collinwood Juice.



Carl Cocita is the owner of Collinwood Juice and the grandson of founder Nick Martino.

Collinwood Juice Co. is open April through May, Monday through Sunday, 10am - 6pm, 15741 Mandalay Avenue, Cleveland, 44410. (216) 451-8697.

Will McCulloch is an amateur local historian and Collinwood resident.

Global Youth Service Day 2013 was a Great Success at Euclid Beach Park!

by Stephen Love

They say it takes a village to raise a child. On Global Youth Service Day 2013, Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach volunteers learned that it also takes a village to clean and care for our beach, our park and our Great Lake!

Global Youth Service Day celebrates and mobilizes millions of young people who improve their communities each day of the year through service. Established in 1988, Global Youth Service Day is the largest service event in the world, and the only day of service dedicated to children and youth. You can learn more about GYSD at www.gysd.org.

All tolled, volunteers picked up 104 pounds of trash and 34 pounds of recyclables, painted 15 park benches after they had been vandalized and even prepared flower beds for landscaping and planting! Check out the park for yourself and see the difference!

Thank you to all our community volunteers including employees from Accenture and an especially big thank you to all the youth that came out for GYSD including the students from John Carroll University, VASJ High-school and the Girl Scout troop from St. John of the Cross! Way to show the power of youth working together to improve their community on Global Youth Service Day 2013!

Thank you also to Cleveland Lakefront State Park for clearing the beach of large debris prior to the beach cleanup and repairing the vandalized benches for volunteers to paint!

Finally, a big thanks to all of our support from local businesses like Chloe's Kitchen Diner for donating delicious (and much needed!) coffee, Chili Peppers Restaurant for providing 1/2 off meal coupons to ALL volunteers and StarPop Vintage+ Modern for donating art to a lucky volunteer from their



Jumpin' for joy after another successful beach cleanup!

Earth Day Art Gallery!

To top it ALL off, trash collected from Euclid Beach has been sorted for an art opening called 'BEACHED'-an exhibition at Waterloo Studios (5316 Waterloo Road) that opened on Friday May 3rd by local artist Ivana Medukic. The purpose of the exhibition is to raise awareness about plastic pollution and our impact on the environmental health of the Great Lakes. Gallery strollers will have the chance to mount trash to an outline of Lake Erie and over time 'fill' the Lake with plastic collected from the beach cleanups! Check it out and add a piece of trash on for yourself at the next first Friday art opening at Waterloo Studios on Friday June 7!

- Interested in learning more about the Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Team?
- Like us on facebook-facebook.com/adopt.euclidbeach
- Subscribe to our email newsletter-adopt.euclidbeach@gmail.com

Come out to our next beach cleanup on Saturday May 18th from 930am-11am at Euclid Beach Park-followed by marching in the Alive on 185 Street Parade!

And if you can't make it, we'll plan to see you on Saturday June 8 at Euclid Beach Park from 10am-12pm for our next beach cleanup!

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Hey, Hey, Hey!

by *Tonya Broach*
Spring is finally here! Nature is waking up and the flowers are beginning to bloom. So, get outside (with your copy of the Observer), of course, and enjoy the beauty! While you're at it, check out the latest installment of featured Facebook pages from the arts and business community. As always, please feel free to visit, read about their wonderful services, and click on the like button.

1. **Buettner's Bakery** Local Bakery on East 185th. www.facebook.com/pages/Buettners-Bakery/108175585890546?fref=ts
2. **Cleveland Action to Support Housing (CASH)** Nonprofit organization with a thirty-year history of revitalizing Cleveland neighborhoods through repair and rehabilitation lending. www.facebook.com/pages/Cleveland-Action-to-Support-Housing-CASH/144043172319836?fref=ts &trf=162589967102997
3. **Neighborhood Housing Services** A nonprofit organization providing programs to achieve, preserve and sustain the American dream of homeownership. www.facebook.com/NHSGC?fref=ts
4. **Taupa Lithuanian Credit Union** Local Credit Union proudly serving the Lithuanian Community for over 26 years. www.facebook.com/pages/Taupa-Lithuanian-Credit-Union/46794638247?fref=ts
5. **Waterloo Sculpture Garden** Waterloo Sculpture Garden (WSG) will offer landscaping workshops, a community herb garden, and plenty of art from talented Cleveland sculptors. This project is made possible through Artists in Residence, a special initiative of Northeast Shores Development Corporation and Community Partnership for Arts & Culture (CPAC), generously funded by Leveraging Investments in Creativity (LINC), Kresge Foundation, Ford Foundation, and Charter One Growing Communities. www.facebook.com/WaterlooSculptureGarden?fref=ts

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

Thank you

by *Denise Lorek*
On Saturday April 27, 2013, students from John Carroll University visited North Shore Collinwood ready to work. It was a beautiful day for sprucing up the LaSalle Theater block of East 185th St. After a quick tour of the LaSalle Theater these students pushed up their sleeves and prepared to get dirty at the theater and the surrounding block. Doors and boarded windows were painted, weeds were pulled and mulch was spread.
It's amazing what a transformation 20+ volunteers can make in 4 hours. The students were excited to be making a difference to such an old, historic building. Katie Spring from John Carroll and John Boksansky from Northeast Shores helped coordinate the efforts of these students. I would also like to thank Lou from Gus's Diner for passing out orange juice to the students as they were cleaning up the flower beds. Thanks again, to the student volunteers from John Carroll.

New Arts Projects set to begin on Waterloo between May and September

by *Tonya Broach*
It's official! The third round of the Artists in Residence grants is under way. A panel meeting was held in early April, decisions have been made, and the Grantees have been appointed. This round of the grant focused more narrowly on vacant and underutilized space where previous grant proposals were more focused on neighborhood storytelling and youth engagement.
To be eligible to receive the grant, an applicant had to either be a resident of the North Collinwood neighborhood or work a minimum of 15 hours per week in the neighborhood. Some interesting and ambitious ideas were submitted, but only a handful could receive funding. That being said, all of us at Northeast Shores and CPAC are extremely excited to see these latest projects come to life in addition to potential opportunities that will pop up for artist collaborations.
Grantees, Amy Callahan, Debbie Gulyas, Lea Maxwell, Ivana Medukic, Loren Naji, Jerry Schmidt & Omid Tavakoli will spearhead upcoming projects that will include mural installations that will take place in alleyways, on sidewalks and other structures throughout the street ("Zoetic Walls"); An "Alley Cat House Project" that will involve construction of 6 outdoor feral cat shelters that will then be painted and decorated by six local artists; "Messages in bottles" which will include bottles around public spaces for residents/visitors to write chalk messages to the community that will later be turned into a time capsule to reside on Waterloo for a duration of time; "Family Movie Nights on Waterloo!" Vacant lots on Waterloo Road will be used to host

East 185th Street: State of the Street

by *Alenka Banco*
On Monday, April 29, 2013, Councilman Polensek joined Northeast Shores to host the first annual East 185th Street State of the Street Address. The luncheon was held at the Lithuanian Hall located at 877 East 185th Street and sponsored by Councilman Polensek and Fifth Third Bank.
Brian Friedman, Executive Director of Northeast Shores, opened the meeting and greeted over 35 attendees. Councilman Polensek started the meeting by celebrating the attendance. Polensek stressed that the success and growth of the street can and will be positively stimulated when merchants become more involved. Also represented at the meeting were our East 185th Street Partners, the City of Euclid. Jonathon Holody welcomed attendees on behalf of the City of Euclid.
Also in attendance were Anita Gray from Congresswoman Marcia Fudge's office, Chris Warren, Chief of Regional Development for the City of Cleveland, Anthony Stella from the City's Depart-

ment of Economic Development and Wendy Sattin from CNDC.
Friedman started the presentation by reinforcing the Councilman's words that merchant involvement is necessary for growth and positive change on the street. He also emphasized the importance and responsibility that property owners have in regards to overall appearance and maintenance of their properties, which obviously includes Northeast Shores Properties, specifically The LaSalle Theatre.
In addition, private investment and new business development has started to gain its own steam on the street. Several new restaurants are currently under development. Chris Hammer and Matt Quinn, owners of Paragon in Euclid, are planning a late summer opening of their new restaurant located at the former Harland Pub, 779 East 185th Street. Also, Northeast Shores is currently working with a potential new restaurant for the LaSalle Tavern at 837-839 East 185th Street and Steve Hippen at Family Sports recently leased his adjacent storefront to Wright Health

Roof Loan Program

by *Charlie Kamen*
Spring is here and now is your opportunity to get started on your housing repair needs. For all of those roof repair concerns, we have the program for you. Northeast Shores' Cover Your Assets Roof Loan Program is back. This was a limited one year program from 2012 that we have been able to continue in 2013 with some additional funds that are available until July. This loan program is zero interest and is offered to homeowners in the 44119 zip code of Cleveland. The only restrictions for eligibility are that you must be current on your mortgage, with your taxes, and it must be an owner-occupied property.
This unique program is in partnership with Neighborhood Housing Services, who administers the loan process and approval. Northeast Shores' role is to pre-qualify the loans and market the program. The roof repairs can include roofs, gutters and down spouts for home and garage repairs. The maximum amount for the loan is \$10,000. In order to apply, you must provide documentation, full application and three contractors' estimates. We would like to reach out to seniors in particular, since there is only limited availability left in the program, though it is not exclusive to seniors.
The program is very unique because the roof loan allows the owner to have no payments until sale or transfer of the property for the loan. Since there are no monthly payments, any issues regarding your credit score, foreclosure, and bankruptcy will not disqualify you from being eligible. If you have further questions about the loan, please reach out to Northeast Shores, Housing Program Manager, Charlie Kamen, at (216) 481-7660 or ckamen@northeastshores.org and he would be happy to assist you in starting the process for a new roof! Northeast Shores also offers other housing program that can help the homeowners of North Collinwood reinvest in their Homes.

Care at 760 East 185th Street.
The presentation continued with a new Northeast Shores program targeted for new business opportunities on the street. Activacant will address the streets immediate blight issue by packaging several storefronts for a competitive collective incentive program.
Finally, there was official news to report in regards to development on the University Hospital site. University Hospital has released plans for the construction of their new facility. Euclid Hospital also announced site improvements which include resurfacing and landscaping.
Denise Lorek, Community Organizer for Northeast Shores took a few minutes to talk about the upcoming Alive on East 185 Street festival now in its 5th year. Denise encouraged local business owners to participate in the parade followed by the sidewalk sale. She reminded merchants that they can also support the event by making a donation to support the children's activity. Please call Denise Lorek at (216) 481-7660 x21 to sign up or to make a donation.

Development

COLLINWOOD NOTTINGHAM VILLAGE

Spruce up time: 2013 Paint Voucher Program

by *Yolanda Anderson*
Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation (CNVDC) is taking applications for the 2013 Cleveland Paint Voucher Program in the South Collinwood area only through August 2, 2013. Eligible applicants may receive vouchers for up to \$400.00 in free paint and supplies.

- To Qualify:**
- Must be a low or moderate-income family (call for income guidelines).
 - The applicant may be the owner or tenant, however, he/she must reside in the South Collinwood house being painted. If the applicant is a tenant, he/she must get signed permission from the owner to participate in the program.



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Rainy days and Mondays

by *Yolanda Anderson*
Collect Rain, Grow Veggies, & Save the Planet!
Free Rain Barrels Available!
Tired of all the rain? Let's put it to good use! Cleveland's Summer Rain Barrel Program provides a limited number of rain barrels to Cleveland residents, especially South Collinwood, FREE of charge.
Rain barrels collect rain water that can be used to water your flowers, veggies, and general landscaping. And, the price of rain won't increase by 82% over the next 5 years....
Who is eligible?
All homeowners in the City of Cleveland! However, there are a limited number of rain barrels that are distributed on a first come, first served basis. In 2012, 505 rain barrels were distributed.
What is required to participate in the program?

- Be a homeowner in the City of Cleveland.
- Complete required paperwork.
- Have a 2" X 3" rectangular downspout on your home or garage that is not visible from the street.
- Install the downspout diverter by the time the rain barrel is delivered. (You will be provided the downspout diverter)

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Around Collinwood

Hearts in Flight Kite & Garden Fest

by Laurie Henrichsen

When we experience the death of loved ones, we strive try to keep their memories alive. Symbolic rituals provide an effective spiritual outlet, allowing us to feel close by celebrating their lives in a positive way. That's the idea behind the Hearts in Flight Kite and Garden Fest on Sunday, June 30, 1 to 4 p.m., which will send an arc of memorial kites skyward in a colorful mass tribute over the Lake Erie skyline. The event will take place on the water-front property adjacent to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 18485 Lake Shore Boulevard, Cleveland.

The family kite-flying event will be doubly meaningful to participants since all funds raised will benefit patients and families cared for by Hospice of the Western Reserve, a nonprofit agency serving seriously ill people in Northern Ohio regardless of their ability to pay. Parking will be available next door at Villa Angela–St. Joseph High School.

- Here's how it works:**
- Donors may choose from adding their loved one's name to the tail of a Tribute Kite for \$25 or sponsoring an individual kite for \$100.
 - Each gift of \$25 will be acknowledged by writing a loved one's name on the tail of a Tribute Kite.
 - Dozens of Tribute Kites will be linked together and flown together in an arc—a dramatic symbol of hope and transformation.
 - Individual kites may be sponsored for \$100 with the option of onsite flying and personalization. Hospice of the Western Reserve will supply all of the materials needed to create a kite that says, "I remember," "I love you," or "Thank you."
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Time to bring the garden back!

by Elva Brodnick

If you've lived in our Collinwood neighborhood for any length of time, and have come down E 152nd St, past Memorial School, you will have seen that huge raised bed that is now the Memorial Garden, dedicated to all who died in the Collinwood School Fire of March 4, 1908. 172 people lost their lives that day, in a tragedy that resounded not only in our own community, but nationally – and internationally.

Many of you will also remember what the Memorial Gardens were once like, even as late as the 1960's. Sadly however, as time went by, they disappeared. In 1993, the community banded together once again, and the current Garden was created.

It's now 20 years later, and the Memorial Garden is in need of help. Much needs done to make it the true Memorial it is intended to be, and something we in Collinwood can all be proud of!

And we can all do something to help!

Things have already begun to make this project a reality. The Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society (CNHS), partnering with Memorial Spiritual Christian Church (whose own roots go back to the Fire – its founders' daughter, Laura Baldwin, died in the Fire), and the Cleveland School District (especially the students at Memorial School), CNHS has undertaken to restore the Memorial Garden. A Committee has been formed - the Collinwood School Fire Memorial Garden Committee – with a "Kick-Off" meeting planned for May 16th at St Mary's – details elsewhere here in the Observer (and we hope to see all of you there!)

This is a report on our first meeting with Memorial School Principal Lori Rondo. (And the first of many reports / articles, to keep you all up to date on the progress of this important project.) Members of CNHS attending included Mary Louise Daley, Eric Deutsch, Charlotte Iafeliece, George Neff, your reporter (wearing several hats!), and Memorial School student Mya Morris.

What it boils down to is this: before we can pull a weed or plant a flower, we need permission from the Cleveland Municipal School District to commence work. Ms Rondo will be working on getting the formal agreements we need, as well as the permission forms and waivers we'll need for volunteers working on the project. Once we have all that – we're ready to move ahead.

Ms Rondo will be taking the lead on all this legwork with the District, with the assurance from our Committee that we will give any assistance we can, to help the process along.



Memorial School Garden in 1912. Photo courtesy of the Ohio Historical Society



Memorial Garden in 1960.

So far then, we have formed this Committee, had our first meeting with Principal Rondo, and planned our first Community Meeting – and we're off to a good start. Please do get involved; every skill, idea and interest will be needed – including YOURS!!

The best news – and most exciting - is that students from Memorial School are also eager to be involved. Look for a report from them elsewhere in this Observer – and see what they think.

All in all, it was a great meeting – we got a lot done, discussed much, had great ideas. Once we have everything together, we're eager to get started – and hope you are too! Meanwhile - stay tuned for updates here in the Observer.

Thanks for your interest! See you on the 16th!

For more photos, information etc, check the Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society website at: www.collnotthistory.weebly.com/index.html. Ideas? Suggestions? Need info? Please contact the Committee at either: CollNottHistory@gmail.com or: (216) 738–0626.

Elva Brodnick is the secretary of the Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society, Board President–Memorial Spiritual Christian Church, and the Interim Chair–Collinwood School Fire Memorial Garden Committee.



Memorial Garden today.

Schools and Libraries

Memorial School Garden facelift

by Myra Morris, 6th Grade, Memorial School

My name is Mya Morris and I am a sixth grade student at Memorial School located on East 152nd Street. I have been a student here for almost three years. One of the things I noticed when I enrolled was the Memorial Garden located in the front of the building. There was a big thing missing...FLOWERS! After awhile I finally approached the principal, Mrs. Rondo, and asked her if we could start a gardening club. She thought this was a good idea, but time got away from us.

This year when the 105th anniversary of the tragic Collinwood Fire was approaching she told me about a conversation she had with a community member, Ms. Daley, who knew of a group who had a desire to improve and revitalize the Garden. Mrs. Rondo told me to get a group of my classmates and friends together so we could be a part of the effort. My friend A'ja Stacy and I met with Mrs. Rondo and came up with a list of ideas of what we could do and what we would need to get the project going. We even thought of some possible fundraisers we could have at the school.

I had a chance to meet with the community group and they shared some of the rich history of Memorial School and the Garden and what they envisioned. There is a community meeting coming up on May 16th and I along with A'ja look forward to attending and seeing a new life for the Memorial School Garden in the near future!

What's happening at the Collinwood Library

by Natasha Wells

On Tuesday, May 7 the Collinwood branch of the Cleveland Public Library will celebrate Mother's Day and Cinco de Mayo with our Madre's Day program which will begin at 3:00 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.

We are getting ready to launch our Summer Reading Club 2013: **MAKE It a Great Summer!** The program will run from June 10-August 2. Kids who participate will have an opportunity to earn prizes along the way while also earning online achievement badges. Those who complete the program will receive a voucher for up to 4 tickets for the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo on Saturday, August 18. Each week of our Summer Reading Club will feature a

different **MAKER** event. Come join us at the Collinwood branch on Tuesday, June 11 at 1:30 p.m. as we **MAKE NOISE** when we kick-off the beginning of the Cleveland Public Library **Summer Reading Club 2013: MAKE It a Great Summer!**

The Cleveland Food Bank will provide a bagged summer lunch for students starting on Monday, June 10 through Friday, August 2. Lunches will be served Monday-Friday from 3:30-4:30.

Please stop by the Collinwood Branch for more information on our Summer Reading Club 2013: **MAKE It a Great Summer!** or to 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.

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the entire District and community. It is therefore an exciting time to be on staff, not only in our Investment Schools but in schools throughout the District, said the CEO.

"Across the District we are going to do things fundamentally differently in order to drastically transform a subset of schools in a short period of time," he said. "You will hear me continually reminding everyone that **'It is not enough to become a premier school district; we must become a district of premier schools.'** In order to accomplish this mission, we need *every* staff member in *every* building to commit to doing work in a different manner in order to get to different, better results and to support our colleagues working in Investment Schools.

In his email to the entire District staff, the CEO personally asked every

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Diabetes program at Memorial-Nottingham Library

by Jeanne Coppola

The Diabetes Education Program held at the Memorial-Nottingham Library on April 13th was very informative for all who attended. Sarah Snow, a "Nova Nordisk Diabetes Educator" explained how diabetes causes a person's blood sugar levels to be too high.

When food is digested, it turns into sugar, and insulin helps the sugar move into your cells where it is used for energy. But with diabetes, sugar is not able to get into your cells.

She explained that there are two types of diabetes: In type 1 diabetes, your pancreas does not make enough insulin. In type 2 diabetes your body does not use insulin properly.

Ms. Snow handed out fact sheets that explained diabetes and how to check your sugar levels, and demonstrated how to use an Insulin Pen. "The more you know about (diabetes) the more you have the power to control the disease," she said. "Carbohydrates are turned into sugar...(so) read food labels. Eat

healthy...Be Active...(and) keep track of your blood sugar levels," she said.

A nutrition fact sheet listed how many carbohydrates were in each serving. Ms. Snow said carbohydrates should not be more than 40-50 grams for each meal, and not more than 15-30 grams for a snack.

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VASJ forges relationships in China

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School President Richard Osborne '69 recently returned from Zhōngshān, China, where he was part of a political and business delegation working to develop economic and educational ties between the City of Cleveland and the City of Zhōngshān.

"My role was to represent VASJ and the Diocese of Cleveland in exploring potential educational opportunities for Chinese students here," Osborne said. "For VASJ, the effort is particularly meaningful as an extension of our commitment to give our students multicultural learning experiences."

A pilot program for Chinese students was inaugurated at St. Peter Chanel High School this year, he explained. The program will transfer to VASJ next year after Chanel closes in June.

Osborne anticipates that three or more students from the Zhōngshān region will enroll at VASJ in the fall. It is expected that the numbers will grow at VASJ and other high schools in the diocese in the future.

The program was developed by Chanel President and Principal Sister Maria Berlec, OSU, along with Jason Lin, President of Lin's Omni Development in Cleveland. Sister Maria, a former principal of VASJ and a 1967 graduate of Villa Angela Academy, will join the VASJ faculty next year.

Zhōngshān is located in Quandong province, which has the largest population and share of GDP of all 34 Chinese provinces. The city is located about two hours from Hong Kong.

The Cleveland delegation, representing the Cleveland Chinese



The Cleveland Chinese Friendship Council, represented by Cleveland City Councilman Brian Cummins, signed a letter of cooperation with leaders in Zhōngshān.

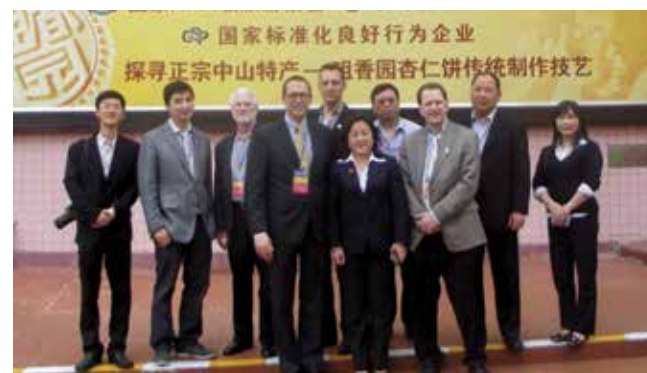


Osborne poses with students at the Zhōngshān campus of the China-Hong Kong English School.

Friendship Council, was led by Jiashan Huang, President of Cleveland Chinatown Development, and Cleveland City Councilman Brian Cummins.

The delegation visited Zhōngshān from April 13-19 and forged relationships with numerous companies, schools and government officials.

"We gained important information and insights in our exchanges that will be beneficial as we carry out the program at VASJ," Osborne said.



Members of the Cleveland Culture Business Delegation pose with local representatives outside one of the corporations they visited during their mission to China.



VASJ, Northeast Shores Development Corporation and Hermes Road Racing are excited to announce the Second Annual Escape on the Lake 5k run and 1-mile walk on Saturday, July 13, 2013.

The race will start and finish at VASJ. All pre-registrants will receive a t-shirt.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m.
The 5k run/1-mile walk will begin at 9 a.m.

Pre-Registration Entry Fee (before July 10)
5k run and 1-mile walk - \$18

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More information can be found on the VASJ website at www.vasj.com/escape-on-the-lake

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VASJ's Drama Club performs Disney's *Aladdin*

In his biography from his freshman year performance of *Godspell*, Josh Duke '13 expressed his hope to someday play the role of Aladdin before graduating. With one month remaining until he receives his diploma, Duke's dream became a reality.

VASJ's drama club gave four wonderful performances of Disney's *Aladdin Jr.* in front of nearly 500 people, including a dress rehearsal for elementary schools SS. Robert and William and St. Jerome.

A lot of positive feedback was received after the performances and many stated it was one of the best performances they have seen at VASJ

in quite some time. The credit goes to the hardworking cast and crew, including a group of seven seniors who wanted to ensure that their last performance on the VASJ stage was their best yet. And it was.

The students weren't the only ones who shined on the stage. Principal David Csank, President Richard Osborne '69, math teacher Gary Minadeo '74 and teacher Chuck Martinko also made guest appearances during the show.

English teacher Mrs. Kristen Scharfeld, Director of Advancement Mary Paxton and Director of Communications Emily Robinson, directed the show.



Josh Duke, Diamond Wilson, Nicole Ouaddaadaa, and Mychael Primes sing A Whole New World during the finale.

As is the case with most VASJ activities, the spring musical was clearly a labor of love for all those involved.



The cast and crew of VASJ's production of Disney's *Aladdin Jr.* pose for a picture after one of their performance on April 26, 2013.

Alums return to VASJ for career fair



Joseph Scaminace '71 addresses the VASJ student body during its career fair.

More than 40 alums and community members, along with the entire student body, gathered in the gym on April 17 for VASJ's career fair. Careers ranging from law enforcement to engineering, and everything in between, were represented. Students were able to visit the tables of their interests and ask questions about the various professions.

The keynote speaker was Mr. Joseph Scaminace, a 1971 graduate of St. Joseph High School and a very proud Viking. Mr. Scaminace, who has had a long and very distinguished career in business, is the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Director of the OM Group, a leading global provider of specialty chemicals,

advanced materials and unique technologies.

Scaminace spoke to the students about finding their calling and the profession that is right for them. "Not all of us are going to know what we're meant to do. Listen for it," he said. "When I was sitting where you are, I didn't know what my calling was."

Scaminace attributes much of his success to his time spent at St. Joseph High School. "This school had a huge impact on who I am today," he said. "It grounded me in my faith and taught me values that I carry with me today."

One of those values which he shared with the students is viewing every single interaction with another human being as important.

Viking Views



by Richard Osborne

Some of my colleagues conned me into making a cameo appearance in our recent student musical production, *Aladdin Jr.* Principal Dave Csank, as well as teachers Gary Minadeo and Chuck Martinko, were fellow reluctant thespians.

Oh, OK. Not that reluctant. The truth is, each of us got a big kick out of our assignments to play bachelor princes. How much the audience enjoyed our performances, of course, may be another story altogether.

Standing backstage before the curtain was raised, I was struck again with a sense of déjà vu. I had a bit part in the student musical Carousell on the very same stage in 1969.

I also was an understudy for one of the lead roles and, back then, the understudies played the leads for one performance. My singing ability was and is such that, for the understudy performance, my character's songs were cut.

There also was a scene in which I was to walk across the stage as I carried a girl over my shoulder. As my knees collapsed and I struggled to move, the poor young lady became my unwilling partner in an unplanned slapstick routine.

I bring all of this up because it reminded me how the high school experience involves so much more than simply what takes place in the classroom. Whether it is drama, athletics, Student Council or any of the other endless activities our students engage in after hours, extracurriculars bring value – not to mention a great deal of fun – that can't be graded on a scale of A, B and C.

When our students move on to college – did I mention that once again this year 100 percent of our graduates will be attending college? – and their professional pursuits afterwards, the lessons they learned through their participation in sports and clubs will guide them and, in some cases, determine what they do and how they do it.

Having parented our four children through high school – three of them at the same time – my wife and I fully understand the demands of carpools, rushed dinners and schedule conflicts that is the stuff of family life when you have a student in high school.

But witnessing the effects of the Viking Experience, it is abundantly clear that it is all worth it.

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

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member to be part of a necessary culture change across CMSD.

Changes we must see in CMSD Investment Schools

Building students' Readiness to Learn:

- Clean, attractive, inviting classrooms and public spaces
- Every adult in the school using consistent, positive language to set the tone of high expectations for everyone
- Improved student and staff attendance and morale
- Real-Time Coaching for teachers who struggle to manage classroom behavior and keep students engaged
- Extra time for student advisory and structured supports from caring adults: mentoring, tutoring, etc.
- Proactive solutions to empower students and families
- Cooperation and communication between educators, families, and providers of other student supports



Secretary of the United States Department of Education, Arne Duncan and Mayor Frank G. Jackson listen as details of the "Investment Schools" part of *The Cleveland Plan* are spelled out. Photo by Maria Kaiser/Cleveland Photographic Society.

Building educators' Readiness to Teach:

- Extra time for teachers to collaborate, learn from one another, and plan outstanding, relevant lessons holding every adult accountable for the success of every student
- Integrated use of classroom technology to engage students
- Targeted professional development and ongoing coaching on how to use available data to meet individual students' learning needs
- Curriculum and resources to support high-quality instruction for English Language Learners and Special Education students
- All-school training to deepen staff commitment to a culture of learning, high expectations, and every student graduating from high school prepared for college and career success

Building school leaders' Readiness to Act:

- Allowing principals more budget flexibility to be responsive to the needs of students in their school
- Protecting schools from unnecessary bureaucracy so that leaders can focus on the students and teachers in the school
- Expanding school partnerships that have worked in other CMSD schools (i.e., New Tech Network)
- Coaching Investment School principals in how to lead positive effective change processes
- Increasing cooperation and communication between external partners to keep every program focused on the needs and goals of the school and its students

The Investment Schools community meetings in the Collinwood neighborhood are:

Kenneth Clement Boys' Leadership Academy, Wed., May 22, 6-8 pm, 14311 Woodworth Rd., 44112.
Collinwood High School, Thurs., May 23, 6-8 pm, 15210 St. Clair Ave., 44110.

Reminiscing—A senior reflects on Collinwood years

by Arnita Washington

It feels like just yesterday I was a fourteen-year-old girl entering the door of high school, scared of the unknown. Now here I am a senior getting ready to graduate. Soon I'll be starting a new chapter, leaving my life at Collinwood behind.

I remember my freshman year of high school, people saying don't get consumed with everyone and stay focused on your main goals, so that's what I did. When staying focused, I forgot to be myself, to let go sometimes and be a carefree kid who lives in the moment. In ninth grade I was always quiet and reserved, observing everything that "high school has to offer." I started to open up my sophomore year letting people in, making "friends," and living in the moment and that got me average grades and a lot of unnecessary conversations and time wasted.

I had to find the line between focusing and still living in the moment and letting my hair down. I found out that it was a thin line that could easily be slipped on. I was determined to walk that fine line, and I did my junior year. I had to become more responsible and I became more able to distinguish the moments when I should be about business from the moments I was able to play and joke around. I started to understand the saying, "There is a time and a place for everything."

Here I am, reminiscing on my years

of high school, thinking of all my years and the different memories I have. I have experienced many feelings throughout my years of high school, such as being proud yet humble, feeling heart-broken, feeling like a nerd or feeling unstoppable and capable of anything. I remember the feelings of the first day of school and not knowing anyone and being nervous and shy; I also remember talking all class period and when you leave you notice you didn't get anything done.

I now hear from people that I started talking sophomore year and I haven't stopped talking yet. I don't regret anything I've done or said, I just wish I would have become more social with my peers and seen what they had to offer me.

As I tell everyone, high school is what you make it, don't waste four years of life just living in the moment. There will be some times to relax and have fun, but then there are the more serious times when business has to be handled. High school for me wasn't bad, of course like everyone there were things that I could've done differently.

I am content with my high school experience and all the memories and lessons that I have from Collinwood High School.

Arnita Washington is a Collinwood High School senior who will be attending John Carroll University in the Fall of 2013.

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Hannah Gibbons STEM Catapults "Defend Your Castle"

by Leora Sullivan

In April, the 7th grade students at Hannah Gibbons STEM School had a contest to decide whose catapult would launch the farthest. The objective was to apply the engineering design process to construct and test a catapult.

Students formed superhero teams to follow and complete a webquest, "The Evil Fire People Are Marching...Defend Your Castle." Through a strong interdisciplinary approach, balancing science with technology, engineering and math, they developed blueprints, measured 2x4s and used power tools to construct their team catapult.

On launch day students had to track



Students developed blueprints, measured 2x4s and used power tools to construct their team catapult.

the trajectory and make modifications to get their best range. The winning team's catapult launched an average of 35 feet. This first place team will be able to present their project at our school STEM Fair on May 9 at 6pm and at the citywide STEAM Festival on May 18 at the Great Lakes Science Center from 10am -3pm.

Leora Sullivan teaches 6th, 7th and 8th grade at Hannah Gibbons STEM School.

Collinwood High School celebrates Earth Day with an Art Fair, poetry, crafts, performances and fun!

Saturday, April 20 was a big day for Collinwood High School, with members of the community invited to the school to share in the celebration of Earth Day with an Earth Day focused Art Fair, there were poetry readings, crafts, performances, tables—including the Collinwood Observer's—sharing their good news.

Photos provided by Gail Greenberg, Librarian, Collinwood High School.

Earth Day

by Chifaun Smiley

Green as the planets, blue as the seas
Respecting the sky, respecting the trees
Beauty that surrounds us, giving off peace

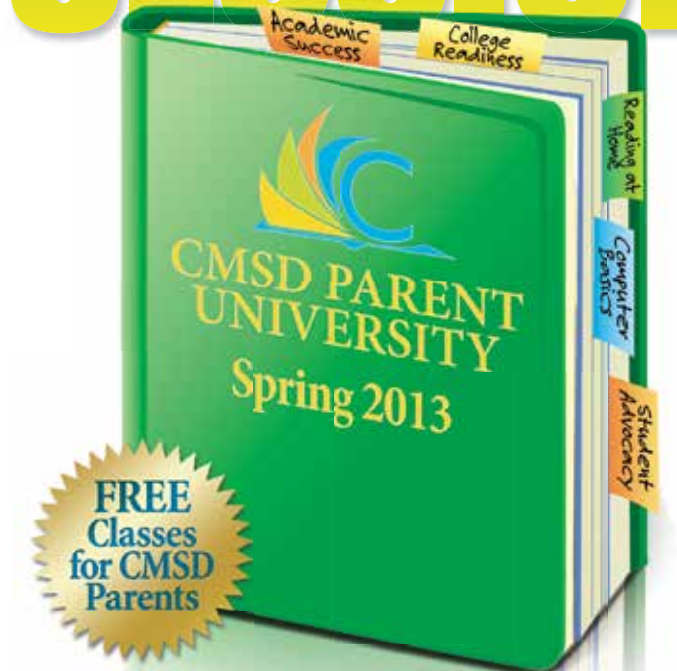
For the living and from the deceased
Loving to breathe, loving to see
Mother Nature in front of me
Just being human living life to the fullest
On days of earth, even when it's the cruelest

No planet like this
One of a kind
A place to expand the human mind
We learn something from her
Each and every day
And try to help her
In our own personal ways
She keeps green grass and sunny shores
And when we think that's it,
She brings us more
There's insects and birds
Fish and beast
Whose identity she has not released
She provides a place
We all reside
And for her
We have a love we can't hide
So we celebrate our gentle Earth
Let's celebrate for what she's worth.

Chifaun Smiley is a 10th grader at Collinwood High School. She's a member of the wrestling and track teams.



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Naturally Collinwood

Heritage Home Program Helps Homeowners with Spring Projects

by Alexa McDonough

The Spring construction season is upon us! While you are mulling over the projects that need to be completed to get your home in shape, remember that you have a great resource in the Heritage Home Program!

The Heritage Home Program is available to owners of homes that are 50 years and older. Technical staff is available to answer home maintenance and rehab questions and provide an impartial opinion – one that doesn't include trying to sell a product or service.

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Kleon's involvement in music preceded his work in photography — and led to his discovery of his life's passion. He'd been a radio announcer for 25 years, with top-rated stints on WNCX and WRQK. He also worked as sound effects tech for area Pink Floyd tribute band Wish You Were Here and started shooting them on the side. He quickly realized he had a gift for photography.

In the decade since then, Kleon has photographed nearly 100 shows and events a year. His work appears regularly at Scene's website, where he posts slide shows of his concert photos of artists like Bruce Springsteen, Judas Priest, Dave Matthews, Radiohead, Aerosmith, Dream Theater, Neil Diamond, Toby Keith, Rod Stewart, Stevie Nicks, and Taylor Swift.

Despite the obstacles to shooting contemporary concerts, Kleon routinely brings back stellar shots that capture the artist's personality in carefully observed work.

Kleon has been the staff photographer for Michael Stanley and Auburn Records for the last ten years, as well as for the yearly Kumite Classic, a national martial arts championship, held in Pittsburgh. His work has been published in various newspapers, magazines, television commercials, and CD artwork.

A Decade of Decibels will run through the end of July. For more information, go to www.facebook.com/pages/Space-ROCK/57792850565228?ref=hl

Anastasia Pantisios is a Cleveland writer and photographer with an emphasis on music and the arts. She is the director of the Space: ROCK Gallery on Waterloo.

The Heritage Home Program offers homeowners FREE advice on home improvement, maintenance and repair issues that are unique to older homes. This technical assistance component of the Heritage Home Program is what sets it apart from other programs. Now any homeowner wishing to do work on their older home can have the help and answers they need in order to get the project done properly. **Cleveland Ward 11** homeowners can take advantage of free:

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Coyotes in your neighborhood

by Claire Posius

Lately, I have been hearing more and more reports of coyote sightings all over Cuyahoga County. I wanted to share some information and clear up some misperceptions about the resilient Coyote, a mammal sighted regularly in the watershed.

Coyotes are in the watershed, but there are no wolves living in the wild in Ohio. Coyotes have a bushy black-tipped tail, overall are gray in appearance and have yellow eyes. They are found throughout the state in both rural and urban areas. Coyotes were seen in Ohio as early as 1947 and expanded into the state due to loss of other predators in the Eastern U.S.

Coyotes eat small prey, primarily small mammals such as rabbits and mice. Interaction with domestic pets does occur sometimes—your best bet is to keep pets indoors before sunset and do not leave cat or dog food or water bowls out overnight. Adult coyotes weigh between 25-35 pounds, so most dogs weigh the same or more and are seen as a 'hassle' for coyotes to deal with. There have been no known, verified attacks by a healthy coyote in Northeast Ohio on a human.

Coyotes live in family units usually consisting of 5-6, but they are solo hunters. In the Spring and Fall you are likely to see them out during the day as they are spending more time finding rodents to feed their pups. Coyotes liv-



Coyote

ing in urban environments are used to normal noises of City living and they will usually pay no attention to people. If you notice a coyote that looks sick (e.g. hair loss, loss of balance, or approaching people) contact your police department immediately.

Ways to avoid interacting with coyotes are to remove any 'attractants' from your property, by removing garbage, pet food or cleaning a dirty grill before nightfall. If a coyote is inquisitive and watching you, clap your hands and shout and it should move on. The main take-away is that coyotes are here to stay in Ohio and we need to learn to live with and respect them.

For more information and resources, click here: http://www.cuyahogawcd.org/EuclidCreekFiles/EC%20Projects&Plans_files/LacustrineRefugeDocs/Coyotes%20in%20Euclid%20Creek.pdf

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Green Collinwood

by Liz Copic

With Earth Day still fresh in our minds, I'm reminded that we're lucky to have Cavotta's right here in our neighborhood, and I'm excited to tell you all about what's new there this year. As we all learn more about the importance of shopping locally & eating fresh, we can manage both at great prices right here in Collinwood just by stopping by Cavotta's.



As we drive up, I immediately notice the new huge planter with their name painted on it out front. I can't wait to see what fresh fruits and veggies they have in the market. As we check out the local vegetables, fruits, honey, and more tasty things, we soon encounter the owner Angela who tells us we should see the new high tunnel for year round growing in the back, and say hi to the animals on our way.

We walk past baskets of flowers and amazing smelling greenhouses full of herbs, we quickly say hello to the rabbits chickens and goats, but spend the most time with the goats because the one named Lily was super friendly and loved being photographed. Then we head further back in the property past the bee hives, to see their new structure for year round planting.

Then we head back towards the front where we talk to Angela about the family business, and we learn that they have been family owned and operated for 90 years. Then we discuss putting in decorative and edible gardens and not only does she have some great suggestions, but we're impressed to hear she has 75 different kinds of tomatoes to choose from this year.

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Around Collinwood

2013 Gun Buy-Back Announced

by Sgt. Sammy Morris, Public Inform. Officer Maureen Harper, Chief of Communications

Mayor Frank G. Jackson and Chief of Police Michael McGrath proudly announce that the 2013 City of Cleveland Gun Buy-Back will be held on Saturday, June 15, at Public Safety Central located at 2001 Payne Avenue. In exchange for operable handguns or semi-automatic rifles (Assault Rifles), citizens will be given a either a \$100 (handguns) or \$200 (semi-automatic rifles) Target, gas or food gift card and two tickets to an upcoming Cavaliers and Lake Erie Monsters game. In addition, they will be entered into a raffle with a chance to win up to \$1,000. Incentives for surrendered firearms will be available while supplies last.

Cleveland Police have partnered with the Cleveland Police Foundation, ArcelorMittal, the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, the Cleveland Cavaliers, Burt Saltzman owner of Dave's Supermarkets, the Cleveland Browns and the Police Patrolman's Association to organize this year's Gun Buy-Back. "This community partnership will help us to prevent a tragedy in the City of Cleveland," said Chief of Police Michael McGrath. "This is a strategy the City of Cleveland and the

Division of Police have employed for several years. As a result of the Gun Buy-Back, someone's life will be saved."

"ArcelorMittal is proud to partner with the Cleveland Division of Police and Cleveland Police Foundation on the Gun Buy-Back program. It is a natural extension of our commitment to make our city a safer place for our employees and neighbors. After the guns are collected, we are pleased to melt down the weapons and recycle them into new steel which will eventually become consumer goods that improve the quality of all our lives," said Eric Hauge, Vice President & General Manager, ArcelorMittal Cleveland.

How to Participate:

- Bring a working handgun or semi-automatic rifle (Assault Rifle) to Public Safety Central located at 2001 Payne Avenue on Saturday, June 15, between the hours of 8:30a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- The weapon must be unloaded in a clear plastic bag inside a second container (gym bag, backpack, etc.)
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Friends of Euclid Creek seeks to protect streamside greenspace

by Barb Holtz

The Friends of Euclid Creek (FOEC), a grass-roots, non-profit charitable organization which advocates for the health of its namesake watershed, has established a Land Conservation Fund to aid its efforts to protect 20 acres of woodlands in two communities on Cleveland's East Side.

In existence since 2003, FOEC's mission is to raise awareness and preserve the natural features of the Euclid Creek watershed, which covers portions of nine eastern suburbs and the northeast corner of the city of Cleveland. Over the past 13 years, its members have undertaken numerous initiatives in support of its mission. Included among these efforts have been rain barrel workshops, stream and native garden cleanups, water quality tests, educational outreach at community events, and watershed education signage where major roadways cross Euclid Creek and its tributaries.

FOEC has also enjoyed previous success in the preservation and restoration of lands within the watershed. In 2008, the group partnered with the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District and the Mayfield City School District in establishing the 12-acre "Dusty Goldenrod Meadow" in Highland Heights - so named for the endangered wildflower which resides there. Last summer, FOEC members worked with another northeast Ohio conservation group - West Creek Preservation Committee - to clean and plant trees on a creekside property on Marcella Road in Cleveland's North Collinwood neighborhood.

At present, the Friends' goal is to purchase and protect two wooded parcels located in the cities of Richmond Heights and Highland Heights. The eight-acre Richmond Heights property is located on Redstone Run, a tributary of Euclid Creek, and is situated just south of Cleveland Metroparks Euclid Creek Reservation. By protecting the mature forest on this parcel, FOEC seeks to maintain high-quality habitat for plants and animals, and reduce erosion on the site's steep slopes and further downstream.

The Highland Heights tract consists of 12 acres of woodlands, wetland areas and headwater streams, and sits near both the Dusty Goldenrod Meadow and the Highland Heights Community Park. If secured by FOEC, it would remain in its current state, save for signage and a trail, and would serve as both a natural filter for run-off and an ideal location for nature walks.

In order to achieve these objectives, FOEC is seeking to partner financially with local citizens and businesses who share their concern for their natural surroundings. In the short term, members are attempting to raise \$20,000 to supplement grant monies received from the Clean Ohio Fund for Green Space Conservation. This would enable them to complete the purchase of the Richmond Heights parcel. They are also working to raise additional funds to secure the purchase of the 12 wooded acres in Highland Heights.

Those who are interested in this initiative are urged to contact FOEC President Barb Holtz at (216) 382-3595 or Watershed Coordinator Claire Posius at (216) 524-6580, ext. 16. Further information is also available on the organization's website: www.cuyahogawcd.org/EuclidCreekFiles/FriendsOfEuclidCreek_Support-Us.htm.

In making a tax-deductible contribution to this fund, donors will be helping to ensure that members of our communities will be able to experience nature for themselves - not by driving to a distant park, but merely by walking or biking a short distance from their own doorsteps. They will also be leaving a wonderful gift for future generations to enjoy.

Taking root for conservation

by Claire Posius

Did you know that trees provide many services beyond the beauty and curb appeal they lend to streets and properties?

One of the most important benefits is the ability of trees to capture and hold storm water. This leads to a reduction in the volume of water rushing through the gutters and pipes following a storm. The result is less investment in expensive infrastructure (storm sewers) and cleaner water when the runoff reaches rivers and lakes. Polluted urban storm water runoff (non-point source pollution) washes chemicals (oil, gasoline, road salts, fertilizers and other lawn chemicals) from hard surfaces, such as roadways and parking lots, into streams, wetlands, rivers and lakes. Drinking water, aquatic life and the health of our entire ecosystem can be adversely affected by this process.

Trees act as mini-reservoirs, controlling runoff at the source. Trees reduce runoff by:

- Intercepting and holding rain on leaves, branches and bark.
- Increasing infiltration and storage of rainfall before it strikes the soil.
- Tree roots hold the soil in place and prevent sediment (another major component of non-point source pollution) from entering lakes and streams.

Below are just a few examples of tree species and their benefits on storm water!

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Sugar Maple

12" – 17"; 957 – 1,734 gallons

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Paw-Paw

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Collinwood Arts

Collinwood Painted Rain Barrel Auction 2013

by Linda Zolten Wood

April 13th was a rain filled chilly day, but the mood inside of Arts Collinwood's Community Center was filled with buzzing creative excitement.

Donated halogen spotlights from a friend of an artist bounced off of the hand painted 55 gallon large, brightly colored, shiny surfaces, in anticipation of eager silent auction bidders, who hovered near their prizes of water conservation and artistic vision.

Local chefs filled tables with delectable party fare, and artists and their families and friends were among 70 revelers from the local Collinwood community and as far East as Chagrin Falls, Westward to Oberlin; all celebrating Linda Zolten Wood's vision for this marriage of art and sustainability.

Linda was originally inspired to create her pilot painted barrel when she received one of Northeast Shore Development Corporations' Rain Barrels from their residential water conservation program. When in use, the translucent white barrel began showing algae through its walls. As a working artist, she decided to mask the unsightly patches with her colorful painting.

The barrels are a tempting canvas: large, uninterrupted space - it was a natural fit for Linda to treat like any other mural surface; the tricky issues were protection from constant water and weather exposure.

She sanded the plastic surface and coated it with exterior primer to help preserve and protect her intricate work. Many layers of a UV clear-coating were

hand-painted to extend the life of the surface as well.

She was also inspired by Becca Brittons' St. Clair Superior Development Corporation 'Year of the ___' painted Chinese Zodiac statue artist's competition/auctions.

She applied for and received a Community Partnership for Arts and Culture Grant and hopes to raise awareness for rainwater collection and lake conservation while supporting local artists. A graduate of Cleveland Institute of Art; Zolten-Wood's current body of work may be seen at Zolten Wood Design on Facebook, and all ten barrel designs and upcoming Painted Barrel Workshop dates will be listed at 'The Collinwood Painted Rain Barrel Project' also on Facebook. (Additional support for this grant was also provided by: Arts Collinwood, The Educational Foundation of America, Ford Foundation, The Kresge Foundation, Linc, and Trader Joe's.)

The Barrels included in her auction were sprayed with 5 or more layers of UV Auto grade sealant by Michael Wyland, Head of the Automotive School of Ohio Technical College.

Each artist was paid \$400 to paint their barrel, and the hardware, labor and coating raised their value to \$550 each; they each sold for a range of prices.

Diverter kits and instructions were provided for each barrel-owner for their own installation.

The jury selected artists were: Rachel Strongoli, Marti Higgins, Michele Biondo, Scott Pickering, Christie

Klubnik, Michael Greenwald, Milan Kecman, An'Angelia Thompson, Elaine Hullihen, and Nancy Cintron.

All who saw the barrels were impressed with the outstanding level of professional work from the artists. They were a feast for the eyes, and a help to the health of our Lake. There were a few exciting bidding wars at the auction, but all who fought hard, won the barrel of their choice, in the end. The sun broke through the event windows before the bidding was closed, and the barrels shone brightly – glinting to greet their new owners.

Linda's husband, Acoustic Guitarist Doug Wood performed at the event with partner, Bassist Darren Frate. The two are award-winning, nationally touring musicians, and can be heard at: http://modernartsandmusic.com/artists/doug_wood.html

Linda is encouraging the artists to create barrels on commission, and is also working with local printer Joe Bruzas, owner of ImageMart Inc. to use the artists' designs to create a digital vinyl print with a uv coating to then heat wrap onto a barrel, for those who like the idea, but cannot afford a hand-painted piece. The artist would be paid a license fee for use of their work. See Joe Bruzas's work at www.myimagemart.com.

Linda is working to create a yearly event for this project, and is meeting with corporate partners to receive support to ensure its growth. If you are interested in making a contribution, contact her at zoltenwooddesign@aol.com.



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The hand-painted barrels were a feast for the eyes.



The rain barrels are a tempting canvas: large, uninterrupted space.

Former musician/Agora booker Buddy Maver to speak at Space: ROCK Gallery

by Anastasia Pantisios

As part of its ongoing oral history series of the Cleveland music scene, the nonprofit group Cleveland Rocks: Past, Present & Future will present an interview with Buddy Maver, a former Cleveland musician who went on to book the Agora in its late '70s/early '80s heyday. It takes place at 2 p.m. Saturday May 18 at the Space: ROCK Gallery (15721 Waterloo Road). It's open to the public. There is no charge, but donations will be taken to further the work of CRPPF and Space: ROCK.

The interview ties in with the current exhibit at Space: ROCK — "The Golden Age of Cleveland Rock: 1969-

in the pilot for Cleveland's long-running syndicated music TV show "Upbeat." He played in numerous popular area bar bands in the '60s, culminating with Charade, which recorded a single for Epic before breaking up due to mismanagement. In 1972, he formed Rainbow Canyon. That band released "Rollin' in the Rockies" on Capitol in 1974.

After Rainbow Canyon broke up in 1976, Maver joined the staff of the Agora, then located at E. 24th and Payne near the Cleveland State campus and Cleveland's premier concert club. Maver booked acts like the Pretenders, the Clash, the Police, the Ramones, Pat Benatar, Journey, and Bruce Springsteen.

Maver will share his stories about working his way from bar band to recording act in the '60s and '70s, as well as a few of his tales about working with rising acts and superstars at one of the country's major showcase clubs.

The interview will be taped and will be archived at the Rock Hall Library and Archives at the Tri-C Metro campus. Audience questions and participation will be invited following the interview.

Anastasia Pantisios is a Cleveland writer and photographer with an emphasis on music and the arts. She is the director of the Space: ROCK Gallery on Waterloo.



Rainbow Canyon back in the day. Buddy Maver is second from the left.

1974," running through May 25. That was the era in which Maver's performing career reached its peak.

Maver started playing in 1962 at the age of 15 in the Quantrells, who were featured

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Upstage Players Announces Partnership with Cleveland Public Library, Move to New Performance Venue

by Matthew Orgovan

The well-maintained, yet underutilized 600-seat auditorium located at the Cleveland Public Library's Memorial-Nottingham branch now has a tenant in Collinwood's own UpStage Players. The children's theatre company, who performed at the Waterloo District's Slovenian Workmen's Home for the past five years, made the move official by signing a tenant contract in March. Rehearsals for UpStage's 20th Anniversary season will begin at the library auditorium in early 2014.

Councilman Michael Polensek, who worked closely with both the Cleveland Public Library and UpStage Players in nurturing this partnership, expressed his endorsement of the collaboration at UpStage's V.I.P. performance of The Little Mermaid, Jr., in March. "I'm in total support of a theatre group utilizing this great space," he said. "I look forward to bigger and better shows and performances. Everyone in Northeast Ohio will know where UpStage Players is located."

Despite many successful years of performances at the Slovenian Workmen's Home, several factors played into the UpStage Board of Advisors' decision to support relocation. "I appreciate the library's offer to collaborate, as well as the hard work of

UpStage Players' most recent spring musical productions have played to packed houses every night for the last five years. This growth, along with that of the cast and crew, are key reasons for the group's need to relocate to a larger performance venue.

those involved in negotiating this move for our 2014 season, which will be our 20th year as UpStage Players. The move is a welcome one, as our growing audiences can be accommodated," affirmed

executive director, Bernadette Walsh, in reference to the library auditorium's 600 seats versus the 250-seat capacity of the Slovenian Workmen's Home. "In this way we can show our product to even more patrons."

In addition to the added seating, another attractive accommodation that the library campus offers is increased parking—at least 250 parking spaces—something that was at a premium near the Slovenian Workmen's Home, especially when multiple events were taking place at and around the facility.

"We work for the kids of Greater Cleveland," explained Walsh. "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. A new facility that meets our ever-evolving needs will go a long way in helping UpStage continue to provide a top-notch experience to the young people of Northeast Ohio."

Walsh also pointed to some new goals that UpStage Players aims to incorporate into its mission over the next few years. One goal is to lay the groundwork to produce another play or musical during the year—one that would be geared towards and include teens. UpStage currently produces an annual spring musical that includes a cast and crew ranging in ages from 5 to 15. They also maintain an improvisational troupe, an adult murder mystery fundraising group and a Kiwanis of Cleveland Builder's Club.

Now that UpStage is approaching its 20th year of existence, the group has also increasingly looked to the alumni of the organization to get more involved, both financially and

as collaborators and volunteers. "With additional seating and a larger facility, we can now plan homecoming extravaganzas to coincide with performances, as well as work to introduce our current participants to our alumni. We hope that experiences like these will enhance our current group's overall experience, as well as bring back memories for former cast and crew members, while also allowing our staff and volunteers to catch up with them," said Walsh.

UpStage Players and the Cleveland Public Library are natural collaborators, as both organizations have goals that concern the welfare of children and adults. "This combination is a win-win for all who take the stage, sit in the audience and help support either the library system or UpStage Players," added Walsh.

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 in 1994–1995 with 30 children and a vision to create love and respect for the performing arts. Beyond evolving into a strong "teaching theatre" organization 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. The children of UpStage Players come from varied backgrounds and neighborhoods throughout Northeast Ohio, yet they all enjoy a demonstrable transformation from everyday kids into accomplished artists. For more information, or to get involved with UpStage Players, visit www.upstageplayers.com.

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Nan's Notes

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by Nan Kennedy
AT ARTS COLLINWOOD IN THE GALLERY

“SCIENCE REDEFINING ART; ART RE-DEFINING SCIENCE”

Artist Lecture May 16, 6pm. Biomedical Art is more than just the sign at the crossroads of art and science. It is the fusion of content and visual display of scientific information. The 2013 graduating Biomedical Art class at the Cleveland Institute of Art is inspired by the sciences such as anatomy, medicine, biology, anthropology, and zoology, among other diverse areas. The students participating are: Josh Maxwell, Derrick Nau, Jennifer Kerbo, Alyssa Oglesbee, Jeremy Miller, Mark Stradiot, Julianne Pasini, Carly Bartel, Carolyne O’Ryan.

THE SILVER KEYS PLAY AMERICAN FOR MOTHERS’ DAY

Sunday May 12 The Music for Miles (M4M) chamber concert series at Arts Collinwood makes its last presentation of the season on Sunday May 12 – Mothers’ Day. The concerts will begin again in September, after a summer break. The Silver Keys Clarinet Quartet will celebrate that very American holiday – Mothers’ Day – with selections from American composers. The Callaloo Café will offer a discount on meals for mothers, and a free Fuzzy Shark cocktail (bright blue, flavored with coconut, obtainable with or without alcohol. Mom will love it. Really.) The concert will start at 4 pm and run for about an hour and a half. William Meyer, Emily Lada, Lindsay Charnofsky and Victoria Marra are all veteran performers; they have appeared with Cleveland Ballet, Opera Cleveland, the Blossom Festival Band, Red (an orchestra) and CityMusic, in venues from Severance Hall to the Rock Hall. And for Mothers’ Day, they’ll play some Gershwin, some Mancini, some Sousa and some others – plus leading a singalong of the classic “Take Me Out to the Ballgame.”

MURALS AND MORE MURALS

That guy with the hammer and pliers (I think pliers? Handymen, correct me if I’m wrong.) who has appeared on the side of a building on Waterloo – he symbolizes “a person of European heritage who might have been a resident of Collinwood” -- a railway builder, maybe? And the crowd of people are workers, with whom the artist, Nicolas Romero of Buenas Aires, strongly identifies. (Well, he’s South American, so he’s either one with the workers or one with their oppressors.) The bright colors and streaming eyes are Romero signature touches. www.graffitimundo.com/artists/ever/

BRITISH ARTIST JOHN BURGERMAN

Mural Painting May 11-14 Lecture, 8pm, May 11 Internationally exhibited and award winning artist Jon Burgerman has built a strong reputation through his unique and colorful artworks of swooping, intertwining lines and hyper-emotional – and very

cartoon-y – characters, in drawings, paintings, prints, animation, large scale murals and toy design. John will paint either the Tower or a wall, depending on which is ready first, and crowds are welcome to stand around watching him. Then he’ll discuss his practice in a gallery talk, explaining why play is vital when working and why it’s good to be an amateur sometimes. This along with distractions, diversions, influences and salads will all be delivered wrapped up in his wry sense of humor and British sense of self-deprecation. (Viewing Mr Burgerman’s work on-line, I was a little startled to see that he has pieces in the Victoria and Albert and the Science Museum in South Kensington. I’ll bet Victoria would not be amused.)

ZOETIC WALLS

Memorial Day Weekend All weekend long be sure to check out Hygienic Dress League as they transform another wall on Waterloo Road as part of the Zoetic Walls Project. Invented by artists Steve and Dorota Coy as a duly registered corporation and an ongoing art project – the project is a way to explore issues connected with the branding and marketing that permeate American life. It’s a company that manufactures nothing but its own hype in the form of paintings on buildings, and some of those buildings will be on Waterloo. Visits to the associated Web sites uncovered enormous, detailed paintings, begging for analysis – these should keep walkers on Waterloo occupied for quite some time.

RUSTBELT REVIVAL TOUR, May 24-25

Readings from Rust Belt Chic in the Callaloo Café, Friday, May 24, 6-7pm Movie screening followed by informal discussion. May 24, 8-9:30pm Ray McNiece’s Artist in Residence Program Saturday, May 25th, 4pm Screening of Red, White and Blue Prints, discussion with Director Jack Storey. May 25, 7pm Independent Pictures presents Little Shop of Horrors and B movie shorts. May 25, 9:30 pm. These movies will be shown outdoors so bring a blanket or lawn chair.

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FROM NORTHEAST SHORES

Call Camille if you’re interested in a really cheap house. Call Denise if you’d like to be part of the Alive on E185 event – business owners are being encouraged to put out goods garage-sale style. Merchants used to have sidewalk sales all the time; there’s something about that presentation that convinces me everything is going to be a great bargain.

Alan Glazen produced no new thrills, but did reveal that his dad was raised here (in my experience, 70% of the city of Cleveland was raised in Collinwood, or at least had grandparents here; it must have been very crowded back then). He has invested \$300,000 in Waterloo so far, is renovating the Harbor Pub and is on course to put in the million that he first announced – it helps that Terry Stewart and Crop Bistro’s Steve Schimoler are partnering with him. The Lightswitch will be flipped in March 2014, after the streetscape has been finished, with a BIG event. And he’d love to buy Fanny’s, if its multi-lot ownership could be sorted out, for a hostel with retail.

TALK TO THE METROPARKS

Please take the MetroParks Lakefront survey and let them know your feelings about the Lakefront Parks. The survey takes less than 5 minutes. Please feel free to pass this survey along to your friends and family. www.survey-monkey.com/s/CLELakefront

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Mary Louise is looking for crossing guards at Neff & Lakeshore Boulevard, Midland & East 162 Street. Call her for hours and pay.

EMS UNIT HAS MOVED

As part of the integration of fire and EMS services, the Euclid Hospital EMS unit has moved to Fire Station No. 40 at 18930 St Clair, and the engine company at the station has been upgraded to provide advanced life support care – in other words, paramedic firefighters now have the certification, knowledge and equipment to provide the same level of pre-hospital advanced life support as EMS ambulance crews. The move will have no impact on patient transports to Euclid Hospital, and the upgrading of the fire engine at Station No. 40 will greatly enhance the response time for advanced care – meaning you’ll get ER-quality treatment on your way to the hospital. Three other EMS units have been co-located in fire stations, and the city has added three ambulances.

First Organizational Meeting for the New Collinwood School Fire Memorial Committee, May 16

by Mary Louise Jesek-Daley
Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society and Memorial Spiritual Christian Church will sponsor the meeting held on Thursday May 16 at 6:30 at the St. Mary’s, 15519 Holmes Ave, Cleveland. Many volunteers are needed to make this project work. Any expertise and enthusiasm will be greatly appreciated. Help pay tribute to the neighborhood and the Collinwood School Fire of 1908. For more info contact CNHS at CollNottHistory@gmail.com, or (216) 738-0626. www.collnotthistory.weebly.com/calendar.html.

Horoscopes

by John Kompier

Taurus (April 20- May 20): There is a friend who wants to talk to you. Why do you keep ignoring him? Expect a decrease or an increase in your popularity this month. Either. We’re not sure yet. Lucky number 3.

Gemini (May 21- June 20): You’re too loud. Stop yelling. Watch less TV. Stop leaving your stuff all over the floor; I’ve already hurt my foot twice. Lucky number 666.

Cancer (June 21- July 22): Stop harassing people. You give them headaches. Take a break from stressing out. You think that’s, like, totally bogus, dude. Lucky number 1972.

Leo (July 23- Aug. 22): Leave Me Alone. You’ll be Electrocuted. Do you know anybody you call Disdainful Eric? Just remember to Believe In Yourself. Lucky letters VT.

Virgo (Aug. 23- Sept. 22): Play guitar. If you don’t know how, learn. Take a break from work. You will be hypnotized into believing Elvis is King. Your aim is true. Lucky number 1977.

Libra (Sept. 23- Oct. 22): You’re a whizz kid walking with a mountain. Do the honaloochie boogie, but no violence. If you were born late ‘58, you are one of the boys. Lucky person Ian Hunter.

Scorpio (Oct. 23- Nov. 21): Read the comics section. Or just any comics. They will cheer you up. Lucky letters xkcd.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22- Dec. 21): Hi Grandma!

Capricorn (Dec. 22- Jan. 19): Rose is cool and you know it. Don’t let anybody else tell you otherwise. Get some work done. You are amazing. Boo-yaa. Lucky animal goat.

Aquarius (Jan. 20- Feb. 18): Look out at the waves. They’re so pretty. Your horoscope today is sponsored by water. Soak it up. Lucky element water.

Pisces (Feb. 19- March 20): Everyone does too remember your birthday, it was supposed to be a surprise. Who knew you’d be on that mystery date? We were waiting. Lucky letter H(a Ha).

Aries (March 21- April 19): You want your old Mott The Hoople CD back. You are unaware that the person who took it is closer than you think, just waiting to take more albums from you. Lucky number 2.

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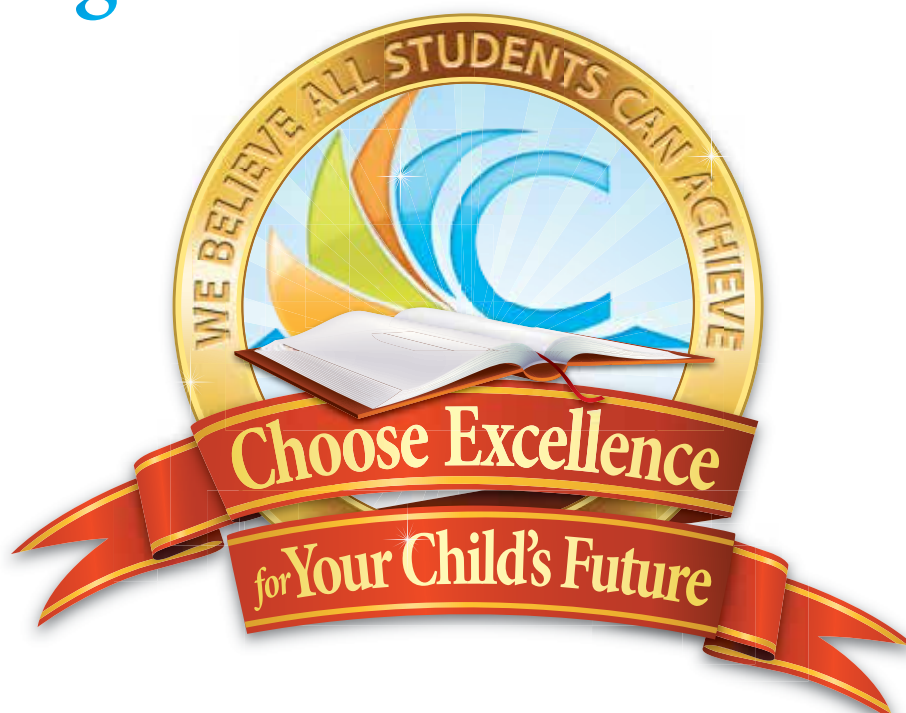
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