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Welcome to Cleveland changes perceptions and wows visiting artists

by Tonya Broach

Did you ever have a secret that you just couldn't keep to yourself and wanted to tell everybody? Well, so do we! Some of you, of course, already know the secret – that our city and our neighborhood have a thriving arts scene and wonderful opportunities for artists. Now, thanks to the fun-filled Welcome to Cleveland Weekend, it's not a secret anymore.

From August 1 through 4, ten attendees from Atlanta, Boston, New York and other locations around the nation had the chance to come together and celebrate what both North Shore Collinwood and Cleveland has to offer them ... and all at a ridiculously low cost! Hotel accommodations, ground transportation and meals were included, along with opportunities to check out some of Cleveland's most artist-friendly neighborhoods, including our own. To add to the experience, they were able to meet and network with a wide range of fellow creative spirits that lent their



Welcome to Cleveland Weekend participants wrap up their stay on the famed stage of the Beachland Ballroom.

voices and insights about what makes our community such a great place.

The much anticipated event was co-hosted by Northeast Shores Development Corporation and the Community Partnership for Arts and Culture and was designed for artists considering a move to Cleveland. Visitors enjoyed a three-night stay at the Hyatt Regency

Hotel inside of the historic Arcade downtown. Weekend highlights included guided tours of Cleveland's premiere artist neighborhoods and institutions, behind-the-scenes access to some of Cleveland's great cultural

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North Shore Collinwood artist Michael Loderstedt gives Welcome to Cleveland participants a glimpse of his backyard garden.

“Can you hear us now?” Four Clevelanders set out to change Talk Radio

by Darece Daniels

In early 2013, when Collinwood resident Darvio “The Kingpin” Morrow and Brittany Williams had a downtown meeting with executives from Salem Communications-owned WHK-AM, they had no idea that this would lead them down the path of potentially changing talk radio in Cleveland – and the nation.

“I was originally supposed to be working with someone else,” said Darvio. “I had known Brittany a little bit from some mutual friends we had, but we weren't really close at all at the time. So the two of us were in this meeting, and I was thinking that I was going to be working with someone else and that Britt was just the conduit, and all of a

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The co-stars of The Avenue: from left to right, “THE” Andre Cato, Doug Magill, Brittany Williams and Collinwood resident Darvio “The Kingpin” Morrow.

Keep our libraries open

by Nan Kennedy

Want to help keep Emma's library open? My friend Joyce is looking for a little help: On November 5, the Cleveland Public Library will be placing a 5-year, 5.8 mil renewal levy on the ballot. This money makes up almost half of the Library's operating budget, and if it doesn't pass, many of the Library's 27 branches will have to close.

We've already lost a branch in the neighborhood, when Memorial and Nottingham were replaced by Mem-Nott, and losing either that one or the Collinwood branch on E.152 would be a serious downer.

Keep in mind: this is a renewal; if it passes, homeowners won't have to fork out any more than they're paying now. If it fails, and your house is assessed at \$100,000, you'll save \$177.63 per year (which I calculate to be \$14.80 per month) but my granddaughter Emma (who has just reached the magic age at which she's allowed to ride her bike to the library All Alone – albeit with guardians checking her along the way) may have no library to go to. Not to mention Jane, who has started kindergarten and is approaching the even more magic age when the chicken scratches turn into information. Not to mention the many parents and grandparents who use the library as a tutoring site, and the users of all ages who fill the computer seats and check out bags full of movies and books.

Library levies often pass, but this one will be at the end of a ballot stuffed with other important issues, and voters get ballot fatigue.

So—would you like to help with phone banks or canvassing? Or put yard signs up? Get in touch with Joyce at joycedodsrill@sbcglobal.net, or go to the campaign website at www.supportclevelandlibrary.com.

Bumper apple crop at Coit Rd Farmers' Market

by Joe Jerdonek

Each Saturday starting at 8 am you'll find many varieties of apples at The Coit Rd Farmers' Market from Pleasant Valley Farm in Willoughby, Ohio. This year is yielding a bumper crop as compared to the crop damaged by frost last year. You'll find apples at very reasonable prices in quantities from a few apples to peck sizes.

You'll also find a variety of fruits and vegetables from as many as 8-10 other farms including greens, lettuce, peas, beans, beets, garlic, onions, tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, peppers, and mushrooms. Bakery, cheese and free range eggs are also available.

The annual Coit Road Farmers' Market's Taste of Autumn Benefit will be Monday, September 9, 6–9PM at the Beachland Ballroom. The event hosted by Fred Griffith of Good Morning Cleveland features live music by Albert Dennis & friends and a local harvest buffet from area farmers prepared by the region's finest chefs. Tickets for \$35 are available at the market at 15000 Woodworth Road or at www.coitmarket.org.

Ohio Direction Card Users get \$10 in additional tokens to spend for the first \$10 charged to the card. WIC coupons will be distributed at the Coit Rd Market on Saturdays, September 7 and October 5 from 9–11AM and Wednesdays, September 18 and October 16 from 10AM–12PM. The market is open Saturdays 8AM–1PM and Wednesdays



Sweet corn is in! Along with with a lot of other fresh crops. If you've never been to Coit Rd Farmers' Market— this is the time to go.



So many to choose from! Shoppers check out the bumper crop of apples from Pleasant Valley Farm.

10AM–1PM. Call (216) 249-5455 or go to www.coitmarket.org for additional information.

Dialogue

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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.

Councilman's Corner

by Councilman Mike Polensek

I wish to thank all the residents who attended East 185th Street Block Watch Meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 with regard to the severe basement flooding we experienced in the community following the July 20th Storm event. We had a great turnout and my sincere thanks to the Department of Public Utilities and the Northeast Regional Sewer District (NEORS) officials who came to the meeting and made presentations and took questions from concerned residents.

We learned a lot and I appreciate the projects that have been completed to date and the new capital improvements in the works designed to help alleviate such problems in the future. However, we also learned that should we get another such storm, between 4"-6" of rain, there is no doubt that the local sewer system cannot take that massive flow and therefore, we will experience flooding once again. I urge all residents to check your homeowner's insurance policy to make sure you are covered for storm-related sewer back-up damages into your basement. This is the only way to really safeguard your home and personal belongings in the future.

I want to thank everyone for their patience and support for the Waterloo Road Streetscape Project which is now underway. This \$5.5 million project is designed to reinvent the Waterloo Arts & Entertainment District. This project has been in the works for a long time and will recreate that historic village concept that we have advocated for years. In addition, the rebuilding of Lakeshore Boulevard, from East 146th Street to East 171 Street, will begin again shortly since NEORS has completed the necessary underground work in that area.

Regarding the MetroParks, they continue to address maintenance and safety issues. My sincere thanks, on behalf of the community, for all the work they have done to date. The Cleveland Range/Manitowoc Headquarters of the Americas project on St Clair Avenue in the Nottingham Village neighborhood is going great. My sincere thanks for their investment in our ward.

All registered voters should be receiving a card in the mail from the Board of Elections as to what their new Voting Precinct will be and if there is a change in your voting location. Voters in the new Ward 8, formerly Ward 11, will not have a Primary Election. Voters in the new Ward 10 (especially a reminder to Nottingham Village area) DO have a Primary Election on Tuesday, September 10th. If you have any questions regarding this please call the BOARD OF ELECTIONS at (216) 443-3200.

Finally, in the early morning hours of August 14th, Mr John Rager, a 47-year old mentally challenged resident of our ward, was viciously attacked on his way home from work and nearly left for dead in Ward 10 on East 152 Street near the East Cleveland line. Cleveland Police are actively

FROM THE PUBLISHER: We do not have reporters

by John Copic

My neighbor called me last week and told me I had to assign a reporter to cover a story for the Collinwood Observer. This made me realize that there are still people in the neighborhood that do not know how our paper works.

All the stories that are in the Observer are written by people in the neighborhood. We do not have reporters. We are blessed with concerned citizens who research, write, and submit the stories to our website.

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By mail, send stories and (copies of) photos to: Collinwood/Euclid Observer, 650 E. 185th St. Cleveland, OH 44119.

Fear Confections/Simply Sweet: A Sweeter 185th Street

by John Copic

A very unique shop has opened on East 185th St. Cassandra Fear, owner of Fear's Confections and Renee O'Neal owner of Simply Sweet have combined their talents to open up a unique coffee and sweets shop. The shop is located at 818 E. 185 street across from the LaSalle Theatre. The coffee is excellent. It is a unique blend roasted specially for this shop by Troubadour Coffee on Lorain Rd. The ladies have done a wonderful job of remodeling and have added comfortable chairs. Free Wifi is available.

The reason you must stop in and visit is the sweets. Cassandra's specialty is the chocolates and brownies. There are many unique flavors. My daughter, who is a lifelong candy-maker, describes the caramels as, "magical." Renee's specialty is the cupcakes, muffins, and cookies. There are many different sizes and the different inspired flavors change daily. I have done my best to personally sample everything they make many times. I give it my highest recommendation.

If you are in need of the perfect personal or corporate gift, consider sending a combination of their delectable items. Their very unique space is also available for rent for corporate and personal parties.

They are open Monday thru Friday from 7:30am to 5pm and Saturday and

investigating this attack. There has been a Reward Fund established for anyone with information leading to an arrest and conviction of the monsters who perpetrated this heinous crime. Anyone wishing to help John and his wife, DeeDee, can make a donation to the "John Rager Victim's Fund" at any KeyBank branch. Our community's prayers are with him and his family in this hour of need.

Remember that school has already begun for our local children. So, please be extra diligent when driving through school zones and keep a watchful eye on all of our children walking to and from school. Remember, attentive and nosy neighbors make for a better and safer neighborhood.

Enjoy the end of summer and the warm September weather.



On the left is Renee and on the right is Cassandra - workers of Magic

Sunday from 8:30am to 5pm. You can contact them at (216) 481-0888.

The next time you are traveling on E. 185th St., stop into Fear Confections/Simply Sweet. You will be happy you did.

Don't forget to vote.
Tuesday, September 10



Mayor Jackson is up for re-election this Fall. His challenger is Ken Lanci. There are 4 candidates running for Council in the primary in South Collinwood's Ward 10, including current Councilmen Eugene Miller and Jeff Johnson. Ward Eleven, now Ward Eight Collinwood Councilman Mike Polensek is running unopposed.

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Straight talk about enrolling in the Health Insurance Marketplace

by Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge

Beginning in 2014, millions of Americans will have access to affordable, quality health insurance through the Affordable Care Act. They will be able to compare health plans through the Health Insurance Marketplace created by the health reform law. Consumers will find various plan options available in their state in simple, easy-to-understand language. Individuals will be able to enroll beginning on October 1 of this year. (If you obtain insurance through an employer or a government program such as Medicare or Medicaid, you do not need to enroll through the health exchange.)

I know that many of my constituents have questions about the enrollment process, the types and cost of coverage that will be available and many other aspects of this phase-in of the health reform law, more commonly known as Obamacare. It's unfortunate however, that critics of Obamacare have gone out of their way to spread misleading information, use fuzzy math or omit important details to create fear and confusion. That's a disservice to the people I represent. My goal is to help ensure that our hardworking families and individuals have accurate information and know where to find it.

An example of misleading information can be found in the recent news release issued by the Ohio Department of Insurance. It announced that average premiums in Ohio will increase 41% next year as a result of the Affordable Care Act. That's technically true but in practical terms, meaningless. Consumers will not pay an average based on all levels of plans available. It's like averaging the price of a budget compact car with a high end luxury SUV. If you're in the market for a low cost car, you're not paying anywhere near the "average."

In the Health Marketplace, consumers will have an option to purchase insurance in four different levels to best meet their needs and budget. They may opt for lower monthly premiums (with higher deductibles) or pay more per month but face smaller out-of-pocket costs if a major medical expense does occur. A number of states that have worked hard to implement the law smoothly are reporting premiums will cost less in 2014 than what is currently available. In New York, not only will new insurers be entering the market to offer plans to consumers, the cost for even the most comprehensive plans will be down by over 50% according to the state. In Nevada, a young person can buy a catastrophic plan for less than \$100.

It's also important to note that Ohio permitted insurers to sell bare bones policies that had glaring loopholes in coverage. They may have lacked maternity coverage, were available only to men (until Obamacare, health insurers were free to charge women more) or were not available to someone with a pre-existing condition. In 2013, all plans must offer a more comprehensive suite of benefits, preventive care services and include prescription drug coverage.

The Ohio Department of Insurance also glossed over the fact that more than 80% to 90% of Americans eligible to purchase insurance on the Health Marketplace will qualify for tax credits which will make the cost of coverage even more affordable. These tax credits, or subsidies, will lower the cost for an estimated 915,000 Ohioans in 2014. They will be available on a sliding scale based on income and family size, up to 400% of the federal poverty line (which is approximately \$45,000 per year for an individual and \$94,000 for a family of four). Now doesn't that seem worth mentioning?

In many cases, consumers will be able to choose their doctor or keep one they like. That ability may depend on the level of plan they purchase. In some existing health plans, freedom of choice is already limited depending on which physicians are in a plan's provider network. It simply isn't true that Obamacare automatically removes that ability to choose a physician in every case. If you would like more information on the Health Insurance Marketplace, I encourage you to contact the official U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website, Healthcare.gov. Consumers will be able to enroll directly through that website or by phone. The toll-free hotline number is 1 (800) 318-2596. Please keep in mind that they are set up to provide information at this time but the ability to enroll will not begin until October 1.

Constituents in the 11th Congressional District are also welcome to call my district offices with any questions about the Marketplace or any other aspect of the health care law's implementation; Cuyahoga County District Office: (216) 522-4900, Summit County District Office: (330) 835-4758.

Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge represents the Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio, a diverse district that encompasses 32 communities in Northeast Ohio from Cleveland to Akron. Elected to a third full term in 2012, she currently serves on the Agriculture and the Education and the Workforce Committees in the U.S. House of Representatives.



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Development

NORTHEAST SHORES

My Summer at Northeast Shores

by Mylonne Sullivan

Going into my junior year of college and only having one internship under my belt, I thought it would be important to gain more experience. I stumbled upon Northeast Shores Development Corporation through a program called Project Affinity at my school, Baldwin Wallace University. From my initial interview with Executive Director Brian Friedman, I knew I would have an interesting experience at Northeast Shores. I must say that of the ten internships that I had an informational interview with, he was the only one who honestly stated that he didn't know what I would be doing if I became an intern here. That intrigued me. He explained to me that it was based upon what I wanted to accomplish and what type of experience I wanted to get out of the internship. It surprised me that I had a choice in what I would be doing, because most internships already have a set agenda for interns.

I remember my first day very vividly. The excitement and nervousness is inevitable starting any new position for anyone, but I recall the excitement more so than the nervousness. I remember walking through the front doors, being greeted by everyone, and being asked by another intern, "Are you ready?"

This was my first day, so of course I thought he was talking about completing work that needed to be done. Granted it was nine o'clock in the morning, but I knew when I walked in that I needed to be prepared to begin on any work that was given to me. I later found out that he was referring to heading to a Community Development Corporation (typically referred to as a CDC in this industry) Intern workshop. At that point, I might add I was really excited! "Yes, I'm ready," I replied. Being able to go to workshops and trainings with people who are actually working in the community development field was an awesome and entertaining experience to say the least. That same day I was taken out to lunch (everyone was made to come to lunch, thanks to the Executive Director). I brought a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, so boy was I glad when they told me this is how they greet their interns.

As I began to get acquainted with everyone, I learned that my immediate supervisors would be Camille Maxwell, the Real Estate Development Director, and Denise Lorek, the Community Organizer. I learned how much work not only that Northeast

Shores does for the community, but specifically how much work these two women do. The programs that they are in charge of are amazing. While Denise is engaging within the community helping them get their voices heard, helping prevent/stop harmful situations from happening to the community, and going above and beyond to promote and create events that keep the residents in the community engaged with one another, Camille is aiding in reconstruction process of the Collinwood area by helping artists and others become homeowners, selling fully rehabbed houses, and assisting others with fixing up their houses. This not only creates interest for those who live out of state/city to visit the Collinwood neighborhood, but also creates revenue for the small businesses in the area as well as the city itself. There is so much that nonprofit work entails.

Although this is my first time working at a nonprofit, I knew that there was a lot of work that goes into sustaining a nonprofit business, but I didn't understand all that it entails. Those who actually work in this industry are admired. I learned that working at a non-profit, a lot can go wrong quickly and a lot can go right quickly too. Being flexible is a must when working in this type of industry. Being at this internship has taught me that sometimes I may just have to "roll with the punches," or some may say "play with the cards I was dealt." Either way, if you know anything about nonprofits, things may not always go well with the plan you create. From applying for grants to trying to engage people, most times you need a plan B and sometimes a plan C.

I have been able to assist the people at Northeast Shores with great pleasure. They have given me autonomy as well as instruction, constructive criticism, and also life lessons. I have increased secretarial skills and also developed new professional skills. I have been able to meet people that I probably would have never met if it had not been for this internship, and I have developed relationships that I may never have had the opportunity to and I have a greater appreciation for the city of Cleveland.

From events going from horrible to excellent at the last minute, to things becoming fast-paced and busy, to creative residents and enjoyable co-workers, to slower days and long meetings; it has truly been a blast to work at Northeast Shores, and the thrills that it encompasses.

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organizations, complimentary daytime and evening arts programming and tours of houses and storefronts that are being targeted for artist ownership. The annual Euclid Beach Blast also proved to be a big treat for Welcome to Cleveland attendees. The weekend concluded with a delicious brunch at the Beachland Ballroom where guests enjoyed great food, networked with local artists and shared their thoughts about their Cleveland experience.

The event seemed to be a big hit. By the end of the weekend, 9 of 10 participants were actively making plans to relocate to Cleveland, with 5 looking specifically at purchasing property in North Shore Collinwood. Jewelry artist Vincent Hawley summed up what a lot of participants felt – that the event created a great impression of the city and made pretty much everyone want to move here!

Visual artist Nathan Ehlers volunteers that, because of the event, "my entire outlook on the city of Cleveland had been transformed."

"Previously I had no idea why anyone would live in Cleveland. When I pictured the city, it was a big empty space. I had no idea that 90% of what we saw on this weekend existed."

He goes on to share that "after this weekend and seeing the investment and support for the Collinwood neighborhood, I'm certain we're going to go forward with buying a property and relocating there."



Welcome to Cleveland participants check out one of Northeast Shores' \$6,500 houses.

Meanwhile, Atlanta-based artist Sherrie Hauser-Simmons offers one specific piece of advice about Welcome to Cleveland Weekend: "Keep offering it."

Northeast Shores and the Community Partnership for Arts and Culture are continuously working every day to increase artists' access to space ownership, grants and loans ... and are making sure that artists get a chance to play a big role in neighborhood revitalization. Find out about all sorts of artist resources unique to the North Shore Collinwood neighborhood, including details about Welcome to Cleveland Weekend, by visiting www.welcometo-collinwood.com.

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What’s happening at the Collinwood Memorial Library?

by Natasha Wells

The Summer Reading Club was a success and we thank all the kids who participated! We are now getting ready for the fall season by scheduling great programs for all. We hope you can join us at the library soon!

PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

Fall Storytime (September 24-November 14)
Wee Read and Play

Continue to develop your toddler's language and social skills! Toddlers from 18 months to 3 years and their favorite adult are invited for stories, active songs and rhymes and time for play. **Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.**

Growing Readers

Help grow your child's early reading skills! Children ages 3–5 are invited for stories, songs and rhymes that will help them become better readers later in life.

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Teen Book Club

"Panic" by Sharon Draper

Underestimated in her talent, Diamond was a dream chaser. When her dream chasing leads her to the wrong place, she finds herself desperate to escape. Will this be the end for her or will she overcome? Join us for a great book discussion and refreshments. **Monday, September 9 at 5:30 p.m.**

River of Words Poetry Writing Workshops

Create poems to submit to the annual River of Words poetry contest held annually since 1995 in conjunction with the Center of the Book at the Library of Congress. Frank Giampietro, Director of the Cleveland State University Poetry Center leads the workshops. **Wednesday, September 25 at 3:30 p.m.**

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

Mexican Folk Art: Amate Paintings
Children will learn about Mexican Amate paintings and make their own paper to take home. **Tuesday, September 17 at 3 p.m.**

"Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs"

Join us for storytime of this favorite book by Judi Barrett and watch the movie as we get ready for the theater release of "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2." **Thursday, September 19 at 3 p.m.**

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Warm-Up Cleveland: Crochet Club

Crafting for a good cause! Join our fourth annual Warm-Up Cleveland campaign and help neighbors in need stay warm this winter. Donated items will be distributed to local charities this winter. Drop off items at any Cleveland Public Library location. Call (216) 623-2921 for more information. **Friday, September 27, October 25, November 22, & December 20 at 4:30 p.m.**

Digital Literacy Workshops: Learn How to View the Plain Dealer E-edition

Workshops are 1 hour in length and include an overview of skills needed to access cleveland.com, *Sun News* and the *Plain Dealer*. Please call (216) 623-2980 to register for the following sessions:

September 4, 10, 25 & 30 at 10:30 a.m.
September 20 at 1:00 p.m.

Affordable Care Act Information Session

The Health Insurance Marketplace Opens October 1. Many Americans will qualify for low-cost or subsidized health insurance. Get the information you need to search for health insurance for yourself and your family. FREE information sessions provided by CareSource. **Tuesday, September 17 at 10:30 a.m.**

Balance Screening Program - Get Up and Go Sponsored by the Visiting Nurse Association of Ohio **Thursday, September 19 at 11 a.m.**

FREE GED Classes

Tri-C offers free GED classes this fall 2013 at the Collinwood Branch. The classes will meet twice weekly on the following dates:

September	9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30
October	2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30
November	4, 6, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27
December	2, 4, 9, 11

Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

The Collinwood Branch of The Cleveland Public Library is located at 856 East 152nd St, Cleveland, OH 44110; (216) 623-6934; www.cpl.org

Natasha Wells is the Children's Librarian. Caroline Peak is the Branch Manager.

Classes at Memorial-Nottingham Library

by Jeanne Coppala

GED Classes: The Memorial-Nottingham Library will offers GED classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15AM. The Euclid City School ABE Program is partnering with the library to offer these classes. The "classes are FREE but registration is required." Please call (216) 623-7039 to register.

Affordable Health Care Information Session: Affordable health care will be offered by CareSource on September 17, at 3PM. "On October 1, many Americans will qualify for low-cost or subsidized health insurance." This information session will give information about finding health care for yourself and your family.



Chinese Classes: The library is offering a FREE 8 week "beginning Chinese language course," on Fridays in September and October, at 11AM. This will be a "fun learning opportunity for children in grades 1 through 6 with little or no knowledge of the Chinese language." Any child who attends all 8 weeks of the program will get a certificate of accomplishment. Registration is required for the class. Please email OPS@cpl.org, or call (216) 623-2835 to register.

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Naturally Collinwood

Meet you at Stop 17

by William J. Sanek

An old neighbor here, Joe Winter (now deceased) was 95 in 2005 and was born on E.157 off of Waterloo Rd. He grew up there. He was a fixture of the neighborhood. He said that when he was growing up on Waterloo Rd. there was a small-gage railroad that went down Waterloo. It went past E.55th to the West, and winded its way out to Conneaut, Ohio to the East. It mainly delivered all the eggs and milk, etc. to the various neighborhoods. This was before street cars.

Joe told me that as a boy he worked washing milk bottles on Waterloo Rd. No sterilization and before pasteurization. This small railroad was called “The Inter Urban Railroad.” It was owned by a man named “Franklin Moore.” Joe got acquainted with him. Mr. Moore also owned a lot of the property out by E. 228 near Lake Erie. Every neighborhood had its own Inter Urban Railroad “STOP.” People were known by the “STOP” number they lived near. Our stop, at E.156 and Waterloo, was known as “STOP 17.” That would make us Stop 17 folks.

Joe practically lived right on STOP 17. Posterity should indicate that the big intersection at E. 156 and Waterloo Rd. be re-named “Stop 17,” returned to the historical honor and designation it originally aspired to. It had been a mystery why that intersection had so much unused space and was so oddly-shaped. Now you know. It’s history – It’s STOP 17.

William J. Sanek is a sixty-year resident of North Collinwood.

My Collinwood; Installment No. 2: “Where can I get a cup of coffee around here?” and “I caught my own perch!”

by Allison Lukacsy

Making the most of fresh eyes.

When you move to a new place – be it a home, a city, or even a country – there exists a brief window during which you posses a unique superpower: the ability to see everything clearly and precisely.

In Collinwood I am using my powers wisely to see the good, the bad, the ugly, and most of all, the prospects.

Collinwood is a neighborhood some people find difficult to love. It’s a neighborhood under construction: a tear-down on one street, a rehab on the next, all around construction barrels warn of asphalt worn down to the sandy loam.

It’s a neighborhood of great potential. Collinwood is one of the more connected parts of the city, especially in terms of interstate connectivity. Coming from New Jersey - the state infamously ridiculed as a mere highway linking the great eastern metropolises - Collinwood represents an important nexus where I can be most anywhere worth going in fifteen minutes or less.

Connected we are, but amenities we lack. Too often I ride to Euclid for an espresso and wifi, to Lakewood for “healthy” pizza, back to the old turf in Cleveland Heights for spinach pie and sushi. Although, recently I dined at Bistrot 185 for the first time and loved every morsel. Then, the next day I set sail on the Linda Mae and pulled the most delicious perch from the depths of Lake Erie. Chili Peppers crafts the best bur-

rito in this city, hands down; and I have a soft, too soft, spot for V’s Chicken.

Certainly, there are gems and shiny, new establishments in the pipeline. Still, where do I pick up a quick cuppa Joe on the way to my studio? (ps. This is not a rhetorical question. I want to know!)

And it’s not (always) food that I crave. Where does company stay when the guest room is full? Where can I buy a tube of white acrylic paint because I am always running out? Where can I practice my downward dog or pick up new yoga pants?

Collinwood is my home but sometimes it also feels like my island. We have amazing green space, indoor and outdoor pools, libraries and schools. We have the Lake, a covetable arts scene, and truly amazing people (those last three things are THE reasons I moved here, in total honesty).

But with my rose-colored glasses (you, know, the ones we made at the Euclid Beach Blast!) I see my neighborhood blooming. I see a branch of my bank, a cooperative grocery store, coffee, a corner store that looks less ominous, a yoga studio, a greasy spoon and a crunchy-granola marketplace, Japanese food, a brewery, a wine bar, pottery classes, welding workshops, and an old-fashioned ice cream shop.

I see a huge sign on either end of Lakeshore that shouts Welcome!” I see graphic wayfinding and signage on streets, on buildings so you can know



Fresh eyes, not fish eyes. The author’s catch of perch from the Linda Mae, down at Wildwood, August 2013.

that you’re oh-so-close to the bubbling over-awesomeness that is our neighborhood. I see a lively place to match the vibrant lives of its inhabitants.

What do you see? How can we make our home the best it can be for ourselves and our future, new neighbors? Collinwood may have its challenges, but through these fresh eyes, charm is all I see!

Allison is a new Collinwood resident, artist, and neighborhood cheerleader loving her sunset views over Lake Erie, Waterloo Arts, the pool at the rec center, Project Pop-Up Galleries and, of course, brunches at the Beachland.



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A short history of Collinwood High School’s Railroad Symbol

by Major Thomas Jenks

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Ever wonder of the origin of the Collinwood High School symbol seen above?

Did you know that each Army JROTC Unit is required to design its own “shoulder sleeve insignia,” and that this insignia must be approved by The Institute of Heraldry (TIOH)?

In 1995 Major Jenks and a group of cadets submitted this patch to The Institute of Heraldry and it was approved for wear on the Green Army JROTC left sleeve. There is a subdued version that is to be worn on the field or ACU uniform that the cadets wear at their summer leadership camp.

Major Thomas Jenks teaches Junior ROTC at Collinwood High School.

Leon Catney participates in Early Action Summer Program

by Leon Catney

Over the summer I was involved in a program by College Now called Early Action. Early Action is a two week program for rising seniors who wanted to improve their ACT test scores. We took classes at Cleveland State University involving subjects from the test. We also took pre- and post- tests to see what we needed to work on and how much we improved. The advisors worked with students in groups and individually.

ACT coursework isn’t the only thing we worked on. We also started the college application process and figuring out colleges we were interested in. We had the opportunity to visit and tour colleges like Ohio State University, College of Wooster, Pittsburgh University, Carnegie Mellon, and Duquesne.

The ACT prep courses and application processes were informative; the college visits were amazing, and on top of all that we got paid to do it! I definitely recommend next year’s program to any students.

Leon Catney is a senior at Collinwood High School.

Meet Coach J, Collinwood High School’s new Physical Education teacher

by Tamera Harris

LaTonya Johnson, or Coach J, is Collinwood High School’s new physical education teacher and our volleyball coach. She has been coaching volleyball for Collinwood since 1996. Not only does she coach volleyball but she has also coached basketball and track. Other than Collinwood she has coached for Patrick Henry and Wilson.

Coach J has been teaching physical education for sixteen years at a few different schools such as Memorial, Patrick Henry and Wilson. She is a graduate from Collinwood High School where she was an outstanding athlete participating in sports such as volleyball, track and field and basketball.

I am looking forward to a successful season with Coach J and the rest of my fellow teammates, the Lady Railroaders!

Cuyahoga SWCD’s 64th Annual Meeting and Conservation Day in Euclid Creek

by Claire Posius

Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) will hold its 64th Annual Meeting on September 21 at the Cleveland Metroparks Euclid Creek Reservation - Wildwood Park Pavilion (E. 174th St. and Lakeshore Blvd. – Cleveland, OH 44110), from 9 a.m. – Noon. This family-oriented event will celebrate the SWCD’s annual program, including the completion of a wetland and stream restoration project on lower Euclid Creek. For more information, log on to the Cuyahoga SWCD website www.cuyahogawcd.org or call (216) 524-6580, ext. 10.

This year, three individuals will be recognized for their contributions to conservation in Cuyahoga County. They are Dorothy Hazel of Parma-Conservationist of the Year, Avon Standard of Cleveland-Cooperator of the Year, and Joe Newman of Mayfield Heights-Volunteer of the Year. The Conservation Heroes will be honored during a short ceremony at 11:30 a.m.

Join us for one or all of these fun, family-friendly educational events featuring:

Euclid Creek Annual Stream Cleanup; 9-11am

Euclid Creek Rain Garden Cleanup - with Friend of Euclid Creek; 9-11am

Euclid Creek Wetland and Stream Restoration Celebration; 10:00-11:30am

Euclid Beach Cleanup - with Euclid Beach Adopt-A-Beach™ Group; 10am - Noon (to register or for location details, call (216) 571-0685)

Rain Barrel Workshop; 10:30-11:30am (registration required, (216) 524-6580, ext. 10)

Enjoy soil demonstrations including Rapid Field Assessments for Better Storm Water Planning.

Cuyahoga SWCD Supervisor Election - Each year candidates are solicited to run for the Board of Supervisors and the public is encouraged to participate in their election. Voting takes just a few seconds and will take place between 9-11am at the event.

Event sponsors are Container Compliance Corporation, RiverWorks Team (EnviroScience, Inc., GDP Group, and River Reach Construction). Additional sponsors are the Alliance for the Great Lakes, Cleveland Metroparks, City of Cleveland, Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach™ Group, Euclid Creek Watershed Council, Friends of Euclid Creek, Lake Erie Allegheny Partnership, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, and USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The Cuyahoga SWCD was established in 1949. Its mission is to promote conservation of land and aquatic resources in a developed environment through stewardship, education and technical assistance. Cuyahoga SWCD assists landowners and communities with conservation practices and pollution prevention practices.

Claire Posius is the Euclid Creek Watershed Coordinator, Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District.

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Student leaders prepare for new year

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School held its third annual Student Leadership Luncheon, Liturgy and Commissioning Service on August 16 for student leaders who are members of Ambassadors, LIFE, National Honor Society, Peer Ministry and Student Council.

"It is important for us to acknowledge and thank those students who have stepped forward to provide servant leadership to our student body and school," says VASJ Campus Minister Jill Latkovich. "It is a way in which we can demonstrate to them and to the community that we value and appreciate who they are and the many ways in which they contribute to the school community."

This year's theme was "Vine and Branches: Gifts of Holy Spirit," based on John: 15. The theme was reflected in the readings during the Liturgy.

"We are the branches and Jesus is the vine," says Latkovich. "This year, the special challenge for all of us is grafting the 150 new students onto our branch. We believe and trust that with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the vine will grow even stronger."

The student leaders were charged with incorporating the Holy Spirit into their daily lives at VASJ.

"Every school talks about its school spirit," said VASJ President

Richard Osborne '69 in his address to the students. "But I think the theme of today's program sets us apart. Because at VASJ, our school spirit is, in a very real sense, the Holy Spirit.

"We recognize that along with the blessings of attending school here comes a responsibility to one another that members of a family feel. And you, as the leaders of the school, have a special blessing and a special responsibility to keep that spirit alive."

After lunch, the student leaders celebrated Mass with VASJ Chaplain Fr. Jim Bartlett, SM. The day concluded with a commissioning ceremony where students received pins in recognition of their service. The students were commended for taking on the honor and responsibility that comes with being a leader at VASJ.

"Anyone can choose to be a student leader," says Latkovich. "But the question is, are they willing? The students who were at the event have demonstrated a willingness and commitment to lead."

VASJ is fortunate to have such a wonderful group of students with a strong understanding of what it takes to be leaders in the school. This was evident during the student ambassadors' assistance with the freshman and transfer student orientation held just days before.



Marquise Ferrell '15 receives his pin by religion teacher Bill Raddell '68 during the commissioning ceremony at VASJ. Chaplain Jim Bartlett, SM, looks on.

Senior Kortni Spates was one of the ambassadors who helped facilitate orientation and positively demonstrated to the new students what it means to walk and talk like a Viking.

"As seniors, we have to be the best role models and Vikings to the underclassmen that we can be," says

Spates, who is also a member of the National Honor Society and a scholar athlete.

The new school year is off to a great start and with such an outstanding group of student leaders steering the Viking ship. The positive momentum is sure to continue throughout the year.

Students invited by Bishop to serve as greeters at event

A group of VASJ Student Ambassadors were invited to serve as greeters at the 23rd Annual Bishop's Golf Classic at Westwood Country Club in Rocky River on Monday, August 26.

The students spent the afternoon thanking everyone for participating in the golf outing and for supporting and

believing in Catholic education.

Bishop Richard Lennon enjoyed his time conversing with the VASJ students and was appreciative of the important role they played as representatives of Diocesan high school students.

VASJ Director of Athletics Nathan Zavorek participated in the golf outing.



Bishop Richard Lennon with VASJ students Adam Keyse '15, Jack Gallagher '15, Valerie Koch '15, Carlie Beard '16, Jeff Grudzinski '15 and Melanie Duffy '15.

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VASJ senior is a winner at Buckeye Boys State program

Senior Connor Gail represented Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School at this year's Buckeye Boys State program held in June. The eight-day mock government camp, held annually at Bowling Green State University, hosts 1,200 young men from the state of Ohio and teaches them about city, county and state government. It also provides participants an opportunity to experience dorm and college-life.

VASJ's Student Council moderator and math teacher Gary Minadeo '74 approached Gail about the opportunity. "Connor is going to be an Eagle Scout, is spiritually grounded, a scholar athlete and a patriot," says Minadeo, who for the last 14 years has chaired the selection committee at the Brewer-Tarasco American Legion Post 7 in Wickliffe. "I knew he would represent VASJ well."

Gail submitted his application and interviewed with the Legionnaires at Euclid American Legion Post 343 and was selected to attend. For Gail, it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that he will never forget.

During the Buckeye Boys State Program, participants are divided into different cities and counties in which they are educated about Ohio's election process including caucus, petition/candidacy, campaigning, party



Connor Gail '14 (second from left) poses with friends made at Buckeye Boys State, a mock-government camp held annually at Bowling Green State University.

convention, debate and voting.

"I think we had 40 kids in my city, Favreau, named after Judge Dan Favreau," Gail says.

As a student leader at VASJ – serving as Student Council Secretary and as a member of the National Honor Society, Ambassadors and Peer Ministry – it is no surprise that Gail wanted to hold a leadership role at Buckeye Boys State, too. He ran for mayor of his city and won.

"It seemed powerful and I wanted to be a leader," Gail says. "I learned a lot more about the entire election system – what it takes to run, what it takes to get elected and how the parties and elections work," he says. "And I signed a lot of papers."

Even before attending Buckeye Boys State, Gail was no stranger to government life. "My mom is (Euclid) City Council President so I've always been around it," he says. "But I definitely learned a lot more about it."

Learning about leadership

and government wasn't the only reason Minadeo thought it would be beneficial for Gail to attend. "Connor is seeking appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy, a highly competitive desire, so it was good for him to get together with boys who will be his competition," Minadeo says.

Although Gail was the only boy representing VASJ at this year's event, he would like to see that change in the future. "I want to get a fund going so we can send a few guys from our school each year to do this," Gail says. "I think any kid should have the opportunity to go there."

From the moment he heard about it, Gail knew Buckeye Boys State was something he wanted to do. He's glad he followed through.

"I had a great time and learned so much," Gail says. "It's a great way to meet people from all over the state and create new friendships that will last forever. It was completely worthwhile."

Alum returns to VASJ as Athletic Director



Nate Zavorek '94 has returned to VASJ as the school's new Athletic Director.

Nearly two decades after graduating from VASJ, Nate Zavorek '94 has returned to the Viking Village as the school's Athletic Director.

Zavorek replaces longtime Athletic Director Nancy (Slominski) Naujoks '68 who has transitioned into the role of the school's Dean of Student Life, allowing her to have more interaction with the students.

With two bachelor's degrees – in business administration and economics – from the University of Pittsburgh and a master's degree in business administration from Cleveland State University, Zavorek brings with him a strong understanding of business and management.

Zavorek has supported the school in many capacities since his graduation, including his role providing operational support to the

2013 Division IV State Championship boys basketball team – an opportunity that has allowed him to witness the powerful impact sports can have on student-athletes.

"The idea of having a positive influence on the students is paramount," he says. "Sports can shape a person's future in more ways than just the athletic scope."

One of his top priorities in his new role is consistency: In the classroom, with facilities, nice uniforms on all teams and proper etiquette from the athletes and fans.

"Athletic teams are a very visible extension of our school and it is my goal for the perception to the general public to be when the Red and Blue come marching through, people will say, 'What a class act those Vikings are, but we fear playing them.'"

Viking Views



by Richard Osborne

What a summer! In the midst of recurring heat waves, our outstanding property-management staff, led by Marty Neary '95, spent the summer months preparing the Viking Village to handle the hustle and bustle of another great year.

Passersby at East 185th Street and Lakeshore Boulevard are remarking about the bright new roof on our school gym. Not only is the roof an infrastructure improvement, it's also a cosmetic enhancement that gives us more "curb appeal." Along with our new parking entrance wall, compliments of the Oarsmen organization and the Class of '82, it is another way to tell the world – or at least the neighborhood – that VASJ just keeps getting better and better.

Inside, our maintenance crew covered itself in glory – and the first-floor walls in a new color scheme. Stop by and visit; you will like what you'll see. We're also putting the finishing touches on renovations of the first-floor restrooms.

These and other "clean-up, fix-up" improvements too numerous to mention are all part of keeping the VASJ environment as bright and positive as the students we serve. We are, by the way, serving more students than we have in years. Besides new freshmen, we greeted more than 30 transfer students who have come to us from a variety of other area schools.

In a special way, we want to welcome our many transfer students from St. Peter Chanel High School in Bedford. We've always felt a strong kinship with our friends at Chanel, which sadly closed this past June. We are proud to be the new home for many of them, and we already are enjoying the Firebird spirit they add to our Viking traditions.

And in an extra-special way, we welcome back Sr. Maria Berlec, OSU, former president and principal of Chanel. Not only is Sister Maria a "VA girl," class of 1967, she is also one of our former principals. How blessed we are that she has come home as a member of our faculty.

Sister Maria, who is teaching both math and Spanish this year, is among several new teachers we've added in order to maintain the level of personal attention we provide for our students, preserving the family feeling that is so much a part of VASJ – one of the reasons 100 percent of our graduates enrolled in college again this year.

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

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Around Collinwood

425 GE volunteers renovate Fairhill Partners Campus

by Samah Assad

Today, more than 425 GE Lighting volunteers gave Fairhill Partners a facelift. GE Lighting and GE Healthcare employees completed more than 40 architectural and landscaping projects at Fairhill Partners, a local nonprofit housing 25 organizations focused on successful aging and lifelong learning in the Greater Cleveland area.

"We are thrilled to be chosen for GE's Cleveland Global Community Service Day, and the projects the volunteers completed will advance our mission significantly," said Stephanie FallCreek, Fairhill Partners president and CEO. "From a major playground upgrade to renovating two classrooms and improving the Senior Guest House for temporarily homeless seniors, every project helps strengthen our community through lifelong learning, intergenerational relationships and successful aging opportunities."

The 15th annual GE Lighting Global Community Day event is celebrated with United Way of Greater Cleveland's Days of Caring—a program for volunteers to offer their time and talent to benefit a United Way partner or funded agency. The project brought more than \$240,000 in improvements to the camp in donation of volunteer time and supplies.

"United Way of Greater Cleveland recruits people and organizations that bring the passion, expertise and resources needed to get things done in our community," said Bill Kitson, United Way president & CEO. "We are grateful to GE for helping to advance education, income and health in Greater Cleveland through volunteerism."

Among the more than 40 projects completed by GE Lighting volunteers:

- Building a new playground for the elementary children
- Re-flooring the second level of Carriage Barn at an on-site summer camp for children to attend classes
- Re-flooring the amphitheater deck to allow outdoor classes
- Addition of connecting path from sidewalk to amphitheater for easier access in harsh weather conditions
- Flooring installation of two fitness classrooms to host senior exercise programs
- Installation of new Active Play playground and multi-station fitness course for use by the on-site schools, camps and children participating in Fairhill's kinship programs
- Planting trees and shrubs to help beautify the Fairhill campus and assist in LEED certification
- Painting a short-term stay shelter, kitchens, computer room, main lobby/hallway and other facilities

"GE Lighting employees are passionate about making a difference in our community," said Maryrose Sylvester, GE Lighting president and CEO. "We know the completion of these projects can help Fairhill Partners serve more members of the community, and that's what Global Community Day is all about."

Special thanks to all donors and partners in the 2013 Global Community Day Project at Fairhill Partners: Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging, Cleveland; Pranzo Forno Catering, Willoughby; Lowe's, Bedford; Sherwin-Williams, Shaker Heights; Bluestone Perennials, Madison; Wayside Lawn Structures, Columbus; and Grace Brothers Nursery, North Royalton.



GE employees construct a deck for an amphitheater that will house outdoor classes for K-8 children.



Viktor Varga, Compliance Senior Manager at GE Lighting, trims wood that surrounded flower beds to beautify Fairhill campus.

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Fairhill Partners is a nonprofit organization striving to provide services to kinship care families, including grandparents and their grandchildren, through housing programs, primary health care, employment assistance and educational opportunities in the Greater Cleveland area. Every year, more than 23,000 Clevelanders turn to Fairhill Partners and become a part of the campus' life-long learning and services. To learn more about Fairhill Partners, visit www.fairhillpartners.org.

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Crown the Klobasa King at the Slovenian Sausage Festival

by Joe Valencic

Calling all klobasa connoisseurs! Cast your vote for the best at the 10th annual Slovenian Sausage Festival, hosted by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum, September 11, at SNPJ Farm. Top polka bands and sausage-makers delight you with seven hours of music and munching, from 1-8 p.m.

Enjoy non-stop dancing with your favorite Cleveland-Style bands, including those of the Polka Pirates, the Fairport Jammers, the Chardon Polka Band, the Summit Jammers, the Barberton Button Box Club, Dan Peters, Anthony Culkar and Canada's Polka King Walter Ostanek with the Polka Hall of Fame All-Star Band, featuring Frank Svet. More than fifty accordianists and musicians are scheduled to perform. Bring your own squeezebox and jam along!

Taste sausages from several makers and then pick your winner. Prizes are awarded in the People's Choice and the juried Best of Fest categories. The winning sausage-maker becomes the official supplier to the three-day Thanksgiving Polka Weekend at the Cleveland Downtown Marriott Hotel, hosted by the Polka Hall of Fame. The King of Klobasa is crowned at 6 p.m.

SNPJ Farm is in Kirtland, Ohio, off Chardon Road (Route 6). Sausage Fest advance tickets are \$7 each, available at the Polka Hall of Fame, 605 East 222nd, in Euclid. Same-day admission is \$8. Under 18 free. Call the Polka Hall of Fame for tickets and details, (216) 261-FAME, or online at www.polkahall.com.



Enjoy non-stop live polka music at the 10th Annual Slovenian Sausage Festival hosted by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum at SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio, Wednesday, September 11. Hall of Fame Trustees on stage at last year's event: Wayne Tomsic, Duffy O'Neil, Mark Habat, Fred Ziwich, and Bobby Kravos.

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Take part in International Coastal Cleanup Day and Conservation Day at Euclid Beach September 21

by Stephen Love

September 21 is going to be an exciting day to volunteer in Euclid Creek Reservation!

Join volunteers for a beach cleanup at Euclid Creek Reservation-Euclid Beach (16301 Lakeshore Blvd) as we take part in International Coastal Cleanup Day—the world's single largest shoreline cleanup. On September 21, thousands of volunteers in partnership with the Ocean Conservancy, Ohio Lake Erie Commission Coastweeks Program, and Alliance for the Great Lakes Adopt-a-Beach™ program will clean beaches across the world's oceans and along the Great Lakes, including Lake Erie, to raise awareness about the impact of trash on beach and water quality. Volunteers will not only remove debris, they will also record their findings. The data collected by volunteers is used to educate the public, share with local beach authorities and improve our beaches across Ohio, the Great Lakes and the world.

Volunteers will meet in the Euclid Beach picnic shelter at 10am and should wear pants, close-toed shoes and dress appropriately for the weather—whatever the weather may be (We clean up rain or shine)! You should also bring bug spray and sunscreen. Children under 10 are required to be accompanied by an adult. Gloves, bags, rakes and trash pickers will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own. Euclid Beach is located at 16301 Lakeshore Blvd. Cleveland OH 44110.

After the beach cleanup, check out the Cuyahoga Soil and Watershed District's Conservation Day over at Wildwood

Park(16975 Lakeshore Blvd.)—just a hop, skip and a jump down Lakeshore or on the lake path through Villa Angela Beach. Following a stream cleanup and the dedication of the Euclid Creek Wetlands project, pizza and refreshments will be provided to all participating volunteers between 11:30am and 12pm.

All beach cleanup volunteers will receive a 1/2 off your meal coupon from Chili Peppers Restaurant (869 East 185th St.) as well as a chance to win tickets to a Jack Johnson Charity Auction Concert in Akron on September 29. For more information and to RSVP for the September 21 beach cleanup, attend our facebook event <http://goo.gl/533w9y> email adopt.euclidbeach@gmail.com or call Stephen Love at (216) 571-0685.

You can also check out our Beach Cleanup Schedule for the rest of Fall 2013: October 26, 10am-12pm and November 16, 10am-12pm.

We can all do our part to create clean beaches for everyone to enjoy, cleaner water for fish and wildlife, and healthier Great Lakes for those whose lives depend on it.

But it's going to take all of us coming together to make it happen.

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



Volunteers from our August beach cleanup pose with 92 pounds of trash and recyclables collected from a western portion of Euclid Beach that has recently been made accessible by Cleveland Metroparks

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Collinwood Arts

Sunday Concerts are back at Waterloo Arts

by Nan Kennedy

Iron Toys opens M4M season on Sunday September 8 at 4 pm

We're sad to say goodbye to summer – but Fall brings the Music for Miles (M4M) concert series back to Waterloo Arts (formerly Arts Collinwood). The saxophone/woodwind quartet Iron Toys open the 2013-14 M4M season, with a performance that requires more than 20 instruments to give full range to their versatility. As background to the music, the gallery will be showing Michelle Murphy's "Beauty and Perception" photos, using cosmetics as the basis for effects Estee Lauder never imagined. And the Callaloo Café will be waiting to serve. Why 20 instruments? Because Iron Toys members play many instruments in many styles: Tom Reed (soprano, alto and tenor saxophones; and Eb soprano, Bb and bass clarinets); Rich Shanklin (soprano, alto and tenor saxophones; flute, alto flute, piccolo, and Bb and bass

clarinets); George Shernit (soprano, alto and baritone saxophones; flute and alto flute; Bb and bass clarinets); and Howie Smith (soprano and alto saxophones; and Eb soprano, Bb and bass clarinets). Their performance schedule is equally varied: the Cleveland Orchestra, the Blossom Festival Band, the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, John Cage and the Tone Road Ramblers. During the rest of the Fall schedule, we'll hear a piano trio on October 13; a brass quintet on November 10; and the perfect pianist for Christmas, Stuart Raleigh, on December 8. The gallery, meanwhile, will be showing the juried show "Vacancy/No Vacancy" during October and part of November, to be followed by the Holiday Sale. The M4M concert series was established in memory of Miles Kennedy, who was a founder of Arts Collinwood and deeply devoted to both Waterloo Road and classical music. Its combination of excellent music, serious art and a little food, all in an informal setting,

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sudden, plans change, we have a time slot, and now we have to figure out what to do with it." What came out of constant conversations between Darvio and Brittany afterward, along with the addition of Doug Magill and "THE" Andre Cato to the fold, was a show that could revolutionize the talk radio industry. "I knew I wanted to do something different. I knew I didn't want to do the standard AM radio talk show," said Darvio. "Brittany had introduced me to Doug, who is a talk radio veteran and he kinda just encouraged me to be fearless with what I wanted to do and to follow my vision." That vision became "The Avenue." The Avenue is a new concept in talk radio. It combines the comedy and pop culture elements of the Hot Talk genre, which is typically heard on FM stations (Elvis Duran, Tom Joyner, Russ Paar, etc.) with the traditionally more news and issues-oriented shows often heard on AM radio.

"The Avenue is culture and entertainment news with a fresh perspective and new, local voices," said Brittany. "We have some outrageous conversations but then at a moment's notice, we can flip it," Darvio added. "Whether it's an interview or serious discussion about something news-related or political, we can show our consciousness and give our perspective." Another important element to The Avenue is the weekly interviews featured on the show. "The Avenue is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about what is happening in the areas of culture and entertainment in Northeast Ohio," said Doug. "We are blessed with the opportunity to talk about things that make our area richer and more interesting." In an era in which most radio stations are moving away from broadcasting anything local, The Avenue's goal is to take local things and make them national. "The Avenue is a vision manifested," said Andre. "It is another opportunity to give the nation and the globe access to Cleveland and its rich, wonderful people and culture." The path to the show's September 22nd launch date has already been historic. "We were downtown one night with a great professional photographer, Jus-

have begun to establish it as one of the best Sunday-afternoon diversions in North Collinwood. The M4M concerts are held at Waterloo Arts, 15605 Waterloo Road in North Collinwood, in either the Waterloo Arts gallery or the adjoining Callaloo Café; concert-goers are treated to art exhibits and refreshments along with the music (the art and music are free, the refreshments have to be paid for). Concerts start at 4 pm, but it is possible to arrive late (and even leave early) as long as you're quiet; the ambiance is casual and friendly, and musicians and

Remembering the sights and sounds of Euclid Beach Park

by Richard Wickens

The ninth annual "Remembering the Sights and Sounds of Euclid Beach Park" will be held rain or shine on September 29 at Euclid Creek Reservation, Euclid Beach Park from 1 to 5pm. As in past years, walking tours of the park will be available, giving some of the history of the old amusement park and of the family which owned and managed it, The Humphrey Family. Also, the location of rides and attractions that once stood when the park was Cleveland's most beloved amusement park will be pointed out. Self tours can be taken as posters with photos and text will be placed where the ride or attraction operated. "Laughing Sal" will be present, she never misses this event. Also displayed



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audience often exchange comments. This, by the way, makes the events pretty kid-friendly; feel free to bring your musically inclined offspring with you. These concerts are presented with the support of Local 4 Music Fund, the Music Performance Trust Fund, the Arts Collinwood Friends' Committee, Cuyahoga Arts and Culture, and Ohio Arts Council. Arts Collinwood is at 15605 Waterloo Road, Cleveland 44110; (216) 692-9500; www.artscollinwood.org. Nan Kennedy is a founding member of Arts Collinwood; chair of AC Advisory Board; president of Lakeshore/Collinwood Garden Club; writer of neighborhood events e-letter; grandmother of Emma, Jane and Attila.

Collinwood Arts

\$uperthief Released! – the DVD

by William McCulloch

The DVD documentary chronicling the criminal career of Collinwood's Phil Christopher, dubbed "Superthief" by The Plain Dealer in 1976, was just released for sale last month. The book (2006), by the same title from which the film was derived, was written by Rick Porrello, and is based on a manuscript written by Phil while he was incarcerated. Porrello had previously written books about Danny Greene: "To Kill the Irishman" (2001) and "The Rise and Fall of the Cleveland Mafia" (1995) regarding primarily his grandfather's and great uncles' control of liquor production for a period of time in Cleveland during prohibition that eventually led to their murder. He is currently the Police Chief in Lyndhurst. Born in 1943, Philip Christopher grew up at 882 Alhambra Road in South Collinwood. He attended Brett Elementary and graduated from Collinwood High School in 1962. The book and film tell of his early involvement in gambling, union activities, and burglary, culminating with his part in the biggest bank heist in United

States history in Laguna Niguel California in 1972. For this and other crimes Phil has spent half of his adult life, 27 years, in prison. He was released in 2008 and currently works as an iron worker residing in Lyndhurst. "Superthief: Inside America's Biggest Bank Score" (2012) is a 90 minute DVD is made up of interviews of Phil Christofer, former Cleveland Police Chiefs Ed Kovacic and Rocco Polluto, as well as some of the FBI Agents involved in discovering who had pulled off the United California Bank burglary. It is now available for \$16.98 through Osiris Entertainment at their website www.osirisent.com.



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Genesis guitar player rocks the Beachland for Hospice of the Western Reserve

by Jim Juknialis

Daryl Stuermer, guitar and bass player for Genesis and lead guitar for Phil Collins on most of his solo albums and tours, played to a crowded house at the Beachland Ballroom on Friday evening, August 09. The benefit for the Hospice of the Western Reserve rocked the Beachland Ballroom (15711 Waterloo Rd., Cleveland, OH 44110). Mr. Stuermer played the fundraiser for the Hospice of the Western Reserve as an acknowledgment and thank you for the services the non-profit agency provided to Mr. Stuermer's mother-in-law. The crowd enjoyed an evening filled with new material as well as classic rock bits which illustrated the depth and breadth of Mr. Stuermer's career. Mr. Stuermer is a masterful guitar player. His ability to wow the crowd with riffs and licks was amazing (and most appreciated by the audience). The show opened with "Duke's Intro - Just a Job to Do" and mellowed into "Throwing it All Away," "No Son of Mine" and "Heavy Heart." Sax player and vocalist Woody Mankowski got the crowd out of their chairs with a smokin' version of "I Can't Dance." As well as being a masterful sax player, Mr. Mankowski has a great voice well suited to the style of music popularized by Phil Collins and Genesis. Keyboardist Kostia Efimov is a classical piano and keyboard marvel. Hailing from the former USSR, Mr. Efimov presents skills and style rarely seen in popular music groups. Hearing him play was a rare treat. Bassist Eric Hervey has been with the "Daryl Stuermer Band" since 1995. He laid down a bass line that grounded the presentation. Drummer Alan Arber's work was solid. He never missed a beat. The show was a mix of Genesis material and original tunes. The sound man did a great job. The audio was balanced with just the right

L. to R.: Daryl Stuermer (guitar), Eric Hervey (bass) and Forrest "Woody" Mankowski (vocalist and sax) perform at a benedit concert at Beachland Ballroom for Hospice of the Western Reserve. Other members of the band (not pictured) are Kostia Efimov (keyboards) and Alan Arber (drums).

emphasis on each instrument. The smooth, polished and professional show finished with huge renditions of "Masala Mantra" and "Land of Confusion" (a very well-known Genesis recording). Mr. Stuermer performed a great service for an organization whose value cannot be overstated. Proceeds from the concert will support programs Hospice of the Western Reserve offers that are not covered by Medicare and private insurance. Examples include art, music, massage and pet therapy, pediatric hospice care and fulfilling special wishes for patients. Those wishing to support the agency's work can make tax deductible donations online or by contacting call Laura Lee Martin, Senior Development Officer, at (216) 383-3716, or lmartin@hospicewr.org.

Daryl Stuermer autographs a guitar for Mike and Valerie Kahoe of Bath, Ohio. Mike is president of GMS Group Management Services, one of the sponsors of Hospice of the Western Reserve's annual meeting. The guitar was auctioned as part of the fundraiser at Beachland Ballroom.

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Nan's Notes

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by Nan Kennedy
AT WATERLOO ARTS (FORMERLY Arts Collinwood)

Stop in before the end of the month for a final look at Michele Murphy's evocative use of cosmetics as an art form, and catch a little music in the Callaloo. If you're an artist looking for cheap, creative space – call Amy Callahan at 692-9500 and ask about the studios that are available on Arts Collinwood's second floor – right upstairs from the gallery and the Callaloo, inspiration for both body and soul. The ever imaginative Ivana Medukic is in the process of transforming Arts Collinwood's alley as an Artist in Residence project. It's already a very nice alley, as alleys go, and many hard-up artists would doubtless be happy to reside in it. Waterloo Arts 15605 Waterloo Road, (216) 692-9500, www.artscollinwood.org. The Waterloo Arts Gallery is open 10am-10pm, Tuesday thru Saturday and by private appointment by calling (216) 692-9500. Please enter the gallery through the Callaloo Café. Callaloo Café & Bar 15603 Waterloo Road: Tues 11am-9pm, Wed-Thurs 11am-10pm, Fri-Sat 11am-midnight, Sun 11am-3pm.

ATTENTION, ARTISTS I'm passing along some calls from CreativeCompass; to get their newsletter, go to <http://mycreativecompass.org>.

ANNOUNCING artsEgallery artsEgallery is a new online art gallery, founded by a group of Cleveland artists, that connects artists with buyers. It's looking for new artists who work in all visual media...from paintings to ceramics to photography. Visit the website -- www.artsegallery.com (and Facebook page) for more information.

CALENDAR CALL; 52 Weeks for 52 Works Academy Graphic Communication, working on its 12th annual 52 Weeks 52 Works desk calendar, invites all Northeast Ohio artists to submit work – deadline is September 6. You can download the 2014 submission form at <http://www.visitagc.com/52weeks52works.php>. If your art is accepted, you'll get the original back, along with two copies of the calendar.

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

DOORS OPEN, DOORS CLOSE Rumor has it that Blitz Barbecue is about to be replaced by a pizza parlor. And the closed Kool Beanz coffee shop on E185 has reopened as Sweets. I think. Hard to read the painted-on-the window sign as I drove by.

AT THE REC CENTER

The center's director, Tierra Biggers, reports a very successful summer – but she still wants to involve more kids. Fall schedules will be available soon; I'll pass along the highlights. One notable addition to the already extensive senior exercise schedule is ai-chi – a water balance class. The xeriscaped grounds, which were beginning to look more xeri than scaped (xeri is Greek for dry) are under control; Tierra is meeting every second Monday with Panzica – and conducting a campaign to stop people from tromping through the mulch. (No, no, I know that wasn't you.)

Volunteers Wanted One of the front desk staff is on maternity leave, and Miss Tierra would love to have someone take over the missing clerical and admin duties in the afternoons. Call Tierra Biggers at 420-8323. The Center's Friends Committee would also welcome a few new members; all it takes is an interest in the community, or kids, or sports. We meet on the third Thursday of the month, 6 pm, at the Rec Center. It's a good way to keep caught up with other neighborhood activists, too.

Cheerleaders' Car Wash The Rec Center's cheerleaders (aka the North Collinwood Thunder Cats) will be holding a car wash on September 7 to raise money for competition fees. As a customer, you win on two counts: cleanliness is next to Godliness, and it's better to give than to receive. Collinwood Recreation Center 16300 Lakeshore Blvd, 420-8323; Monday-Friday, 7 am-7 pm.

GROVEWOOD BRINGS BACK SUNDAY BRUNCH


After a loooooong hiatus (like ten years, yikes!), Sunday brunch returns to the Grovewood on September 15. Details later. Grovewood Tavern & Wine Bar 17105 Grovewood Ave • (216) 531-4900; www.grovewoodtavern.com

LOCAL TRAFFIC

Waterloo is beginning to remind me of that perennial favorite at county fairs, in which people drive junk cars into each other (myself, I prefer the tractor pull). It's a good place to test your brakes. Remember that St. Clair is closed, also, between East 185 St. and Neff Rd, until approximately November 13.

THE LATEST BAD NEWS

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	Humphrey Park at East 164 th St & Grovewood Ave	7:17 a.m.	2:48 p.m.
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Glenville	Collinwood Library	6:52 a.m.	3:32 p.m.
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	South High School Parking Lot	7:21 a.m.	2:58 p.m.
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