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Vote yes for the future of our Lakefront Parks!

by Stephen Love

On a quiet, rainy day in June, a historic event took place at the Euclid Beach Park picnic pavilion. Governor John Kasich along with Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson terminated a 50 year lease between the City of Cleveland and the State of Ohio, relinquishing management of all six parks that comprised Cleveland Lakefront State Park (goo.gl/U6QOJu). Also at the Mayor's side was Cleveland Metroparks CEO Brian Zimmerman, ready to sign into a 99 year lease with the City of Cleveland and assume management responsibility of Cleveland's Lakefront parks including, Edgewater Beach, East 55th Marina, Gordon Park, Euclid Beach, Villa Angela Beach and Wildwood park and marina. Thankfully, this lease was

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Mayor Frank Jackson terminates the 50 year lease with the State of Ohio of six Lakefront Parks and enters into a 99-year lease with Cleveland Metroparks.



Looking west from the historic Euclid Beach Pier now reveals a new section of beachfront recently cleared by Cleveland Metroparks after nearly 40 years of neglect.

Fire Guts Former Grotto Inn, Carriere Boxing Gym Sites

by William McCulloch

At 1:13 am Collinwood's 31st District Firehouse alarm rang Saturday, September 7th to the southwest corner of St. Clair Avenue and London Road. The two vacant properties are listed in county records as being owned by the Community Restoration Corporation of Dallas Texas, who have been delinquent in their property taxes for the past 3 years exceeding \$16,000. The official Fire Department Incident Report notes that the fire appeared to be intentionally set and is under investigation.

Luigi "Louis" Gattozzi (1/26/88-12/23/63) built the initial two-story structure at 16136 St. Clair Avenue in 1921, moving from Coltman Road in Little Italy. The family originally came from Matrice in the province of Campobasso, now the region of Molise, Italy. In 1930 he would build the abutting one-story structure on the corner.

During prohibition the property was used to secure bond for one of Al Capone's associates. On December 5th, 1928 a group of mafia leaders from across the nation came to attend a conference hosted by Joseph Porrello at the Hotel Statler downtown.

The Cleveland Police raided the hotel arresting 21 of the known gangland figures under the suspicious person charges and held with a \$10,000 bond each. Porrello's influence was such with members of the local community that 28 people pledged their homes as collateral for the bonds. The Plain Dealer at the time noted that most of the



Mike Carriere



Southwest corner of St. Clair & London.

bondsmen didn't even know the men they were bailing out.

Louis Gattozzi's property was used to release Chicago's Pasquale "Patsy" Lolordo. In court the charges would be a \$50 dollar fine and a suspended 30-day sentence with the stipulation that they left down immediately. Lolordo though would only live another month. He and his wife were murdered in their apartment by three of George "Bugs" Moran's henchmen breaching his and Capone's

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A million dollars coming to Collinwood: Northeast Shores lands \$1 million dollar grant for Waterloo Arts District

by Becki Cooper

Exciting times are upon the Waterloo Arts and Entertainment District, with a new streetscape beautification project underway, and a surge of artists moving into the area, the neighborhood is currently undergoing a transformation. But with any transformation comes construction. To keep business flowing as usual and celebrate the neighborhood's recent growth, The Kresge Foundation has chosen Collinwood's Northeast Shores Development Corporation to be a recipient of a 1 million dollar grant that will keep the community flourishing during the year-long transformation.

"We are beyond thrilled to have received this grant. With it, our goal is to add even more art-placed businesses and maintain neighborhood vibrancy during the construction period," said Brian Friedman, Executive Director of Northeast Shores Development Corp. "We saw what happened with a lot of businesses during Cleveland's Euclid Avenue construction project. A lot of them were highly affected in a negative way because construction deterred people from coming into the area. With this grant, we hope to create the opposite effect," continued Friedman.

So, how exactly does the non-profit organization plan to do that? With a portion of the 1 million dollar grant, Northeast Shores will be working to host a variety of one-day events at existing businesses located around the area. This may include pop up concerts, community-gathering events, networking opportunities, dinners and more. The possibilities are endless and will be determined by the existing independent businesses currently open.

"How it works, area businesses apply to receive a portion of the grant to host an event at their location. This includes what they want to do and how they plan to utilize the funds. We then will review the project applications and then promote those events to encourage visitation to the community," continued Friedman. "It's our goal that by continuing to bring people into the neighborhood with exciting events and opportunities that the district will continue to grow, rather than take a year long hiatus during the construction."

In addition to providing a variety of district-wide events, the majority of the new grant will help create a ceramics co-op studio, further develop artists'

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Voter Registration: Collinwood students experience "A Rite of Civic Passage"

by Gail Greenberg

Collinwood seniors recently participated in a lesson related to citizenship and the importance of voting, in a district-wide program that coincided with National Voter Registration Day.

Trained volunteers from the Northeast Ohio Voter Advocates (NOVA) and the League of Women Voters (LWV) spoke with all senior seminar English classes, explaining the voting process and how to become an educated voter.

Students previewed a sample ballot for this November's general election and discussed helpful tools for making informed choices of both candidates and issues. The presentation culminated with eligible students completing their first voter registration card.



Senior Patty Campbell registers to vote.



Tahlia Eskridge and Jay Smith take a closer look at a sample ballot for the upcoming general election in Cuyahoga County.



Volunteers Rebecca Thomas (left) and Patricia Solomon (right) explain a voter registration form to seniors Ann Marie Scales and Joyce Tate.



Volunteer Linda Pagon explained making informed choices.

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. MSM 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

It has been an interesting Summer especially dodging construction projects. However, we all know that these projects are critical to our community and I am glad that they are going strong.

I have been informed by the Northeast Regional Sewer District (NEORS) that they should be getting their bids back in early November for the Lakeshore Boulevard Relief Sewer which will run from Euclid Creek to Rosecliff. This project is severely needed to help alleviate basement flooding both north and south of Lakeshore Boulevard. The Euclid Creek Tunnel Project is on schedule and the road closure at St Clair Avenue and Nottingham Road should be reopened by the beginning of November, if everything continues to go well.

The Waterloo Arts & Entertainment District Streetscape Project is also going strong even though this has caused great inconvenience and hardship to the businesses on Waterloo and the many motorists who use Waterloo Road. Please continue to support the business in the District and use extreme caution when driving in the area. The Lakeshore Boulevard resurfacing project is well underway. Once again, drive with great caution through the roadway and detours.

The structural steel for the Cleveland Range/ Manitowoc Headquarters of the Americas on St Clair Avenue, in the Nottingham Village community, is complete and exterior/interior work has begun in earnest. What a difference this project has made to this proud Nottingham neighborhood.

On Monday, September 16, 2013, Cleveland City Council passed legislation totaling \$225,000 to be used toward the renovation of the historic LaSalle Theatre. I was glad to sponsor this grant knowing how significant this theatre building is to the East 185th Street business corridor. My sincere thanks to Northeast Shores Development Corporation for taking on this very important rehabilitation project.

Remember: November 5th is General Election Day. Exercise your God-given RIGHT TO VOTE. Let us not forget everyone who has sacrificed their lives for us to live in a democratic society. When you vote—if you live in Ward 11 you will be voting in the new **WARD 8** except for our friends and neighbors in the Nottingham Village community who will be voting the new Ward 10, as a result of redistricting. If you have any questions as to where your voting location is—please contact the **Cuyahoga County Board of Elections (BOE) at (216) 443-3200.** DON'T FORGET YOU CAN VOTE BY MAIL—but you must request an absentee ballot from the BOE by filling out an application; so, regardless, everyone has an opportunity to cast their vote and let their voice be heard.

Say Happy Birthday to the Collinwood Observer by writing your first story for us

by Betsy Voinovich

It's true. The Collinwood Observer has just entered into its fifth year of publication, as a community written paper, entirely written by you, the readers, and paid for almost entirely with ads from our own neighborhood, or businesses and organizations that support our neighborhood. The paper is written by us and paid for by us, the group of people who live in, work in, play in, go to school in, or just love to hang out in the neighborhood.

We are particularly proud of this election issue, because the questions the Collinwood Observer asked the candidates were submitted by you, our readers, and every single candidate responded in order to discuss issues that have an impact on this neighborhood.

The Salvation Army Christmas assistance sign-ups and coats for kids distribution

by Captain Chris Mauk

The Salvation Army will officially kick off the Christmas season with the start of Christmas Assistance Registration. For 122 years The Salvation Army in Collinwood has been providing hope to people who have found themselves in the midst of trying circumstances at Christmas time and throughout the year.

As in the past, we will continue to meet these needs this Christmas.

Families with children 12 and under may sign up to receive toys, a gift card for holiday food and coats. They can register at The Salvation Army (17625 Grovewood Ave.) on Wednesday October 23, 9am-4pm, on Thursday October 24, 10 am-6pm and on Friday October 25, 9am-4 pm. This location serves the following zip codes: 44110, 44117, 44118, 44119, 44121, 44123, 44124, 44132 and 44143. If your zip code is not listed, please call 216.692.1388 to find The Salvation Army location that serves you. When you go to register, take the following information: government issued I.D. or driver's license; birth certificate or current medical benefit card for EACH child (newborn-12 years old).

NEW THIS YEAR - Our partner, Coats for Kids, will distribute their coats at the actual sign-ups! In doing this, our kids will be warm prior to the bitter cold hitting!

For more information, call:
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The Salvation Army’s Fall Festival

by Captain Chris Mauk

On October 29, 5:30–7:30 p.m., The Salvation Army on 17625 Grovewood Avenue is having thier annual Fall Festival. This free event welcomes the entire community for a night of fun for the whole family. We will have lots of games, crafts, food and other hands-on activities. Please join us for what is sure to be a great time for all ages.

We're also excited to be able to publish on our forum page a dialogue between reader/contributor Jeanne Coppola and reader/contributor and Congressperson Martha Fudge. Jeanne responded with real world questions to Congresswoman Fudge's article about health care and received a response from the Congresswoman that answered some questions, and will keep this dialogue going as our neighborhood helps itself.

We are VERY PROUD OF YOU—OUR READERS AND WRITERS. THANK YOU!

Happy Birthday to all of us.

Betsy Voinovich
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November 5, 2013 General Election

by Patrick O'Malia

Voters in all of Cuyahoga County's municipalities will be included in the November 5 General Election. Municipal, Judicial, and School Board candidates are on the ballot as well as County and local issues.

To avoid lines on Election Day, and to allow extra time to study the ballot, all registered voters may Vote by Mail. Vote by Mail ballot applications are available at the Board of Elections website: www.443VOTE.com, by calling the Board of Elections at (216) 443-VOTE, and at all public libraries.

It is important for all voters to be prepared to cast their ballots. The voter registration deadline is October 7th. Voters who have moved or changed their name since they last voted need to complete and return a new Voter Registration Card.

Voters who are interested in serving as poll workers may call (216) 443-VOTE or apply on-line at: www.443VOTE.com

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A letter from the President of Nottingham Civic Club

by Margie Harris,
President of Nottingham Civic Club

Dear Neighbor,
Our community is one that joins together and strives toward helping each other enjoy living in this community. We are by no means a perfect community, but compared to others we work very hard to make life the best it can be. Our involvement doesn't stop at just welcoming you to this neighborhood of Nottingham, we work on community outreach, such as the food pantry located in the Nottingham United Methodist Church, 18316 St. Clair Ave., open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-3 p.m. The Nottingham United Methodist Church, although Methodist, welcomes people of all denominations, services are from 10-11:15 a.m., all children are welcomed, there is a children's church also during service hours. Also in the church is the Nottingham Youth Center, located in the educational wing, opened on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-7 p.m.

Drop-In. Drop-in at the center is for children ages 5-17 with games, crafts on Tuesdays, board games, etc. There will also be a tutoring program at the youth center which we hope to start again this fall on Thursdays should we get funding to incorporate arts and crafts with each session. Each child will work with a tutor to encourage better understanding of subjects with emphasis on reading and as well as some homework help. The tutoring program will be free and all children must have a signed

application on file in order to attend with a parent/guardian's signature. Also should we receive funding, there will be food provided to each child who has an application and participates with the program at the end of each session. On the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6p is the Nottingham Civic club meeting. There residents talk to our councilman, Mike Polensek, a 5th district Police officer, usually Commander Drummond; if he is not available he will send someone to represent the 5th district.

In Nottingham we focus on "quality of life" issues and work hard to keep all aspects of our community vibrant and we want the same for the entire city of Cleveland. We are looking to someday have every member of this community involved in a project if nothing else but a community watch program and wouldn't it be wonderful if it was a city-wide program. We recommend that adults walk to the RJ Taylor park, and your neighborhood park to enjoy the park for we all are truly blessed to have one so close to us. We ask all residents to do their part by not having loud noise and/or music coming from your home and to respect each other's property.

We ask that each family respect the curfew rules and to be mindful of your neighbor while out both day and night, for you have neighbors who rise early for work, as well as senior members of this community, etc. The before mentioned curfew ordinance

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Free luncheon to dispel myths, teach what hospice is and isn't

by Laurie Henriksen

Hospice of the Western Reserve's African American Outreach Committee will observe World Hospice and Palliative Care Day on Saturday, Oct. 12, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Marriott Cleveland East, 26300 Harvard Rd., Warrensville Hts. by hosting a free community luncheon program aimed at dispelling the myths about hospice care and sharing surprising and little known facts about the range of services available, including many requiring no hospice experience. These include Yoga, Reiki, art therapy workshops (ranging from quilting to journaling to ceramics and painting), bereavement support groups for all ages, and a school crisis response program.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Sabrina J. Ellis, Executive Pastor, Pentecostal Church of Christ. Master of Ceremonies will be the honorable Bradley D. Sellers, Mayor of Warrensville Heights. The luncheon is free, but registration is required. Registration is available online at hospicewr.org/voices or by calling (216) 486-6645.

"Hospice is not about giving up and ending life prematurely. It's about celebrating life and making the time remaining as meaningful as possible," said Heidi Barham, Spiritual Care Coordinator, Hospice of the Western Reserve. "Accepting hospice does not mean the family must give up faith and hope for healing. Hope is always a part



Dr. Sabrina J. Ellis, Executive Pastor, Pentecostal Church of Christ

of hospice. By the end of the program, I think the audience will be quite surprised about what they thought they knew – and by what they didn't know – about hospice."

"The African American community routinely under-utilizes hospice services, forfeiting the end-of-life rights they deserve," Barham added. "Hospice empowers people to direct their wishes so they can live the final phase of life the way they choose. Everyone deserves to be treated with dignity, comfort and peace at the end of life. That's what we're all about. This luncheon provides a great opportunity for church groups, social organizations, families and friends to learn more about the hospice philosophy in a relaxed setting."

Libraries

What’s Happening at the Collinwood Library?

by *Natasha Wells*

The Collinwood Branch Library has many programs scheduled this fall for patrons of all ages. Stop in for a visit and check out what’s happening at Collinwood!

PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

America Reads FREE After School Tutoring Students in K-12 can get assistance with their homework. College students from Cleveland State University can assist with any subject and/or reseach project. **Mondays-Thursdays from 3-6 p.m.**

Kids Café Snack Program The Cleveland Foodbank in collaboration with the Cleveland Public Library offers FREE after school snacks for ages 18 and under. **Mondays-Fridays from 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

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 Join us for a discussion of a current urban teen fiction novel. Light refreshments served. **Monday, October 7 & November 4 at 5:30 p.m.**

Urban Legends Legend has it that eating Pop Rocks and drinking soda will cause your stomach to explode! Learn more about urban legends and perhaps start some of your own. **Thursday, October 10 at 3 p.m.**

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month: Making a Mini-Piñata Children will

learn about piñatas and make their own. **Wednesday, October 16 at 3 p.m.**

Pumpkin Patch Join us for pumpkin games and crafts! Guess how many pumpkin seeds in a jar or the correct weight of a pumpkin and you could win a prize! **Thursday, October 31 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. **Fridays: October 25, November 22, & December 20 at 4:30 p.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:

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

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

Contact (216) 371-7138 for more information on registration and enrollment.

Library talk on Affordable Care Act

by *Jeanne Coppola*

The Memorial-Nottingham Library will host free information sessions, presented by Care Source, about the Affordable Care Act, at 3 pm on the following dates: October 22, November 12, and December 10. Please call the library for further information (216) 623-7039.

FIRE from Front Page

truce. Capone’s response would be dealt on February 14th with the St. Valentine’s Day massacre. Though Moran escaped the trap by being tardy to the meeting in stopping for a haircut en route, the three assassins were not so lucky.

Michael “Mike” Carriere (5/30/04-7/25/59) with help from his brothers John & Lou, who all lived on nearby Wayside Road, would train neighborhood boxers out of the corner storefront gym from the mid 1930’s through the late 1940’s. These would include Golden Glove winners Mike Gamiere & Pat Sereno (1935), Midge Mangine (1937), Mike Zampini (1939), and also from outside the neighborhood Tony Brush (1943), and Mike Pipoly (1944). Mike would continue to train till the day he died of a heart attack at the Teamster’s Big 10 Gym on Carnegie Avenue at the age of 55. Later the corner would become London Square Delicatessen in the 1950’s run by Henry “Chip” Prijatel. By the 1960’s it became Gina & Mitzi’s Delicatessen & Bakery run by Jean & Mathew DiCorpo. Later in the 1970’s it was Johnnie’s Potato Chip Company.

The tavern, which first started out as the London Road Restaurant, would be known as the Grotto Inn by 1935 and be



Carriere Gym & Grotto Inn building.



Fire aftermath.

operated by the Gattozzi family through the early 1970’s. I spoke recently with Nick Gattozzi, who owned Gattozzi Funeral Home at 15211 St. Clair, now located in Chesterland. He recounted factory workers stopping in on their way to work for a couple shots and picking up a Big Mamoo for their lunch. Named after their grandmother Mamooch, the sub was Genoa salami, capicola, pepperoni, provolone, shredded lettuce, & Italian dressing. The property would become Kedy’s Tavern for a period in the mid 1970’s, then renamed back as the Grotto Inn in the 1980’s run by Thomas Parr.

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“Tracking” the Collinwood Railroaders

by *Gail Greenberg*

This past August, a research team, led by Gail Greenberg, the school’s media specialist, Michael Rotman, technical consultant and Nadine Grimm, project coordinator at the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County, began the ambitious task of bringing Collinwood’s rich history to life.

For more images, newspaper articles and other artifacts of this work in progress, check out our history website at <https://collinwood.omeka.net/>.



Collinwood High School student Andrew Palzes, who lived at 1378 Ansel Road, helps outfit his classmate in a dress he designed. Plazes was the only boy in the school’s dress designing and dressmaking class. He made over 40 dresses during his time at Collinwood, and planned to attend fashion school in New York City after serving in the armed forces during World War II.



2013 Collinwood High School Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Result
08/30	Garfield Heights	Home	7:00 pm	49-6 (Loss)
09/06	Madison	Away	7:00 pm	53-0 (Loss)
09/13	St. Francis de Sales	Away	7:00 pm	41-14 (Loss)
09/19	Young	Away	7:00 pm	30-8 (Win)
09/28	John Marshall	Away	12:00 pm	42-6 (Loss)
10/05	Lincoln West	Away	12:00 pm	--
10/11	John Hay	Home	7:00 pm	--
10/18	Glenville	Home	7:00 pm	--
10/25	John F. Kennedy	Home	3:00 pm	--
11/01	John Adams	Home	3:00 pm	--

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Collinwood Army JROTC Conducts American Red Cross Blood Drive

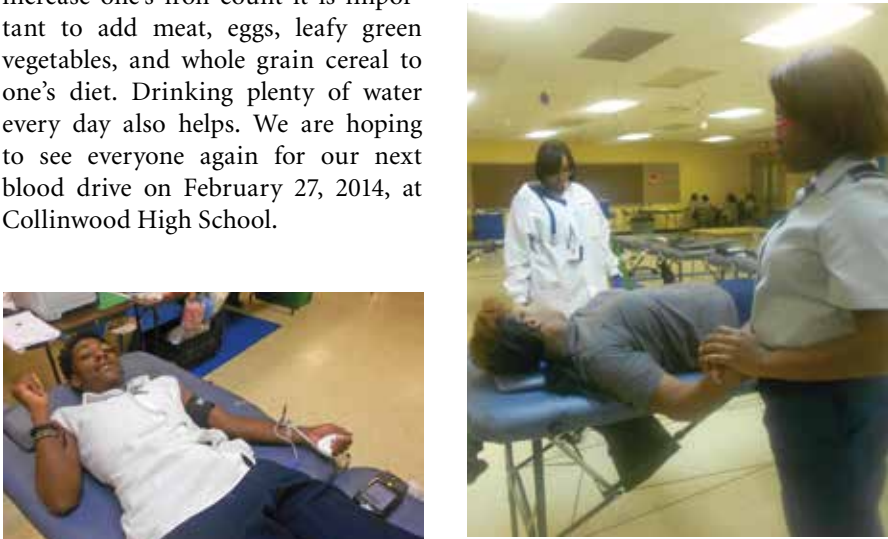
by *Gail Greenberg*

The Collinwood Army JROTC conducted its first of three American Red Cross Blood Drives on September 19, 2013. The motivated cadets were able to sign up 31 donors; the cadets’ goal was to have 25 pints of blood donated. While more than enough people signed up, the goal was not reached. The blood drive was able to donate 10 pints of blood.

Some areas of concern were the low iron count in most donors. The cadets would like to inform others that to increase one’s iron count it is important to add meat, eggs, leafy green vegetables, and whole grain cereal to one’s diet. Drinking plenty of water every day also helps. We are hoping to see everyone again for our next blood drive on February 27, 2014, at Collinwood High School.



Cadets prepare for the community blood drive.



Collinwood student donates blood.

Army JROTC members participate in the American Red Cross blood drive.

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Bishop celebrates VASJ Opening Mass

The Most Rev. Richard G. Lennon, Bishop of Cleveland, celebrated the Opening Mass for VASJ's new school year on Thursday, September 5.

The gym was full and vibrant with live acoustic music as the entire student body, faculty and staff were joined by alumni, friends and members of the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland, Marianists and VASJ Board of Advisors.

Principal David Csank welcomed special guests including Secretary for Education/Superintendent of Schools Margaret Lyons and Associate Superintendent for Secondary Schools Gene Boyer.

President Richard Osborne '69 greeted Bishop Lennon, pledging that faith would remain at the foundation of the school's mission throughout the year. VASJ Chaplain Fr. Jim Bartlett, SM, served as the concelebrant for the Mass.

"Let us take this time to be here together at the start of the school year and pray that it be a very important year in our lives," said Bishop Lennon during Mass.

The Bishop, who arrived at the school hours prior to the Mass to meet with students and members of the faculty and staff, said he was very pleased with all that he learned about the continued increase in VASJ's enrollment and the positive direction of the school. "We have a lot that is



Bishop Richard Lennon celebrated the Opening Mass for VASJ. Chaplain Fr. Jim Bartlett, SM, served as the concelebrant.

uplifting as we start this new school year," he said.

The theme of the opening liturgy was branches and the vine – which Bishop Lennon focused on during his homily. "Jesus is the vine and all of us, we are to be the branches," he said. "We are to have a relationship with him and when we do, our lives are strengthened and enriched."

For VASJ senior Nicholas

Uitenham, it was a particularly special celebration. Not only was it the official kickoff for his senior year, but after three years of preparation he was commissioned by Bishop Lennon as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion.

It was the idea of service that motivated Uitenham to seek this privilege. "I wanted to do it for the idea of service," he says. "Jesus was serving

others and I kind of want to follow that path."

At the conclusion of the Mass, visitors were welcomed into VASJ's Ministry Center for a light reception.

It was a wonderful way to officially start the 2013-14 school year. Just as Bishop Lennon urged the students, we plan to "keep that good family spirit" going strong throughout the remainder of the year.



Bishop Richard Lennon commissions VASJ senior Nicholas Uitenham as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion.



VASJ hosted nearly 1,250 runners and 3,000 fans at the McDonough Invitational, held annually since 1960 at Forest Hill Park in Cleveland Heights.

VASJ McDonough Invitational draws 50 teams, 1,250 runners

VASJ was the host school and among 50 teams who competed at the McDonough Invitational. The Vikings' runners were among approximately 1,250 runners who participated on September 12 in East Cleveland. An estimated 3,000 fans watched the action at the annual meet that has been run since 1960.

"This is a wonderful event that I want to be more involved in and make sure VASJ is even more proud to be the host of," Zavorek said. "It really is so well run from start to finish and just a special event. I want to get the word out because it shouldn't be our best kept secret. Everyone should get the chance to enjoy this fantastic race."



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Morgan Adrine '16, Alison Sukys '15, Valerie Koch '15, John Henry Posey '16 and VASJ religion teacher Patrick Preto were among the presenters at VASJ's service assembly.

VASJ students embrace service to others

By Emily Robinson

"My overall goal in life is to be remembered for my actions, not only my words," said junior Valerie Koch during her presentation at VASJ's service assembly.

Service is an integral aspect of VASJ's identity and is one of the core values of educating in the Ursuline and Marianist traditions.

Each year, VASJ holds a service assembly to demonstrate to the students the importance of service to others and give examples of the various ways students can get involved in the community.

"One of the values we stress here to our students is the importance of giving back, or 'paying it forward' as the saying goes," says VASJ Principal David Csank.

"The service assembly is an excellent way for the students of VASJ to learn about the many opportunities that are out there, and that they not only can make a difference, but that we as Christians are called to make a difference," Csank adds.

While each student at VASJ is required to complete service hours in order to graduate, many students go above and beyond the hours needed, nearly doubling the mandatory amount.

For VASJ Campus Minister Jill Latkovich, the service assembly is about striking a chord with each of the students, connecting with them in some way and inspiring them to get involved with service opportunities in the community.

"My hope is that students will receive some type of inspiration to try things they've never tried before and



VASJ student Morgan Adrine '16 shares her experiences volunteering at the Cleveland APL during a service assembly.

that service will become a part of their life - something that they enjoy doing, not something that they have to do," Latkovich says.

A group of students gave powerful presentations to the entire student body about the importance of getting involved and making a difference in the lives of others.

Valerie Koch has found her experiences volunteering at Euclid Hospital to be rewarding and beneficial.

"I feel that I am making a difference and having an impact on the lives of others by keeping patients company," says Koch. "Volunteering has inspired me to work in the medical field someday. It has taught me that it is the little conversations and smiles that can truly make someone's day."

Sophomore Morgan Adrine spoke of her involvement at the Cleveland Animal Protective League (APL) in



Alison Sukys '15 speaks to the student body about the rewards of volunteering at Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital.

which she not only gained valuable work experience, learning how to use a time-clock system and the importance of arriving to work on time, but she also had the opportunity to foster two young puppies at her home until they were old enough to be adopted.

Learning the importance of showing compassion for families going through difficult times was one of the most valuable aspects of junior Alison Sukys' experience volunteering at Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital.

"The greatest reward I got out of volunteering was the appreciation some patients had just when I smiled at them or asked them how they were doing," Sukys says.

Sophomore John Henry Posey spoke of his involvement in the 2013 Musical Alliance Summer Honors Band program, held at Borromeo School of Pastoral Leadership in

Wickliffe.

His role was to assist in teaching students notes and rhythm. For Posey, assisting at the summer camp meant more than just fulfilling a school requirement.

Sophomore Aysia Kemp shared with the student body her experiences volunteering at New Avenues to Independence summer camp at Broadmoor School, a school for students who have been diagnosed with disabilities and/or developmental delays.

"As a volunteer, we have an important job," Kemp says. "Our main priority is to help out the staff to make their day easier. While doing that, an amazing experience that you will never forget happens each day."

Shea Smith '15, Maggie Boru '16 and Jasmine Toney '16 spoke of their experiences volunteering for Youth Challenge, an organization assisting kids with physical disabilities.

"Service is very important," Smith says. "It is a time to learn and grow while helping in the community."

In addition to hearing from their peers, VASJ students also heard a presentation from new religion teacher Patrick Preto who spoke of his involvement in service during his high school career.

"Service changes you," says religion teacher Patrick Preto, new to VASJ this year. "If you can at least wear the mask of Christ when you serve, I can promise you that you will find yourself a better person."

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Forum

Reply to Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge

by Jeanne Coppola
In reply to last month's article by Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge: "Straight talk about enrolling in the Health Insurance Marketplace," I have five questions for Congresswoman Fudge...

Here are my questions:

Q: 1-What is the purpose of requiring universal health insurance for everyone, when doctors make so many mistakes that 100,000 patients die each year from medical errors?

The government has known about this since 1999, and it is still happening today! <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1117251/>

Q: 2- What is the purpose of having universal health insurance when doctors do not have to make the correct diagnosis?

Example: Male patient had blood colored floaters inside his eye. He went to the ER and the doctors' took a CAT scan of his brain, looking for a stroke. (FYI: CAT scans give a lot of radiation equal to 100 x-rays!) He was told "everything is fine," and sent home. He later went to an eye doctor who said he had hemorrhaging inside his eye, and needed immediate laser surgery to correct a torn retina!

Q: 3-What is the purpose of having universal health insurance, when doctors are allowed to ignore serious medical problems, and infections?

Example: Female patient (an elderly senior citizen), went to the ER with red swollen legs that were "weeping fluid." The doctors send her home. She could not walk, and the hospital drove her home in a wheelchair van. A few days later she is hospitalized for several weeks with cellulitis (a bacterial infection beneath the skin), and is given intravenous antibiotics.

Q: 4- What is the purpose of having universal health insurance when doctors give conflicting opinions (they give OPINIONS not diagnoses.)

Example: Female patient (this patient is me), has leg pain when walking and pitting edema in both legs. Her Primary Care Physician (PCP) does not document her leg pain or edema. He referred her to other doctors. The rheumatologist said she had Venous Insufficiency (leg veins do not work properly), and needed to follow up with her Primary Care Physician for a Dop-

pler Vein Study. The podiatrist said she had Lymphedema (swelling from a buildup of lymph fluid), and needed to follow-up with her PCP. Her PCP did not order the Doppler or Lymph tests, and told her to get a new PCP. She filed a complaint with the hospital ombudsman, asking how to get the follow-up tests, and she has not received a reply in months.

FYI: The government currently has laws called "The Conditions of Participation," which all hospitals must follow in order to get Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements from the government. One of the laws is that the hospital ombudsman must reply to a patient's question in a timely manner (usually seven days).

The government does nothing to enforce hospitals to obey their rules, yet the government wants to penalize citizens (and make us pay \$95.00 or 1% of our income, if we do not obtain health care for ourselves!) This is a double standard!

Q: 5- What is the purpose of having universal health insurance when doctors do not tell the patient about abnormal blood test results?

Example: Female patient feels ill with swollen Lymph glands in her neck. Immunologist did not examine Lymph glands. He says her blood tests are normal. (Later, she learns that her IgG Immunoglobulin's are abnormally high.) She asked her doctor to explain her immunoglobulin tests. He has not replied.

Does universal health insurance guarantee universal health care? Why don't doctors get performance reviews like all other workers in the United States?

Why can doctors and hospitals refuse care whenever a patient asks questions about their medical care?

Why isn't there government law preventing hospital retaliation?

Could anyone reading this article refuse to do their job at work, or make mistakes, and still be employed at the end of the day?

If 100,000 patients die each year from medical errors, who will guarantee that patients who purchase health insurance will get GOOD HEALTH CARE?

And finally, if 100,000 patients die each year from medical errors, which are never reported to the patient's family, how is the government able to know these statistics? Who is keeping track of these patient's deaths?

Representative Fudge responds to Jeanne Coppola

by Representative Marcia L. Fudge

I would like to thank the reader who raised troubling concerns about the present status of health care in America today. First, let me say I am not in a position to confirm or dispute the facts as they may pertain to individual cases, but I have no doubt examples such as those described do occur—and in numbers we as a nation must not accept. Medical errors and hospital infections do cause serious injury and death. They are also preventable. An important study by the Institute of Medicine in 1997 found rates of death due to adverse events in hospitalizations at 2.9% and noted the actual rate could easily be double due to under-reporting.

In some cases, medical providers themselves have pursued initiatives to reduce error and infection rates, as well as raised standards of care to ensure better outcomes for their patients. The Federal Government also has an important role to play by providing incentives to physicians and other health care providers to improve standards, adopt best practices and reduce medical mistakes.

Many would agree our current health system is broken. We are paying two or three times as much for medical care compared to other developed countries without better outcomes; or in some cases, we have worse outcomes. That is why I was pleased to advocate for stronger patient protections in the health reform law that Congress passed in 2010. The full name of what many people call "Obamacare" is the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. It's often referred to as the Affordable Care Act (ACA), but the shortened name leaves out a key aspect of what is groundbreaking about this law. The ACA has two main thrusts, increasing access to affordable care and taking steps to improve the quality of care for all Americans. Here are some examples of what the law includes:

- The Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program which was designed to encourage hospitals to reduce avoidable readmissions. This government site: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AcuteInpatientPPS/Readmissions-Reduction-Program.html> explains what the program covers.

- Medicare's Hospital Value-Based Purchasing Program, a new effort designed to reward hospitals that provide high-quality care for their patients.

- This pay-for-performance approach went into effect October 1, 2012

- To learn more, go to: <http://www.beckershospitalreview.com/quality/achieving-key-quality-and-patient-safety-measures-of-the-affordable-care-act.html>

- The National Strategy for Quality Improvement in Health Care, created by the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

- This initiative addresses the needs of patients, families, and communities, eases administrative burdens on care providers, and encourages collaboration and communication among providers and between providers and their patients.

- Partnership for Patients, also created by HHS.

This is a national initiative aimed at reducing preventable hospital-acquired conditions and complications.

The program's goal is to reduce preventable injuries in hospitals by 40 percent by 2014. This would save an estimated 60,000 lives. Click here: <http://partnershipforpatients.cms.gov/> to learn more about it.

The ACA is certainly not perfect. Medicare went through many changes over the years, making improvements along the way. I welcome the opportunity to work with colleagues in Congress to make any needed adjustments to the Affordable Care Act so that it will serve health care consumers as intended.

Prevention, proper diagnosis and access to quality care do improve the quality of life for millions of Americans. I know that many people in my district suffer needless harm because they lack access to such care. While the ACA may not cure all that ails our complex health care system, I believe expanding access while improving the quality of care is achievable. On behalf of my constituents, I will continue to advocate for our federal government to support that goal.

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WARD 8

by Councilman Mike Polensek

1. What is your history in the Greater Collinwood neighborhood? (Is your family from here, did you grow up here, go to school here, work here, etc.)

I was born at 427 East 120 Street, north of St Clair Avenue at my mother's parents' home. We then moved to 14115 Darley Avenue, off of East 140th Street, the home of my father's parents. From there we moved to 1407 Clearaire Road in the Nottingham Village neighborhood. We lived on East 187th Street off St Clair Avenue and East 169th Street off Lakeshore Boulevard and now reside on Brian Avenue off of Nottingham Road. I went to old Nottingham Elementary School and Hannah Gibbons Elementary and Collinwood High School. In fact, I am a member of the CHS Hall of Fame. My world from my great grandparents' home on East 47th Street off of Superior Ave to Nottingham Road is not a big or glamorous one but it has been life and a community which I love and one which I have worked tirelessly to protect, preserve, and promote.

We also need more programs to help homeowners make repairs and maintain their existing homes. We can continue to put money into new housing construction, which I am not opposed to, but at the end of the day we have far more homes in the City that are approaching 100 hundred years of age that need major help. Unfortunately, many homeowners are not financially or physically capable to make these repairs. We need effective rehabilitation programs not always just based on income. I plan on working for more rehabilitation programs.

2. As of September 16, 2013, the city of Cleveland's homicide rate equaled the rate for all of 2012. What is your game plan on safety and for reducing crime in this area? What are your thoughts regarding the 5th District?

Crime and public safety are critical for our community. We need to see a more effective community policing plan – like we once had – ie in the Cleveland Police Community Mini-Station Program. We also need to see a more effective gang intervention program and initiative. I am presently working with the FBI and US Attorney's office on targeting street gangs and narcotics trafficking. However, we are not going to arrest ourselves out of the juvenile problems. We need more parental involvement and accountability and, quite frankly, the Juvenile Justice System in Cuyahoga County is broken and needs to be fixed.

The 5th District covers a large area from the Euclid border to East 55th Street and south to Cedar Avenue. There are many good and dedicated officers in the 5th District and we have a Commander that is second to none in Commander Wayne Drummond. However, they cannot do all of this alone. We need more citizen participation; where neighbors are engaged you have a lower crime rate. My plan in the new Ward 8 is to garner more community participation and activism which will impact criminal activity.

3. One of the biggest concerns in the Collinwood community is housing code compliance which the community feels is inadequate due to absentee landowners, absentee landlords, speculators, flippers. We don't need everything to be torn down, we need meaningful code enforcement and we haven't been getting it. What is your game plan to improve this and help residents who would like to stay in the neighborhood and might need help with maintenance/mortgages?

There is no doubt the City of Cleveland needs to do a far better job of code enforcement. Communities like Collinwood and Glenville are being descended upon by "flippers" and speculators who are buying properties from banks and mortgage companies who are unloading them to get

them off their books for "pennies on the dollar." Building and Housing needs a different approach in communities like ours. We do not need, nor support, the demolition of all these vacant structures.

Many of these homes and buildings can be put back into productive use since they do have "good bones." Unfortunately, the City has been overwhelmed by the abandonment and the foreclosure crisis and has failed to understand for far too long the importance of day-to-day code enforcement. I am a firm believer that if the City enforces the basic code it has a multiplying effect on getting properties improved or getting the property owner in Housing Court, where we have an outstanding judge in the Honorable Raymond Pianka, who will make sure that the property owner is held accountable or helped.

We need effective rehabilitation programs not always just based on income. I plan on working for more rehabilitation programs.

4. How do you plan to work with non-profits and CDC's to improve your ward?

I have been very fortunate to be able to work very closely with the non-profits in our community, ie The Salvation Army Temple Corps, Lakeshore Golden Age Center, the Nottingham Youth Center, and WaterlooArts, just to name a few. As one of the founders and the original funder of both the Collinwood Nottingham Villages Development Corporation (CNVDC) and the Northeast Shores Development Corporation (NSDC), I am committed to supporting our local development corporations.

Besides general operating funds I have also sponsored legislation to help both groups with a wide range of projects and programs over the years; ie just recently the Cleveland Range/Manitowoc project on St Clair Avenue and now financial support for the restoration of the LaSalle Theatre. However, if you look at the strongest development corporations in the City they have outstanding participation and Board capacity besides a driven and professional staff. Both of our ward CDC's, CNVDC and NSDC, have tremendous potential for continued growth. They need more community engagement and participation, though. We are blessed with some very talented residents throughout the northeast side. We need their help and their expertise. As we approach 2014, I challenge all of our citizens who have a vision of what our community could and should be to become a stakeholder and join me on that journey in our community. Start by joining and participating in our local development corporations.

5. What can be done about the condition of E. 152nd street from Waterloo to the East Cleveland line, it's a mess. The fire trucks are getting torn up trying to go down the street.

I agree. East 152 Street is in deplorable condition. I drive it virtually every day and

can attest to its teeth-rattling surface. I have written letters to the Director of Public Works and the City Administration about this critical road in the Collinwood community. I have brought it up in numerous Public Service Committee hearings and at times have felt that I am the only one in Council complaining about it. I have been told that East 152 Street is in the 5-year Capital Plan and could be up for resurfacing and rebuilding in 2014. I am committed to seeing this road redone for it is synonymous with the Collinwood community. I look forward to partnering and working with Councilman Jeff Johnson, who is running in Ward 10, and who feels as I do that this project is critical to the redevelopment of the East 152 Street corridor. Stay tuned for I will continue to advocate and lobby until this street is rebuilt; because, I, too, am tired of seeing, and experiencing, the condition of this critical roadway which links both sides of I-90.

6. Why is the massive illegal dump on Kirby, off of Eddy Rd still operating, 500 feet away from the Division of Water Pollution Control? Thousands of tons of raw garbage are dumped there. How did this happen? What will you do about this?

How did this happen? This is the "\$64,000 question." The Kirby Road site is presently in Ward 10. However, after January, it will geographically in the new Ward 8. When I visited the site, while inspecting the new ward 8 boundaries, I, quite frankly, was shocked and dismayed at the amount of raw garbage and debris on the site. One of the adjacent property owners told me it has been like this for over three (3) years. Where were the inspectors and officials? I have no idea. I can assure you one thing though, come January, things will be different there. I will take the same approach I undertook regarding 965 Wayside Road, which had also become an illegal dump in less than a month. When neighbors and adjacent businesses apprised me of the situation, especially since you could not see the garbage from the street, I demanded that the City's Building and Housing Department, along with the Health Department and Law Department and Cleveland Police, take immediate action against the illegal operators and property owner. As a result they were brought into Cleveland Municipal Housing Court, fined and ordered to remediate and clean-up the site. The property is now free of garbage and the message was sent that we will not tolerate this in our ward. That message was not sent at Kirby or some of the other locations in that area. Again, that will change come January.

7. What are your plans for deterring at-risk youth from joining gangs?

This is one of the most challenging issues facing the Cleveland community. First, we need parents who are engaged with their children; who love them, provide for them and make sure they attend school. As everyone knows, I am a hands-on Councilman. I find so many of these young men, and unfortunately some young women, have no direction at home. They have no fear of God or other authority figures, will never see the front door of a House of Worship, nor do they care. Many do not go to school and if they do

they are disengaged and/or disruptive. So, the gang problems which the Police and the rest of us deal with in our communities have taken root in dysfunctional homes and a school system which has been ineffective, at best.

So, where do we go? We need a Juvenile Justice System that works. We need parents to be held accountable. We need technical and vocational training programs within in our CMSD schools, which are lacking or non-existent. We are not going to be able to arrest our way out of the gang problem. It is like the old TV commercial – you pay now or you pay later. We need preventative maintenance programs for our children just as we have for our cars.

We need good solid programs that work and can identify the kids at risk. That is why I fought so hard for the new Collinwood Recreation Center because we know from every study out there – that the availability of top-flight recreation programs have a high impact on juvenile delinquency.

I do everything I can to reach out to many of these young men and women at risk and I will not stop; for these young people are our City's future and they deserve a chance to succeed in life in spite of some of the sad home life situations they find themselves in. However, at the end of the day if you want to be a gang member – then prepare to pay the price – it is either jail or the cemetery- as I have seen far too often.

8. What is the number one reason someone should stay a resident or move into the Collinwood community?

My response has been that we are on a tremendous road to recovery. Just think about it. We are a lakefront community with 2 miles of waterfront; four (4) miles from the Lake County line; 15 minutes or less to Downtown; highway accessibility to anywhere east, west and south via I-90; and, with affordable housing and shopping opportunities. We now have three MetroParks as a part of the Euclid Creek Reservation unlike any other ward of the City; a burgeoning arts & entertainment district along Waterloo Road; and a major international company, Manitowoc/ Cleveland Range, building their Headquarters of the Americas at 18301 St Clair Avenue in the Nottingham Village neighborhood. We have numerous Houses of Worship, many of historical significance, and we are the only ward that didn't have a large Catholic parish close and the reason was because there is faith and vitality in this community regardless of one's ethnic, racial or religious affiliation.

Where else can you find a Jamaican/ Caribbean Restaurant up the street from a Slovenian Sausage Shop, an Irish Pub down the street from a Lithuanian Hall, or a African-American owned Bar-B-Que around the bend from an Italian Eatery but right here in the Collinwood area?

When you look at Collinwood we are a micro-cosm of greater Cleveland. We are black/white, young/old and ethnically and racially diverse. We are a proud community that not only relishes its past but looks to a bright future. We can make our community what we want it to be. We welcome people with passion and vision. Our arms are open so come share this wonderful community with us and I can assure you that you will not be disappointed.

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WARD 10

Collinwood Observer Reader Questions for Ward 10 Council Candidates: Eugene Miller

by Eugene Miller

1. What is your history in the Greater Collinwood neighborhood? (Is your family from here, did you grow up here, go to school here, work here, etc.)

I have lived in Cleveland my entire life. I moved into Euclid Park (near the intersection of Euclid Avenue and Green Road) in 1999. I moved to 13615 Kelso (off East 140th Street) in 2008. I have served the residents of the Collinwood area since 2007 as member of Ohio House of Representatives and Cleveland City Council.

2. As of September 16, 2013, the city of Cleveland's homicide rate equaled the rate for all of 2012. What is your game plan on safety and for reducing crime in this area? What are your thoughts regarding the 5th District?

As of September 27, there has been 12 homicides in the fifth police district. I feel that residents remain in a community because their quality of life is secure. That includes public safety and schools.

I think it takes a village to preserve a high quality of life. That includes government, parents, home owners, business and students moving towards a vision to help make all of our lives better. I have invested in 15 surveillance cameras in Ward 10 and all of the cameras are in hotspot areas. I plan to expand the cameras into Collinwood Village and Nottingham, but cameras are only tools to ease the problem.

Weekly I spent time in all Ward 10 schools to learn about ways to ease crime. I started a youth employment program to teach Ward 10 students basic landscaping skills, as well as expose them to sales, marketing, workplace safety, and business management. Youth who complete the program training can earn up \$1,000.

I have recently introduced legislation to address the prostitution problem on the Southern edge of the Ward. The goal is to drive home the message that prostitution is not welcome and will not be tolerated in Cleveland. Our residents, and especially our children, should not have to deal with these sex offenses as they walk to and from school and go about their daily errands.

Finally, I created a workshop and support group to educate and empower women on issues related to domestic violence, sexual assault, legal support,

cultural issues and personal safety. My office will expand these programs and services to the Collinwood Village and Nottingham areas so that together we can make Ward 10 a safer, healthier, and more productive community.

3. One of the biggest concerns in the Collinwood community is housing code compliance which the community feels is inadequate due to absentee landowners, absentee landlords, speculators, and flippers. We don't need everything to be torn down, we need meaningful code enforcement and we haven't been getting it. What is your game plan to improve this and help residents who would like to stay in the neighborhood and might need help with maintenance/mortgages?

Wall Street's greedy climate of speculators and flippers decreased the quality of life for some of my areas in Ward 10. There are some areas that needed houses to be razed for safety reasons and to ensure homeowners can renew their A tier insurance. Further I have areas that are stable and require rehab work. I work with the Building and Housing, Health and Park Maintenance Departments on a regular basis. My record will show that I addressed the needs of residents by removing graffiti and boarding up vacant houses with an aggressive approach.

I have Building and Housing meetings twice a month for residents to understand the process of addressing vacant and abandoned houses. There are limited resources with the City for mortgage assistance. However, if any resident calls my office I personal research county, state and federal resources to provide assistance. Most maintenance programs are income-based. I serve on the Community and Economic Development Committee which deals with programs such as the SHAP (Senior Homeowner Assistance Program) Program and the Chore Program that can help residents. I am an aggressive advocate for the residents of Ward 10, and over the last four years have invested heavily in Ward services such as lawn care, snow removal, leaf pick up.

4. How do you plan to work with non-profits and CDC's to improve your ward?

I believe in the African proverb that it takes a village to raise a child. The same can be said for a community. I work

with numerous non-profit organizations. I have created the Collinwood Health & Wellness Series with partners that include: the Famicos Foundation, the Cleveland Clinic, University Hospital, Collinwood Neon, and Ursuline College.

Collaborations include a focus on flu shots, high blood pressure screenings, glucose readings, cancer screenings and other health-related issues. We also worked to provided education and contact information on how to address cases of West Nile Virus and Bed bug infestations.

Finally, I provided incentives for healthier lifestyles with Walkers & Runners Club Events and competitions. This has been a great way to encourage residents to take control of their health a step at a time. The club took its 1,000,000th step over a year ago, and is still going strong.

5. What can be done about the condition of E. 152nd street from Waterloo to the East Cleveland line, it's a mess. The fire trucks are getting torn up trying to go down the street.

I serve as Chairman of the Public Service Committee and this Fall I'm urging the Ohio Public Works Commission to fix and resurface the East 152nd Street bridge.

6. Why is the massive illegal dump on Kirby, off of Eddy Rd still operating, 500 feet away from the Division of Water Pollution Control? Thousands of tons of raw garbage are dumped there. How did this happen? What will you do about this?

Illegal dumping at Kirby, Wayside or anywhere is unacceptable. I drive Ward 10 daily and throughout the Ward there are dumping hotspots. I'm not in the blaming business, the owner must clean this site, not the taxpayers of city of Cleveland.

I will continue working with the Cleveland Police to catch the dumpers, advocate for harsher penalties, and ensure that the businesses clean up any illegally dumped debris in a timely manner.

7. What are your plans for deterring at-risk youth from joining gangs?

I became a parent at 16 years old, was granted custody of my daughter at 18 years old, and dropped out of school

soon afterwards. I believe it takes a village to raise a child. I've been a single parent for 22 years and there are numerous of tools I use in Ward 10 to help students engage in positive activities.

Annually I adopt classrooms in Cleveland Public Schools in Ward 10. This year I have a 5th grade class, (2) 6th grade classes, an 8th grade class and 35 Collinwood High School students. I am supporting Youth Opportunities Unlimited (Y.O.U.) through entrepreneurship programs, employment opportunities, mentoring for females through "Seasoned Seniors Sewing" for our High School Seniors Program, mentoring for males through "Going to the Next Level Program" and naming of the Ward 10 Health & Wellness Logo (Rocky the Heart).

I have promoted healthier lifestyles with the Bike-a-Thon, Boys Baseball Team, and Girls Softball Team. I have helped to provide youth employment in collaboration with youth employment groups and The Intergeneration Yard Services by providing training and skills in lawn care. Moving our youth in a positive direction is important to me, they are our future.

8. What is the number one reason someone should stay a resident or move into the Collinwood community?

Collinwood is a diverse community filled with good, hardworking people. Neighbors support and look out for one another, and take advantage of community assets such as the Recreation Center, Community Center, and Lakefront Parks.

I strongly support safety, youth, Building & Housing, senior programs, health and good legislation. These are the issues that are important to me because they are important to you and help to improve your quality of life. Your overall safety is important to me and I'm daily working on ways to make you feel safer.

The future of our youth is important to me and the community, they are our future.

Our seniors are important to me because they provide wisdom and deserve to enjoy their golden years.

Court Community Service is very important and has been beneficial in eliminating debris, tires and other waste in Ward 10.

Election Forum

Collinwood Observer Reader Questions for Council Candidates

WARD 10

Collinwood Observer Reader Questions for Ward 10 Council Candidates: Jeff Johnson

by Councilman Jeff Johnson

1. What is your history in the Greater Collinwood neighborhood? (Is your family from here, did you grow up here, go to school here, work here, etc.)

My Great Grandmother, Mae Morton, moved to the South Collinwood area on Darley Avenue in the 1920s. She was an owner of a restaurant on Darwin Avenue near East 152nd. Her customers were the workers at the nearby railroad yard. I lived with my family at the house on Darley Avenue from the age of one to 18 years. I attended Longfellow Elementary School, Margaret Spellacy Junior High and Collinwood High Schools. I represented South Collinwood in the Ohio State Senate as a State Senator from 1990 to 1998.

2. As of September 16, 2013, the city of Cleveland's homicide rate equaled the rate for all of 2012. What is your game plan on safety and for reducing crime in this area? What are your thoughts regarding the 5th District?

I believe the strongest approach to fighting violent crime is creating partnerships with county, state and federal law enforcement groups. Aggressive street level visibility and actions must occur. We have to reduce gang activities through better intelligence methods. Additionally, providing better police & community relations. I support the mini-police station program Cleveland had years ago. We need to also organize more street clubs and community-based partnerships. Resources must be provided for local organizing. A holistic

approach focusing not just on law enforcement but also understanding the impact of mental health policies and joblessness on violent crime is essential.

There are certain areas that are having more problems with specific types of crimes. For example, prostitution on Euclid Avenue in the Euclid Park area, industrial areas experiencing theft of copper and other products, vandalism and stripping of abandoned houses, and illegal dumping. Strategies to impact specific crimes in specific areas are important to create and maintain. I will work hard to lead in this area.

I support Commander Drummond and his team at the 5th District Police Division. I believe they have been an effective and hardworking division of the Cleveland Police.

3. One of the biggest concerns in the Collinwood community is housing code compliance which the community feels is inadequate due to absentee landowners, absentee landlords, speculators, flippers. We don't need everything to be torn down, we need meaningful code enforcement and we haven't been getting it. What is your game plan to improve this and help residents who would like to stay in the neighborhood and might need help with maintenance/mortgages?

Code enforcement is critical to fight against slum landlords, flippers and other negative owners. I will support through funding local CDCs to employ individual(s) to do code enforcement. I will continue my existing mothball program that identifies and secures

structures for rehabilitation. I am concerned about the way demolitions are done in Cleveland and believe selective demolition should be one tool in a toolbox. Rehab, mothball, mortgage assistance & foreclosure prevention programs are also tools to be used, along with selective demolition.

I will focus on identifying more funding and resources for home repair and rehab. There are few options for non-elderly homeowners for public funding and assistance. That has to change. One program that is not available today for residents of Ward 10 is the Heritage Home Program sponsored by the Cleveland Restoration Society. The program is a strong option for homeowners to rehab their home if it is older than 50 years. However the program must receive the support of the ward Councilperson before it is available to the residents. I have the program in my ward today and will bring it to the new Ward 10 if I am elected as the next Councilman there.

4. How do you plan to work with non-profits and CDC's to improve your ward?

I believe CDCs are an important partner in the redevelopment and restoration of the neighborhoods in Ward 10. I will encourage the CDCs in the Ward 10 area to work together. I will ask the CDCs to assist with small business development, housing code enforcement, anti-crime activities and community organizing. I will organize monthly meeting of representatives of all CDCs working in Ward 10 neighborhoods and have everyone agree on common goals and community development plan. I will provide funding to the CDCs working in the new Ward 10.

5. What can be done about the condition of E. 152nd street from Waterloo to the East Cleveland line, it's a mess. The fire trucks are getting torn up trying to go down the street.

The city of Cleveland has to do more to provide resources for the physical restoration of the main streets in Cleveland, including East 152nd Street. I will fight for the funding to strip and resurface East 152nd Street.

6. Why is the massive illegal dump on Kirby, off of Eddy Rd still operating, 500 feet away from the Division of Water Pollution Control? Thousands of tons of raw garbage are dumped there. How did this happen? What will you do about this?

I don't know why illegal dumping still occurs on Kirby. It should not be operating. I will work hard to shut it down. I do not know today how this happened and don't know all what I need to know about this problem on Kirby Avenue but I will.

7. What are your plans for deterring at-risk youth from joining gangs?

Support stronger schools and after-school programs. I want to use mentoring programs to engage youth early. Recreation programs are essential and I will support the upgrading of indoor and outdoor facilities. Youth programs sponsored by nonprofit groups must be evaluated and supported if positive and impactful. We have to break the cycle that leads to gang involvement by our youth.

8. What is the number one reason someone should stay a resident or move into the Collinwood community?

The Collinwood community provides many positive options for housing and social living. It is a proud historic neighborhood that will continue to grow. The arts district of north Collinwood, the lakefront parks, the wonderful residents of the north and south Collinwood and other positive features are reasons residents should stay and others should move in.





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MAYOR

by Ken Lanci
1. What is your history in Cleveland? (Is your family from here, did you grow up here, go to school here, work here, etc.) Do you have any connection to the Greater Collinwood neighborhood?

I was born into a housing project on East 110th and Woodland, my family spent eight years on public assistance. I had numerous aunts and uncles, the likes of the Ciarcia's, the Puinno's, and the Tarrantino's, that lived in Collinwood, and we were frequent visitors of the community. I began to work part-time at Offset Color and Printing on East 30th Street in Cleveland when I was just thirteen. After graduating high school, I began working full time in Cleveland, and in 1987 I began making substantial real estate investments within the city. For over 40 years, I have worked hard to create jobs and build businesses in Cleveland. I have turned around failing Cleveland businesses and made them successful in the community.

In 1996 I founded the Cleveland-based Consolidated Graphics Group (CGG), and launched the Consolidated Technologies Group in 2008. Together, these companies employ over 150 Clevelanders. CGG generates over \$25 million in sales per year, translating into significant annual tax and real estate revenues for the City of Cleveland and the Cleveland Public Schools.

While other firms were shutting down or migrating out of greater Cleveland, I kept my faith and commitment to the neighborhood and continued to work at the same facility near East 40th Street. Additionally, I call Cleveland home, residing at East 12th and St. Clair Avenue.

As for my personal connection to the Collinwood neighborhood, I am Chairman Emeritus of Project Love, a program that was first launched working with the at-risk girls of Collinwood High School. While all Cleveland Metropolitan School District students have an over-all 55% graduation rate, these at-risk girls have a less than 30% graduation rate. Through my work with Project Love, these at-risk girls of Collinwood High School graduated with an 80% graduation rate, with the majority continuing on to college.

2. As of September 16, 2013, the city of Cleveland's homicide rate equaled the rate for all of 2012. What is your game plan on safety and reducing crime in the City? What are your thoughts regarding the 5th District?

I believe there is a solution to the Cleveland crime rate, which is TWO-TIMES HIGHER than the national average. That solution is TRUST. Trust between the police and the residents. We must bridge the cavernous divide that presently exists between our police force and the residents they serve. The divide has never been greater. Issues like the police chase that ended with 137 shots fired have certainly not helped. There is a tragic lack of TRUST between

Ken Lanci responds to Collinwood Observer Reader Questions for the Mayoral Candidates

the police and residents. Only by working together can the crime issue be truly addressed. To rebuild this trust, we will use our ACT PLAN OF ACTION that will be applied throughout all departments. ACT – Accountability, Cooperation, Trust.

In addition, Community Policing will be brought back to Cleveland and made a priority. Community police officers will be assigned to each of the five city police districts. "Engagement Zones" will be established within each of these five districts which will have a specific officer assigned to that zone. The officer will be the chief ambassador within that zone and be available to listen to neighborhood concerns and issues. The officer will attend citizen meetings within that zone to ensure there is a link between the police and the residents they serve. Only through this personal, meaningful ENGAGEMENT can we get to the root of our current issues. In addition, I will institute Mayoral and Police Chief Monthly Neighborhood Meetings. I would not expect another to do something that I wouldn't do myself, and therefore, the police chief and I, the Mayor, will be in a neighborhood public meeting once a month to hear the concerns of the citizens and to address problems. A personal and intentional approach is needed.

3. One of the biggest concerns in the Collinwood community is housing code compliance, which the community feels is inadequate due to absentee landlords, absentee landlords, speculators, flippers. We don't need everything to be torn down, we need meaningful code enforcement and we haven't been getting it. What is your game plan to improve this and help residents who would like to stay in the neighborhood and might need help with maintenance/mortgages?

All housing code violations for absentee owners would be pursued vigorously. Banks and their finance companies who own property will also be pursued vigorously. As far as residents living in their homes who need help, they will be considered on a one-on-one basis, depending on the condition of their home that they are currently in. Highest quality of life for residents will be this administration's highest priority.

4. What is your position on the state of Cleveland Public Power, whose biggest customer base is in Greater Collinwood?

Cleveland public power no longer generates any power, they are simply a pass-through provider. I will evaluate the operation when I become mayor and share with the public what would be the best direction to be taken at the time.

5. What are you going to do about increasing employment opportunities?

Under 8 years of the current administration, Cleveland's poverty rate has skyrocketed from a 26% to 34%. I in

every 3 Clevelanders is living in poverty. This is not just unacceptable. This is tragic! We must do something different to attract jobs for OUR residents.

I have been in business for over 45 years, and never once has a sale come to me. I have had to go out and aggressively market myself, or my business, to secure that sale. That is exactly the philosophy I will take with Cleveland. The current Mayor has said he is not a cheerleader for the city. I WILL be a cheerleader in aggressively marketing this city to businesses around the world.

6. What is Greater Collinwood's greatest challenge? How do you intend to help meet it?

During the duration of this campaign, I have had hundreds of meetings throughout all of Cleveland's varying neighborhoods. While meeting with residents in Collinwood, I was told that the "perception of crime" is one of greater Collinwood's greatest challenges. Perception is reality, and the reality is there IS a lot of crime throughout Cleveland's neighborhoods, and this crime keeps people from coming to not only Collinwood, but it keeps them from coming to Cleveland all together. Thus my goal is to CHANGE the reality from a city that ranks 9th highest in the nation for violent crimes, to a far safer city, one in which people can feel safe to walk through any one of our varying neighborhoods. In order to solve a problem, you have to first admit there is one, then I can solve it.

7. What do you see as the biggest problem in Cleveland public schools? How will you – how will your office – support them in their efforts to improve?

The current mayor has been the leader of our schools for the past eight years. In 2006, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District hit ZERO of 25 success indicators. The indicators of success measure such things as third through eighth-grade achievement, Ohio graduation tests and attendance rates. The 2011-2012

school year report card from the Ohio Department of Education showed that the school district achieved ZERO of the now 26 state success indicators. After nearly eight years of the current mayor's direction, we have had ZERO improvement in our schools. That is more than unacceptable. That is tragic!

The answer is not more money. The answer is not different teachers. The answer is giving the children of CMSD the love, support, and encouragement that they do not otherwise receive. I currently serve as Chairman Emeritus of Project Love. With a program that started in Collinwood High School, we took 72 at-risk girls in the program, and had an 80% graduation rate. Historically, these girls had a less than 30% graduation rate and their school was at 55%. They had the same teachers as everyone else, but these girls had access to Faith, Hope, & Love through Project Love. Once they realized they could succeed, they did. With Project Love, it's important to let these kids know that we care, once we open their hearts, their mind follows. We convince them that past does not dictate their future. We want them to understand that no one can tell you what you can't do, and if you set your mind to do it, we will support you through that process.

My plan for improving the quality of education in Cleveland involves instituting Project Love's Mission into all of the CMSD schools. Empowering students and educators to define core values, assisting educators in the development of student's social and emotional skills. Leading students to develop life skills that make them better people and citizens, and motivating students and adults to build a culture of kindness, caring and respect wherever they go.

8. What is the number one reason someone should stay a resident or move into the city?

The best is yet to come! The residents of Cleveland deserve better. Under my leadership, together, we WILL do better!

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MAYOR

by Mayor Frank Jackson
1. What is your history in Cleveland? (Is your family from here? Did you grow up here? Did you go to school here? Did you work here? Do you have any connection to the Collinwood area?)

Cleveland is my home, and but for my time in the army, I have always lived in Cleveland. I was born and raised in the City of Cleveland. My family lived in the Kinsman neighborhood until I was 13 years old. We moved to the Central neighborhood on E. 38th St. I still live on E. 38th St. I went to Cleveland Public Schools and graduated from Max Hayes High School. After working in a factory, I went to serve in the U.S. Army and was deployed to Vietnam. Upon my return, I attended Cuyahoga Community College where I received an associate's degree and went to Cleveland State University, where I received my bachelor's degree and master's degree. Later, I graduated from Cleveland State University Marshall School of Law and got my license to practice law. I became an Assistant Prosecutor for the City of Cleveland. I was elected to Cleveland City Council in 1989, became City Council President in 2001 and elected Mayor in 2005.

2. As of September 13, 2013, the city of Cleveland's homicide rate equaled the rate for all of 2012. What is your game plan on safety and reducing crime in the City? What are your thoughts regarding the 5th District?

The city of Cleveland's homicide rate has not equaled the rate of all of 2012. As of September 30, 2013, we are experiencing fewer homicides year-to-date this year compared to the same time period in 2012. As of September 30, 2012, there were 67 homicides year-to-date. As of September 30, 2013, there have been 61 homicides, year-to-date.

However, this never matters to me, because one homicide is too many for me. This is why we have built coalitions and partnerships with state and federal agencies to do intelligence-led policing. We focus on identifying the leaders of organized street crime and build cases that will take them off the street. This strategy recently resulted in the indictment of 92 suspects in a heroin ring in September. The Violent Gun Reduction Interdiction Program is a program my administration has implemented to target the city's most

Mayor Frank G. Jackson responds to Collinwood Observer Reader Questions for the Mayoral Candidates

violent criminals and attempts to remove as many firearms as possible off the streets. We have done several of these initiatives in the 5th District.

But none of this can be accomplished without building trust between the citizens and law enforcement. This is why law enforcement officials go door to door for "Knock and Talks" to get to know the residents and let them know they are available to them, especially in high crime areas.

Finally, our plan is comprehensive. We put just as much energy into youth crime prevention/intervention programs to help young people make the right choices. My administration hires interns and provides significant funding to Youth Opportunities Unlimited to provide youth summer employment to hundreds of youth each year. We also work very close with the reentry community to try to assist formerly incarcerated individuals when they return home.

3. One of the biggest concerns in the Collinwood community is housing code compliance, which the community feels is inadequate due to absentee landlords, absentee landlords, speculators, flippers. We don't need anything to be torn down, we need meaningful code enforcement and we haven't been getting it. What is your game plan to improve this and help residents who would like to stay in the neighborhood and might need help with maintenance/mortgages?

My administration has implemented aggressive code enforcement strategies. We have inspected 8,900 properties under the emergency vacant property initiative. Over the last 8 years, we have condemned 16,000 properties and demolished 7,300 properties. We use this as a tool to detour investors from buying and flipping properties. I have also implemented an interdepartmental initiative to closely monitor Bulk Property Owners. The law department closely monitors real estate title transfers and we recover the costs that it takes the City of Cleveland to maintain vacant and abandoned structures (grass cutting, board-up and public health services, etc.).

We also recognize the role of Community Development Corporations (CDCs) and we seek their input on neighborhood housing stock. We have a comprehensive plan to maintain and improve housing stock in Collinwood

and the City of Cleveland. We promote the renovation and rehabilitation of existing housing and we provide financial support for qualified projects. These qualified projects help provide low and moderate income families with quality housing options and supportive programs. Several thousand units have been rehabilitated.

4. What is your position on the state of Cleveland Public Power, whose biggest customer base is in Greater Collinwood?

Cleveland Public Power is a valuable city asset and it should remain a public utility. We are working to expand our customer base. This will help reduce the cost of electricity.

5. What are you going to do about increasing employment opportunities?

I want to make sure that everyone has an opportunity to participate in the wealth and prosperity being created in Cleveland. This is why I have created a Community Benefits Agreement (CBA). CBAs promote equitable development and guide investment dollars – whether public or private – in a way that will provide direct benefit through employment, training, contracting and project features. CBAs increase contracting opportunities for local and minority/female businesses and Cleveland resident employment. They factor in project amenities like green space and community meeting space. The CBA for private developers is modeled on the City of Cleveland's community benefits approach, implemented through ordinances and policies (C.O. 123 Prevailing Wage, C.O. 187 Cleveland Small Business (including MBE, FBE & CSB), C.O. 188 Resident Employment Law and C.O. 189 Living Wage, Complete & Green Streets Typology, Green Building Policy). I have also implemented policies that encourage local purchasing and procurement of goods and services.

6. What is Collinwood's greatest challenge? How do you intend to help meet it?

Collinwood has a rich history. Like many urban neighborhoods, Collinwood is going through a transition. I believe Collinwood is reinventing itself. My goal for Collinwood is to help this historic neighborhood reinvent itself and make sure you are better off as a result.

My administration has worked with Councilman Polensek to improve the quality of life by developing neighborhood amenities in your area. We have built a state-of-the-art recreational facility. We have leased Euclid Beach Park to the Cleveland MetroParks. We have a goal of making the lakefront more attractive and creating connectivity with the Collinwood neighborhood. We are already seeing the results of this deal by the improvements being made at Euclid Beach Park. We are implementing a

streetscape plan in the Waterloo Arts District. We are improving infrastructure by repaving streets and replacing many crosswalks, sidewalks and curbs. All of these amenities will continue to improve the quality of life for the residents of Collinwood, make it a neighborhood of choice and attract new residents.

7. What do you see as the biggest problem in the Cleveland Public Schools? How will you-how will your office-support them in their efforts to improve?

I have made educating our children a priority of my administration. The Cleveland Transformation Plan is the right plan for our schools. We have implemented a portfolio strategy. We will grow the number of high-performing district and charter schools and close and replace failing schools. We have created the Transformation Alliance to ensure accountability of all public schools in the City.


We focus the district's central office on key support and governance roles and transferred authority and resources to schools. We invest and phase in high leverage system reforms across all schools from pre-school to college and career. With the generous support of the first operating levy passed in 16 years by the residents of the City of Cleveland, we now have the resources to implement the plan.

8. What is the number one reason someone should stay a resident or move into the city?

Cleveland has a great quality of life compared to other regions and cities. The neighborhoods of Cleveland are traditional, unique and great places to live, work, raise a family, shop, play and do business. I have always recognized that the Collinwood neighborhood is vital to the future of our City.

Collinwood has a thriving senior citizen community, long-time homeowners and young professionals from diverse backgrounds. The emerging Waterloo Arts District, the new state of the art Collinwood Recreation Center and the new and improved management of Euclid Beach Park by Cleveland Metroparks is helping Collinwood become a neighborhood of choice. The Cleveland Plan for transforming our schools will grow the number of high-performing district and charter schools and close and replace failing schools in Collinwood. We have made public safety a priority. We have developed successful partnerships with state and federal law enforcement agencies, hired more police officers, and added 3 EMS ambulance vehicles. We have utilized technology and used best practices to provide more efficient service delivery. Cleveland is well positioned for the future. It is an exciting time for the City of Cleveland and the Collinwood neighborhood. Together, we are reinventing Collinwood and Cleveland.

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County Issues

Pros and cons of county tax issues

by Pam Smith (This is the explanation of the issues from the Cuyahoga County League of Women Voters)

VOTERS GUIDE EXPLANATIONS OF COUNTYWIDE TAX LEVY ISSUES

2013 GENERAL ELECTION

Issue 1: PROPOSED TAX LEVY (REPLACEMENT AND INCREASE) • COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A replacement of 2.9 mills of an existing levy and an increase of 1 mill, to constitute a tax for the benefit of Cuyahoga County for the purpose of supplementing general fund appropriations for health and human or social services at a rate not exceeding 3.9 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 39 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five years, commencing in 2013, first due in calendar year 2014.

League Explanation.: The Cuyahoga County Council by unanimous vote requests the replacement of the existing 2.9 mill Health and Human Service levy and an increased of 1.0 mills to support critical safety net services and shore up a fund projected to exhaust its reserves by 2015. The five-year 3.9 mill levy would collect about \$106 million, or \$27 million more than the current tax. It would cost a taxpayer \$136 per year for every \$100,000 assessed value and would replace millions of dollars of revenue lost because of declining property values, state and federal cuts. The health and human services levy is the smaller of two county taxes that support the MetroHealth Medical Center, elderly and child-protection services, Meals on Wheels, mental illness and addiction treatment programs and other county services.

PRO: The tax increase is needed to continue the level of support that Cuyahoga County voters have expected and to stop drawing down the human services reserve in order to balance. Cuyahoga voters have shown a long tradition of caring about the quality of life of our citizens in the support of the range of health, human, and social service needs.

CON: Human services programs should be evaluated for their effectiveness. Only after proof of effectiveness should these programs continue to be funded at present levels.

Issue 80 CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT • PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL AND INCREASE) • CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of an existing levy of 1.8 mills and an increase of 0.9 mill to constitute a tax for the benefit of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District (known as Cleveland Metroparks including the Cleveland Metropark-sZoo) for the purpose of conserving the natural resources and maintaining, repairing, improving, planning, acquiring, developing, protecting and promoting the use of existing and future lands and facilities, and for any other lawful purpose of the park district, at a rate not exceeding 2.7 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which

amounts to 27 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for ten years, commencing in 2013, first due in calendar year 2014.

League Explanation: The 10-year 1.8 mill MetroParks levy expires in 2014, so this 2.7 mill levy request includes that plus a 0.9 mill increase. This would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home \$92 annually, or about \$1.80 a week. These monies fund the ongoing operations and maintenance of 23,000 acres, 18 park reservations, all roads and trails, some nature centers and the Zoo. A new responsibility is the administration of the Cleveland lakefront parks. Levy monies comprise 62% of Metropark’s \$89 million annual budget, the rest coming from grants, donations and aid from state or federal governments.

PRO: The increase is needed because the new lakefront parks increase expenses, and revenue from property taxes and state/federal aid has declined. Management has cut staff (without layoffs) as well as energy costs; the last 17 audits have been “clean;” and Metroparks have remained debt-free.

CON: Metroparks should trim and tuck in order to operate within their means. Taxpayers cannot shoulder any additional burdens during hard times.

Issue 82 PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) • CLEVELAND-CUYAHOGA COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority for the purpose of providing funds necessary for the Port Authority budget at a rate not exceeding 0.13 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 1.3 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five years, commencing in 2013, first due in calendar year 2014.

League Explanation: The Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority requests the renewal of their 0.13 mill levy, passed in 2007, which expires at the end of 2013. The levy will cost a taxpayer \$0.29 per month for every \$100,000 assessed value, yielding approximately \$3.1 million per year, about 35% of their budget. Besides operating the Port of Cleveland, the Port Authority serves as a bonding agency for development projects such as the Flats East Bank. It recently opened and maintains control of the Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve at the eastern end of Gordon Park to the public. The Port Authority now accounts for how tax funds are spent in its budget.

PRO: The Port is an important asset of the local infrastructure, providing a shipping link to the global economy.

CON: The Port has not turned the Nature Preserve over to Metroparks management, as has the State of Ohio with the city’s other lakefront parks. Additionally, the Port of Cleveland loses money annually, which must be made up by the levy and income from development project bonds.

Courtesy of the Lakewood Observer.

Pros and Cons of County Charter Amendments

by Pam Smith (This is the explanation of the issues from the Cuyahoga County League of Women Voters)

LWV VOTERS' GUIDE EXPLANATIONS OF CHARTER AMENDMENTS

MORE TIME FOR CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

Issue 2 – PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT • CUYAHOGA COUNTY

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall Article II, Section 2.03(2) Powers and Duties of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga be amended to extend the term during which Council may act on Executive appointments, and add an interim appointment provision?

League Explanation: Charter language currently provides the County Council with a 30-day window to confirm or reject Executive appointments. Certain appointments also require confirmation hearings and three readings at consecutive Council sessions, while the Council meets only twice each month. The amendment extends that 30-day deadline to 60 days.

PRO: The 30-day deadline has proven difficult and sometimes impossible to meet, if hearings were involved or if the appointee was out of town or forced to miss a session for unavoidable reasons. Some confirmations require more extensive vetting or discussion than others.

CON: Council needs to continue doing its business quickly and efficiently.

CHANGES TO THE “HUMAN RESOURCE COMMISSION”

Issue 3: PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT • CUYAHOGA COUNTY

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall Article II, Section 2.03(12) Powers and Duties, and Article IX of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga be amended to rename the “Human Resource Commission” the “Personnel Review Commission,” to provide that the County Council shall have the authority to appoint and remove members of the commission, to clarify the commission’s administrative powers and duties, and to formally establish an office of the Director of Human Resources?

League Explanation: Charter language currently names its independent, quasi-judicial civil service commission “Human Resource Commission,” while at the same time there is an Executive Branch department called the “Human Resource Department.” To clarify the distinction, this amendment would rename the first of these, “Personnel Review Commission.” The Charter also calls for the County Executive to nominate the members of that 3-person commission, even though the commission’s chief task would be to review personnel issues or irregularities involving the Executive Branch’s own employees. The amendment would shift the appointment role to the Legislative Branch or County Council, to remove that possible conflict of interest. The amendment would also clarify some current ambiguity regarding which employees and rules it is the Commission’s jurisdiction to cover and adjudicate.

PRO: The new name and parameters clear up confusion and uncertainty in the minds of employees, the public, and the commissioners themselves. Legislative rather than Executive appointment of commissioners is a traditional Checks and Balances issue.

CON: The current name is no problem, and Executive appointments were already well balanced by Council hearings and confirmation of those appointments. The amendment is not necessary.

ACTIONS OF COUNCIL NOT REQUIRING EXECUTIVE APPROVAL

Issue 4 PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT • CUYAHOGA COUNTY

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall Article III, Section 3.10(5) Organization, Rules and Procedures of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga be amended to specify actions of Council that do not require Executive approval to be binding?

League Explanation: Charter language currently requires the County Executive to sign off on all actions of the County Council. The amendment would list 10 Council actions with no such requirement, such as the setting of Council’s own rules and procedures, possible rejection of an Executive appointment, or any possible Council investigation into Executive branch operations.

PRO: This is only logical, but it needs to be stated in the Charter.

CON: So much procedural detail should not be part of a Charter.

BOARD OF REVISION

Issue 5: PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT • CUYAHOGA COUNTY

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

Shall Article VI, Section 6.02 Board of Revision of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga be amended to clarify the role of the Board of Revision?

League Explanation: Charter language is currently unclear as to what is a Board of Revision and what is a Hearing Board. The amendment clarifies the distinction: The Board of Revision is a single three-member board consisting of the County Executive, a Council President appointee of a different political party from that of the Executive, and either the Fiscal Officer or the Treasurer. That board hires and oversees as many Hearing Boards as are needed to handle current numbers of real property owners seeking reductions in their property’s assessed valuation for tax purposes. Each Hearing Board would consist of three persons meeting merit standards but no longer with a bipartisan requirement.

PRO: Not to correct this Charter error would continue a serious ambiguity. Flexibility in the numbers of Hearing Boards allows for considerable savings during times of lighter caseloads. Bipartisanship of the Board of Revision itself removes the need for it on the Hearing Boards.

CON: The bipartisan requirement for Hearing Boards is important and should be retained. Charter ambiguity can remain for one more year, until the requirement is reinserted and the amendment is resubmitted to voters.

Courtesy of the Lakewood Observer.

Remembering Euclid Beach

9th Annual Remembering the Sights and Sounds of Euclid Beach Park

by Richard Wickens

September 29, an early fall Sunday in Cleveland. The week before, the Cleveland Browns won their first 2013 football game over the Minnesota Vikings. Could they win today over state rival Cincinnati Bengals? The Cleveland Indians had an afternoon game, playing to clinch the home field for their first playoff appearance in six years. Despite this competition it appeared Euclid Beach Park Now’s ninth annual event held at the former site of Euclid Beach Park may have set a new attendance record. Turn-out of previous years was estimated at up to 3,000. Looking toward the parking lot one saw all spaces taken and looking toward the park one saw a multitude of individuals taking in the events scheduled from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Weather was excellent: temperatures in the lower 70’s, a slight breeze, partly cloudy, and no rain. The event is seeing more younger families attending, members of which were not even born when the park closed at the end of its 1969 season.

The 2013 installment was presented by Euclid Beach Park Now (EBPN), the Euclid Beach Boys and this year by Cleveland Metroparks who took over management of Cleveland’s Lakefront Parks from ODNR in June. Those who attended the event in past years noted improvements to the park made by Cleveland Metroparks: more trash receptacles, presence of maintenance staff and park rangers, and the clean-up of undergrowth west of the pier. The foundation of the old fountain was cleared of weeds. The event was made possible by grants from Neighborhood Connections, a small grant program of the Cleveland Foundation, and the Cleveland Lakefront Parks Conservancy. A big THANK YOU to Boy Scout Troop #143 from Our Lady of the Lake Parish from Euclid for help with event set-up and tear-down.

Adjacent to the parking lot was the “Welcome Center.” Here a visitor could pick up a reprint souvenir postcard of the Fountain with a schedule of events printed on the reverse side. Information on Euclid Beach Park Now was available including membership and previous copies of the organization’s quarterly newsletter, “The Arch.” Visitors could also purchase raffle tickets for a gift basket, proceeds from which will go toward a permanent commemorative marker to be placed at the park next year. The gift basket had an approximate value of \$200, made possible by donations of

gift certificates from the following East 185th Street neighborhood merchants: Buettner’s Bakery, Chili Peppers Mexican Grill, Euclid Garden Center, Lucky’s Restaurant, Martin’s Men’s Wear, Muldoon’s Saloon and Eatery, Vince’s Barber Shop, and R&D Sausage Co. located on Waterloo. Rounding out the gift basket prizes were four tickets for the 2014 season of Conneaut Lake Park. This year’s commemorative marker pays homage to the Pier and Fountain, and was unveiled at 3:00 p.m. with a brief dedication ceremony officiated by Cleveland City Councilman Michael Polensek. The new marker joins two others previously placed at the park, one for the Carousel and the other for the Coasters.

Laughing Sal was on hand in the picnic pavilion to greet guests who could also check out new Euclid Beach Park t-shirts and sweatshirts, park memorabilia items, EBPN’s Euclid Beach Park book published by Arcadia, “A Euclid Beach Park Album” authored by James A. Toman which was present with other Cleveland-related books published by Cleveland Landmark Press. Adjacent to the pavilion were the booths of William Kless, artistic storyteller, not in words but in pictures of the past, Weber’s Premium Ice Cream dispensing frozen custard, and a booth where one could obtain the famous Humphrey popcorn balls and candy kisses. The Rocket Ship and Thriller Car were available all afternoon for rides. They are owned by the Euclid Beach Boys along with some of the other Euclid Beach Park memorabilia that was on display: Flying Turns and Racing Coaster ride cars, Dodgem car, and one of the ponies from the Kid-die Rodeo. The Boys also brought the Artizan band organ which played the songs representing “Sounds Remembered” when it sat under the loading platform of the Rocket Ship ride.

EBPN’s eldest board member Rudy Nagode, at age 94, had his Euclid Beach Park memorabilia on display, set up with the help of his son Larry. His exhibit included photos of Hollywood Stars that were dispensed from coin-operated machine’s in the park’s Arcade. Along the walkway near the bluff was a very young exhibitor born two decades after the park closed, 24-year-old Kevin Frederick Smith. Kevin started collecting Euclid Beach Park memorabilia just a few years ago, items he has found on eBay. He also writes poetry and has had a book of his poems published which includes one of two poems he has writ-



Welcome Center



Car Show



Adopt-a-Beach Pier Booth



Booths Along Walkway

ten about Euclid Beach Park.

Walking tours were made available three times during the event. Individuals could take a self-tour using large 24” X 36” posters placed throughout the park where the original ride or attraction stood. Each had five photos of the ride or attraction with a descriptive text box. These improved posters from past years were first implemented at last year’s event with grant funds from Neighborhood Connections. Since last year the balance of the posters were updated, paid for by donations from EBPN members.

Cleveland’s Euclid Beach Park Carousel Society had a booth, and on display were two of the four replacement horses EBPN members donated to have carved. When the carousel was undergoing restoration on return to Cleveland, it was discovered that four of the original horses were missing. Available was information for Society membership and donation opportunities for the project. All of the original horses and the two chariots from the Euclid Beach Park Carousel are now in the completed carousel pavilion connected to the Western Reserve Historical Society.

Across from the Society’s booth was one from Northern Ohio Classic Parks with a display of memorabilia from one of Euclid Beach Park’s competitors, Geauga Lake Park. Another old amusement park, Conneaut Lake Park, located in Northwest Pennsylvania and still operating, was represented at the event with an information booth. If one was looking for more local history, under a large tent were the Collinwood Nottingham Historical Society, Old Brooklyn Historical Society, West Park Historical Society, and the Woodland Street Cemetery Foundation. The Midwest Railway Preservation Society located in the historic B&O roundhouse on West 3rd had a booth with information and old railroad photos from the Steam Era. Present with their “Once and Future” Euclid

Beach Pier photo backdrop was Adopt-a-Beach: Euclid Beach Team, part of the Alliance for the Great Lakes. For the very young, pony rides were available. Celestial Treats had their food trailer stationed at the East end of the park for those looking for a hot dog, bag of chip, a pop or fresh squeezed lemonade.

In and around the circular drive area of the park was the car show, “The Cars we Drove to Euclid Beach Park” This year’s car show also set a record of attendees with 70 vintage cars showing up.

2014 will see the 10th Annual Remembering the Sights and Sounds of Euclid Beach Park, always held on the last Sunday in September. That day on September 28, 2014, happens to be the date in September of 1969 that Euclid Beach Park closed. Being the 10th anniversary and exactly 45 years since the park closed, plans are to make the 2014 event very special. Another permanent marker will be installed. At this year’s event a survey was available for attendees at the “Welcome Center” to determine which ride or attraction should be commemorated.

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Naturally Collinwood

Do you believe in ghosts and angels?

by Tammy Hill

Society can choose to believe or not believe in the existence of ghosts and angels. Just because we can't see them doesn't mean that they don't exist. In the Bible and for centuries, the mention of ghosts, angels, spirits, apparitions, and visions of the dead have been reported. So then, how can so many be considered to be wrong in their beliefs? The concept of life after death isn't new. Many know that our heavenly creator promised us everlasting life. But the unknown is just as mysterious as it ever was and increasingly intriguing as we experience the paranormal and psychic shows on TV. Is there truth to this phenomenon? How can mediums bring information forward from a loved one with such accuracy, including personal detail? Why are there so many people who tell stories about how an angel saved their life or the life of a loved one?

To make the concept of spirits more scientifically believable, we must realize that human beings are made of energy. Energy never dies; it just changes form, thus the concept of spiritual energies that can remain after the bodily change called death. Where it goes from there remains a mystery and recent interest has brought light to various theories. Angels are created through the heavenly realm and assigned to be workers for God. These sightings are also well-documented as they have intervened to help us here on earth. The wondrous mysteries of spirits and angels will continue to intrigue us forever.

So, how can we attempt to substantiate the phenomenon of these beings? A local paranormal group, Investigators of the Past, has been performing investigations at Memorial Spiritual Christian Church and other Cleveland landmarks over the last few years and they have collected some impressive data. Electronic voice phenomenon (EVP's) have uncovered voices of the dearly departed and the team has also captured electro magnetic field (EMF) disturbances on their ghost meters. The evidence of flashlights turning on and off and an ovilus creating electronic voices from the spirit energies in the room makes for an interesting event.

On Saturday, October 26th, Memorial Spiritual Christina Church, 19204 Pawnee Avenue, will be hosting a Ghosts and Angels Festival from noon-5 pm. Admission is free to the festival and \$20 if you would like a 20 minute personal reading from one of the mediums. There will be food, free Reiki healing demonstrations, as well as books and items for sale. Then at 7 pm a paranormal investigation will be hosted by ITP (Investigators of the Past). Seating is limited, and a \$20 donation is requested to benefit the church. Additional investigations are also planned for the coming months. For more information on the events or to

My Collinwood: Installment No. 3 – Great coffee, cupcakes, chocolate on E. 185th and MORE

by Allison Lukacsy

I have at least one reader. Even as the ink was drying on last month's issue the answer to my most pressing question was answered. As a refresher course for those of you not privy to my endless social media posts about the "Collinwood Observer," my second-ever article covered a lovely fishing trip aboard the Linda Mae along with the perils of scaling perch. That afternoon in Late August Stephen Love and I introduced a handful of friends to the bountiful opportunities in this north shore neighborhood.

As newcomers to North Collinwood, we lure family and friends with the magnetism of Lake Erie and seal the deal with inland adventures. Still, as I cheerlead my way through the streets, I cannot help but notice the gaping holes in our neighborhood fabric.

Of the many places I wish we could call local, a coffee shop topped the list. Sometimes all you have to do is ask.

A minimalist, black and white advertisement for "Fear's Confections" immediately stood out from a sea of colorized, stale announcements in an early September issue of "Scene Magazine." Whoever paired the international symbol for poison with the promise of decadent candy: kudos, you



have my attention. And my tastebuds. At first I wasn't convinced this was the business we needed to revitalize what was once a street lined with bustling storefronts. I love chocolate, the darker the better, with a pinch of sea salt, please, but nowhere were brownies and cupcakes in my neighborhood plan. (I said better streets, not sweets!!!)

Good thing living in Collinwood has taught me to become a more open-minded person.

The first time I stepped through the door, I knew I'd be back. Good coffee, cozy seats, and free wireless internet are hard to resist. As are the chocolates.

So thank you, "Fear's Confections" for checking off a box on my big list of Collinwood needs, wants, and (self-ish) desires. You'll be seeing more of me, and so will the Recreation Center on Lakeshore!

Speaking of coffee and a good read, there is something wonderful about this time of year, when it's just warm enough to take in a crisp porch breeze and sip a pumpkin spiced latte while paging through a good book. Good books are made better when borrowed from the local branch of a public library.

The Cleveland Public Library system is top notch, but threatened. It has triumphed in keeping stride with modern technology while providing quick, easy access to millions of books, films, and periodicals. I've attended more than one computer class, community workshop, and lecture series at my neighborhood libraries. I'm constantly scanning the shelves for recommendations and filling up my virtual hold "cart" with inspiring titles. For work and play, a safe, educational, accessible library is key to our neighborhood's growth.

And as much as I like coffee, I love the library more.

Please, for all the readers and life-long learners in your life, support the renewal levy on next month's ballot to keep our neighborhood libraries open.

While you're out voting, reward the good deed with a local candy or coffee, find a comfortable chair, and snuggle up with the latest version of the "Observer."

Read on, Collinwood, read on.

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Collinwood Arts

New Space: ROCK Show to Highlight Music's Behind-the-Scenes People

by Anastasia Pantsios

A Sound Baseline: Making Music Work opens October 19

Music fans understandably focus their attention on the performers and the excitement on the stage. But it takes a village to get that show happening — a village of support businesses and personnel who provide what is needed to get the music to the fans.

Waterloo Road gallerySpace: ROCK's next show, A Sound Baseline: Making Music Work, focuses on these unsung heroes. It features the people and businesses in northeast Ohio who provide such support services — recording studios, equipment manufacturers, music stores, sound/production companies, mastering suites, duplication companies, and others.

The show opens October 19 with a reception from 6-10 pm. It will also be open from 6-10 pm Friday November 1 for Walk All Over Waterloo, as well as the gallery's regular hours, 1-5 pm Saturday and Sunday. It will run through the end of November.

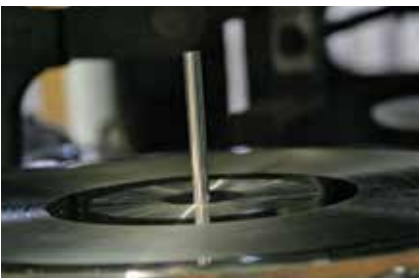
Four area photographers — Joe Kleon, Anastasia Pantsios, Mara Rob-



Guitar maker Jon Hill. Photo by Joe Kleon

inson, and North Collinwood resident Michael Spear — have photographed nearly three dozen local businesses, which support the music scene, provide jobs for area residents, and bolster the local economy.

They include Gotta Groove Records, which started to press vinyl records near downtown Cleveland just as vinyl was becoming popular again and now makes records for bands and musicians from all over; Suma Recording in Painesville, which has recorded internationally celebrated luminaries like Pere Ubu, as well as many local artists; and



Nothing sounds like Cleveland vinyl, except Cleveland vinyl. Photo by Anastasia Pantsios

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Music For Miles: Edgy new background for very old music

by Nan Kennedy

The Waterloo Arts chamber concert series – Music for Miles (M4M) – doesn't present just concerts – it provides an experience. The October concert (Sunday October 13, 4 pm, Waterloo Arts at 15605 Waterloo Road) will introduce the Carroll Trio (piano and strings) playing Beethoven and Mendelssohn, while in the gallery, where the walls have been painted in a cityscape, visitors are encouraged to add their own "murals."

The show is a celebration of Waterloo Arts' Zoetic Walls street art project, which is turning Waterloo into an outdoor gallery; the concert is a celebration of the enduring appeal of great music. To make it even better, the Callaloo Café will be serving its flavorful Caribbean menu. Eat, drink, make art, hear music.

The pianist in the Carroll Trio is Elizabeth DeMio; Susan Britton plays the violin, and Linda Atherton the cello. They will perform Beethoven's Trio for Piano and Strings no 5 in D major, Op. 70 no 1 "Ghost"; and Mendelssohn's Trio for Piano and Strings no 2 in C minor, Op. 66.

The Carroll Trio is the piano trio in residence at John Carroll University. Susan Britton is concertmaster of the Cleveland Chamber Symphony, and performs with the Akron Symphony, the Cleveland Pops Orchestra and the Trinity Chamber Orchestra. Linda

Atherton was a founding member of the Lockerie String Quartet; participated in the Blue Hill and Taos Chamber Music Festivals; and is a member of the Cleveland Chamber Collective, a group of mostly Cleveland Orchestra members who specialize in contemporary and local composers. Elizabeth DeMio is on the faculty of the Cleveland Institute of Music in the collaborative piano department, and is a collaborative pianist for the Stulberg International String Competition, the Stephen Geber Master Classes at Hidden Valley, the Cooper Competitions for Strings and Piano and the John Mack Oboe Camp.

The M4M concerts run through December, with a brass quintet on November 10, and the perfect pianist for Christmas, Stuart Raleigh, on December 8. The 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, make it the place to be on the second Sunday afternoon of the month. The concerts are free; the food has 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 audience often exchange comments. This, by the way, makes the events pretty

Bill Azman Takes Top Sausage Titles Again at the Polka Hall of Fame Festival

by Joe Valencic

Whether you call it chorizo, klobasa or charcuterie, most folks have never met a sausage they didn't like. About one thousand visitors proved it at the 10th Annual Slovenian Sausage Festival hosted by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum on Wednesday, September 11. It was the distinctive savory-smoked recipe from Slovenia that drew them to SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio, on a sultry autumn day. They sampled the products of several vendors, as did a jury of festival judges. Both came to the same conclusion: Azman Quality Meats of Euclid, Ohio, took titles as the People's Choice and the Best of Fest judges' award as top Slovenian sausage – for the second year in a row.

Raddell's Sausage Shop of Cleveland was voted runner-up for the People's Choice and Maple Heights Catering, of Maple Heights, Ohio, received runner-up honors from the jury. As winner of the event, Bill Azman's champion product will be the official sausage sold at the 50th Thanksgiving Polka Party weekend, presented by the Polka Hall of Fame at the Marriott Ballroom in downtown Cleveland, Thursday-Saturday, November 28, 29 and 30.

Eight polka music ensembles volunteered to perform for the Polka Hall of Fame fundraiser. Dancers worked off the calories from noon to nine in the evening. Many visitors brought accordions for impromptu jam sessions. About sixty musicians performed, including Walter Ostanek, Canada's Polka King. "You can't beat the good food and polka music," said Lynn Scarberry, who drove 300 miles from Plymouth, Indiana, for the event. "I buy uncooked sausages to take home. You can't get them where I come from."

"We love polka music and we were so happy to find this festival on our way across America," said Gabriele Leichsenring of Bad Oldesloe, Germany. "We danced and had a wonderful time." Mrs. Leichsenring and husband Wolf stopped en route to New England in a motor home.



Members of the Western Pennsylvania SNPJ Button Box Club were among the sixty musicians who performed.

kid-friendly; feel free to bring your musically inclined offspring with you.

This series is 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 Rd. (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.



Azman Quality Meats of Euclid, Ohio, took both the People's Choice and the jury's Best of Fest awards at the 10th annual Slovenian Sausage Festival hosted by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum. This was the second year in a row that Bill Azman's sausages earned him a twin win.

"This year, folks came from around the world, including Australia, Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, and a dozen U. S. states," noted Mark Habat, Chairman of the festival. "That shows you the powerful attraction of polka music and sausages."

The Slovenian sausage (kranjska klobasa, in Slovenian) is made of coarse-ground pork, flavored with garlic, salt and pepper, and cured by smoking. Additional herbs or spices may vary from maker to maker, but the recipes were brought to America by immigrants from Slovenia a century ago. Festival vendors also prepared rice and blood sausages, as well as potato pancakes, cabbage and noodles, apple strudel and other nationality treats.

The Slovenian Sausage Festival is held by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum, located in Euclid's historic original City Hall building. Audio exhibits, vintage photographs and original instruments trace the story of the city's home-grown sound from its roots in the Slovenian neighborhoods to nationwide renown in the 1940s and 1950s.

The Polka Hall of Fame and Museum is located at 605 East 222nd Street in Euclid, Ohio, in the city's historic former city hall. For more information, check the website at www.polkafame.com or call (216) 621-FAME.



Raddell's Sausage Shop of Cleveland, Ohio, earned runner-up for the People's Choice Award



Bandleader Jake Kouwe poses with Ann and Stella, fans of his Chardon Polka Band, at the 10th annual Slovenian Sausage Festival.

Nan's Notes

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by Nan Kennedy
AT THE BEACHLAND

Cabinet, October 5 Neighborhood son Patrick Biondo, with his band Cabinet, will be playing an all-ages show in the Ballroom at 9 pm. All Faith's Pantry's Reggae for Food 5, Saturday October 12, Carlos Jones & PLUS, Umojah Nation, Jah Messengers, Human Nature, Dub Flex, DJ Rich Lowe (Night of the Living Dread) Beachland Ballroom, 15711 Waterloo, (216) 383-1124, www.beachlandballroom.com

TRAFFIC ADVICE FROM THE BEACHLAND
"Construction on Waterloo Road for our new multi-million dollar streetscape is in full swing, so welcome to orange barrel road. From now until mid-November, Waterloo will be one-way heading east, as Perk Construction rips up the north side of the road from E. 152nd to E. 162, so anyone coming from the west will be fine with their normal route. If you come down Villa View to Waterloo from the east, you will be detoured onto Trafalgar and will have to go all the way around to E.152nd and circle back. You can pull down E. 160th and park on that side street or in the small lot behind Star Pop. "Parking in the Beachland lot and in the old Key Bank lot is normal, but on-street parking on Waterloo is now not possible for a while; it's been dug up to prep for new cement. Side street parking is still fine, just sneak past the Road Closed to Thru Traffic signs. Big P for event parking signs are posted in a few small lots nearby (see attached map). And we are getting more parking very soon on Waterloo, with two new lots being added before Rocktober, we hope (again see map). During big shows we will have staff people on the street helping to guide you. And we are getting valet services for some shows, so watch website for that info. "Please note that when you leave the Beachland, if you are headed west, you will have to go east on Waterloo and circle around to get back on the freeway at E. 152nd. Or continue east and get back on the freeway at E. 185th. You cannot go south and access the E. 156th on ramp anymore. Construction will be suspended over the winter so Waterloo will return to a two-way road from November sometime until April and then the crew will start working on the south side of the street. "So please bear with us. The end result will be a much improved Waterloo that we are all looking forward to, but please also think of our fellow retail shops, and try to support all of us on Waterloo as we weather this orange barrel challenge. Thanks much."

NEWS FROM UPSTAGE PLAYERS
Amazing Race, October 12 This is a sort of scavenger hunt – a good way to get to know the neighborhood as well as the UpStage folk. "Our starting point will be at the Memorial-Nottingham branch library (17109 Lakeshore Blvd.). All teams must sign-in at 11am. Each team will start at the library, where you will get your first clue. You will then continue to various spots, doing various activities; our final spot will be at a restaurant where lunch will be served and we will announce this year's show. Bring GPS, smart phone, encyclopedia, maps, history book (whatever you think will help you). The cost of admission will cover your lunch. There will be a prize for the winner. All teams must be registered by October 5; adults \$15, children (under 12) \$10. Mail a check/money order (made out to UpStage Players) to: 20975 Miller Avenue, Euclid, 44119. Include team name and number of members. Questions? Email Kris at KrisUpStage@aol.com." Upstage Players (440) 488-8869, www.upstageplayers.com

NEWS FOR ARTISTS
INTERNSHIPS Go to mycreativecompass.org, search internships, and bingo – there's a list. Ditto jobs. While you're on the site, sign up for the newsletter.

COLLINWOOD RISES ALL OVER AGAIN
The Collinwood Rising Vibrancy Grants. The Kresge Foundation was so impressed with what CPAC and Northeast Shores achieved with its first funding, it has added more -- enabling Northeast Shores to launch the Collinwood Rising Vibrancy Grants, a new program that will provide grants of up to \$3,000 for the launch of new community art projects by teams of artists and neighborhood businesses, nonprofits and community groups. The concept is that these art activities can help keep our Waterloo Arts & Entertainment District vibrant during a major streetscape project. (How unusually perceptive!)

More Financial Support for Artists In partnership with NoteWorthy Federal Credit Union, NSDC has developed a unique, low-interest loan program to help artists finance building out art space in the North Collinwood neighborhood. Whether you need to make space improvements to your work space or living space, or just need new supplies or equipment for your artwork, this is the program for you. For more information on this and many other services for neighborhood homeowners, contact Charlie Kamen at (216) 481-7660. or go to creativecompass.

ROCK SHOW from Page 19

Earthquaker Pedals, which started as one man's hobby and now employs 18 people in Akron, making guitar sound-processing pedals now sold in more than 150 music stores around the world.
A Sound Baseline speaks directly to Space: ROCK's mission — to expose people to all aspects of the area's music scene through photography. Space: ROCK, located at 15721 Waterloo Road, is a project of the nonprofit Cleveland Rocks: Past, Present & Future, which was founded to preserve, educate about, and promote the area's music history as well as its current music scene.

Look for Space: ROCK on Facebook for more information.



Gotta Groove Records, Cleveland's own vinyl pressing business makes records for bands and musicians from all over. Photo by Anastasia Pantsios



Suma recording is owner/engineer, Paul Hammann. Photo by Mara Robinson

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF COMPLAINT
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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