

**FREE  
TAKE ONE!**  
Please patronize our advertisers.

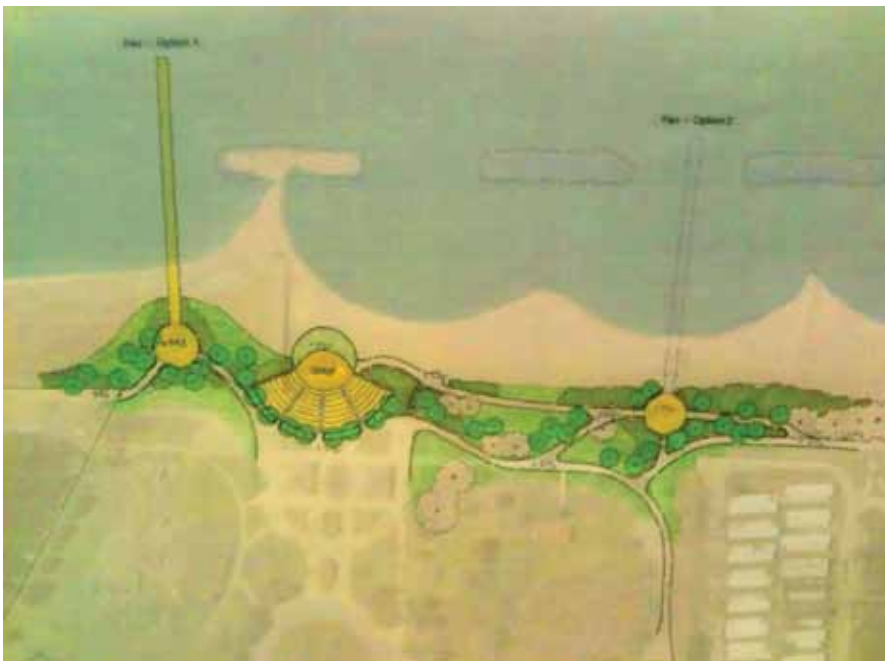
# The Collinwood Observer

Proud Member of the Observer Media Family of Community-Owned and Written Newspapers & Websites

Volume 6 • Issue 3

April 2014

## Cleveland Metroparks Open House Offered Community Members an Opportunity to see the Start of Big Plans for our Lakefront Parks



This rendering was on display at the meeting to show what the newly constructed pier and amphitheater might look like.

by Stephen Love

On Thursday, March 6th at the Collinwood Recreation Center, community residents had an opportunity to attend a public open house where Cleveland Metroparks presented updates about management, safety, programming and infrastructure improvements of the Lakefront Parks. The open house was one of two events coordinated by Cleveland Metroparks in partnership with Land Studio to provide residents on the near west side of Cleveland with updates about the coming year at Edgewater Park and residents in the Collinwood and Glenville neighborhoods with updates about the coming year at Euclid Beach, Villa Angela Beach, Wildwood Park and Gordon Park/East 55th St. Marina.

Cleveland Metroparks staff and administration, including Metroparks CEO Brian Zimmerman and COO Joseph Rozak were present at the meetings and available for questions and suggestions from community members.

The Open House Tables included tables outlining: An Overview of Park Operations, Programming, Events & Communications, Park Infrastructure, Safety & Security, Natural Resources, and Future Planning & Community Engagement.

Some of the most notable updates provided at the meeting centered on proposed park infrastructure improvements. Following extensive surveying and site condition assessments at the parks over the last several months, a proposed capital improvement budget for the Lakefront parks was discussed at a work session with the Metroparks Board of Park Commissioners back in February 2014. Cleveland Metroparks plans to spend over the next three years \$17.6 million in infrastructure improvements, \$9 million of which is planned to be spent in 2014 alone. \$14 million out the \$17.6 million in estimated improvement costs will come from the funds

that the State of Ohio agreed to allocate to Cleveland Metroparks last summer when the Ohio Department of Natural Resources relinquished management of the parks.

In 2014, it is anticipated that the \$9 million will be spent on: facility upgrades (restrooms, concession areas, pavilions), Infrastructure (utilities, roadways, retaining walls, shoreline protection), other improvement amenities including the reconfiguring of roadways at Edgewater to create a transportation 'Hub' and a Pedestrian Bridge over Euclid Creek linking Villa Angela Beach to Wildwood Park.

Preliminary plans regarding the pedestrian bridge were available at the open house. The other proposed infrastructure improvement call for the reconstruction of the Euclid Beach Pier and retaining wall. This would mean demolition of the existing Euclid Beach Pier, Fountain structure and retaining wall. A new and larger pier would most likely be located further west of the Pier's current location and in its place, an outdoor amphitheater/performance space would be constructed. At this point in time, the renderings and the timeline for the construction of a new pier and amphitheater are in the preliminary stages, and Sean McDermott, Director of Design Services at Cleveland Metroparks was on hand to answer many questions and comments from community members and decision makers, chief among them, why the existing historic Euclid Beach Pier could not be saved. McDermott presented a number of engineering photos and core sampling that demonstrated the structural instability of the pier and the use of multiple building materials in the concrete as well as significant deterioration and hallowing out in the adjacent retaining wall. While the pier will remain accessible throughout the 2014 summer season, the areas adjacent to pier along the retaining wall will remain fenced off until work begins on the demoli-

tion. At this point in time, it is anticipated that demolition could begin as early as this fall. We hope that there will opportunities in the near future for more community input regarding the design and functionality of the new pier and amphitheater space as well as the pedestrian bridge construction.

Both Cleveland Metroparks and Land Studio staff explained that these initial infrastructure improvements were designed to address immediate needs and 'low hanging fruit' opportunities to bring the parks up to Cleveland Metroparks standards, just as safety and security were and continue to be the focus for Metroparks Rangers. It is hoped that as master planning meetings for the Lakefront get underway that the community will have an opportunity to directly engage in the process. According to Tiffany Graham at Land Studio, more community feedback opportunities are in the works for 2014. And it is with excitement, that I announce the Euclid Beach Blast on August 2nd ([www.euclidbeachblast.com](http://www.euclidbeachblast.com)) will be one of those opportunities for feedback!

As always, we will continue to keep the community informed of any opportunities for engagement that we are made aware of as this exciting process unfolds!

If you did not make it to the meeting, Cleveland Metroparks has prepared a helpful video that summarizes key takeaways. See the link below:

<http://goo.gl/jrNN09>

For questions and more information regarding Cleveland Metroparks Lakefront updates, call 216-635-3200 or email [info@clevelandmetroparks.com](mailto:info@clevelandmetroparks.com).

We are very fortunate and excited to have Cleveland Metroparks in our neighborhood's 'front yard', our Lakefront Parks!

Stephen Love,  
Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach(TM) Team

## Collinwood High School Hosts Successful Father and Son Night

by Gail Greenberg

A Father and Son Night was held recently at Collinwood High School, facilitated by the school administration and staff, as well as community and parent volunteers. This was an initiative to promote family and community engagement at the school.

The evening began with dinner and an encouraging message by Reverend Earl Baumgarner, of the City of God Baptist Fellowship, located in the Collinwood community. Reverend Baumgarner spoke

about the importance of fatherhood and getting a good education. Fathers were given data about student achievement and various programs that Collinwood High School has to offer to prepare students for colleges and careers.

The program adjourned to the gym, where father and son teams displayed their basketball skills in various competitions including, free throw shooting, a 3-point shootout, 5-on-5 and 2-on-2. Winning teams were recognized and given trophies.



(L to R) Fred Ray, Mr. Little and son, Charles had a winning evening!



Assistant Principal, Fred Ray (second from left) poses with several participants in the Father and Son Night program.



Sons showed their basketball talents during Father and Son Night activities.



Reverend Earl Baumgarner addresses the audience at Father and Son Night.







Around Collinwood

Around Collinwood

### Hospice of the Western Reserve Partners with MOCA Cleveland

by Laurie Henriksen



The Spring 2014 exhibition at MOCA Cleveland runs through June 8 and features 22 national and international artists. The spring season kicks off with a provocative exhibition that uses mortality as its subject. DIRGE features 22 selected artists, both living and deceased, who work in painting, drawing, sculpture, video, photography, and installation. The exhibition aims to create a substantive space in which we might better understand, even appreciate life, by reflecting on its end.

A dirge is a song expressing mourning. Likewise, the artworks featured communicate a range of creative responses to death and how it conditions life. Some works are highly subjective exercises by artists facing their own impending death. Others draw from the loss of those closest to examine the role of grief, memory, and ritual. Made using diverse processes and materials, the featured artworks probe the mysterious nature of death to identify and reinforce the most potent characteristics of life.

In connection with DIRGE, MOCA Cleveland is partnering with Hospice of the Western Reserve to offer a special program that expands upon the subject matter in a significant and progressive way. On Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 7 p.m., Chuck Behrens, spiritual care coordinator for Hospice of the Western Reserve, who has sat at the bedside with countless individuals in their final moments of life, will share his unique insights about the relationship between creative expression, spirituality, and mortality. An accomplished speaker and advisor, Behrens received his Masters in Divin-

ity from Lexington Theological Seminary and has worked in a spiritual care capacity with Hospice of the Western Reserve since 1994.

"Hospice of the Western Reserve is honored to be partnering with MOCA to support this innovative exhibit that shines a light on what has long been a taboo topic in our society," said Michele Seyranian, the nonprofit agency's Business Development Officer.

The 2014 exhibition programs are supported in part by The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, the Shelley & Donald Rubin Foundation, and Leadership Circle gifts from the Britton Fund, Margaret Fulton Mueller, Agnes Gund, Scott Mueller, Joanne Cohen and Morris Wheeler, Margaret Cohen and Kevin Rahilly, Doreen and Dick Cahoon, Becky Dunn, Harriet and Victor Goldberg, Donna and Stewart Kohl, and Toby Devan Lewis. All MOCA Cleveland exhibitions and programs are presented with major support from The William Bingham Foundation, Cuyahoga Arts and Culture, The Cleveland Foundation, The George Gund Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, Nesnadny + Schwartz, The Ohio Arts Council and the continuing support of the Museum's Board of Directors, patrons, and members.

DIRGE: Reflections on [Life and] Death will be on view through June 8, 2014. Admission for MOCA Cleveland members and children under 6 years old is free. General admission is \$8; seniors 65+, \$6; and students with valid ID, \$5. MOCA Cleveland's hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 12 – 5 pm; open until 9 pm Thursdays; closed Mondays. For more information on MOCA and all of its programming, visit [www.MOCAcleveland.org](http://www.MOCAcleveland.org) or call 216-421-8671.

### Recycling OLD Appliances is simple and rewarding!

It's as easy as 1-2-3!

- 1 Schedule your FREE appliance pick-up.
- 2 We pay you \$50.
- 3 You save up to \$150 a year on utility bills!

Call 855-695-5296 or visit [www.efficiencysmart.org](http://www.efficiencysmart.org)

One of the energy efficiency initiatives offered in partnership between:

Cleveland **PP** PublicPower Count on it

**E**FFICIENCY**\$**MART

Efficiency Smart's Appliance Recycling initiative is one of several energy efficiency services offered to your community in partnership with your municipal electric utility. Appliance recycling is funded on a first-come first-served basis until exhausted. Refrigerators and freezers turned in for recycling must be in working (cooling) order, 10 to 30 cubic feet, owned by the customer of a participating utility, and picked up from the residential address listed on the billing account. The incentive will be mailed to the customer in four-to-six weeks after collection. Three units max per customer per year. Other restrictions may apply. For more information on Efficiency Smart visit [www.efficiencysmart.org](http://www.efficiencysmart.org).

### Cleveland Clinic's Minority Men's Health Fair

by Angela Smith

You can discover your risk of developing prostate or colon cancer, learn how to quit smoking and prevent strokes, and gather all kinds of other health information at the 12th annual Cleveland Clinic's Minority Men's Health Fair.

The free event is from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 24, in the lobby of Glickman Tower, 2050 East 96th St., on the Cleveland Clinic's main campus.

Free parking is available in the P1 garage at East 93rd Street and Euclid Avenue.

Last year, 1,200 men attended and underwent more than 6,000 screenings. The annual event, founded by Charles S. Modlin, Jr. M.D. of the Glickman Urological and Kidney Institute, aims to address the healthcare disparities experienced by minority patients in Northeast Ohio. African-Americans have a shorter life-expectancy, higher incidence of death from heart disease and die from prostate cancer twice as often as white males.

Registration is strongly encouraged. To sign up, go to [ClevelandClinic.org/MMHC](http://ClevelandClinic.org/MMHC).

### Creative Painting

by Sister Mary Ellen Brinovec

Creative Painting with artists and teachers, William Denihan and Doug Rothschild.

Saturdays 10:00am - 1:30 pm  
APRIL 12th & 26th  
MAY 10th & 24th  
JUNE 14th & 28th

No art experience necessary!  
Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministry  
15706 St. Clair Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44110

To sign up or for more information call:  
216-481-8182

Euclids only store front Travel Agency

**Weather Got You down?**

Let Kollander World Travel Experienced Agents Help you find a place in the sun!

- \* Cruises
- \* All Inclusive Resorts
- \* Tours
- \* Great Hotel Rates
- \* Air

Best Prices! Better or the same on most internet prices. Call us to compare!

**Kollander World Travel**  
761 East 200th St\*Euclid 44119  
(216) 692-1000 \* (800) 800-5981  
[www.kollander.com](http://www.kollander.com)  
Serving Vacation, Corporate, & Group Clients

### Master Mechanical

718 East 200th Street  
216.481.9090  
Complete Auto Repair

**Barry T. Doyle**  
Attorney at Law  
23811 Chagrin Blvd.  
Beachwood, Ohio 44122  
Office 216.292.8790  
Cell 440.463.3685

**Criminal, DUI, Injury, Medical Negligence**

**Cavotta's**  
Annuals & Perennials  
Vegetable Plants and Seeds

- \* Heirloom Tomato Plants & Herbs
- \* Local Honey and \*Fresh Brown Eggs
- \* Jams, Jellies & Preserves
- \* Statuary & Other Interesting Things

19603 Nottingham Rd. Cleveland, Ohio 44110 - (216) 692-0300

Goats! Chickens!

Stop in And Say Hello!

**INFIELD CHIROPRACTIC**  
[www.infieldchiropracticclinic.com](http://www.infieldchiropracticclinic.com)

216-938-7889  
21898 Lakeshore Blvd. Euclid  
Euclid resident owned and operated

Adjusting Techniques Used:  
\*Palmer Package  
\*Thompson Drops  
\*Gonstead  
\*Flexion –Distraction

Accepts Most Major Insurance\*  
Cash BWC \* Personal Injury \*  
Auto Accidents, Digital X-ray.  
Free Consultations

**April 5th Mary Taylor Brooks April 12th Winwood**

**Gostilna** BEST KEPT SECRET ON E. 200th St. ON-LINE MENU FREE LUNCH CARD  
a.k.a. Bob's Place  
768 E. 200th Street  
216-738-1177 [www.TheBobsPlace.com](http://www.TheBobsPlace.com)  
Mon: 4:00pm - 10:00pm, Tues - Thurs: 12 Noon-10:00pm, Fri: 12 Noon-11:00pm  
Sat: - 9:00pm (unless otherwise specified, Sun: Open for Browns Games)

**Tuesday... Is... SIN**

**CHILI PEPPERS**  
FRESH MEXICAN GRILL

Fresh Food Fast  
No MSG  
Vegetarian Friendly

Chili peppers gives you a choice of over 30 fresh items to choose from to customize your dining experience  
**869 East 185th • 216.531.2300**  
Hours Monday - Saturday 11am - 10pm, Sunday 12pm - 8pm

p: 216.486.7518 | 17320 St. Clair Ave.  
fax: 216.486.4767 | Cleveland, OH 44110

**10% OFF**

WITH THIS COUPON OR USE PROMO CODE C07518-06 WITH ONLINE QUOTE @ [WWW.MYIMAGEMART.COM](http://WWW.MYIMAGEMART.COM)

\* Offer excludes promotional products and art fee's if applicable

**ImageMart**  
BANNERS  
BUSINESS CARDS  
T-SHIRTS  
VINYL STICKERS  
SIGNS  
CUT VINYL  
POSTCARDS  
POSTERS  
CAR MAGNETS

Offer Expires 2/28/2014

**Stevenson's Bar & Grill**  
800 East 200th Street / (216) 999-7156  
Across from Drug Mart

Same Great Burgers... Full Bar... Craft Drafts... Martini Specials & New Address!  
OPEN TUES-SUN  
HAPPY HOUR, 11-6

PROVEN LEADER in a continuum of care

- Post-Hospital Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation
- Alzheimer's Care
- Hospice Care

[www.hcr-manorcare.com](http://www.hcr-manorcare.com)

**ManorCare Health Services – Euclid Beach**  
16101 Euclid Beach Boulevard  
Cleveland, OH 44110  
**216.486.2300**

**ManorCare** Euclid Beach



# V Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

*Faith. Family. Future.*

## VASJ boys basketball D-III state runner-up

The Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School boys basketball team competed in the program's 10th state championship game on Saturday, March 22, against Lima Central Catholic at Value City Arena in Columbus.

A furious rally by VASJ and a halfcourt shot at the buzzer by junior Brian Parker came up just short as the Vikings fell to Lima Central Catholic, 64-62, in a classic D-III state final.

It is the fifth state runner-up trophy for the Vikings, who also have won five state championships in boys basketball.

"I want to congratulate Lima Central Catholic," said Coach Babe Kwasniak '94, who was a member of the 1992 and 1994 state title teams as a player and is now 77-28 with a state championship and state runner-up in four years as a coach.

"It turned out to be a great basketball game, even though it didn't look that way in the first half."

VASJ (22-8) erased a 14-point third-quarter deficit to tie the game at 51 midway through the fourth quarter, but were unable to get the lead. The Thunderbirds – who benefited from a pair of key offensive rebounds on missed free throws in the closing minute – did not trail in the game.

A 3 by 6-foot-10 national recruit Carlton Bragg – who scored a game-high 23 points to go over 1,000 for his career – with 4 seconds left pulled the Vikings to within 63-62.

Lima CC missed a pair of foul shots, but the second one bounced back to the shooter, and a subsequent foul led to one free throw and a 64-62 lead.

The second foul shot was missed, and Parker's three-quarter court heave grazed the rim ending VASJ's shot at back-to-back titles and a sixth state championship for the program.

"We will remember this moment, and every time we work out or practice we have to go that much harder to make sure we don't feel like this again," Parker said.

VASJ guard Deandre Forte, the lone senior on the Vikings roster, was classy in defeat following the final varsity basketball game of his high school career.

"It is a learning experience," Forte said. "Everything happens for a reason. They were a great team and we can't take anything away from them. You have to be a man at times like this."

With all five starters returning as seniors next season – including 6-foot-9 center Dererk Pardon, who scored 17 points and grabbed 15 rebounds in the title game and who has drawn interest from Northwestern – there is plenty to be optimistic about at Viking Village.



VASJ senior Deandre Forte accepts the Division III state runner-up trophy following the Vikings' 64-62 loss to Lima Central Catholic in the state championship game at Value City Arena in Columbus on March 22.



Junior Brian Parker drives around a Lima Central Catholic defender during the Division III state championship game.



Junior Carlton Bragg, who finished with a game-high 23 points to surpass 1,000 for his career, dribbles past a defender.

And, as Parker (15 points, five rebounds) said, the fire has been fueled to work for a 14th trip to the final four in 2015.

The loss snapped a 14-game postseason winning streak for the Vikings, who rolled to the 2013 Division IV state championship winning all seven games in the tournament by 20 points or more.

The Viking boys basketball team claimed the outright North Coast League White Division championship this season with a 9-1 league record.

Parker was selected as the unanimous player of the year in the NCL White. Parker, who is also on the

watch list for cleveland.com Player of the Year, averaged more than 18 points, 6 rebounds and 6 assists per game in the regular season and has helped the Vikings earn the No. 1 seed in the upcoming Division III Garfield Heights district. In addition, the talented 6-foot-3 guard surpassed 1,000 career points.

"I think Brian really stepped up this year and it is a sign of great respect to be a unanimous player of the year selection," VASJ coach Babe Kwasniak '94 said. "It was the whole package for Brian, not just scoring. He rebounded, had assists. He was recognized for his entire game."

Bragg and Pardon each earned first

team all NCL honors.

Sharpshooting junior Simon Texidor and junior point guard Mo Johnson were named to the second team. Forte was an honorable mention selection.

Kwasniak was selected as the NCL White Division Coach of the Year after guiding the Vikings to a 9-1 league mark and a second consecutive outright championship.

"I think all the honors our guys got mean more than ever because the league is so deep and so talented and there are so many good coaches," Kwasniak said. "It is a very competitive basketball conference."

VILLA ANGELA-ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL  
18491 Lakeshore Boulevard • Cleveland, OH 44119 • 216-481-8414 • [www.vasj.com](http://www.vasj.com)

*Catholic education in the Ursuline and Marianist traditions*

Join the Discussion at: [www.collinwoodobserver.com](http://www.collinwoodobserver.com)

# V Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

*Faith. Family. Future.*

## VASJ bids farewell to school chaplain, Fr. Jim Bartlett, SM

It was a bittersweet day in the Viking Village on March 19, when the school held its Feast of St. Joseph Mass, which also happened to be the last Mass VASJ Chaplain Fr. Jim Bartlett, SM, would celebrate with the school.

It seems quite fitting, actually, to celebrate St. Joseph, who is known as a model for fathers and those who educate the young, while also bidding farewell to Fr. Jim, who has been serving God through education for most of his adult life.

"I have felt like a spiritual grandfather to 350 teenagers," said Fr. Jim during Mass.

He was so much more than just a spiritual grandfather at VASJ. Fr. Jim was a constant smile in the hallway, a regular presence in the cafeteria, collecting food from students who

didn't want it and redistributing to other students who did.

He was someone you could count on for a gentle ear and prayers during difficult times and continuous reminder of the Marianist mission of the school.

Above all, though, Fr. Jim was a loyal friend of the VASJ community.

"This year has made me realize that sometimes we have to take care of ourselves," Fr. Jim said of his health issues that led to his retirement.

"It has been a privilege for me to serve you and I thank you for allowing me to serve you," Fr. Jim said. "Please pray for me in the coming months because I am going to miss you."

The Mass concluded with a presentation of gifts to Fr. Jim and a slideshow tribute showcasing his nearly four-year tenure at VASJ.



VASJ Chaplain Fr. Jim Bartlett, SM, holds up his parish gift and memento of his three years at the school.

Rather than redistributing food from his basket, for his last lunch in the cafeteria, Fr. Jim distributed pieces of his farewell cake instead.

"Perhaps our paths will cross again because, 'Once a Viking, Always a Viking,'" Fr. Jim said in closing to the VASJ family.



VASJ students, faculty and staff bless Fr. Jim Bartlett, SM, during his last Mass as the school's chaplain.

## Students place in LifeWorks Ohio contest

Ten students at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School were announced as winners in the annual LifeWorks Ohio Respect Life Art & Essay contest, a program which encourages grade school and high school students to artistically express their commitment to life.

The theme of the contest is set annually and a panel of pro-life community leaders judge the art and essay works.

More than 2,500 entries were received in this year's contest with the theme, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works" Ephesians 2:10.

The winners were recognized at the Art & Essay Awards Ceremony on Sunday, March 23.



Row 1: Cierra Walker, Tyonna Foster and De'Ja Bruce. Row 2: Jasmine Toney, Aysia Kemp, Jacob Di Donato, Nicholas Uitenham and Alexis Johnson.

VILLA ANGELA-ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL  
18491 Lakeshore Boulevard • Cleveland, OH 44119 • 216-481-8414 • [www.vasj.com](http://www.vasj.com)

*Catholic education in the Ursuline and Marianist traditions*

Join the Discussion at: [www.collinwoodobserver.com](http://www.collinwoodobserver.com)

## Viking Views



by Richard Osborne

I've known my friend Marilyn (Tucci) Belevic since we were students together at St. Jerome School in North Collinwood. She's a Villa Angela Academy girl, class of 1968, so you do the math. Suffice to say, it's been a long time.

Our St. Jerome roots are not all we have in common. She married Al, a St. Joe guy from the class of 1966. I married Della, a VA girl who was Marilyn's classmate. So we have our VA and SJ marriages in common too.

Both of us also share a profound sense of gratitude to the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland, who taught us at St. Jerome, who taught me later at was then Holy Cross School – now our Lady of the Lake – in Euclid, and who taught Marilyn later at VA. The Ursulines are now one of the sponsoring orders at VASJ, along with the Marianists.

And, needless to say, both Marilyn and I maintain a sense of loyalty to – and spirit for – Villa Angela Academy, St. Joseph High School and today's VASJ.

I mention all of this by way background to explain why I am excited about the great party Marilyn has planned for the VASJ gym on Thursday, May 1. It's an annual celebration called Ladies Night Out that benefits both the Ursulines and VASJ. (Yes, its for ladies but Al and I – and a few others who tend bar and otherwise do whatever we are told – get an exemption to attend.)

It is an evening of great friends, wonderful memories, excellent food, and lots and lots of fun. The fun includes basket auctions, side boards and 5/25/25 raffles. Food is catered by Tizzanno's, owned by St. Joseph alumni Michael Tizzano '72 and Steven Tizzano '68.

While Marilyn has long been the driving force behind the event, she is always quick to recognize her dedicated and talented committee.

Over the years, the event has provided more than \$100,000 to VASJ. For these and other examples of her devotion to VASJ and the Ursuline Sisters, Marilyn is a member of the VASJ Hall of Fame.

But don't come to the event because of all of that. Come because you will have a blast. But say hello to Marilyn while you're there. Who knows, you just might make a friend for life.

I know the feeling.

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





## Power of the Pen

by Jenny Millett and Melissa Kish

During the 2013-2014 school year Our Lady of the Lake students participated in the Power of the Pen competition. Power of the Pen is not just a competition, but a writing approach that builds skills and enhances creative thinking. Through this competition students build self-confidence, along with writing abilities.

This year Our Lady of the Lake was proud to enter two teams into the competition, consisting of seventh and eighth grade students: Emily Kovacic, Khalid Mitcham, Jeri Huggins, Rachel O'Connell, Martin Hiti, Matthew McGinn, Lindsay DePenti, Winnie Kime, Karli DeChant, Elizabeth Smith, and Schenley Blase. Mrs. Kish, Mrs. Millett, and Miss Zbiegien coached their

talented team, meeting twice a week to prepare for the district competition. Their hard work paid off: Khalid Mitcham won "Best of the Best" for his second round of writing titled "Small but Numerous," and, Emily Kovacic, Khalid Mitcham, Schenley Blase, and Karli DeChant all moved on to regionals.

The regional competition was held on Saturday, March 15 at St. Joseph Academy, with more than 66 schools participating. Our team made a strong showing, and we look forward to seeing the final results and learning whether we'll be sending our students to the state competition. Our Lady of the Lake is proud of these students and their accomplishments!

## Now Registering!

Our Lady of the Lake School is now registering students for preschool and kindergarten. Space is limited, so please call now to schedule your kindergarten screening, or get more information about our full-day and half-day preschool options.

Rita Kingsbury, Principal  
(216) 481-6824  
kingsburyr@ourladyofthelake-school.org

## STEM Event Open to All

Our Lady of the Lake School will host its annual STEM Open House on Friday, April 11, 2014  
9:00am-10:00am and 1:00pm-2:00pm

We invite friends, neighbors and interested families to stop in and see some of the exciting STEM projects we're exploring at Our Lady of the Lake School. For more information, please call (216) 481-6824

## Kindergarten Buddy Day Was a Learning Adventure

by Lori Seidel

Twice each year, Our Lady of the Lake School Hosts an Open House for for preschoolers interested in learning more about quality kindergarten options. The day is also especially fun, not only for the kindergarten students and their visitors, but also for the eighth grade student council students who come and plan special projects with them. This year's project: building a leprechaun trap. While they had

fun, they also learned STEM engineering processes in cooperative learning groups to design and construct "traps", follow clues and find the pot of gold. What a wonderful day of exploring for our little ones, and for the senior students who show them that learning is fun!


Call 216-481-6824 for more information on the next Kindergarten Buddy Day.

**Berry Lane**  
Frozen Yogurt



**15799 LAKESHORE BLVD**  
In the plaza between McDonalds & Walgreens across from Dave's  
(216)481-1715

**BUY ONE GET ONE FREE!**  
BUY ONE CUP OF YOGURT AND GET THE SECOND CUP (OF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE) FOR FREE.  
7 DAYS A WEEKS 2 PM TO 9 PM.



**Living Stations of the Cross  
to be performed by  
Our Lady of the Lake Youth Ministry  
April 11, 2014  
8:00pm  
Our Lady of the Lake Parish  
East 200 and Lake Shore Blvd.**

**Living Stations bring people to the foot of the cross to experience Jesus' final hours in a way that becomes a personal and profound encounter with our Savior. Please join us at Our Lady of the Lake Parish on Friday, April 11, 2014 at 8:00pm**



**YOUTH MASS**  
SAVE THE DATES!  
All Ages Youth Mass: April 27, at Noon  
Mother/Daughter Mass May 11, at 10:00am  
Father/Son Mass June 15, at 10:00am

## Corrections

In last month's Observer some articles ran under the wrong author name. We would just like to note that "Hooping It Up" was

written by Margaret and Erin Osborne, and "There Is a Time for Every Purpose Under Heaven" was written by Shawn Witmer. We apologize for the error.

**Euclid Veterinary Clinic**  
Monday - Thursday : 9:00AM - 4:00PM  
Friday : 9:00AM - 6:00PM  
Saturday : 9:00AM - 3:00PM  
No Appointments Needed, Walk-ins Welcome  
25580 Lakeland blvd.  
(216) 731-4345



## Community

## There is Nothing More Valuable to Your Child's Growth as a Learner than "Just Reading"

by Dr. Cathy Whitehouse

A few years ago, I was a participant on a panel with several principals about how to evaluate teachers. The principal next to me spoke first, and among the many statements she made with which I disagreed was this one: "I never want to walk into a classroom and see students just reading."

At the Intergenerational Schools, it is required that teachers provide at least 30 minutes each and every day for students to just read. This is called SSR, for Sustained Silent Reading. In many schools and classrooms, students spend a lot of time filling out worksheets or doing reading "activities" but spend

little if any time just reading. In my work as a teacher, principal and now Chief Educator, I like nothing better than to walk into a classroom and see every individual (teacher included) deeply engrossed in a book. Each person is reading a "just right" book that he or she has chosen (independently or with teacher guidance). We will never develop readers, if we never give students the opportunity to select and spend time reading beautiful, wonderful, engaging and mind-expanding books.

In her latest book Quantity and Quality: Increasing the Volume and Complexity of Students' Reading, Sandra Wilde states "es-

tablishing the reading of books as the center of our literacy curriculum is the secret to academic achievement." I could not agree more! As with everything else in life, the more you practice reading, the better a reader you will be.

Becoming a reader does still require teaching. It is the role of the teacher to demonstrate and help students practice a variety of reading strategies (including but not limited to phonetic ones), to introduce students to a wide variety of text types, and to help them expand their reading range and stamina. It is also the role of the teacher to help students learn to love books!

The more children read, the larger their vocabulary, the more world knowledge they acquire, the better their writing, and the higher their scores on standardized tests.

Most of all, reading is a purely pleasurable activity. Reading with a child enables you to laugh at silly characters together, cry over sad stories, visit wondrous places, and learn anything you want to learn! There is nothing more valuable to your child's growth as a learner than just reading.

Dr. Cathy Whitehouse is Co-Founder and Chief Educator for The Intergenerational Schools.



We are thrilled to announce **Lakeshore Intergenerational School** will be opening in Collinwood August 2014, enrolling grades K-2!



**Lakeshore**  
Intergenerational School

*The new campus of  
The Intergenerational School,  
one of the highest-performing  
K-8 tuition-free schools in Ohio.*

**Multi-age clusters with only 17 students per classroom**

**1-on-1 mentoring from caring adults and senior citizens**

**Free, public, safe school with no fighting or bullying**

**Tuition-free! Private school culture, public school price**

Learn More and Enroll:  
**TISonline.org**

**BREAKTHROUGH** FRANCHISE **SCSCHOOLS** Proud members of the highest-rated network of public charter schools in Ohio



**You're Invited!**

**Parent & Community Information Session**  
Collinwood Recreation Center  
16300 Lake Shore Blvd - Cleveland, OH 44110

**Tuesday, April 15**  
5:30pm - 7:00pm

OR

**Tuesday, April 29**  
5:30pm - 7:00pm

**Please RSVP: (216) 721-0120   admissions@tisonline.org**




## BUSINESS

↑ **Opportunity**

## PROGRAM



**Northeast Ohio  
Regional Sewer District**

ATTENTION MINORITY-OWNED, WOMAN-OWNED, AND SMALL BUSINESSES:

## OPPORTUNITY AHEAD.

If your company is a small construction or engineering firm or a provider of goods and services, we invite you to apply for our Business Opportunity Program.

**REGISTER TODAY!**

Visit us at [neorsd.org/opportunity](http://neorsd.org/opportunity)



Community

New resource to help you “choose your school”

by Megan O'Bryan

This month the Cleveland Transformation Alliance (CTA) launched a new school choice tool for families across our city. The CTA is a new nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring every child in Cleveland attends an excellent school and that every neighborhood has a multitude of quality school options from which families can choose. A new website, [www.clevelandta.org](http://www.clevelandta.org) is now available to help Cleveland families make informed decisions about the schools their children attend – including a comprehensive, interactive and searchable “report card” on every public (district and charter) school in the city.

Cleveland Transformation Alliance is a key component of Cleveland’s Plan for Transforming Schools, and advocates for progress outlined within that plan. The Transformation Alliance has four distinctive roles: (1) Assess the quality of all district and charter schools in Cleveland; (2) Communicate to parents about quality school choices; (3) Ensure fidelity to the citywide education plan; and (4) Monitor charter sector quality and growth. The Alliance’s Board of Directors stands “unified for quality schools” and includes representatives from Cleveland Metropolitan School District, Cleveland Teachers Union, charter school authorizers, the business community, foundations, parents and educators.

“This effort reflects my deep commitment to Cleveland’s citizens to transform our school system so that all children can experience a quality education,” said Mayor Frank G. Jackson, board chair of the Alliance. “For the first time, comprehensive information on every district and charter school can be found in one place, so families can learn about their many options when it comes to our public schools.”

CTA’s new website and its “Choose Your School!” campaign is a citywide outreach effort to encourage families to become active, empowered and engaged “school choosers” for the 2014-2015 school year. “With a growing number of innovative school models and charter school options available to families, our goal through this program is to make the community aware of all public school options across the city,” said Megan O’Bryan, executive director.

The new website, [www.clevelandta.org](http://www.clevelandta.org), will serve as the communications platform for the work of the Alliance. Its first comprehensive, interactive and searchable “report card” on every public school citywide includes information on how to choose a school, state academic ratings, special programs and features, enrollment processes and more. The Alliance is charged with growing a “portfolio” of high-performing district and charter schools in Cleveland, and intends the new website and “Choose Your School” campaign will create demand for more quality school options across the city.

Cleveland Public Library’s Tech Central Comes to Collinwood

by Gail Greenberg

In celebration of Teen Tech Week, and this year’s theme, “Do-It-Yourself @ your library,” several classes had the opportunity to learn about Cleveland Public Library’s new Tech Central – Maker Space. Tech Central Coordinator, Sam Tripodis visited Collinwood High School and spoke with students about the many free state-of-the-art technology resources and classes available at the facility, located in the Louis Stokes Wing of CPL’s main branch. He described Tech Central – Maker Space as a place where CPL and CLEVNET member library card holders can explore, design, create and innovate. Students were fascinated when Mr. Tripodis demonstrated the 3-D printer and some examples of its capabilities.

Arrangements for this program were coordinated by media specialist, Gail Greenberg, in collaboration with teachers, Christopher Kraska, Joyce Dorbish, and Teddy Mwononyi.



TechCentral Coordinator, Sam Tripodis introduces Cleveland Public Library's new MakerSpace.



A CHS student takes a closer look at the 3-D printer, as it produces a bracelet.



Staff and students are intrigued by the 3-D printer and its uses.

Dream it up, Plan it out: Master Plan to lay out future for neighborhood schools

by Erin Randel

The Cleveland Metropolitan School District has been working steadily, if a bit quietly to draft a new facilities Master Plan. This plan, whose release has been delayed since February, will help determine how building funds from the State of Ohio and local bond campaign will be invested to build, renovate, and otherwise adjust the distribution of school options around the city.

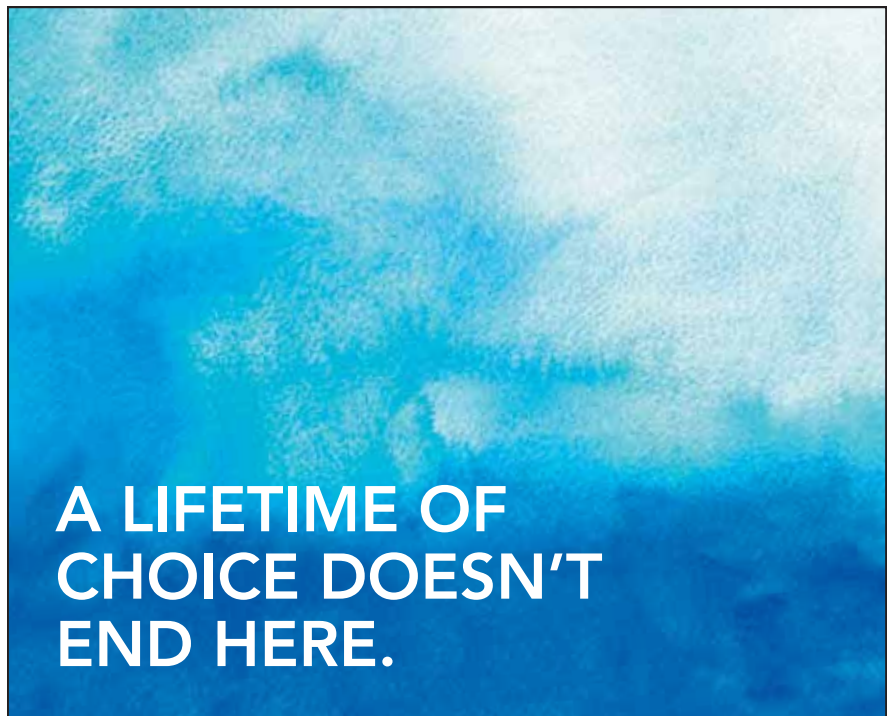
CMSD leaders say the draft plan will be released in mid-April. It will be available online at [www.clevelandmetroschools.org](http://www.clevelandmetroschools.org) and will likely get ample coverage in The Plain Dealer by education beat reporter Patrick O’Donnell. Once the plan is out, we will have one last opportunity to be heard about plans, especially for such aging neighborhood schools as Collinwood High School and OH Perry.

New schools, along with nimble and innovative programs in Collinwood and around the region, are out-competing these schools right now, leading to declining enrollment. What will the Master Plan offer to attract Collinwood kids to these and other neighborhood schools, to keep families happy in place?

The facilities master plan will also have some connection to the Cleveland Plan, which is changing the way schools do business, and how state and levy dollars are invested in day-to-day operations.

Cleveland schools CEO Eric Gordon has said that his greatest fear after Issue 107 passed was that the coalition of families and community supporters that got it passed would disband and go home, thinking their work was done. He welcomes advocates in neighborhoods like ours to come out and be heard on the path forward for public education here. Be on the lookout, this month, for the Master Plan, and take a few minutes to consider whether it matches your vision for schools here. Then come out and be heard.

The double-edged sword of public education is that, while easy to access, it tends to be only as accountable as the people that make up their ‘public’ are paying attention. As an active CMSD parent, I firmly believe CEO Gordon has the best interest of our children in mind as he executes needed reforms; but it’s up to us to help him calibrate those reforms to match the dreams, needs and expectations that our community has for itself.



Choose the hospice of choice.

Most people think you call hospice when you’re all out of options. That’s not true if you call Hospice of the Western Reserve. As Northern Ohio’s most experienced and most referred hospice provider, we offer more options to personalize care. We focus on helping patients and their families live their lives where they choose—at our unique facilities, at home, at a hospital, at a nursing home or at an assisted living residence. Discover why the hospice of choice is Hospice of the Western Reserve.

Visit [HospiceOfChoice.org](http://HospiceOfChoice.org).

**HOSPICE OF THE WESTERN RESERVE**

855.852.5050  
[HospiceOfChoice.org](http://HospiceOfChoice.org)

Community

Events at the Boardwalk May 2nd Walk All Over Waterloo



by Brittainy Heisler

With warmer weather finally approaching, we are excited to invite you out of the house for a night of fun and surprises on Waterloo, Friday, May 2nd! There is a lot happening at the SS&W Boardwalk that evening. The bar has been making several improvements during the construction time, and this includes a new draft system! Gone are the days of not being able to get a nice cold draft! They will be putting the new system to work for the first time and will be serving cold ones all night to the tunes of The Madison Crawl, their favorite barrel house boogie band! Another component for the event includes an “Open House” of the second floor of the building- a massive upstairs that is divided up into twelve rooms, 2 newly remodeled bathrooms, and a common area- that once served as doctors’ offices and even a place for railroaders to rest for the night. Today, they are offering several of these rooms for rent as artists studios at an affordable rate on a monthly basis. If that is not enough for you, The Boardwalk has sponsored a local artist to create a public art scavenger hunt. Life size tape replicas of Clevelanders will light up the street and various businesses- something unexpected and fun that you’ll truly have to see to appreciate! Find them all and receive a special treat from the Boardwalk!

April Events at the Memorial-Nottingham Library

by Jeanne Coppola

**MICROSOFT POWERPOINT 2010 I**, Monday, April, 7, at 11:15am. This is a beginning PowerPoint class that will teach “how to create a computer-based slide presentation.” Registration for all April classes is required and begins Monday, March 24, 2014. To register, call 216.623.2980.

**MICROSOFT POWERPOINT 2010 II**, Monday, April 14, at 11:15am. This class is a continuation of the first PowerPoint class, and will teach “how to add graphics, transitions, and animations to the slide presentations.” Registration for all April classes is required and begins Monday, March 24, 2014. To register, call 216.623.2980.

**MICROSOFT PUBLISHER 2010 I**, Monday, April 21, at 11:15am. This is a beginning Publisher class, and will teach “an overview of the tools and elements in Publisher.” Registration for all April classes is required and begins Monday, March 24, 2014. To register, call 216.623.2980.

**MICROSOFT PUBLISHER 2010 II**, Monday, April 28, at 11:15am. This class is a continuation of the first Publisher class, and will teach “how to use templates to create and design publications like a simple flyer, business card, or newsletter.” Registration for all April classes is required and begins Monday, March 24, 2014. To register, call 216.623.2980.

**GED CLASSES**, every Tuesday and Thursday, at 10:15am. FREE GED classes will be taught at the library through a partnership with Tri-C. To register for orientation, attend the orientation, and return for classes: call the Memorial-Nottingham Library at 216-623-7039.

**CROCHET CIRCLE**, every Wednesday, at 2:00pm. Crafting and community outreach: join us to enjoy the company of other crafters and make items for the Warm-Up Cleveland campaign, the “Crafting for a good cause” program that distributes new donated items (with price tags attached), and washed and “Donations of washable yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks” to local charities. You can also drop off items at any Cleveland Public Library location. Call 216-623-2921 for more information. Everyone is welcome.

**RUSSIAN BOOK CLUB**: A Literary Map of Ohio, Saturday April 19, at 12:00pm. “A

Spring Book Sale at Euclid Public Library

by Bonita Kale

For libraries, it’s a matter of arithmetic. If you add the new books, music, and movies that borrowers want to the old material the library already has, you soon find you have to subtract something to have room. Libraries have to get rid of as much as they take in.

The Friends of the Euclid Public Library has been running two sales a year for a few decades, now. They sell both donated items and the library’s cancelled material—everything from dictionaries to DVDs, usually including quite a number of books for children and teens.

The Spring sale will start with a night for members of the Friends of the Library. It’s Friday, April 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Members show their cards to get in; others may join at the door for \$5.00. You don’t have to live in Euclid, or even in Ohio, to be a member of the Friends.

The advantage of coming Friday is the larger selection. The disadvantages are the crowding and the fact that the library itself isn’t open. And, of course, the \$5.00.

**Friends of the Euclid Public Library Book Sale**  
Apr 25, Friends' Night; Apr 26-27, Public Sale.

Free Financial Checkup with Key April 8th

by Bettye Hines - Branch Manager

Please join us for your free relationship checkup.

Tuesday, April 8, 2014  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Key Bank  
911 East 185th Street  
Cleveland, OH

Our bankers will be on hand to showcase solutions to your financial needs including Estate Planning, IRA Rollovers and Deferring Taxes.

Special guests:  
Michael D. Polensek, City of Cleveland Ward 8 Councilman  
Algis Sirvaitis, Attorney at Law from E. 185th neighborhood  
Lenny Vaccaro, Realtor, Howard Hanna  
Eddy Chatmon, Mortgage Loan Officer, KeyBank

Light refreshments will be served.

Contact us for appointments or concerns:  
Bettye Hines, Branch Manager, 216-692-8115  
Julia Shei, Personal Banker, 216-692-8113

# Career Training That Works!

**At Cleveland Job Corps, students receive the skills needed to succeed in today’s workforce - at no cost to them or their families!**

**If you are looking for a better quality of life and are willing to dedicate yourself to our life changing program.**

## Cleveland Job Corps is the place for you!

**Cleveland Job Corps Center**  
**13421 Coit Road**  
**Cleveland, OH 44110**  
**Phone: (216) 541-2500**



Back Cover



# World Water Day 2014 Beach Cleanup Kick-Off!

by Stephen Love

The snow is still be falling and Lake Erie is still frozen over, but there are at least some signs of spring around if you look hard enough! And you know with spring comes beach cleanups!

Adopt-a-Beach volunteers will kick off the 2014 beach cleanup season on Saturday, March 22nd from 10am-12pm in celebration of World Water Day. World Water Day is a United Nations recognized day to focus attention on the importance of freshwater and sustainable use of freshwater. This year's World Water Day highlights the important connection water and energy use. You can read more at <http://www.unwater.org/worldwaterday/about-world-water-day/world-water-day-2014-water-and-energy/en/>.

Volunteers will meet in the Euclid Beach park pavilion at 10 a.m., break up into teams and head down to the beach for a beach cleanup while another group conducts a street cleanup directly outside of the park entrance along Lakeshore Boulevard. At the end of the cleanup, the beach and street teams will face off in a trash weighing contest with prizes to be had! We will also conduct an Adopt-a-Beach water quality test (if Lake Erie is unfrozen!) and have a World Water Day trivia contest also with prizes to be announced! Gloves, trash pickers, rakes and bags will be provided, but feel free to bring your own if you prefer! Please dress for the weather...whatever it may be and wear tennis shoes or boots! Coffee and refreshments will be provided before and after the beach cleanup.

All participating volunteers will receive a coupon good for 1/2 of your purchase of a meal item from Chili Peppers Fresh Mexican Grille (869 East 185th St. Cleveland 44110). Volunteers are invited to join us for lunch after the cleanup. Please be sure to thank Steve Newman, Owner of Chilli Peppers!

Hope to see you out at Beach!

Stephen Love

The Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Team Coordinator

[adopt.euclidbeach@gmail.com](mailto:adopt.euclidbeach@gmail.com)

216-571-0685

OUR CULTURE  
RUNS ON COFFEE  
AND GASOLINE,  
THE FIRST OFTEN  
TASTING LIKE THE  
SECOND.  
-Edward Abbey

# Youth Program: How to Write Your First Resume

by Jeanne Coppola

This resume class is for any student who will be graduating this spring, or who is still in school, and looking for their first job. Everyone needs a resume to help them stand out from the other applicants, and to get the work experience they need.

“Summer is fast approaching, and many students will be looking for a summer job,” said librarian Alfonso Daniels, (Library Asst. I Youth Emphasis.)

In this class “we will be putting together a first time resume for those students who are trying to enter the workforce for the first time,” Daniels said. “Even if you think you have no experience to include on your resume, this workshop will explain how your class work, volunteering and school activities can all be included on your resume.

Please call the library for more information at: 216-623-7039.

# Dive Bars R Us



by Ron Emser

Dive Bars R Us Bus Trip #5 is on April 26th, and starts at Becky's Bar, located at East 18th & Chester. Lunch, party bus & new DBRU Tees are included. Tickets are on sale at Becky's and the tour will include many of your East-Side Faves!

Drop me a note at [Ron@RonEmser.com](mailto:Ron@RonEmser.com) and let me know about your “Dream Dive Bar Trip” or visit our website at [DiveBarsRUs.com](http://DiveBarsRUs.com).

# What's Happening at the Collinwood Branch Library?

by Natasha Wells

Spring is in the air at the Collinwood Branch! Please stop by for a visit or take part in one of our great programs!

**PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH**

*America Reads FREE After School Tutoring*

Students in K-8 can get assistance with their homework. College students from Cleveland State University can assist with any subject and/or reseach project.

Mondays-Thursdays from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

*Kids Café Snack Program*


The Cleveland Foodbank in collaboration with the Cleveland Public Library offers FREE after school meals for ages 18 and under.

Mondays-Fridays from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

*Personal Safety Program for 1st & 2nd graders*

The Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center will educate school-age children on how to recognize and respond to unsafe

# JUMP START




STRAIGHT from BEDFORD HIGH to TRI-C

BENEFITED from experiential learning ~ IT student internships

GRADUATED with two ASSOCIATE DEGREES in IT

hired by GREAT LAKES COMPUTER CORP.



Where futures begin<sup>SM</sup>

ENROLL NOW.

[tri-c.edu/jobforjoy](http://tri-c.edu/jobforjoy)

# Save the Date

by Margaret Craig

On Saturday, May 17th, Northeast Shores and the Alive on 185 Committee will be hosting our Annual Parade and Sidewalk Festival. The parade kicks off at 11:00 am and the sidewalk festival will last until 5:00 pm. This is the sixth year for this event and we are planning for this year to be bigger and better than ever! If you have a group

that would like to walk in the parade, please contact Margaret Craig at 216-481-7660. We are also looking for street performers to entertain after the parade is over during the Sidewalk Festival. Whether you want to walk in the parade or stand on the street and catch candy, please mark your calendars and join us for a day of fun and celebrate our vibrant community!!

situations and to find a trusted adult to help. This is sure to be a valuable program for your child to attend!

Wednesday, April 9 at 4:30 p.m.

*Teen Book Club*

Join us for a discussion of Naughts & Crosses by Malorie Blackman. Light refreshments served.

Monday, April 14 at 5:30 p.m.

*Spring Break Celebration*

We're celebrating Spring Break all week long with fun, kid-friendly activities such as Wii, crafts, movie day, and more!

April 14-18

*Earth Day Celebration*

Families are welcome to join in our Earth Day celebration as we explore ways to reduce, reuse, & recycle.

Tuesday, April 22 at 3:30 p.m.

*Poem in Your Pocket Day*

April is National Poetry Month and we're sharing our favorite poems with you! Stu-

dents are welcome to share their favorite poem and enter our poetry contest for a chance to win a prize.

Thursday, April 24 at 4:30 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. Donated items will be distributed to local charities. Drop off items at any Cleveland Public Library location. All ages welcome! Call 216-623-2921 for more information.

Friday, April 25 at 4:30 p.m.

*FREE GED Classes*

Please contact 216-371-7138 or visit [www.tri-c.edu/ged](http://www.tri-c.edu/ged) for more information on registration and enrollment.

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