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Euclid Beach Blasts the Rain Away!

by Stephen Love

Not even gale force wind, blinding rain and two broken tents could stop the Euclid Beach Blast! And despite the threat of rain, we jammed and danced to live music from the Pride of Glenville Marching Band, Scott Hanson and the Champagnes, Panic Steel Ensemble and Grupo Son Gitano while chowing down on some great eats from the Callaloo Cafe, Beachland Ballroom, Euclid Beach Concessions & Gifts and for our sweet fix, Real Frut drinks, Chilli Pop Shop, Savannah Kettle Corn and a scoop or two of East Coast Custard!

And if great music and tasty food weren't enough, we made fun sand art and mural paintings with Cleveland Metroparks Outdoor Education, threw sand at the competition in the Waterloo Sculpture Garden Sand Castle Contest, stood awe struck in front of Sand Sculptor Greg Butauski's dragon and castle, took a beach joy ride on a Fat Bike with Bike Cleveland, struck a pose for a new Euclid Beach pier and chalked the walkway with artist Hector Castellanos!

But it wasn't just all fun and games, we also watched the amazing Upstage Players perform an original play, entitled 'No Easy Cleanup' about the importance of taking care of our beaches and our lake and had a chance to learn about all the great things individuals and organizations are doing in the community and region to improve

beach and water quality and improve the quality of life in our neighborhood. And we heard from many of you through our Cleveland Metroparks surveys about the types of events, programming, improvements, hopes and dreams you have for Euclid Beach and our other Lakefront Parks, part of the Cleveland Metroparks Emerald Necklace. Information gathered on the survey walls will be used by Cleveland Metroparks as they develop a plan for making improvements to our Lakefront parks. Please be sure to look out for an article announcing upcoming community meetings held by Cleveland Metroparks to discuss park improvements.

And now for the many, many thank yous. I would first like to thank the Sun who arrived fashionably late but still managed to keep the festivities going until the end! But sun or no sun, we could not have had a great event without the help of many dedicated Euclid Beach Blast volunteers, including my friends and family who spent hours in the sun, then wind, then rain on Saturday to ensure that the event went forward! Major thanks also goes to our event partner, Cleveland Metroparks for not only sponsoring the event but also providing maintenance staff, tables, chairs and tents and event promotion! We look forward to continuing to grow our event partner-



As soon as the pavement dried it was chalking time with artist Hector Castellanos!



Event visitors were awe struck by this incredible dragon and castle by professional sand sculptor Greg Butauski. It took Greg and his partner all day to make this with several rain breaks!

ship next season! Thank you to all of our Beach Blast sponsors and community partners including Cleveland Lakefront Parks Conservancy, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, Neighborhood Con-

nections, Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, Northeast Shores Development Corporation, Waterloo Arts, Jergens Industrial Supply, Scene Magazine and No Problem Printing!

A big thank you also goes out to all of

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YARN n YOGA brings crowd, creativity to Euclid Beach



A free yoga and meditation class offered participants a different way to bid farewell to the historic Pier.

by Allison Lukacsy

What could be better than a sunny summer evening on Lake Erie?

On Friday, July 25th people from across Northeast Ohio poured into Euclid Beach Park, some for the very first time. On top of the last of the Euclid Beach Live concerts, YARN n YOGA took our neighborhood's largest slice of lakefront by (yarn) storm.

The sun warmed the sand while a gentle breeze carried Sounds of the Soul's lyrics to yogis reaching for the sky in tree pose. All evening the lake shimmered as community members and artists stood side by side wrapping, weaving, and knitting on to the historic Pier.

YARN n YOGA, a grass-roots, volunteer-led arts and recreation project supported by Cleveland Metroparks, Waterloo Arts, Northeast Shores, and Praxis Fiber Workshop drew families from Westlake, artists from Akron, donations from Boston, and press as far reaching as California. It quickly became Cleveland's first large-scale yarn bomb and a bright, beautiful,



Artists and community members came together to shower the Pier with love... and yarn before its demolition this Fall.

temporary public arts project that EVERYONE and anyone could participate in at no cost thanks to monetary and material donations. The event was funded through a crowd-sourced Kickstarter campaign, a grant from The Cleveland Lakefront Parks Conservancy and would not have been possible without the talent of more than a dozen artists whose inspired pre-made panels catalyzed the public's excitement and involvement.

Mike Zellers - who fondly remembers the Park as an amusement park - took home the "Best in Show" arts prize (sponsored by The Artful Yarn -Chagrin Falls) for his panel "Mermaid". Runners up included Linda Zolten Wood's "Accidental Neon" which incorporated plarn (plastic grocery bags turned yarn) and Leslie Edwards Humez's "Flotsam".

Praxis, soon to locate on Waterloo Road, judged the competition and yarn bombed the single bench on the pier while children and those young at heart wove brightly hued strands around the remnants of what



Euclid Beach Park Now collected historic photographs and postcards for YARN n YOGA on the Pier.

was once a major fishing pier and dock for boats - or "TUBS" - coming to shore from Downtown Cleveland.

In addition to the yarn and free yoga class, a 6' x 8' photo-booth offered a collaged view of the Pier as it looked in the 1960s and a rendering of what it may look like in the future, as our community anticipates a longer, more useful Pier after the current one is demolished by the Cleveland Metroparks this Fall.

Also, Euclid Beach Park Now filtered through hundreds of photographs and postcards to create a memory lane of the many lives and uses of the Pier since it was constructed in 1895. You can view the enhanced reproductions and pick up information sheets at their event "Remembering Sights and Sounds" in September and on Waterloo in October.

It is estimated that over 3,000 people viewed the fiber arts installation and historic photographs during its 10-day run on the Euclid Beach Pier thanks to the Park's biggest event of the year, the 5th Annual



A photo booth depicting the past and future of the Euclid Beach Pier was a hit with families during YARN n YOGA.

Euclid Beach Blast!

While the yarn bomb is no longer visible from the shores of Lake Erie, select artist's panels will be on display at the Hoffman Building (across from the Waterloo Sculpture Garden) beginning Friday, October 3rd, 2014 when the art exhibition YARN n YESTERDAY opens. In addition to the fiber installation, YESTERDAY will feature "sound clouds" consisting of spliced anecdotes as relayed to artist Chris Kulzar during the original event on the Pier. This project is generously funded by The Kresge Foundation and Cuyahoga Arts and Culture through a Collinwood Rising Vibrancy Grant. Mark your calendars and come savor the latest and greatest memory of the Euclid Beach Pier.

Together we knit a vibrant public art piece. Together we can create strong, creative communities.

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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.

Collinwood Slovenian Home 95th Anniversary

by Bob Podlogar
The Collinwood Slovenian Home is hosting a "95th Anniversary Celebration" of the founding of the Hall and Clubroom located at 15810 Holmes Avenue. Come help us commemorate this event by joining us on Saturday, August 23rd, 2014.

The evening's festivities include a Reverse Raffle with \$2,000 in prizes, Side Boards, a Chinese Auction, and other surprises.

Tickets which include the Main Board Raffle, dinner (prepared by Julie Zalar), an open bar, and musical entertainment for your dancing and listening enjoyment performed by "Who's Playing", are \$65.00. Tickets for dinner without a chance on the Main Board Raffle are \$25.00.

Doors open at 5:00PM, and dinner is served at 7:00PM.

Contact the Club Room at 216-681-6649 or Mary Podlogar at 216-486-6424 for more information.

Neighborhood Association News

by Margaret Craig

Our Neighborhood Associations have been meeting throughout the summer months and have had some very interesting discussions and visitors. In June, the E. 156th Street Association joined in the Collinwood Facilities discussion at Collinwood High School where Eric Gordon the CEO from CMSD and others spoke about the plans for our neighborhood schools. The E. 185th Street Association enjoyed a lively discussion with Councilman Polensek and the neighbors from the E. 140th Association began plans for a neighborhood picnic. In July, the E. 156th Association heard from KC Petraitis a representative from Cleveland Housing Court and also from Camille Maxwell from Northeast Shores. The E. 185 Street Association held a neighbor roundtable discussion, where residents shared ideas on what they would like to see happening in the neighborhood. The E. 140th Association heard from a representative from the Fifth District Police and Councilman Polensek. We would love to have you participate. If you have any questions, please call Margaret Craig at (216) 481-7660. Let's create the community we want to live in!

Prosperity Festival at Living Truth Center August 16

by Rhonda Hudson

Its that time again. Living Truth Center for Better Living are having their 3rd Annual Prosperity Festival. Bring your family and friends to a day of fun. Our spacious parking lot welcomes you to bring family and friends to be a part of the hoola- hoop contest! There

will be food, DJ, line dancing, games, prizes, give-a ways and vendors. School supplies will also be given and much more! Call for more information. 1850 Belmore Road East Cleveland OH 44112. (216) 249-0330. www.living-truthcenter.org. Rev. Alice J. Brown, Senior Minister.

Collinwood Vibrancy Programs for August

by Margaret Craig

You don't want to miss the remaining Collinwood Vibrancy Programs for the month of August that take place in the Waterloo Arts District. Earlier in the month activities were held at The Waterloo Sculpture Garden, Star Pop, Zygote Press, and the Beachland Ballroom. These last few round out a great month of activities.

Re-Grand Opening & Customer Appreciation day concert- August 16th from 3-5pm at Styles With Confidence, 15300 Waterloo Rd. This even will offer music to the hearing impaired with sign language during the performance. There will also be a raffle and refreshments.

Ceramajama- August 22nd from 6-10 pm at Brick +Design Studio, 420 East 161st Street, Brick is a co-operative studio space that allows artists and beginners to create ceramic work. The business will be a new addition to the Waterloo Arts and Enter-

tainment District. The event will kick off the grand opening of Brick's Sculpture Garden and will feature contemporary ceramics work, along with a meet and greet with the artists. Refreshments and small bites will be served as visitors enjoy the show.

George Shuba Closing Party and Project Lightswitch Celebration- Sunday August 31st 1-5pm at Space:Rock Gallery, 15712 Waterloo Rd. This party is to celebrate the conclusion of the streetscape and to feature George Shuba's photography work. George, the featured artist, shot the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and Jimi Hendrix when they first came to Cleveland in the 1960's. Come to the gallery and view his work and enjoy the DJ's performance. The celebration will include a giant cake for everyone to enjoy!

As always, all Vibrancy programs are free and open to the public. So come join in the fun on Waterloo!!!!!!

Slovenian Languages Classes

by Lillian Centa

The St. Vitus Adult Slovenian School is beginning its 2014-2015 Slovenian language classes on September 13, 2014

Classes are scheduled on two Saturdays each month from 9:15 to 11:45 a.m. and will continue through May 23, 2015. Location is at St. Martin de Porres High School (formerly St. Vitus School), 6111 Lausche Avenue, Cleveland.

Three levels are taught – BEGINNING – New material from Slovenia with emphasis on everyday conversation. Textbook is up-to-date. INTERMEDIATE – for students who have

some knowledge of the language. Continuation from the beginning class using a newly published textbook. Continued conversation ADVANCED – for those who have a speaking knowledge of Slovenian and would like to have further knowledge in reading and writing. Lessons include textbook study along with general information about customs and culture of Slovenia.

Tuition is \$50.00 per semester. Textbooks are purchased separately from the instructor.

For information call Lillian at 216.289.7253 or Majda at 440.255.1178 or email Lillian at elcenta@sbcglobal.net.

ActiVacant: The American Dream

by Margaret Craig

Imagine having the freedom to do what you want, when you want, all while providing for your family. Do you have a big idea, and are just waiting to implement it? Now is the time to control your destiny. You can be your own boss.

Opening up a business takes passion, determination, and the willingness to take risks. That determination has propelled this nation into greatness. It is an attitude of making up new rules that is reflected in the new program called ActiVacant that will help new businesses get their feet off the ground.

ActiVacant will have five businesses open simultaneously within three blocks, so you're never alone. Getting the doors open is hard work. Until then, there's no enjoying the fruits of your labor. That's why the "ActiVators" will get the first three months of rent for free. From there, rent will grow incrementally to market value over the first year. This enables ActiVators to focus on what's important- the business reaching its full potential.

It takes a village. So when ActiVators work together, there will be cash bonuses over the next three years. There will even be a small documentary that shares the ActiVators' stories. There is no community greater at following the American Dream than Collinwood. By becoming an ActiVator, you will join a neighborhood rich in history, yet excited about the future. In the land of opportunity, you can achieve anything you put your mind to. Dare to dream big, and dare to put that dream into action.

If you are ready to open your business and reap the rewards of your efforts, go to www.activacant.com to complete your application.

As a child my family's menu consisted of two choices: take it or leave it.

Buddy Hackett

Community

Slovenian Workman Home More Than Just a Great Fish Fry



Goulash and Polenta

by John Copic

The Slovenian Workman's Home on Waterloo has a great fish fry every Friday, but sometimes I'm not in the mood for a fish dinner. I stopped in at the Home on a recent Friday and was very pleased to see that there were many other options on the menu. My friend had the pork chops with home fries and I had goulash and polenta.

I am very picky about restaurant food. I worked in restaurants for many years, and I realize I am not easy to wait on. The food and the service was amazing. The two large pork chops were cooked perfectly, were very moist on the inside, and melted in your mouth. The home fries tasted like Sunday dinner at my mom's house. The goulash and polenta was simply magical.



Patty C and the Guys

We also both had double coleslaw's, and I don't know how they do it, it's just the best coleslaw I've ever had.

The home is located at 15335 Waterloo Rd., there is plenty of parking. The construction on Waterloo is almost complete and should not deter you from stopping in on Fridays for dinner. Dinner is served from 3 to 8 PM. The prices are very rea-

sonable, and the price for the beverages at the bar is even more reasonable. There is occasionally live polka music. I was lucky enough to hear Patti C and the Guys. Sometimes the Fairport Jammers are playing. Treat yourself. Stop in at the Slovenian workman home for dinner. Be sure to try a homemade strudel for dessert.

(continued from cover story Euclid Beach Blasts the Rain Away)

our Euclid Beach Blast raffle basket contributors: Nulife Fitness, Callaloo Cafe, R&D Sausage, Radell's Sausage, Star Pop Vintage + Modern, Music Saves, Blue Arrow Records, Scotti's Italian Eatery, Bistro 185, Chilli Peppers, Mickey's Ice Cream, Cavotta's Garden Center, Cleveland Garden Center, Bob's Place, Sandy's Ice Cream, Muldoon's, Grovewood Tavern, BG's Old World Tavern, Buetener's Bakery, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, the Children's Museum and local rain barrel artists

Linda Zolten Wood and Joe Bruzas who made our amazing raffles possible--with over \$1000 worth of prizes.

Thank you also to all of the participating community tables and food vendors who have helped make Euclid Beach Blast North Collinwood's premiere event on the Lakefront!

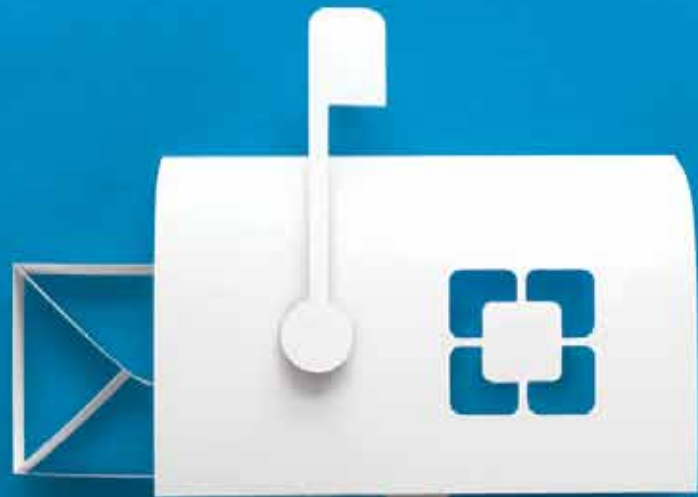
Finally, I would like to thank my girlfriend and North Collinwood celebrity Ali Lukacsy, who helped make Euclid Beach Blast 2014 a success in so many ways,

whether designing signage, coordinating volunteer meetings, promoting the heck out of the event or just keeping my head cool, she once again put the Blast in this years Beach Blast--I love you!

Want to see how much fun we had on Saturday? Visit facebook.com/euclidbeachblast to see photos and videos of this year's Euclid Beach Blast, post your own photos and videos or email euclidbeachblast@gmail.com with photos, videos and comments/feedback!

Can't wait until the next Euclid Beach Blast to be part of all the momentum at Euclid Beach? Not to worry! Join Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Team(TM) volunteers for their next beach cleanup on Saturday August 23rd from 10am-12pm for Do Something Day and for International Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday September 20th from 10am-12pm for International Coastal Cleanup Day.

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Our Lady of the Lake School Growing in New Ways!



Principal Rita Kingsbury enjoys working hands on with students and staff



New technology is just one of the exciting changes at Our Lady of the Lake School

by Rita Kingsbury
I am very happy to be sharing some new and exciting information about our coming school year here at Our Lady of the Lake. With recent renovations completed and the smell of fresh paint still in the air, the team is working hard to finish schedules and wrap up other exciting new changes before the students return. From technology to enrichment to staff, there's so much that's new!

Our Lady of the Lake School has a strong commitment to technology, with an impressive array of iPads for students, a cutting edge iMac computer lab and smart boards in every classroom. The addition of Chromebooks and Distance Learning technology is a natural step, but it also opens up exciting new opportunities. The capacity to cross platforms and to explore the powerful learning tools provided by Google Education not only means new devices for students to work with, but whole new teaching strategies in the classrooms.

Here is a quote from one of our 5th grade teachers: "We are really excited and have decided to set up our curriculum, and break down our units by introducing different apps. The culminating activity would be a project using the new app, while incorporating core subject material. Some of the apps are Prezi, Pages, iMovie, Movie Maker and so on. Blogging is also a large part of the curriculum so we have set up "KidBlog" for both 5th grades." We are very proud of our enthusiastic and inventive staff!

Our kindergarten, first and second graders will make use of Rosetta Stone to get a great start in learning Spanish. This is a subscription program, so the children will also be able to log on at home for extra practice. We have hired a Spanish teacher to teach at other grade levels.

We will welcome a whole new crew of little ones this year, as we launch our new preschool. With flexible full-day and half-day options, the preschool provides an exceptional, affordable opportunity for young learners to take advantage of a full school facility, with access to everything from our dedicated art and music room to our computer lab and fully equipped gym.

The students will get to share some of this good news with our community through online updates, using the new Video Studio space dedicated this year. High-definition digital video cameras will let them record their own news segments, to post on the school website. What a fun way for our school community to get breaking news directly from the students -- and with such a busy calendar, there will be lots of news to share!

But with all this change, we're still focused on keeping all the great things that students and families have already learned to love, from making our Washington, DC, trip an annual tradition, to our active PTO, parish play, sports events, school concerts, exceptional arts classes and more. It's going to be an exciting year, and we can't wait to get started!

Building Community – and Having Fun!



The Our Lady of the Lake app helps keep us connected

In The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis speaks about going forth into the community and spreading joy. It's a message that has really struck a chord at Our Lady of the Lake Parish. We've been thinking a lot about how we go forth, build bonds in our community, and make it a better and happier place. Some of our community building activities are things we've always done: providing food to the hungry, supplies to families with infants, space for our community groups and service to important causes. Some are taking something we've done before and growing it into something a little bit bigger and better. This year's 200th Street Stroll was a great example of that. We've always loved the Stroll and this year we shared the fun by hosting a Stroll Celebration Festival at Our Lady of the Lake – a free party for the whole community, with balloons, cotton candy, popcorn, games, prizes and live music. Lots of friends and neighbors came out to join us, we formed some new friendships and had a wonderful time. We're already looking forward to doing it again next year.

There are also some completely new opportunities we're finding to go out, build new bonds and share. Recently we hosted a concert at our Lady of the Lake with Los Angeles recording artist Nimo as he travelled the country on his Empty Hands Tour. Again, it was free and open to everyone – and what a beautiful evening we shared.

Friends came from the neighborhood, from Rosemary Center, and even from as far away as Richfield and Lakewood! When Nimo talked about the community he's built through his Gratitude Campaign, he mentioned friends made on the internet including a gentleman by the name of Conrad from Toledo, Ohio, who had become an active part of their online community through shared comments and interactions on their website. When Conrad was diagnosed with terminal cancer, that community supported and embraced him -- Nimo was able to visit his 82-year-old friend in person shortly before he died. Our world gets smaller and more caring when we reach out to each other.

In some ways, technology has changed the way we think about community, with smart phones and social media bringing us together in new ways. This opens up exciting new opportunities to share and support each other, build bridges and stay connected. Our Lady of the Lake recently launched a new Parish App that will let anyone stay connected with our parish community right from their smart phone. Want to know what's happening at the school or when the next parish council meeting will be or the time of the next PTO event? Just check the schedule on your phone! Now we can share photos, celebrate life events, send messages directly to Father Joe, share prayers and find parish information of every kind right from the device in our pocket. Want to give it a try? Just scan the QR code below!

We're so glad to have such a strong community here and to be finding new ways to go out and share joy in that community. However we connect with our friends and neighbors – in person, at prayer walks or celebrations, or online through our website, Facebook or app – together we're making our community a better, happier place -- and that's wonderful work to be doing.



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Schools

Big changes with New Tech at Collinwood High School



Collinwood High School will add the New Tech curriculum this school year.

by Mike Scott

There's a turnaround under way at Collinwood High School.

This fall will mark the arrival of the New Tech curriculum at the high school on East 152nd Street, and Principal Maria Carlson said the staff could not be more pumped up about how that should change the teaching dynamic.

"It's really exciting because it's all project-based learning and all grounded in real-world applications," she said. "So often, students will say, 'Why am I even learning this? I'll never use it.' That's not ever going to be true anymore because they'll be applying it in real time."

That means no more "teachers standing at the board lecturing and students taking -- or not

taking -- notes," Carlson said.

Collinwood joins the nationwide New Tech Network, which includes 14 schools in Ohio. Among those are three in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District: Facing History New Tech, New Tech West at Max Hayes and New Tech at East Tech.

Even with the growing excitement, there are still openings to fill the freshman class, projected to be about 186 students, Carlson said. "We've got a great product to offer at Collinwood, and it's improving all the time," she said. "Now we've got to get more students in here to experience it."

She said the first wave of New Tech student

projects will begin with a letter from local industry describing a real-world problem. Addressing that issue will require the use of all academic subjects, she said.

"Then, when they finish the project, they'll have someone related to the project judge them on it, in addition to the teaching staff," she said.

Each student will also receive a Google Chrome laptop computer to accelerate the learning and connection to technology.

But all of the coming changes at Collinwood High aren't tech-based.

The school and volunteers are working to revive a marching band that so far includes a drum line, majorettes and horns.

Meanwhile, Collinwood Site Coordinator Amy Carlson (no relation to Maria Carlson) has partnered with local artists to help brighten up the school.

Amy Carlson, who works for Ohio Guide-stone, said she has been working with the Waterloo Arts District to better integrate the arts into the high school, including photography. One potential project would bring in painted wood panels with words like "Optimism," "Grit," and "Social Intelligence" to place throughout the school to break up the monotony of otherwise drab colors. "That's a work in progress, but mostly we want to deepen our partnership with the arts district," Amy Carlson said. She said the school is also adding a full-fledged boxing club this school year after trying it out near the end of last school year.

Collinwood High is one of CMSD's 23 "Investment Schools," low performing schools singled out for intensive academic and other intervention under The Cleveland Plan, a state-

approved blueprint for reform. In a joint effort with the United Way of Cleveland and other partners, site coordinators arrange for community "wraparound" services tailored to individual school needs.

CMSD Chief Executive Officer Eric Gordon has required that the wraparound services include tutoring and extend to after school and during vacations. The services will aid students who are coping with burdens like homelessness and hunger.

Carlson's role in the Collinwood revival has not gone unnoticed.

She was named Principal of the Year this summer by School Turnaround, a New York-based education leadership development consultant who she has worked with over the last two years since coming to Collinwood from Lincoln-West High School.

"They knew me when I was at Lincoln-West, but I asked them to come out and help me out at Collinwood in my first year because of the challenges there," Carlson said. "They work specifically on the leadership you bring to your school, but in the end what matters is if you've improved your school, and they felt that I had."

Carlson said that despite the honor, she knows there is much yet to be accomplished at the school.

"I'm happy with the gains that we have made, but clearly we're nowhere near where we need to be at Collinwood," she said. "I know that we're capable of improving more, and that inspires me to do that."

Cleveland Job Corps Center 50th Anniversary Celebration

Save the Date!

On August 18, 2014 call all Alumni to return to the Cleveland Job Corps Center

On August 20, 2014 the Cleveland Job Corps Open House

On August 22, 2014 the Cleveland Job Corps Center Graduation Celebration

The Cleveland Job Corps, founded in 1965, was one of over 100 job-training programs created by the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964; it produced the first program graduates in the country. In two decades, the Cleveland Job Corps trained over 12,000, mostly African American women from out of state. The Job Corps recruited high school drop-outs ages 16-21 and sent them to a residential center to obtain a high school equivalency degree, if necessary, and work skills. Because of the national scope, applicants were often sent far from home. Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, an African American women's service organization, sponsored and operated the Cleveland program under contract from the U.S. Dept. of Labor. The group maintained a house at 1588 Ansel Rd. for nearly 400 girls until 1971, when it relocated to the Tudor Arms Hotel at E. 107th and Carnegie. Only women lived at the facility, but men were accepted into the program after 1976. Cleveland Job Corps trained participants for business, clerical, and service occupations. Through a

cooperative program with the Brotherhood of Railway & Airline Clerks, the center guaranteed job placement.

Founded as part of the War on Poverty, the local Job Corps has withstood budget cuts and proposed reorganizations since the Nixon era. The Nixon administration, however, closed 57 centers (many in rural areas) and hoped to shift the remaining ones to state and local control, to be financed through federal revenue-sharing. Dr. Zelma Watson (Mrs. Clayborne) George, Cleveland Corps director (1966-74), argued that any change would endanger the program's effectiveness; she won her point and the Cleveland office survived. In 1989 the program still trained female residents and male and female commuters, in computer entry and welding, in addition to the fields mentioned above. Participants received such additional benefits as counseling and health care. The Cleveland Job Corps Center in the 1990s participated in a program with Cuyahoga Community College wherein students could earn college credit. In Apr. 1995, the U.S. Dept. of Labor changed operatorship from Alpha Kappa Alpha to that of Management & Training Corp., a Utah-based firm. In 1995 the Cleveland Job Corps Center was located at 10660 Carnegie and had 470 students.

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Cats Cats and more Cats

Friends of Euclid Beach Feral Cat Project

by Ginger Hannah

Another year has passed and GOOD NEWS abounds! Two litters of kittens where born in the Euclid Beach Mobile Home Park this spring, which is the home for over a 100 healthy, spayed/ neutered cats. Two pregnant mommas where abandoned and we are caring for both mommas and their 7 precious kittens. Our round the clock care includes nutritious food, veterinary care, lots of cuddles and love....and endless litter box duty.

This year we celebrate Euclid Beach Feral Cat Project's 5th year in action. Over 1,500 cats/kittens have been TNR/rescued in the North and South Collinwood neighborhoods. Our target area includes the historic Euclid Beach, Wildwood Marina, Euclid Beach Mobile Home Park, Euclid Beach Pier and the Euclid Beach Villa Apartments. We work tirelessly rescuing abandoned, abused, and the pregnant, who will continue to breed unless we do our important work. These unfortunate, beautiful animals would be doomed to a life of neglect, sickness, unbearable hardship, starvation, predators and never knowing the feeling of a loving hand to pet them.

2014 has been a very productive and we have had a busy seven months!

Friends of Animals has donated an additional 100 certificates to spay / neuter 100 cats in the North & South Collinwood neighborhoods. This is wonderful news! By the end of 2014 EBFCP will have spayed/ neutered 280 cats through our partnership with Pet Fix.

During the month of June, a few eager volunteers, helped resurface the Kitty Cottage roof with a rubber/cement sealant to prevent further damage from leaking inside our cozy little cottage.

Brian opened up a 2nd room in the Kitty

Kottage, so we can care for additional, orphaned kittens, and abandoned, injured cats. The second room will also serve as our pre- and post-op care for the cats that are participating in the TNR program.

Cleveland Metro parks has kept their verbal agreement. As it stands, we can continue to care for the historic Euclid Beach lakefront cats whose ancestors have lived on the beach for over 4 decades. Now the three colonies have shrunk (through nutrition and old age) to only 15 healthy seniors with the youngest being 7 years old.

In collaboration with the Waterloo Alley Cat Project, the EBFCP will present an educational outreach with a multimedia workshop for the neighborhood community titled "TEN LIVES A Feral Cats Odyssey".

Last, but certainly not the least: because of your generosity, we share our love by helping families keep their pets. Through our community outreach program we are able to continue the TNR project, and offer bags of healthy, nutritious cat food-free of charge!

There are no feral cat sanctuaries around town. Education and outreach are crucial to helping people understand the impacts of abandonment. Over -population is a constant challenge and we work non-stop to keep the colonies under control. As part of our trap, neuter, and return program, we work with the Cleveland Animal Protective League (APL) to find loving forever homes for cats and kittens sufficiently friendly to become household companions, rather than returning to an environment where they lack the skills to thrive-or even survive-and may become victims of abuse.

"Saving just one cat won't change the world...but surely it will change the world for that one cat."

How Does the EBFCP continue to do its

important work?

Your continued financial support of our work makes it possible! The cost of daily feeding and providing shelter and medical care is enormous. Every one of your dollars goes to the welfare of the cats. No donation is too small; each one is an expression of your care, and is deeply appreciated.

As an all-volunteer, not-for-profit organization that receives no city or county funding, our work depends entirely on the generous and compassionate support of people like you. Our gratitude to the more than 225 individuals who support our efforts is truly heartfelt!

Together, we can improve our Collinwood neighborhoods by helping our animals, our seniors, and each other. Each one of you is making that happen! Your caring is a powerful symbol of love, respect, and mercy. We thank you!

We thank you, and the kitties' thank you, for putting compassion into action!

"IT FEELS GOOD TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

How can I learn more and help the EBFCP?

Visit the Project's web site to view family photos and learn more about the work of the Euclid Beach Feral Cat Project. www.ebfc.org & Waterloo Alley Cat Project www.waterlooalleycatproject.org

Please make a tax-deductible donation to Euclid Beach Feral Cat Project, and mail to: Euclid Beach Feral Cat Project, P.O. Box 19203, Cleveland, OH 44119. EBFCP has been approved by the IRS for 501(c) (3) charitable non-profit status as of 1.03.2014. Or Pay Pal for your convenience at www.ebfc.org.

Euclid Beach Feral Cat Project and Waterloo Alley Cat Project Present "TEN LIVES: A Feral Cat Odyssey"

by Deborah Gulyas

Did you know that there is a historic tourist On Wednesday, August 20, 2014, Euclid Beach Feral Cat Project and Waterloo Alley Cat Project have teamed-up to present the new documentary "TEN LIVES: A Feral Cat Odyssey" at the Euclid Public Library, 631 East 222nd Street, Euclid, OH. The movie, supported by Friends of Animals (FoA), the Summerlee Foundation and ASPCA, reveals the lives of feral cats and the growing number of people and organizations working to not only humanely make their lives better, but reduce their numbers through the proven method known as trap, neuter and return TNR. A question and answer session will follow after the movie. This workshop is FREE to the public. Times for the event are 5:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Representatives from the Cleveland Animal Protective League and Petfix of NE Ohio will also be present.

The Euclid Beach Feral Cat Project and The Waterloo Alley Cat Project are two North Collinwood neighborhood volunteer organizations in Cleveland that have implemented the trap-neuter/spay-return method to reduce the number of homeless cats and kittens. After five years, the two Projects combined have spayed and neutered over a thousand cats and have garnered the support of municipal officials, residents and local businesses. Debbie Gulyas, business owner and Waterloo Alley Cat Project volunteer remarked, "Our two organizations have saved the lives of many cats and, now through teamwork, our mission is to improve and protect the lives of even more cats as well as the quality of life in our neighborhood by sharing our knowledge with people who would also like to help their community as well as the cats."

In neighborhoods throughout the U.S., trap-neuter/spay-return programs (TNR) have proven to be effective in humanely managing feral and stray cats while at the same time reducing their population. With TNR the cats are trapped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated for rabies, left ear-tipped (the universal sign that a cat is fixed) and, if feral, returned to their original territory. A trained caretaker then provides food and shelter, and watches for newcomers.

People who are interested in volunteering to help cats can visit each group's websites: www.ebfc.org or www.waterlooalleycatproject.org. Please make a tax-deductible donation to Euclid Beach Feral Cat Project, and mail it to Euclid Beach Feral Cat Project, P.O. Box 19203, Cleveland, OH 44119. All donations shared.

"What greater gift than the love of a cat." — Charles Dickens

Community

Hospice of the Western Reserve Lauded for Promoting Health Care Environmental Sustainability



David Simpson Hospice House

by Laurie Henriksen

Hospice of the Western Reserve recently became the first hospice organization in the United States to earn two national health care environmental awards from Practice Greenhealth, a nonprofit organization devoted to promoting environmental stewardship and best practices in the health care community.

The awards were presented in Cleveland at CleanMed 2014, a leading national environmental conference for health care sustainability. Other award winners include Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals, the Mayo Clinic and Johns Hopkins.

"Hospice of the Western Reserve is committed to sustainable practices and environmental stewardship - not only at our two in-patient care centers - but throughout the agency," said Bill Finn, chief executive officer. "Environmental stewardship, economic vitality and social responsibility align with our mission of providing the best quality of life for our patients and leaving a positive legacy for future generations."

"We have worked hard to develop programs and practices that protect the environment and the health of our patients, staff and community," added Kathleen Gatto, director of support services, who heads up the agency's 'green team.' It's rewarding to see our efforts recognized on a national level."

David Simpson Hospice House – Earns "Partner for Change Award"

Hospice of the Western Reserve's east side in-patient care center, David Simpson Hospice House, located on the Lake Erie waterfront at E. 185th St., earned a "Partner for Change Award," a significant achievement, particularly for an older facility. Much of the environmental technology incorporated into Ames Family Hospice House was not available in 1995, when David Simpson Hos-



Ames Family Hospice House

pice House was built.

The "Partner for Change" award was presented to health care institutions "that continuously improve and expand upon their mercury elimination, waste reduction, recycling and source reduction programs." At a minimum, facilities "must be recycling 15 percent of their total waste, have reduced regulated medical waste, be well along the way to mercury elimination, and have developed other successful pollution prevention programs in many different areas."

Ames Family Hospice House - Earns "Emerald Award"

Hospice of the Western Reserve's Ames Family Hospice House, a 30,000-square-foot in-patient residential care center in Westlake, achieved an "Emerald Partner in Change" award. The award recognizes "health care facilities that have achieved improvements in mercury elimination, waste reduction, recycling and source reduction programs 'that go above and beyond.'" Recipients are considered to be "further along the path to sustainability" and are deemed to "show leadership in the local community and in the health care sector."

Last year, Ames Family Hospice House also achieved prestigious Gold LEED certification for its environmental building and sustainability practices from the U.S. Green Building Council. Sustainability strategies include the use of low VOC paint, carpet and furnishings, built-in recycling centers throughout the facility, chemical-free lawns and gardens, a high-efficiency climate control system zoned for patient comfort and water-efficient fixtures, which reduce water use by 28 percent. When Ames Family Hospice House was built, more 75 percent of construction debris was diverted by repurposing or recycling.

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Green Isn't Always Good - Be Wise When You Fertilize

by Claire Posius

If you fertilize your lawn, practice the 4 Rs of Fertilization:

1. Right Type. Have your soil tested to determine fertilizer needs and choose a slow-release fertilizer. Best Management Practice: Use phosphate-free organic fertilizer.
2. Right Rate. Soil test results will supply you with the appropriate fertilizer rate. Do not exceed the recommended rate and never apply more than 1.5 pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet. Best Management Practice: Use mulching blades on your mower and leave the grass clippings on the lawn.
3. Right Time. September is the best time to fertilize lawns when cool season grasses are actively growing. Best Management Practice: Never apply fertilizer when rain and wind are in the forecast.
4. Right Place. Proper fertilization techniques save money and protect waterways and wildlife. Avoid fertilizing near streams, ditches, hard surfaces, and slopes. Best Management Practice: Incorporate native plantings near streams, ditches, and slopes to better intercept pollutants before they enter waterways.

To learn more contact: Claire Posius, Euclid Creek Watershed Coordinator at 216-524-6580, ext. 16, cposius@cuyahogawcd.org; www.EuclidCreekWatershed.org; www.cuyahogawcd.org

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Imagine Bella Academy

Enrolling K-5 for the 2014-2015 School Year

by Sarah Myers

Imagine Bella Kindergarten students are not the only students with an exciting new school year ahead. Imagine Bella will be incorporating many ideas from Ron Clark Academy to boost student engagement and learning. Imagine Bella embarks on its 6th year serving Cleveland area students and families and will refocus to serve grades K-5. Call us at 216-481-1500 or stop in and we will walk you through our easy enrollment process! You do not have to be a resident of Cleveland to enroll.

In addition to our daily instructional hours of 8:30-4:00, students needing after care services are invited to participate in an after school program sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club of America. For a small fee, the Boys and Girls Club will en-

gage your child in homework help, physical and character building activities. More information will be available on our Back to School night Monday, August 18th!

Our new school leader, Arun Dutt will lead the Imagine Bella team and is thrilled to become a member of this community. You can read more about his background on our website (<http://www.imaginebellaacademy.com>). Stop in or call to make an appointment to discuss any concerns, suggestions, or ideas for the school year ahead.

Imagine Bella is excited to see the smiling faces of returning students and welcome new family members! Don't Forget the first day of school is Tuesday, August 19th for Kindergarten and August 20th for grades 1-5.

Imagine Bella Mission Statement

by Sarah Myers

"Preparing students for lifetime achievement and the global future by creating an innovative and academically excellent school. To achieve our vision, we will prepare our students to become independent learners with the desires, the skills, and the abilities necessary for lifelong learning. This will require creating a learning environment which is centered on students, directed by teachers, and supported by home and community."

New Art Program at Imagine Bella

Just some of the exciting news includes our new Art program where all students will receive weekly art instruction. Art will join our related arts team of Music, Physical Education, and Technology using our mobile Computers on Wheels. Our Music program puts on annual performances from Michael Jackson to Motown! We are excited to see what artistic expressions will be added to our Imagine Bella family!

Our technology program will include STAR Reading, STAR Early Literacy, and STAR Math. This computer based assessment aligns with the Common Core Standards and provide teachers detailed information about how to meet the needs of all students. As part of our Physical Education (P.E.) program, our Fourth grade students attended the Get Fit Training Camp at the Football Hall of Fame in Canton. Our students also had fun in the sun on field day. Imagine Bella understands the importance of teaching the whole child through a rich academic and related arts program!



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Imagine Bella Academy Welcomes the Class of 2027

by Sarah Myers

On August 19th, Kindergarten students will be greeted by smiling faces of teachers and new friends as they join the Imagine Bella family in Cleveland. Kindergarten students receive individual attention on this special Kindergarten only day to help them with the transition to school. Imagine Bella values family and wants to make sure our new kindergarten scholars and families feel comfortable with this exciting first step in education.

Learn more about Imagine Bella!

by Sarah Myers

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August 20- First Day for Grades 1-5 (Welcome Back Bella Dragons!)

September 1- Labor Day- No School for Students

New Day Academy

New Day Academy Handed Out Ice Cream, Fun

by Darlene Jeter

Ice cream here. Get your free ice cream here!

New Day Academy provided free ice cream to youth who attended an Ice Cream Social in June. The event, which included several fun activities and games, brought awareness to all the great things going on at New Day Academy. New Day Academy's cheerleaders were also on-hand to show some school spirit and all participants were given goodie bags. Like New Day Academy Boarding and Day School on Facebook.

Youth Academy Provides Tools For Success To Leaders

by Darlene Jeter

New Day Academy's Youth Academy combined educational workshops and fun activities for area youth during a two-week summer leadership program in July.

The two-week program was designed to provide youth with the tools that they need to be successful. It engaged the minds of 6th, 7th and 8th grade students from New Day and other area schools. They participated in fun, interactive workshops, such as social media etiquette, airbrushing, bullying, personal hygiene, storytelling, financial literacy, hip hop dance and leadership development.

Our Real Talk sessions gave students a chance to talk about violence, self-esteem and decision making. The students were able to make new friends, develop team-building skills and apply what they learned through artistic presentations. Students who successfully completed the camp, attended a skating party at the Pla-Mor.

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Arts



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Ground-Breaking Exhibition Showcases Incredible Versatility of Handmade Paper

by Mason Milani
Thirteen contemporary North American artists inspired by centuries-old Eastern papermaking traditions display their cutting-edge work in an inaugural exhibition celebrating the Morgan Art of Papermaking Conservatory and Educational Foundation's new Eastern Paper Studio.
Revive and Renew: Contemporary Artists & Eastern Papers will be presented from August 1 through September 20 in the arts organization's remarkable facility in Cleveland's Midtown neighborhood. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10am- 4pm, and the opening reception for the exhibition will take place Friday August 1 from 7-9pm.



Artist Pam McKee works with handmade paper and natural dye techniques

Revive and Renew brings together visionary artists from thousands of miles away and right here in Northeast Ohio, each one with a unique approach to incorporating ancient Eastern papermaking techniques into their art.
"When I researched Korean papermaking on a Fulbright grant six years ago, it transformed my studio work. Now, I am excited to see a growing number of artists who integrate Asian paper, techniques, and materials in their art—friends, colleagues, and former students alike," says EPS Artist-in-Residence Aimee Lee.
Lee is among the artists featured in Revive and Renew. Others include Velma Bolyard, Melissa Jay Craig, Bill Lorton, Emma

Nishimura, and Tom Balbo, a 35-year veteran paper artist and Morgan Conservatory's Artistic Director.
As a project of its new Eastern Paper Studio, this exhibition marks a major expansion of Morgan Conservatory's vision.
Revive and Renew and Morgan Conservatory's new Eastern Paper Studio are supported in part by the residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, The George Gund Foundation, The Eaton Corporation, and by numerous individual donors.

Pin up Beauties offered at Beachland Hair Design

by Susan Brandt
Want to have the latest look off the fashion runways? Try a vintage retro look. Many of the worlds largest clothing designers, this past year, strutted vintage style clothing and hairstyle, on their runways, done current and tastfully retro.
Surprising that special someone, with your picture as a pin up doll? Need to update a modeling portfolio? Want to change your look into something maybe vintage? Vixen? Samantha Stevensish? Beachland Hair Design has the ability to transform you into a

beautiful pin up babe, or motorcycle vixen, or just a glamorous beautiful women Hollywood or should I say, Collinwood style.
Pictured are examples of the work we offer, Beachland Hair Design can custom select the clothing along with styles in a vintage vibe with a newwance and make up services We highly recommend shopping local if your inclined to pick out the clothing yourself Just make sure that most or all of the clothing, undergarments, shoes, jewelry are age appropriate and when combined, actually make sense,



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Library

What's Happening at the Collinwood Library?

by Natasha Wells
Summer is winding down at the Collinwood Branch. Please stop by for a visit or take part in one of our great programs for kids! Our fall program information will be coming out soon so please check our branch or website at www.cpl.org for updates.
Back-to-School Giveaway!
H.O.P.E. In Life Foundation is back again this year to give away school supplies to the kids in the community! We are so grateful for their generosity and commitment. Student must be present to receive school supplies. Saturday, August 16th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

We All Scream for Ice Cream!
We're going to beat the summer heat by making our own ice cream! We'll show you how, step-by-step, and provide the toppings for your cool treat.
Wednesday, August 20th at 2:30 p.m.
Back-to-School Party!
We're celebrating being back in school! Join us for games, prizes, food, and fun! Preschool age to teens are invited to attend.
Thursday, September 4th at 3:00 p.m.

August Events at the Memorial-Nottingham Library

by Jeanne Coppola
COMPUTER CLASSES
Computers 102, Monday Aug. 11th at 5:00pm. For adults and seniors. Once you know the basics of using a computer and mouse, this class will teach you "how to use Windows programs and files."
Internet Basics , Monday Aug 18th at 5:00pm. For adults and seniors. This class will teach you how to use your computer skills to search the internet and the World Wide Web to find information online.
Digital News and Searching, Monday Aug. 25th at 5:00pm. For adults and seniors. This class will teach you how "to use search engines to find information and how to search for news in the Plain Dealer e-Edition and Cleveland.com."
Registration for August classes begins Monday, July 28, 2014. To register, call 216.623.2980; or call or stop in at the branch library.
KIDS COMPUTER CLASSES
Celebrate Working People, Thursday, Aug. 27th at 3:00pm. "Festivities will be held in honor of the social and economic achievements of workers in the United States and Canada. Patrons of all ages will learn the history behind Labor Day and make fun crafts."
Making Code: Learn to Program MakerLab, Friday Aug. 28th at 4:00pm. "Learn how easy it is to make your own simple computer application in TechCentral's

computer programming Lab. Using the easy-to-understand Ruby programming language, you will find out how to create interactive programs, computer generated drawings, and more! Whether you are a computer novice or an experienced programmer, join us for this fun, hands-on lab. No programming experience is required! Basic computer, mouse and typing skills are required. Space is limited."
GED Classes, every Tuesday and Thursday, at 10:15 a.m. For adults. These FREE GED classes are being taught at the library through a partnership with Tri-C. To register for orientation, call the Memorial-Nottingham Library at 216-623-7039.
Crochet Circle, Wednesday, August 6th and 20th at 2:00 p.m. For adults, seniors, and teens. This is a crafting and community outreach program for the Warm-Up Cleveland campaign, to distributes new donated items (with price tags attached), and donations of washable yarn, knitting needles or crochet hooks to local charities. You can also drop off these items at any Cleveland Public Library location. Call 216-623-2921 for more information. Everyone is welcome.

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

The Cleveland Museum of Art Visits Collinwood



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by Natasha Wells
The Cleveland Museum of Art visited the Collinwood Branch on July 5th. Students from preschool to school age children were introduced to symbolism in art and then had an opportunity to explore the museum's collection using the ArtLens application. ArtLens allows anyone to explore works in the permanent collection through their iPad, Apple or Android phone. Representatives from the museum brought iPads for the students to discover the collection while also looking for symbolism in art. The students were fully engaged and asking questions as they virtually explored the collection.
The museum plans another visit to the Collinwood Branch on Wednesday, August 5th at 1:30 p.m. The students will have an opportunity to investigate a work from the museum's collection. This interactive lesson prompts students to answer questions about art objects, such as "What is it made of? What does the design reveal about the culture that made it? How do you think it was used?" This program would be best suited for third graders and up.
You can visit the Cleveland Museum of Art on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 10:00-5:00 and on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00-9:00. Closed Mondays. The museum's collection is FREE of charge to visit. Please visit their website for more information www.clevelandart.org.

COMING HOME
Jakobi — Bartimaeus
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"Coming Home" is a book which fictionally completes the stories of two men in the Bible. The first story, "Jakobi," gives insight into Jesus' parable of what we know as the Prodigal (or Lost) Son, explaining the thoughts of the son, his brother and father in Luke 15:11-32. Jesus begins this parable with the words, "A certain man had two sons." The main character is Jakobi and I have added information into the lives of his entire family. This parable could have been about someone's family in the crowd of listeners in Jericho. Jesus wanted the listeners to finish the parable in their own way, so this story was left unfinished. I developed an ending regarding the two sons, the feelings of the parents, and an explanation as to why the younger son left home, later returned and the feelings of the elder son. The second story, "Bartimaeus" concerns the healing of a blind man in Mark 10:46-52. The Bible does not give this man's age, but allows us to understand that he once had sight. Many of the healed Biblical characters were not always named, yet we read he is the son of Timaeus. When Jesus asked what He wanted from Him, he responded that he wanted to regain his sight. How did he become blind in the first place and what happened after Jesus healed him? I pray you'll enjoy "Coming Home" as I tried to finish their stories and future lives following their return home.

*The author, **Lonnie-Sharon Williams** and her cat, Mykal Jaksen, reside in North Collinwood. Her previous book, **"The Healings"** has received national acclaim and was featured in 2013 at The International Christian Retail Show (ICRS) in Chicago, Illinois, the national Christian book display for booksellers and readers. Both books may be downloaded using the eWebsites. A book review will be held August 23rd at the Collinwood Branch Library meeting room, 856 East 152nd Street from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.*



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