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Caught on Camera: Lake Erie Lovin’

by Allison Lukacsy

Earlier this summer Cleveland’s SCENE magazine put together a collection of photographs illustrating views of the city that many people (sadly) never see.

The headline: Beach Pictures that Don’t Look Like They’re from Cleveland.

Thanks to accessible photo-altering applications like Instagram, even photographs of a mud puddle can look Caribbean-esque. Some of the entries in this particular article were most certainly doctored, while others sang the true, unfiltered beauty of our Great Lake in Cleveland’s backyard.

In North Collinwood we have an unbelievable resource at our fingertips. From public boat-slips at Wildwood Marina to rock outcroppings perfect for catching walleye or bass. From the grassy lawn of Euclid Beach Park to the sandy shores of the cleaner beaches, we have it all.

And we know it.

One of my preferred jogging paths is along the bluff through Euclid Beach Park, Villa Angela, and Wildwood. In the evening, just before sunset, this eastside stretch of Cleveland Metroparks’ property

is most active - flush with people and their pets enjoying the view, the fresh air, and on Friday evenings, the music flowing from the “Euclid Beach Live” stage.

Everyone is friendly and life is all good when the brilliant sun sends a rainbow of colors through the sky to dance across the lapping waves.

I take A LOT of photographs of Lake Erie. I share a fraction of them with friends and followers of my social media accounts and print a few of the truly exceptional shots for display on my living room walls.

I love our neighborhood, Lake, and parks so much that more often than not my Facebook looks like a travel site for North Shore Collinwood. But instead of offering once-in-a-lifetime trips to far-flung corners of the globe, our vacation days are every day that we take a minute to walk to the water, sit in the grass, lay on the sand, and breathe.

Cleveland is a city chock full of gems, but none so grand as our lakefront. If it’s hard to believe anyone could take a beach photograph like mine or the ones in SCENE, you really should get out there more!



Winds from the north paint a pretty picture that many people might not associate with Lake Erie.



Sunsets over Wildwood Marina will make all your stress melt-away!



A homemade dinner overlooking downtown from the new deck at Gordon Park is just as lovely as it looks.



Children play on a freshly cleaned Euclid Beach. This is summer living at its finest.

Euclid Beach Concessions and Gifts Is Open for Business!

by Stephen Love

On Friday evenings from 6pm-8pm during Euclid Beach Live (goo.gl/wB4R56) and all day on Saturdays and Sundays until August 3rd, stop by and try the soon to be famous Nor’easter Hawaiian shaved ice treat, nosh on a Polish Boy or get some of your very own Euclid Beach Blast gear including t-shirts, towels and beach balls! Purchase a Euclid Beach Blast (www.euclidbeachblast.com) t-shirt or towel and get 10% off your purchase of a Nor’easter! A percentage of

the proceeds from the concession stand and Euclid Beach Blast merchandise will support future events and programming at Euclid Beach and provide seed investment for G-Wood Enterprises to operate the concession stand permanently next year. A huge thank you to Cleveland Metroparks and Marlene Gatewood and Don Allen of G-Wood Enterprises for breathing new life into the long shuttered Euclid Beach concession stand! Our Lakefront parks are on the up & up!

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Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach July Cleanup and Bench Painting

by Stephen Love

On Saturday July 19th from 10am-12pm, join Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach volunteers for our July Adopt-a-Beach cleanup and park bench painting!

In addition to our monthly Adopt-a-Beach cleanup, volunteers will have the opportunity to help paint park benches. The benches at Euclid Beach were painted by volunteers last summer and need some serious touching up before the Euclid Beach Blast! Shaun Jones, Cleveland Metroparks Maintenance Manager for Euclid Creek Reservation, would be very appreciative if volunteers could assist with this activity! So, if you like sanding and painting, we will have brushes and trays for you. But feel free to bring your own and wear clothes you don’t mind getting dirty!

Event Details:

All volunteers will meet in the Euclid Beach Park Pavilion (16250 Lakeshore Blvd.) between 9:30 am and 10am to sign

in, break up into teams and head out to the beach or to the benches. Refreshments will be available before and after the cleanup in the pavilion, but please feel free to bring a snack to share!

Gloves, trash pickers, rakes and bags will be provided for beach cleanup volunteers as well as brushes and paint trays for the painters 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!

For more information or to RSVP to the event on facebook, visit:
facebook.com/adopteuclidbeach

All participating volunteers will receive a gift card from Chili Peppers Fresh Mexican Grille (869 East 185th St.) good for one half off any menu item with the purchase of a fountain drink! Please be sure to thank Chili Peppers owner, Steve Newman for his support!

Hope to see you out at Euclid Beach!

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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 Ave.

E185 Street Block Watch
Second Tuesday, 6 pm, Lithuanian Village Hall, 877 E185 (rear entrance).

Nottingham Civic Club
Third Tuesday, 7 pm. Nottingham United Methodist Church, 18316 St Clair.

E156 Street Block Watch
Third Wednesday, 6 pm. M&M Bar-B-Que, 15116 Lakeshore Blvd at E152.

Northeast Shores Development Corp
NSDC holds its quarterly meetings, open to all members and public, on the third Tuesday of January, April, July and October, at 6:30 pm, at our lovely new rec center. These meetings are well worth attending, all kinds of neighborhood-wide initiatives come up for discussion.

Collinwood/Nottingham Historical Society
Second Thursday of the month, St Mary's Church Hall, 15519 Holmes Avenue, beginning at 6:30 pm.

Message from the Councilman

by Michael D. Polensek

It has been an interesting summer so far. We are still having a major problem with getting the Public Works Department to address road conditions throughout the community. It is the end of June and still a large number of residential side streets have not had the road condition or chuckholes addressed. This is completely unacceptable. It is clear that the Administration has failed to understand the severity of the problem city-wide. I continue to thank our residents and motorists for their patience; for, getting around on some of our streets is clearly a challenge. In 2014, the City needs to get its act together on how to fix and maintain public streets.

Another growing concern is the lack of street sweeping. We still have winter debris on many roads which will ultimately wind up in our catch basins if not addressed. Street sweeping is a necessity and Public Works

needs to figure out how to restore this service as it once was in the day. It helps to maintain a clean and healthy city. Residents are paying more property taxes than ever before and getting less basic city service; this must change.

Unfortunately, it seems as if there are only a small number of us in City Council who feels that quality-of-life issues are a priority. I continue to believe that basic services, street repair, garbage collection, public safety, etc., are critical to neighborhood stability and growth. People in the City of Cleveland today talk with their feet more than ever before. We cannot continue to loose citizens and quality residents because they feel that the City seems unconcerned about their daily health and welfare. Viable neighborhoods are entitled to quality service.

Project Updates: The Waterloo Streetscape project is on schedule and on budget to be completed in early October. The Euclid Creek

Tunnel Project is on schedule and work has begun in earnest for the expansion of the Easterly Waste Water Treatment Plant at East 140th Street and Lakeshore Boulevard. Old Grovewood Pool was removed and the site graded and seeded. It is now a city greenspace. Design and planning for the Euclid Beach, Wildwood and Villa Angela Cleveland MetroParks is well under way; you might even see some of these projects being started later this year.

I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood this summer. There is plenty to do just look at your copy of the Scoop on Summer! Remember to continue to be the community's eyes and ears – if you see something that just doesn't seem right call the Police. As always you may reach me at my office at (216) 664-4236 or via email at mpolensek@clevelandcitycouncil.org.

Memorial Garden

by Mary Louise Jesek Daley

The CNHS is working on a new plan for the Memorial Garden at Memorial School located at 410 East 152 Street. We hope that you remember that the Memorial Garden was created as a living memorial where the community experienced nothing but death and destruction and a severe blow to the community on March 4, 1908 when 172 precious children, two teachers and a resident rescuer of the Collinwood community were killed in what became known as the Lakeview School or Collinwood School fire.

The garden needs some tender loving care and we are here to help facilitate that. A Committee has been created out of the Historical Society to make sure that the garden is once more tended too. A group of students from the school – who call themselves the “Garden Angels” have been working with the Committee and hope-

fully will become a more integral part of the care of the garden when school starts up again in August. Thank you to the committee for what you have been able to accomplish.

During the Summer, this Committee and the CNHS will be working with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District to shore up a maintenance schedule, responsibilities list and a “to do” list. We hope to identify supporters, resources and funding for some of the larger needs of this raised bed garden and its environs.

We look forward to working with the Garden Angels come September but we need to get to that point. If interested in helping out please contact us.

On October 9, 2014 we are planning on being at Memorial School for Fire Awareness Day as a part of Fire Prevention Week. Plans are in the works.

Message from the Publisher

Thanks to all of our contributors. Lots of great events happened in Collinwood last month. We do not have reporters. If you want your event in the paper you have to submit it to us. It is fun and easy. Logon to www.CollinwoodObserver.com. Please keep the stories and pictures coming in.

Euclid Beach Blast Volunteer Orientation!

by Stephen Love

Believe it or not, Yarn n' Yoga and Euclid Beach Blast are less than a month away and we still need volunteers for event set up, staffing and take down for both events on Friday July 25th and Saturday August 2nd. And did we mention that volunteering comes with plenty of perks? All volunteers will receive a Euclid Beach Blast volunteer t-shirt, event food vouchers and a coupon good for one half off your meal purchase from Chili Peppers Restaurant (869 East 185th). What a deal!

If you are interested in volunteering for one or both events this summer, please enter the link below into your web browser and fill out our volunteer interest form: goo.gl/XyPgOC Or, contact: Stephen Love, Euclid Beach Blast Coordinator, euclidbeachblast@gmail.com 216-571-0685.

And be sure to mark your calendars to join us for one of two Euclid Beach Blast Volunteer Orientation Sessions at the Euclid Beach Park Picnic Pavilion (16250 Lakeshore Blvd).

The orientations will take place on: Saturday July 26th 12pm-1pm - Lunch will be provided

Tuesday July 29th 6pm-8pm - Dinner will be provided

Volunteering will be a Blast!



Volunteers eagerly await the days instructions at Euclid Beach Blast 2013!

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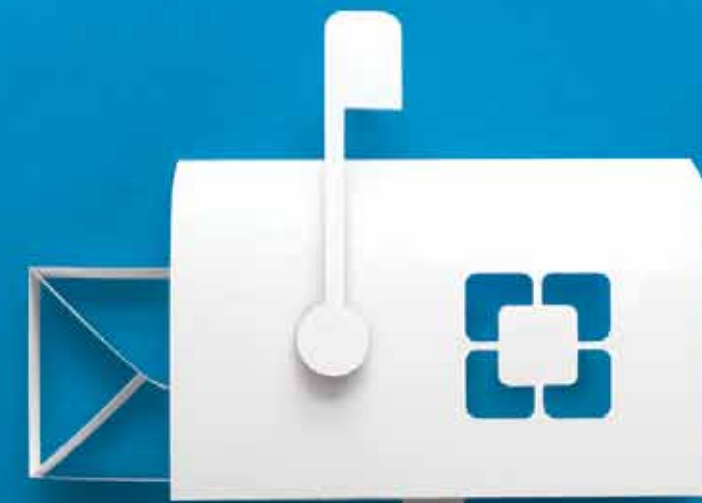
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Pastoral Minister Named Volunteer of the Year

Pastoral Minister Dana Heil was honored as the Euclid Adult Activities Center's Volunteer of the Year in June, in recognition for the work she's done on behalf of Our Lady of the Lake parish. Dana began bringing volunteers to the Center in 2012, and their commitment has grown to baking cookies, staffing a monthly snack bar, running an annual field day picnic and even bringing in a sewing class! Along with her work representing the parish, she has contributed many hours of her free time, and has also helped to foster other partnerships,

connecting the Center with resources and groups in the community that help them in their important work. Speaking of Dana's dedication, the Center's management said, "Dana's enthusiasm and leadership have caused Euclid AAC's relationship with the church community to grow and expand joyfully!" This sense of joy and community is at the heart of Our Lady of the Lake's faith mission, and we're proud of all our staff and parishioners for all that they do to share that mission each day.

Serving Our Neighbors



Service to the community has always been important to parishioners at Our Lady of the Lake, and our youth ministry group take the commitment seriously. Each summer they take time from their vacation to go out into the community and serve, sharing their gifts and their energy with those in need and living their faith through their good works. At the end of June their dedi-

cation took them to the Euclid Adult Activities Center, where for the second year in a row they provided a day of fun and activities for the center's members. These caring youth are setting the example for good citizenship, and spreading caring and goodwill in our community, and we recognize how lucky we are to have such principled young people representing our parish.



Fun for All

Our Lady of the Lake's annual parish picnic is a fun time for new friends and old to gather and celebrate. With good food, fun and games, music all day and plenty of space to play, the picnic is always a wonderful gathering -- and this year was no exception. Thanks to the all the incredible



volunteers who make this possible, and to the warm and welcoming families who make it such a great tradition. With perfect weather and so much fun to pack into one afternoon, everyone made great memories. Mass should always be this much fun!



Schools

Euclid Cooperative Preschool is Celebrating 65 Years of Educating Preschool Children



First students enrolled in Euclid Cooperative Preschool (photo taken in 1949) From right to left Mary Jean Wehrle, Ellen Louise Wehrle, Bobo Bass and Andy Bass

by Donna Sudar

Euclid Cooperative Preschool is celebrating their 65th Anniversary. The school was established in 1948 and is the oldest preschool in Euclid. After moving to Euclid in 1945, Audrey Bass, the founder of school, found there were no preschools in Euclid to send her children to. With the support of "Cleveland Day Nursery" Mrs. Bass established Euclid Cooperative Preschool. Her son Andrew Bass was the first student enrolled in the school. Mrs. Hazel Beaufait Stroh was the school's first teacher. The school soon became one of 40 cooperative preschools in the Cleveland area. Cooperative Preschools are run by committed parents and qualified staff members who welcome parents in their classroom as parent participants. Parents can participate with varied levels of commitment as board members, committee heads, committee members and classroom participants.

Euclid Cooperative Preschool continues to be a non-profit preschool that welcomes all

families of 3, 4 and 5 year old children. The school is currently rated a 4 Star Step Up to Quality preschool. As a 4 star rated center the preschool offers a low staff to student ration, a highly qualified staff, a developmentally appropriate curriculum that is aligned to the new Ohio Early Learning and Development Standards and meets all of the requirements for a 4 star rated preschool. The preschool is currently enrolling for fall of 2014.

Euclid Cooperative Preschool is currently creating an alumni directory. Alumni can email current contact information to euclid-coop@gmail.com or send written information to Euclid Cooperative Preschool 21000 Lakeshore Blvd Euclid, Ohio 44123. Any questions about enrolling your child in Euclid Cooperative Preschool call 216 731-1316 or Donna Sudar at 216 486-5987. Please help spread the word to Euclid Cooperative Preschool Alumni about our alumni directory!

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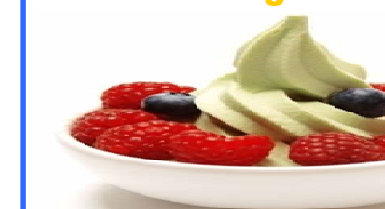


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VASJ again sends 100% of graduates to college

For the third consecutive year, 100 percent of VASJ's graduating seniors are heading to college. The accomplishments of this amazing class don't stop there. The Class of 2014 earned \$4.5 million in college scholarships.

A Baccalaureate Mass was held in the VASJ gym on Wednesday, May 28, with the theme "Fly to the future but don't forget the past." VASJ's Peer Ministers planned and coordinated the Mass which concluded with underclassmen blowing bubbles as the graduates exited the school as a way of demonstrating the Class of 2014 "flying to the future."

The 24th annual commencement ceremony was held on Thursday, May 29, at St. Robert and William Church. The church was full of family members and friends and the weather was just what you would hope for an evening in late May, perfect for taking pictures after the ceremony.

The class Valedictorian, Malia Harvey, who was also the recipient of the Phi Beta Kappa award and several others, will be continuing her college education in the Marianist tradition at the University of Dayton.

Harvey and her classmates Jacob Di Donato, Cierra Walker and Jeffrey Williams were elected to serve as the commencement speakers at graduation.

They spoke of the diversity at VASJ and what a positive experience it was meeting and learning from people with different cultures and backgrounds.

They spoke of the way the kindness of classmates, faculty and staff at VASJ helped each of them grow into unique individuals.



Members of the Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School Class of 2014 gather after receiving their diplomas at the twenty-fourth annual commencement ceremony held on Thursday, May 29, 2014, at St. Robert and William Church in Euclid.

They spoke of the way in which the class came together when they were freshmen as complete strangers and are leaving four years later as a family.

Williams, a member of VASJ's Marianist Urban Students Program, moved the crowd to tears with his speech. He spoke of the difficulties he faced during his senior year after falling victim to an attempted robbery at a gas station and suffering injuries that left him fighting for his life.

"I asked God for help and strength," Williams said. "I asked Him to pull me through and what He did was put the smiling faces of my classmates right in front of me. These faces were my strength."



Salutorian Brittany Shumar (left) and Valedictorian Malia Harvey (right).



The graduating members of VASJ's Marianist Urban Students Program include Nicholas Uitenham, Alexis Clark, Jeffrey Williams and DeSeanna Morgan.



Connor Gail, a member of VASJ's National Honor Society and Student Council Secretary, and classmate Andrianna Peterson, Student Council Vice-President.

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Alums assume admissions leadership roles at VASJ

Veteran education administrator Kevin Flynt '70 has been named Director of Admissions at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School. Current alumni and admissions coordinator Kellie (Clinton) Watrobski '03 has been named Associate Director of Admissions.

The announcement was made by VASJ President Richard Osborne '69.

"We are extremely fortunate to have these two talented professionals in our midst," Osborne said. "Under their leadership, we look forward to continuing the great success of our strategy for controlled growth in enrollment."

Since former Director of Admissions Terri Richards implemented a strategy of selective admissions and enhanced procedures four years ago, VASJ has become the fastest-growing private high school



Kevin Flynt '70 has been named VASJ's new Director of Admissions.

in Ohio. This year, for the third year in a row, 100 percent of the school's graduating seniors have gone on to college.

Flynt, who currently serves on VASJ's Board of Advisors, is a former member of the Board of Education for Euclid City Schools. His varied education roles have included service as Assistant Principal of Pinnacle Academy in Euclid, as well as Truancy/Residency Compliance Officer in Euclid and for Shaw High School in Cleveland.

Flynt is a cum laude graduate of Chancellor University. He and his wife, Margie '70, have three children



Kellie (Clinton) Watrobski '03 has been named Associate Director of Admissions.

and four grandchildren, one of whom will be joining VASJ in the fall.

A former newspaper account executive, Watrobski has organized admissions and alumni activities at VASJ since 2011. In that time, she has coordinated numerous events and has improved communications with alumni, students and parents. In her new role, she will expand her work to develop additional programs to enhance the admissions and new-student experience.

Watrobski is a graduate of Marietta College. She and her husband, Joe, are expecting their first child in August.

Viking Views



by Richard Osborne

They've done it again! For the third year in a row, 100 percent of our graduating seniors are heading to college. It is a remarkable feat and we are enormously proud of the students' achievement as well as the outstanding \$4.5 million the class earned in college scholarships.

All in all, it has been a truly spectacular year in the Viking Village. And we look forward to another spectacular year as we move toward the 25th anniversary of the merger of Villa Angela Academy and St. Joseph High School.

Please mark your calendar for this August 17 when we will show off our newly refurbished gym and other improvements throughout the school building. Elsewhere on this page, see the "Look At Us Now!" announcement for details.

We'll be sharing more good news at the event, including the up-to-the-minute enrollment count. While the final numbers are not yet in, it is very safe to say that we will continue our trend of surging enrollment and will remain at the head of the pack as the fastest-growing private high school in the state.

Our record-breaking enrollment increases are especially noteworthy in light of VASJ's highly selective admissions policy. A recent article in *Crain's Cleveland Business* called VASJ's results "dramatic" and highlighted the school's commitment to serve the Collinwood-Euclid community with the highest quality of education.

We are very pleased that our status as an educational leader has been validated and recognized by the national Schools That Can organization. We were selected to be part of this elite company which includes only 128 other schools across the country.

Finally, please join us in welcoming our new Admissions Director Kevin Flynt '70 and Associate Director of Admissions Kellie (Clinton) Watrobski '03. Both are familiar faces in the Viking Village who bring a wealth of experience, creative ideas and passion for the VASJ mission to their new roles.

Certainly we have much to celebrate at VASJ. But we are just as excited by all the good things yet to come. Enjoy the summer and see you at the "Look At Us Now!" event on August 17!

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

VASJ designated as high-performing school

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School has been validated and certified as a Member School in the national network of Schools That Can, a not-for-profit organization committed to recognizing and improving quality performance in 21st century urban education.

"This designation is a tremendous honor," said VASJ President Richard Osborne '69. "Not only are we extremely proud to be selected for inclusion in this elite group, but we look forward to learning from our peers at other high-performance schools."

As a Member School, Villa Angela-St. Joseph will be a resource to help high-potential schools

improve and receive connections, partnerships and services to help improve their quality. Schools That Can builds trustful, local cross-sector urban school networks through open dialogue and collaboration at all levels of education, facilitates peer-to-peer learning nationwide, and accelerates the learning of 21st century skills.

"We are absolutely delighted that Villa Angela-St. Joseph in Cleveland, which is a faith-based school, applied for and passed STC's rigorous validation process," said Casey Lamb, validation committee leader of Schools That Can.

VASJ joins 128 other schools serving over 53,000 students throughout the United States.



"I am in awe of this dedication to and passion for quality education demonstrated by our teachers, volunteers, parents and children," said Michael Druckman, STC's executive chairman. "Now with eight STC network schools in Cleveland, we aim to reach a tipping point where the community will regard quality education as an expectation for all students, regardless of income level."

LOOK AT US NOW!

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2013 Cleveland Water Quality Report

by John Goersmeyer

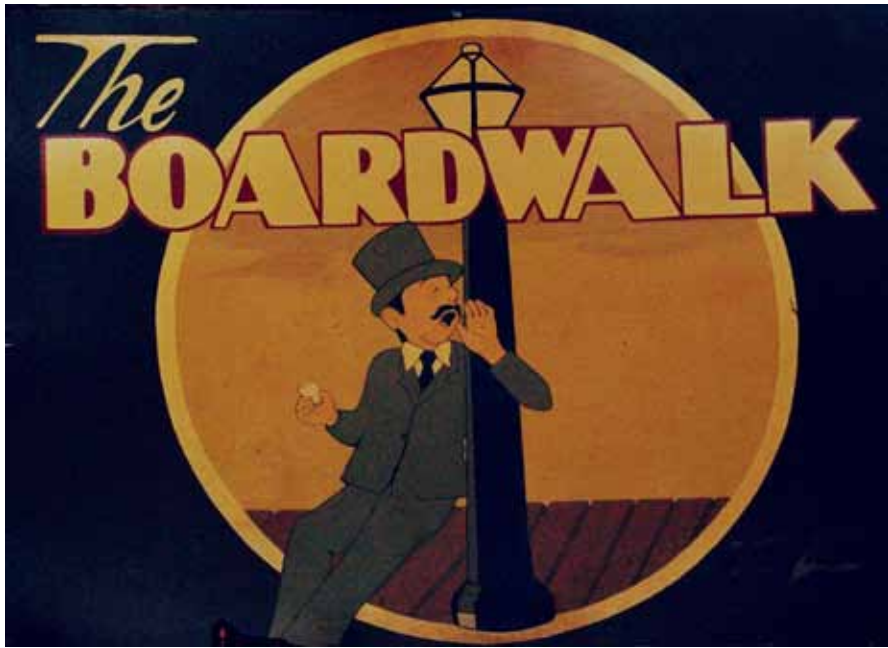
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That is why the division maintains a rigorous quality control program and continues to invest substantial financial resources to improve our water treatment facilities and distribution system. Our water is constantly monitored and tested. The water produced and delivered by Cleveland Water far exceeds the most stringent water quality standards currently mandated by federal and state water regulations, and last year was no exception.

Cleveland Water has continued to signif-

icantly enhance the quality of life by meeting the growing need for safe, clean water in the communities we serve. Therefore, we present you with the division's Annual Water Quality Report for 2013. This report provides an overview of the division's water quality during the past year. It shows the source of your water, how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies, and how your water is treated and tested.

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Sewer District Accepting Grant Applications for Local GI Projects

by Jennifer Elting

The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District's Board of Trustees voted to approve the funding necessary to support the "Green Infrastructure Grant Program" for 2014. This new grant program will award a maximum of \$250,000 to support green infrastructure (GI) projects throughout the Sewer District's Combined Sewer Service Area. The Sewer District actively engages in green infrastructure projects that promote smart stormwater solutions.

Green Infrastructure includes a range of stormwater control measures – using plant/soil systems, permeable pavement or other forms of stormwater harvest and reuse – to store, infiltrate, or evapotranspire stormwater and reduce flows to the combined sewer system. The Sewer District is currently designing 12 large-scale green infrastructure projects within the combined sewer area; these first projects, to be completed by 2019 at an estimated cost of \$86 million, are designed to reduce combined sewer overflows by 44 million gallons annually.

"We must consider the priorities of each neighborhood and make sure that our green infrastructure plans meet the vision of the community in which these projects will be implemented," said Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells, Manager of Watershed Programs. "The new Green Infrastructure Grant Program allows us to further engage the Collinwood community by supporting smaller, distributed projects throughout our combined sewer area."

The Green Infrastructure Grants Program funds projects that not only provide outstanding on-the-ground techniques for stormwater management, but increase public awareness of these stormwater control measures. Qualified applicants must represent the local member community, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization or business working in partnership with their community. In addition, all projects must be located within the Sewer District's Combined Sewer Service Area; Collinwood, Waterloo and Northeast Shores are all in the Combined Sewer Service Area.

The Sewer District's Watershed Programs Department administers this grant programs in-house and applications are due August 31, 2014. Individuals and organizations wishing to receive information about the program should contact Linda Mayer at 440.253.2147 or mayerl@neorsd.org.

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Response to Article: Cats Indoors: Better For Cats, Better For Birds, Better For People

by Deborah Gulyas

This article is in response to an article submitted by William J. Sanek and published in The Collinwood Observer, page 16 of volume 6 issue 5 June 2014.

The Euclid Beach Feral Cat Project and Waterloo Alley Cat Project both agree wholeheartedly with Mr. Sanek that all cats would be better off living inside a home, but this is an unrealistic solution to solving the feral cat overpopulation that is occurring in every major city across the country. Cats that are born and raised outside fear humans and are not adoptable. Just as Mr. Sanek points out "cat overpopulation is a human caused tragedy," HUMANS are also the greatest threat to the survival of wildlife in the United States, NOT cats. Most of the world's ecosystems are facing multiple threats caused by humans and each new threat places additional stress on our already weakened ecosystems and their wildlife, for example: global warming, habitat loss, oil spills, pesticides, and pollution. There are only a few places left on the planet where the negative affect of humans has not been felt. Humans have exploited and left their footprints on nearly every corner of the globe and are sadly leaving less and less room for wildlife.

Our TNR groups have never seen a cat with rabies during our 5 years of performing trap-neuter-return (TNR) of over 850 cats in North Collinwood and none of us have

suffered from any diseases caused by our handling of numerous cats. There has not been a case of a cat to human transmission of rabies reported in the U.S. for over 35 years and there are more cases of deaths from West Nile Virus than rabies. Wildlife is the number one source of rabies because they are not vaccinated, and rabies can only be transmitted to humans through bites. Since feral cats fear humans, they will run away rather than stay and attack. We should mention that cats are routinely vaccinated for rabies as part of trap-neuter-return programs.

Cats are a natural deterrent to rats and mice just from their scent alone, but spilled bird seed under bird feeders will attract rodents. Although we all love birds, they are disease carriers and cause more illnesses than cats. People continue to unfairly blame cats for carrying disease and killing birds even though it is just as likely to see birds of prey swoop down and kill unsuspecting birds while feeding at a bird feeder. Cats do kill birds, but studies repeatedly demonstrate that cats kill the easiest readily available prey -- most often, small rodents. As fast and cunning as cats are, they can't fly.

Our 2 volunteer groups strive to educate people about feral cats and make the world a better place. We did not create the problem of feral cat overpopulation in North Collinwood, but we are a small group of people trying to solve the problem. Part of our educating includes giving advise to people who don't want cats their yard and how to humanely discourage their pesence because removing or killing cats doesn't work. Intentionally killing a cat is a criminal offense in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, regardless of ownership. Anticruelty laws apply to all cats—companion, abandoned, lost, and feral.

The program is called trap-neuter-return (TNR) because we are returning the cats to what they consider their "home" and we continue to care for them which is not re-abandoning. TNR DOES work which is why programs have been implemented in almost every city across the United States and is endorsed by The U.S. Humane Society, Alley Cat Allies, and ASPCA.

1 The National Wildlife Federation, www.nwf.org 2012

Reply to Cat Article

by Susan Swope

I am responding to William J. Sanek's Article published in the June 2014 issue of The Collinwood Observer Page 18 Volume 6 Issue 5.

Over the past few years I have been caring for a number of feral cats that have come to my yard; I have never turned a cat away. Of the three feral cats I have cared for in the past few years, one was neutered by the APL ad adopted out due to his gentle, friendly nature; the 2nd was neutered a year ago, and the 3rd, a very illusive Tuxedo cat, was finally captured and neutered after 4 attempts at trapping. This Tuxedo cat still comes to eat but otherwise is still extremely illusive after 3 years.

In my house reside 3 feral cats, which I befriended as kittens, and was able to entice into my house with food where they continue to reside. These three cats have been spayed and neutered. Most recently I have Ginger and EBFCP to thank for helping me deal with an abandoned cat which had her four kittens in a cat bed on my porch in April. Within a day and a half Ginger had me moving the mother and kittens into a

room in my house where I could 'socialize' the kittens in preparation for adoption. Two of the four kittens have recently gone out for adoption and the mother and two remaining kittens, which are still in my care, will soon be spayed through the Cleveland APL Feral Cat Spay and Neuter Program. These three cats will remain in my care until adoption or other arrangements can be made.

I cannot thank Ginger and EBFCP enough for the bags of cat chow and cases of canned food she's dropped at my door, as well as the vet bills and spay and neuter costs that EBFCP has paid on the kittens behalf. Since I am without an auto, Ginger has also taken me to purchase additional food and cat litter. I know EBFCP will be there to help with any additional cats that may show up on my porch and will aid me in trapping and getting these cats to the APL for spay and neutering. I will do all I can to help EBFCP in their wonderful work. Ginger can be reached at www.EBFCP.org. Come on people, have some compassion. Don't blame the cats for the life people have forced them to live.

Cleveland Clinic Rehabilitation Hospital at Euclid Hospital helps patients regain independence.

Patrick Shaughnessy, MD

Cleveland Clinic Rehabilitation Hospital at Euclid Hospital provides specialized care for patients who need intensive rehabilitation after hospitalization for stroke, spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, major illness, surgery or trauma.

Located within Euclid Hospital, Cleveland Clinic Rehabilitation Hospital offers a seamless transition to the rehabilitative phase of recovery with medical coverage 24 hours a day, and includes access to a full range of medical and surgical specialties, as well as laboratory and radiology services.

Patrick Shaughnessy, MD, a physician specializing in physical medicine and rehabilitation at Cleveland Clinic Rehabilitation Hospital at Euclid Hospital, says, "A rehab hospital provides the medical management, intense therapy and specialized care that results in excellent outcomes for our patients."

A multi-disciplinary team develops care plans specifically designed for each patient and works with the patient and their support network to provide an integrated treatment approach. The team consists of a rehabilitation physician and nurse; physical, occupational, recreational and speech therapists; dietitian, social worker and case manager.

Rehabilitation to meet each patient's needs

Each patient's rehab plan is based on his or her individual needs. Most patients receive physical and occupational therapy daily, spending three hours in therapy five days a week. Weekend therapy is provided as needed. Additionally, most patients also receive speech and recreational therapy.

Along with traditional rehabilitation therapies, complementary therapies are offered and include:

- specialty programs to help patients manage diet, bowel and bladder problems
- horticulture, art, music, relaxation training, cooking classes, balance/coordination using the Wii™ video system and community reintegration

A prescription for healing

Once the patient is ready to go home – average hospital stays range from 10 to 14 days – the continuum of care doesn't stop. Additional care services include: outpatient physical, occupational and speech therapy, as well as driver evaluation.

"The rehab hospital offers a therapeutic environment. It gives our patients an opportunity to regain functional independence and prepares each patient and their caregivers to modify and adapt to changes in the patient's functional abilities," explains Dr. Shaughnessy. "That, along with the quality care the hospital staff provides, is a prescription for healing."

To learn about Cleveland Clinic Rehabilitation Hospitals — at main campus, Euclid and Lakewood hospitals — visit clevelandclinic.org/rehab. For more information about rehabilitation services at Cleveland Clinic Rehabilitation Hospital at Euclid Hospital, call 216.692.8668.

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Arts

Auditions For Fiddler on the Roof

by Charlotte Mirabile
Silhouette Productions and Shore Cultural Centre Announces Auditions for Fiddler on the Roof a musical theatre tradition! Winner of 10 Tony Awards when it debuted in 1965, the show is the brainchild of Broadway legends Jerome Robbins, Harold Prince, songwriters Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick, and bookwriter Joseph Stein. Touching audiences worldwide with its humor, warmth and honesty, this universal show is a staple of the musical theatre canon.
Set in the little village of Anatevka, the story centers on Tevye, a poor dairyman, and his five daughters. With the help of a colorful and tight-knit Jewish community, Tevye tries to protect his daughters and instill them with tradition in the face of changing social mores and the growing anti-Semitism of Czarist Russia. Rich in historical and ethnic detail, FIDDLER ON THE ROOF's universal theme of tradition cuts across barriers of race, class, nationality and religion, leaving audiences crying tears of laughter, joy and sadness.

Directed by Douglas F. Bailey II
Musical direction by Dave Cox
Choreographed by Tara Mirabile

Auditions will be held at Shore Cultural Center
291 East 222nd Street Euclid, Ohio Room 241

July 28th and 29th from 7-9:30 PM.
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Cleveland Museum of Art “Community Engagement 360° Initiative”

by Caroline Peak
Collinwood and Cleveland Museum of Art team up to increase programming for citizens of all ages.

A fledgling partnership of Collinwood and the Cleveland Museum of Art is already starting to show some results for Collinwood residents of all ages.

Under the leadership of Caroline Peak, Manager, Cleveland Public Library Collinwood Branch, who organized a work team made up of representatives from Cleveland Public Library, Northeast Shores Development Corporation, Waterloo Arts and Collinwood High School, a number of solid results are already in progress. These include museum-library collaboration on a number of activities at the Memorial-Nottingham and Collinwood libraries. The activities incorporate art literacy into the existing library summer reading program with the goal to increase reading skills and comprehension by making a connection between works of art and books.

Peak is continuing to convene representatives from Collinwood groups to explore additional opportunities to bring art-related programs into our neighborhoods and also to welcome people to the museum. Ideas include art-related programming with local artists, art murals with high school students and group tours and activities that bring families together and support teachers to engage with parents. A “Collinwood Day” at the mu-

seum is also being planned for late 2014.

More than a year ago, the museum launched what it calls “Community Engagement 360°, a leadership group that has facilitated conversations with residents within the Collinwood, Glenville and Hough neighborhoods. The focus of these community conversations was to explore neighborhood-identified priority areas in which the museum could partner with residents and organizations.

Through these community conversations, groups have learned more about existing programs already offered by the museum, as well as identified new opportunities to create and design programming specifically addressing the needs of our communities.

The Cleveland Museum of Art is free and open to the public and offers an abundance of programs and activities for groups, families, children, seniors and adults of all ages. Visit www.clevelandart.org or call (216) 421.7350 for more information.

Here is just a sample:
FAMILY FRIENDLY
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The Community Relations Council of the Cleveland Job Corps to plan their 50th Anniversary Celebration

by Michael Taylor
The Cleveland Job Corps is celebrating our 50th anniversary. The Community Relations Council met at 1:30pm. Michael E. Taylor, BCL, welcomed the members and expressed his pride about the upcoming program. Lou Ortez, President CRC, gave the introduction and stated “we can only get better”. Mr. William Houston, Center Director, gave the update for the Cleveland Job Corps Center. Mr. Houston, said he values their input and would like the CRC members and CIC members to be a part of this upcoming memorable occasion, Job Corps 50th Anniversary. Ms. Greene who took a video of the meeting for the record. In addition, she recorded several members' testimonials about their support of the Cleveland Job Corps Center. Ms. Hozina, CPP, for creating a great sideshow presentation highlighting the history of Cleveland Job Corps Center.
The Cleveland Job Corps Center is 50th Anniversary Celebration August 18th – 22nd 2014
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Library

What’s Happening at the Collinwood Library?



Students participating in the Get A Clue READ! Summer Reading Program at the Collinwood Branch.

by Natasha Wells
Summer is in full swing at the Collinwood Branch! Please stop by for a visit or take part in one of our great programs!

Free Lunch Daily Monday - Friday 11:30am-12:30pm for children ages 1 to 18 years old.

The Get A Clue READ! Summer Reading Club continues at the branch through Tuesday, July 29th when our finale will be held at 1:30 p.m. Until then, join us every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. for a new mystery activity (each child will receive a prize for participating in the weekly activity). In order to be eligible for the free tickets to the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo the required 10 books and 10 activities must be entered online at <http://cpl-summer-2014.bibliocommons.com> by August 2nd. Please call or stop by the branch if you have any questions.

Is your child Ready for School? This program will prepare your little ones for school by using fun, hands-on activities and awesome books to teach social skills such as sharing, making new friends, cooperation, and more! Instruction is given by a certified teacher. Registration is required and is reserved for students entering prekindergarten or kindergarten. Call 216-623-6934 to register.

Wednesdays, July 30-August 13 at 10:30 a.m. Computer and Internet Basics (4-part series)

Learn how to use a mouse, navigate in Windows and save files. Learn how to use the World Wide Web and Plain Dealer e-Edition. Saturdays in July (starting July 5th) from 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

July Events at the Memorial-Nottingham Library

by Jeanne Coppola
GED CLASSES, every Tuesday and Thursday, at 10:15 a.m. 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.

charities. You can also drop off these items at any Cleveland Public Library location. Call 216-623-2921 for more information. Everyone is welcome.

RUSSIAN BOOK CLUB: Saturday July 19th, at 3:00p.m. There will be a discussion, in Russian, of Vzgli ani Na Dom Svoi, Angel by Tom Wolfe.

CROCHET CIRCLE, Wednesday July 9th and 23rd, at 2:00 p.m. This is a crafting and community outreach program for the Warm-Up Cleveland campaign, to distribute new donated items (with price tags attached), and donations of washable yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks to local

The Memorial-Nottingham Library is located at: 17109 Lake Shore Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44110. Phone: 216-623-7039. Open: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00am - 7:00pm, and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10:00am - 6:00pm. Closed Sunday

Collinwood Library Reaching Out to Local Organizations to Bring Sevices to the Community

by Caroline Peak
A member of the Greater Cleveland Food Bank's benefits outreach team will be at the Collinwood Library each 4th Monday of each month at noon They will be able to connect you to your local Food Pantry, Hot meal, Summer Feeding Site for Kids, or Produce Distribution. They will also be able to screen you for public benefits such as SNAP (food stamps) or Medicaid, and if you are eligible help you apply for the programs right then. If you have never voted

before, they can help you register, or if you have moved, help you updated your voter registration. All applications take only about 5 minutes to complete, so if you have ever wondered if you might qualify for one of these programs or simply have questions, please stop down at the library. If you can't make it that day, please feel free to contact the help center at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank at 216-738-2067. Many people are eligible and just don't know. If you are eligible for them, you deserve them!

Summer Programs for Kids at the Memorial-Nottingham Library



tery movie!
Summer Reading Club Finale on July 30th at 3:00 pm. Have fun at the celebration. And there will be cake, too!

Alfonzo Daniels, Youth Librarian, says, to “have fun over the summertime. As soon as you “start reading and do your activities, you can be entered into the drawing for the Mystery Grand Prize.” When you complete all the activities, are you will receive a “voucher for 4 free tickets to the Cleveland Public Library Day, August 9th, at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and Rainforest.”

So have fun this summer, read books, solve puzzles and earn cool prizes at the Memorial-Nottingham Library!

TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION
ON BULLYING
Wednesday, July 9th at 4:00 pm. This is a special book discussion for teens to learn about real kids who were the victims of bullying, and who told their true stories, to help others. The book that will be discussed is: Bullying Under Attack: True Stories Written by Teen Victims, Bullies and Bystanders. The discussions will help you understand why bullies act the way they do, and what other teens did when they experienced bullying.

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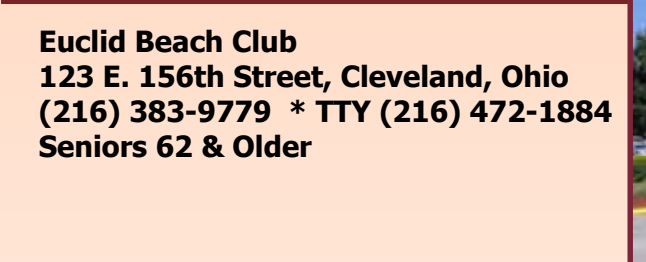
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