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Holy Redeemer's Feast of the Assumption



Float with the Virgin Mary



Holy Redeemer



Procession's end



Passing Mirabile's

by William McCulloch

Celebrating their 90th Anniversary this year, Collinwood's Holy Redeemer Church continued their tradition of the Feast of the Assumption Sunday, August 10th. The celebration of the Assumption or "the tak-

ing" of the Virgin Mary marking her being received into Heaven. Following the Mass and procession through the streets of the neighborhood in honor of The Blessed Mother, a picnic was held behind the church for all family and friends.

Community Gardening 2015



by Julia DiBaggio

As the summer season tapers off, gardeners begin planning for the next growing season. As such, the Ohio State University Extension (OSUE) is prepping for their 2015 Summer Sprout Community Gardening Program. OSUE helps community gardeners by providing a variety of technical assistance that includes soil testing, garden design, and educational workshops and trainings.

OSUE helps community gardens blossom. When your community garden goes

through OSUE's Summer Sprout Program, it is also eligible to receive materials and services such as seeds, starter plants, tilling, soil amendments, and materials for raised beds. OSUE has been assisting urban gardens for 30 years, with 180 active gardens in 2014. Act quick, the application deadline to join this great program is September 20, 2014.

For additional information, contact Julia DiBaggio at jdibaggio@northeastshores.org or 216-481-7660.

Raise For The LaSalle Clam Bake

by Julia DiBaggio

Join us September 13th for a clam bake to benefit
The LaSalle Arts and Media Center!

When: Saturday, September 13, 2014

Time: 4:00pm-8:00pm

Where: East Shore Park Club

17217 Dorchester Drive

Tickets cost \$50 each and include one dozen steamed middle neck clams, clam broth, New England clam chowder with oyster crackers, herb-marinated grilled chicken, fresh corn on the cob with sweet butter, candied yams, fresh baked dinner rolls, and two drink tickets.



There will be live music and yard games for your entertainment.

Tickets are pre-sale only and all purchases must be made prior to September 5th.

Tickets can be purchased using Eventbrite (a link is available on Northeast Shores' Facebook page) or at the Northeast Shores office located at 317 E. 156th Street.

For more information contact, Carly Marginian at 216-481-7660 ext. 21 or at cmarginian@northeastshores.org. Can't wait to see you there!

Mayor Jackson's 31st Annual "Night out Against Crime"



by Michael Taylor

Shine a Light on Crime, one Block at a Time

On Tuesday, August 5, 2014, Cleveland residents participated in Mayor Jackson's 31st annual "Night out Against Crime". The "Night out Against Crime" was an opportunity for Clevelanders to come together in order to shine a light on crime, one block at a time and take a stand against violence

and other types of crimes in their communities.

The Cleveland Job Corps Center Student Ambassadors volunteered at Humphrey Park working with members of the Community Relations Board, 5th Commander Dennis Hill and Department. It was night that highlight the need for curfews and stop the violence.

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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.

Councilman’s Corner

by Michael D. Polensek

It has been an interesting month. Finally, the Public Works Department is getting on top of the chuckhole problem. It has been a difficult time for motorists and I appreciate your patience and understanding. Obviously, I am not happy with the response from the City and the Department MUST do a better job going into next year with road repair.

My sincere thanks to MetroParks on their Friday Evening concert series at Euclid Beach Park. It was an overwhelming success with great music and great attendance. We all look forward to these concerts taking place next summer as well.

Waterloo Road as you should know is open in both directions now. Be careful of the construction crews still working on the street though. ODOT is telling us to drive carefully and that the project should be wrapped up sometime in October. The streetscape is starting to take shape.

Speaking of ODOT, I have been working

closely with them over the Eddy Road overpass since it is now part of the new Ward 8. Crews have moved quickly on the construction and I am impressed by the scope of work and the design of the project especially the decorative fencing and lighting on the overpass. These features will greatly enhance this once drab roadway. The next project is the replacement of our pedestrian bridge that was hit by a truck. The design for this bridge is underway and will be another unique design. Stay tuned.

Due to the ongoing foreclosure crisis please pay special attention to any vacant and abandoned house on your street. Should you see any strange activity at the home please immediately call the Police at 9-1-1. If the home is unsecure please call the housing hotline at (216) 664-2007 or my office at (216) 664-4236. We are working very closely with our development corporations and the Cuyahoga County LandBank to address these nuisance properties.

I appreciate Mayor Jackson coming out

Collinwood Slovenian Home 2014 “Woman of the Year”

by Bob Podlogar

The Collinwood Slovenian Home is honoring their 2014 “Woman of the Year”, Ann Dagg, with a dinner on Wednesday, September 17th. The event will be held at the Collinwood Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Avenue. A Swiss Steak dinner prepared by Julie Zalar will be

held from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Doors open at 4:00 PM.

Dinner tickets are \$13.00, and a cash bar will be available. For tickets or more information contact the Club Room (216-681-6649), or Mary Podlogar (216-486-6424).

Waterloo Alley Cat Fundraiser at Gostilna

by Monica Doyle

Want a great way to enjoy a wonderful meal while contribution to a worthy, local charity?

Come enjoy a delicious lunch or dinner meal at Gostilna at Knezak on Tuesday, September 23 and 20% of your food bill will be donated to the Waterloo Alley Cat Project (a local organization that cares for over 100 stray and feral cats in the North Collinwood neighborhood). Gostilna is owned and operated by chef Bob Edwardsen. Gostilna is a local favorite that serves up wonderful, generous portions of stick-to-your-ribs fair. Edwardsen is thrilled to be hosting the WACP fundraiser and looks forward to seeing familiar faces as well as

meeting some new friends! Bartender/ server and WACP member, Jessica, will be on hand that evening to serve your food and drinks as well as answer any questions about how important Waterloo Alley Cat Project is to our community.

Gostilna is located at 768 E.200th Street directly across from Drug Mart.

Lunch: noon-3:30.

Dinner: 4:30-9:30pm

Both Waterloo Alley Cat Project and Gostilna at Knezak have Facebook sites; please ‘Like’ both organizations.

See you on Tuesday, September 23!

Beachland Park Flea

by Karen Guder

Beachland Park, on the lake at Canterbury, Landseer and Windward, is having its first Flea! On September 13th and 14th Beachland Park will host many neighborhood vendors!! Featuring beachglass jewelry, vintage Christmas decorations, Boyds bears, salad in a jar, clothing, African American items, antiques, crafts and much, much more!

There is still room to be a vendor if you

are interested in getting a spot, it's \$25 for 2 days of fun and sales! Call Karen Guder at 486-1478 if interested in getting a space.

The Beachland Flea will be September 13th, 10:00 to 7:00 and September 14th, 10:00 to 5:00, parking available on Canterbury, Landseer and Windward.

Come support the neighborhood and have a great time in the process! Hope to see you all there!

Waterloo Alley Cat Project - Save The Date and Save The Cats!

by Monica Doyle

Waterloo Alley Cat Project will hold a free live music/ fundraising event in honor of National Feral Cat Day on October 16th at The Beachland Ballroom & Tavern located at 15711 Waterloo Road. Fun, food, new/ old friends & music, all while helping cats and improving the quality of life for us two-legged types!

Big thanks to all the people who turned out for the screening of “10 Lives: A Feral

Cat Odyssey” last month. This documentary is widely available at no cost, in case you missed it. Highly recommended viewing based on factual footage and experienced caring individuals.

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to our last Neighborhood Meeting on August 20th at the Collinwood Recreation Center. I thank all the neighborhood leaders and residents who came out to hear the Mayor and discuss with him our community concerns, specifically housing code enforcement and public safety. The Mayor knows, as well as anyone, that our community is organized and engaged. We feel very passionately that the city needs to be a better partner with us in the concerns we raised. Thank you once again for your participation and concern about our community.

School is in session – please drive carefully and watch out for our children. I look forward to see everyone at all of our Neighborhood Association meetings and events in the community that will be taking place throughout the months ahead.

As always you can reach me at my office at (216) 664-4236 or email at mpolensek@clevelandcitycouncil.org.

Heroin Summit

by Laura Gorshe

Cuyahoga County Councilwoman Sunny Simon and Euclid City Councilwoman Laura Gorshe announce Heroin Summit focusing on rising heroin epidemic in Cuyahoga County

Euclid, OH – Heroin-induced deaths in Cuyahoga County have risen drastically, going from 40 in 2007 to 194 in 2013, according to Dr. Thomas P. Gilson, Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner.

To address and discuss this growing concern and how it affects Euclid residents, Sunny Simon, Cuyahoga County Council Member representing District 11 and Laura Gorshe, City of Euclid Council Member representing Ward 8, will be holding a Heroin Summit on Wednesday, September 17, at 6:30 pm at the Euclid Public Library. The meeting will be open to the public.

The summit will focus on the rising heroin epidemic in Cuyahoga County and speakers will include Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner Dr. Thomas Gilson, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Judge David T. Matia, Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court Judge Denise Rini, Cuyahoga County Sheriff Frank Bova, Euclid Police Captain Scott Meyer, Euclid Police Department, Narcotics and Vice Department Supervisor Detective Sergeant Tom Arriza and Euclid Fire Department Chief Christopher Haddock. All residents are encouraged and welcome to attend.

A special thank you to Euclid Public Library for hosting this event.

WHAT: Summit Meeting on Heroin Epidemic
WHEN: Wednesday, September 17, 2014 6:30PM
WHERE: Shore Room
Euclid Public Library
631 East 222nd Street
Euclid, Ohio 44123

You know you're getting old when you stop to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you can do while you're down there.

- George Burns

Community



Euclid's Bill Azman's Meats won the People's Choice Award and the juried Best of Fest at the 2013 Slovenian Sausage Festival hosted by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum

Crown the King of Klobase at the Polka Hall of Fame Slovenian Sausage Festival

by Joe Valencic

Who will be the next King of Klobase? You decide! Taste and vote at the 11th annual Slovenian Sausage Festival, hosted by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum, on Wednesday, September 10, at SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio. Local sausage-makers and leading polka bands provide you with eight hours of non-stop eating and entertainment, from noon to 8:00 p.m.

Get on the dance floor with the finest Cleveland-Style polka performers, including Kathy Hlad and Ron Likovic; the Frank Moravcik Orchestra; the Summit Button Box Club; the Polka Pirates; Magic City Button Box Club; the Culkar Combo; and the Polka Hall of Fame Band of the Year, the Frank Stanger Orchestra. Sixty accor-

dionists, musicians and bandleaders are on schedule to perform. Sample sausages from several makers and then select your winner. Prizes are presented in the People's Choice and the Best of Fest juried award. Other nationality dishes and treats are also available.

The 2014 King of Klobase is crowned at 6:00 p.m. The winning sausage-maker becomes the official sausage purveyor to the three-day Thanksgiving Polka Weekend, November 27, 28 and 29, at the Cleveland Downtown Marriott Hotel, hosted by the Polka Hall of Fame.

Located in the historic old City Hall of Euclid, Ohio, the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame houses an extensive polka music archive and a museum with audio exhibits, historic photographs and

original instruments that reveal the story of the city's home-grown folk sound from its roots in the old Slovenian neighborhoods to nationwide popularity. Museum members can nominate and vote for top musicians and recordings of the year with awards presented at a gala stage show in the Marriott Grand Ballroom on November 29.

SNPJ Farm is at 10946 Heath Road in Kirtland, Ohio, off Chardon Road (Route 6), three miles east of Route 306 and six miles west of Ohio Route 44. Sausage Fest advance tickets are \$10.00 each, available at the Polka Hall of Fame, 605 East 222nd Street, in Euclid, Ohio. Call the Polka Hall of Fame for tickets and details, (216) 261-FAME, toll-free (866) 66-POLKA, or online at www.polkafame.com.

SNPJ Farm 75th Dinner Dance and Slovenian Grape Festival

by Joe Valencic

Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio, with two days of dining, dancing, tradition and entertainment. The 75th Dinner-Dance on Saturday evening, September 20, features a reverse raffle with sideboards and a Yankee auction. The Slovenian Grape Festival opens on Sunday, September 21, with the traditional parade in Slovenian costumes and a welcome and sing-along, followed by dining and dancing.

At the 75th Anniversary Dinner-Dance, mingle with your friends at 5:30 p.m. and try your luck until dinner at 7:00 p.m. After the raffle, stay for dancing with Mike Wojtila and Party of Three. Tickets are

\$50 each, including dinner and a chance at the major prize. Seating is limited for this September 20 event. Contact Gina at (440) 205-1618, ginamvo@oh.rr.com, to reserve.

The Slovenian Grape Festival on Sunday, September 21, has been a tradition on SNPJ Farm for decades. The costumed parade of singers begins at 2:45, followed by short village skit praising the vintage and an invitation to sing. The pavilion is decorated with grape arbors bearing treats – but don't get caught stealing! You'll risk a fine or time behind bars. The Joey Tomsick Orchestra performs for four hours of dancing, from 3:00 to 7:00. Admission is \$7 with Slovenian-Style dinners and sandwiches available from 2:00 on.

The SNPJ Farm's flagstone pavilion has been the site of memorable dances and events beginning in 1939, when Frank Yankovic, America's Polka King, played for the first dance. Since then, SNPJ Farm has hosted top polka bands and served traditional Slovenian dinners to thousands every year, every summer Sunday.

Your SNPJ Farm hosts are the members and friends of the Cleveland Federation of Lodges of the Slovene National Benefit Society (Slovenska Narodna Podporna Jednota/SNPJ), America's largest Slovenian fraternal organization. A large percentage of the local membership resides in Euclid, Ohio.

SNPJ Farm is located on Heath Road, off

Chardon Road (Route 6) in Kirtland, Ohio, three miles east of State Route 306. Rent SNPJ Farm for picnics, anniversaries and events. For details, call (440) 943-1191.



The Slovenian Grape Festival at SNPJ Farm in Kirtland.

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Mr. Dautovic teaches 7th Grade



Mrs. Zigman takes over a new 8th grade class



Miss Ward leads the new Spanish program



Miss Taylor (right) and Mrs. Benn had fun putting the new preschool center together this summer

Our Lady of the Lake Is Growing!

One advantage of growing our school is that we get to welcome new members to our talented teaching team. Our Lady of the Lake School is happy to introduce these four wonderful educators to the community. Mr.Dautovic will be teaching 7th grade; Mrs. Zigman is helping us expand our 8th

grade, and Miss Ward is leading our new Spanish program. We are also excited about having Miss Taylor at the helm of our new preschool. Please help us welcome them to the community. We're glad to have them here!

Starting Off Strong



by Rita Testa, Youth Minister

We started the school year in style at Our Lady of the Lake with our annual backpack blessing on August 24. It was standing room only in church as parishioners and friends came together to celebrate our school kids and wish them a great year. After Mass, families gathered in the church hall for a

fun ice cream social, with welcome packets for all the new school families and plenty of good spirit. More than 350 bowls of ice cream later, we could see that we've got a great group starting at school this year! It's so nice to see all the kids back again, and to have a chance to celebrate with our neighbors.

Be apart of helping your community!

by Breauna Sweeney

Cleveland's Young Leaders Program

The cure to a better society is coming to a recreational center near you. The Young Leaders Program is a Non Profit organization/after school program that's here to help Cleveland's inner city youth from 6th -12th grade

by teaching them life tools. For example the staff of the Young Leaders Program will talk to teens about community issues, family issues, and how to handle problems such as peer pressure, divorce, etc. Our city needs this program, The Young leaders Program will provide the youth with Guidance. Let's



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face it most teens feel like their parents can't relate to them. In this program most of our teachers are young adults who are dedicated to helping our teens and preteens stay on the right path and grow mentally. In order to make this happen The Young Leaders Program needs a Secretary and Treasurer to be-

gin this mission. If you are interested in these positions send your resume to youngleader-program@yahoo.com or call President Lavont White 216-925-6359 or Vice President Breauna Sweeney 216-219-5859.Be a part of the solution!

Schools

First Steps Learning Enrichment Center Grand Opening!

by DeLore Way

First Steps Learning Enrichment Center in Collinwood is excited to announce the "Grand Opening" of our doors on Saturday, September 13, 2014, from 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm at 944 East 152nd Street. (near 5-Points, next to Subway).

The vision and mission of First Steps Learning Enrichment Center is to be a leader in the early childhood community as we enrich the lives of children in our community by providing the highest quality early childhood education and care. Our program will promote and enhance the child's development in all areas - physically, intellectually, socially, emotional, and creatively. We offer both full and part time programs designed to meet the special needs of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in a safe, nurturing, child-centered environment. Our goal is to strengthen the bridge between your work and family life by creating a special place that supports them both - and make each child's first steps to learning enriched with fun!

Philosophy & Goal

Here at First Step Learning Enrichment Center we appreciate that early childhood is a unique and valuable stage of development in every one's life. We strive to ensure high quality child care that will enrich the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual, and creative development of children, while responding to the needs of the family. We believe that every child is unique and valuable, every child deserves to be

loved and appreciated, and every child deserves to experience joy while learning. We appreciate and support the unique and vital role that parents and primary caregivers have in the lives of their children. We value and celebrate the diversity found among children, their families, and the community around them. And we respect the values and personal beliefs that each family has which influence the children's attitudes, behavior, and development. We feel a quality child care program provides developmentally appropriate learning opportunities for all children; and a setting that is as comfortable as home. Activities are planned according to the developmental needs of the individual, the group as a whole, and the diversity represented in our center and community. Our objective for those children enrolled in our program is to establish communication and collaboration between the children's home and First Steps Learning Enrichment Center.

Curriculum

First Steps Learning Enrichment Center will use the FUNSHINE EXPRESS, a state and nationally approved curriculum on a daily basis which supports the children's growth in all areas and aligns with the State of Ohio's Early Learning Content Standards and Step Up to Quality guidelines.

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an introduction to the learning adventure your child will experience, an overview of services, a guided tour, games and door prizes for the children.

We can't wait to see everyone there. It will be an educational journey, filled with fun for everyone.

First Steps Learning Enrichment Center is an equal opportunity employer. Applications for enrollment and employment are accepted without regard to race, religion, creed, gender, national origin, or disability.

Contact: Ms. Brenda White-Barnett, Owner, First Steps Learning Enrichment Center, LLC

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Books! Books! Books!

by Sr. Mary Denis Maher

Over 80 children and adults from the Collinwood neighborhood gathered on the front lawn of the Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries, 15706 St. Clair Ave. on Thursday, Aug 7 from 4-6 pm for the ribbon cutting and grand opening of "A Little Free Library.[LFL]"

Next door neighbor, Christopher Lucious, did the honor of cutting the ribbon on the door of the little house of books.

The mission of the Little Library Movement is to promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide. "Take a book, return a book" is the slogan!

Locally, the Cleveland Literacy Cooperative has released its Top 10 List of Things We All Can Do to Improve Literacy in Greater Cleveland, and the Little Free Library movement ranks at No. 8!

Executive Director of CNCM, Sr. Mary

Ellen Brinovec, OSU, expressed gratitude for everyone's wonderful presence and all the work that brought our LFL to life. "Everyone had a fabulous time," she said. Free pizza, bottled water, and juice pouches were available to all. In addition, there was a gift basket with toiletry items for the adults and face masks to color for the children.

The Little Free Library was made by the Amish and is a stained, waterproof natural wood. Thanks to the Jennifer Fund, run by Aggie Hoskins, the CNCM was able to purchase the LFL. Children and adult books are available and will be replenished from various donors including the Collinwood County Libraries.

New signs welcoming the neighbors were created by the local Job Corps.

In other programming news from CNCM, the Family Carnival for Christ scheduled for fall will be rescheduled in the spring.



For further information on the classes and programs offered by the CNCM, contact Sr. Mary Ellen at 216- 481-8182.

Christopher Lucious, next door neighbor, cuts the ribbon for the Little Free Library, in front of the CNCM house

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VASJ unveils 'new' Viking Village

The historic gymnasium at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School – once known as the “Purple Palace” and now called the “Viking Village” – has undergone its first major transformation since it was built in 1950.

The “new” Viking Village was unveiled on Sunday, August 17, in a community-wide celebration of numerous improvements throughout the school.

“The thing about VASJ is that it is family,” said Don Dailey, a 1970 graduate who now serves as chairman of the school’s Board of Advisors. “I attended school here 40 years ago, and the memories have never gone away. Today was like a new beginning, although we did quite well in the old gym and we liked that, too.”

Dailey and his wife, Mary Jo, provided a lead gift of \$125,000 with an additional \$125,000 loan in order to make the new gym possible.

“We are here today to celebrate our renewal – not our rebirth, because our faith never wavered,” said VASJ President Richard Osborne, a 1969 graduate of the school. “Today we celebrate the resurgent strength that defines the character of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.”

In addition to the Daileys’ gift, the school’s Oarsmen booster organization has guaranteed \$30,000 toward the completion of the gym project. Athletic Director Nate Zavorek ’94 explained that Phase I – state-of-the-art bleachers,



More than 400 alums and friends of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School gathered on August 17 for the “Look At Us Now” event which showcased the newly renovated gym and other updated facilities.

repainting and other upgrades – will be followed by a second phase consisting of new and larger restrooms, a new concession stand and a spirit store.

Phase II will be completed next summer.

“Mr. & Mrs. Dailey are believers,” said Zavorek. “They believe in the students at VASJ, the school and, most important, the administration that is leading this institution to its new era. I personally would like to say thank you for believing in me and the VASJ

community.”

The Daileys were presented with a plaque from a group of VASJ student ambassadors, commemorating the day’s event as the opening of the “new” Viking Village.

“This is beyond what we could have imagined,” said Dailey. “It is a special place for a large group of people. For us, it is not about individuals. It is just a great honor to be part of this.”

Bishop Roger W. Gries, O.S.B.,

concluded the program by blessing the gym.

“To everyone at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School, congratulations on what you have accomplished and I hope and pray that with the blessing of this renovated gym that things will continue to be successful as you move forward here,” said Bishop Gries.

“I think a very important part is to bring God into the picture,” he added. “It was the hands of humans who did

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VASJ’s Board of Advisors Chairman Don Dailey ’70 and his wife, Mary Jo, were presented with a commemorative plaque by a group of student ambassadors for their lead gift and loan to the school which made the new gym possible.

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the labor but God was the inspiration. All of the wonderful things in the renovation, God gave us that gift.”

The event, called “Look At Us Now,” also showcased other improvements throughout the building while highlighting improvements still to come.

More than 400 alums and friends of VASJ attended the event. Students led tours of the building, making stops at the other renovated spaces including the main chapel, the Villa Angela Heritage Room and the chemistry lab.

The chapel has been rechristened Founders Chapel, honoring the founders of the school’s sponsoring orders, the Marianists and the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland. The Villa Angela Heritage Room, located in the upstairs library, now serves as a multipurpose room for meetings and special events.

Phase I of the chemistry lab renovation has been completed, including new cabinetry and other improvements made possible by the Lubrizol Foundation. A planned second phase will include new work stations.

Along the tour, event attendees also noticed newly painted walls, tile and lockers in the hallways on all three floors of the school. The work was performed in-house by VASJ’s property management department and included the efforts of 12 students who worked at the school this summer.

VASJ Principal David Csank noted that the school is celebrating much more than the physical improvements to the building.

“For the third year in a row, 100% of our graduating seniors will be attending college,” Csank said. “Although small in number, the Class of 2014 earned over \$4.5 million in college scholarships.”



Bishop Roger W. Gries, O.S.B., blesses the renovated Villa Angela Heritage Room at VASJ’s “Look At Us Now” event while Rev. Ted Cassidy S.M., and Jacob Stauffer ’16 look on. Bishop Gries blessed all of the school’s renovated spaces.

The school’s growing enrollment is even more cause for celebration. “Both the incoming freshmen and overall enrollment numbers are the highest they have been in many years,” Csank said.

VASJ’s enrollment is expected to be about 420 this year.

“We’ve come a long way,” said Osborne. “And I am happy to report that we are positioned to continue serving this community for generations to come.”

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School is a Catholic, comprehensive college-preparatory school rooted in the Ursuline and Marianist traditions and committed to the spiritual, academic, and personal growth of each student.



VASJ Principal David Csank, Director of Advancement Babe Kwasniak ’94, Director of Athletics Nate Zavorek ’94 and President Richard Osborne ’69 were among the pre-senters at the “Look At Us Now” event on August 17.



The Founders Chapel was one of the spaces at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School to undergo a renovation this summer.



The shelves and walls of the Villa Angela Heritage Room, located in the upstairs library, are adorned with memorabilia. The space will now serve as a multipurpose room.

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Imagine Bella Mission Statement

by Sarah Myers

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October 24- End of 1st Quarter

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Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year.



The journey begins for this school year!

Rolling Out the Red Carpet

by Sarah Myers

Imagine Bella students were welcomed back to a new school year in style. Students were all smiles as they were welcomed with a DJ playing music and staff greeters. That was just the start to an exciting day! Students spun for a house, learned the meaning, and met all the other students and teachers in their house. Imagine Bella

houses will support a culture of unity, love, tradition, and school pride.

Imagine Bella students will not only be part of a community within our school, but also with 5 other Imagine campuses in Ohio (Imagine Akron Academy, Imagine Cleveland Academy, Imagine Harvard Avenue Community School, Imagine Leadership Academy, and Imagine on Superior).



The red carpet was perfect for parents to snap first day photos.



Principal Arun Dutt meets with students and parents before school.



Assistant Principal Jessica Gamble meets with families as they enter for their first day of school.



Music Teacher Michelle Ianni (far right) waves to welcome students.



Students help each other find classroom assignments.



Students check rosters to find their classroom.

New Day Academy

Back To School At New Day Academy

New Day Academy staff and students returned to classes on Thursday, August 21, and this was one memorable day. The hallways were filled with new and returning faces. The students and staff rallied the hallways with the sounds of laughter and high fives. The tone for an exciting year was definitely set and the teachers were ready and roaring to start the road of educational success. "Committed to A New Day" is this year's theme. New Day Academy is looking

to do new and exciting things for the 2014-2015 school year. New Day Academy welcomes the new teachers at the lower school Ms. Wheaton, Mrs. McCormack, Ms. Gray, and the teachers at the upper school Ms. House, Mrs. Corvey, and Ms. Melendez. Our students and staff was asked to take an oath and commit to our vision for success. New Day Academy is still enrolling K thru 10 and ready to prepare our future leaders of tomorrow.



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Arts

Waterloo Arts – A Fall Not To Be Missed

by Lane Cooper

Waterloo Arts is gearing up for an amazing year. Opening on September 5, 2014, 6 pm to 10 pm will be the exhibition “De Materia”, curated by local artist and Cleveland Institute of Art Painting faculty, Lane Cooper (yes that’s me). As an exhibition “De Materia” is meant to reference Alberti’s historic work on painting De Pictura and like Alberti’s seminal work, it sets forth a treatise on art, advocating for work that offers something “more than” the thin and instant, readily consumable experiences that dominate much of current culture. Its focus is on the real material of art, an unnamable something that marries together the external and internal experience of the viewer. The works ground the viewer in a more expansive experience that requires that one linger. Included in the show will be works by: Bruce Chechfsky, Gianna Committo, Sarah Kabot, Paul O’keeffe, Katy Richards, Charles Tucker, Barry Underwood and Nikki Woods.

As an added bonus, visitors to De Materia’s opening can stop by the open studios housed upstairs from the gallery. On September 5th, the Waterloo Arts studios will open their doors giving the public a peek into the creative work environments of some of the area’s most exciting artists. It’s a rare treat to get a look behind the creative curtain, so to speak, and it’s often an opportunity to chat with these artists about the work they’re making. Some of the art-

ists working in the studios this Fall include: Timothy Callaghan, Chris Dixon, James Holloway, Christopher Martin and Katy Richards.

Also working in the studios this fall will be South African photographer and filmmaker, Dale Yudelman. His residency marks Waterloo Arts first foray into the Cleveland Foundation’s Creative Fusion program. Yudelman was born in Johannesburg, where he discovered his love of photography at a young age. He then went on to become the staff photographer for The Star Newspaper. Later, when he moved to London and then onto Los Angeles, he made his living as a freelance photographer. He returned to South Africa in 1996 after the nation became democratic and it was then that he began collaborating with artist Arlene Amaler-Raviv. Since that time Yudelman has continually distinguished himself as an artist merging his background as a photojournalist with an intense interest in the human condition. His works, such as the I am..., a series of photos and a film by the same name, poetically juxtapose words and images, poignantly evoke the human struggle and hope of survival within a world where few are privileged. Yudelman will be based at Waterloo Arts through the fall of 2014. While he’s here he’ll be producing work and interacting with members of the community culminating with an exhibition of his work opening at the gallery, November 7th. It’s definitely a not-to-be-

missed opportunity to see the work of this remarkable artist.

Between De Materia and Yudelman, the Waterloo Arts Gallery will show “Oleander, Paintings of Martha Ferrazza”, opening on October 3rd. Ferrazza, one of the founding artist of Waterloo Arts, painted her first mural at age 19 and continued to work as a decorative painter and a designer until moving to Oberlin in 2008. She earned a portfolio scholarship to the Cleveland Institute of Art, and spent one year there before moving to Cincinnati to study drawing and painting at the University of Cincinnati. She completed her degree at Cleveland State University in 1993, where she studied with the painter Ken Nevadomi and printmaker Marvin Jones.

Featured in the paintings of “Oleander” are flowers that Martha constructed prior to painting them. The works are inspired by a variety of narratives, either from her own life or from books she has read. The constructed flowers in this series can be wild and beatific or stringent, even deadly. But they are never as they appear in nature. Ferrazza says, “Painting is the place for me that writing is for the fiction writer; I am the architect of each flower, of each image. As a series these paintings are like a book of miniatures writ large; an illuminated manuscript of what fascinates me, what I find distinctive, and what I love.”



De Materia curated by Lane Cooper
September 5th – September 26th



Oleander, Paintings by Martha Ferrazza
October 3rd – October 25th



Work of Creative Fusion Artist Dale Yudelman
Novemeber 7th – November 21st

Azure Stained Glass Studio, Restoring Cleveland’s Colorful Past

by Bryon Miller

At the corner of Waterloo Road and E.156th Street lies Azure Stained Glass Studio. You’ve probably driven by them without even knowing it. There is a great story behind their business, as with most of the creative businesses here in the Waterloo Arts District. I first noticed Azure while living in Tremont in 2004. They popped up on Professor Avenue after being chosen for an incubator program, which gave them rent for an entire year for just one dollar. After 4 years in Tremont, it became apparent that they needed a larger space. With a little help from Northeast Shores Development Corporation, they were able to procure the space they are in now. They have been nestled here on Waterloo Road for the past 6 years, with no signs of slowing down.

Azure Stained Glass Studio is the brainchild of Mary Zodnick and Ben Parsons. Both have been working with stained glass since the 1980’s. They honed their craft while working for two different established studios in Cleveland, giving them both experience working on large-scale projects. Mary and Ben later formed their own home studios and, eventually in 2004, formed a collaborative business partnership as Azure Studio.

Azure is an immense space, filled with bright colorful glass, whose colors spill forth from the natural window light. It is a fitting building for the work they do; almost as if they chose one another. Some studio spaces feel like an extension of the people inside who are doing the work. This is one of those spaces. I had the chance to speak with Mary and Ben, and ask them a few questions about Azure, and the work they do there.

Can you briefly describe the process of stained glass restoration (the different steps in the process)?

Stained glass can often be repaired with its original lead matrix intact, however, after 80-100 years or so, the lead is often so oxidized

that it loses structural strength and needs to be replaced. In this case, we remove the panel; make a rubbing that will serve as a pattern to rebuild it; disassemble the panel in a water tank; (this isolates toxic dust) and re-glaze/solder with restoration-grade lead alloy. We then apply tinted putty into the gaps between lead and glass, which serves to waterproof the panel, as well as patina the lead. Once reinforced with horizontal steel, the panel is can be re-installed and is ready to last another lifetime.

What is the most rewarding aspect of what you do?

While a lot of our work is dirty, heavy, sharp, and/or noisy, there are many things about it that are rewarding and enjoyable. One is spending time in some beautiful worship spaces in the Cleveland area. Cleveland has many historic churches with amazing windows and architectural details. We have had privileged views of the city from church towers, rooftops, and scaffolding. The work that we do in the shop is satisfying as well, in that we can take a badly damaged historic window and return it to its original brilliance through restoration.

What do you see in the future for the Waterloo Arts District?

Since moving to Waterloo from Tremont in 2008, we have been impressed by the changes and improvements to the neighborhood. We see a bright future here that we would like to be a part of for years to come.

Azure Stained Glass Studio is located at 15602 Waterloo Road. They are open to the public during the annual Waterloo Arts Fest.

This article was made possible by the generous support of Neighborhood Connections, a community-building program of the Cleveland Foundation.



Community

What’s Happening at the Collinwood Library?

by Natasha Wells

Please stop by the Collinwood Branch for a visit or to take part in one of our great programs, browse our collection or use the computers. We look forward to seeing you!

PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

America Reads FREE After School Tutoring

Students in K-8 can get assistance with their homework. College students from Cleveland State University assist with any subject and/or reseach project. Mondays-Thursdays from 3:00-6:00 p.m. starting Monday, September 22

Kids Café Snack Program

The Cleveland Foodbank in collaboration with the Cleveland Public Library offers FREE after school meals for ages 18 and under. Mondays-Fridays from 3:00-5:00 p.m. starting Monday, September 8

Back to School Party!

We are going to share all the wonderful resources available to you through our kids and teens website. Join us for games, snacks and door prizes! Thursday, September 4 at 3:30 p.m.

Make Your Masterpiece: Sketchbook Drawing

Everyday an artist is born, make today your

day! Find out how you can turn your ideas into works of art using an iPad, a drawing pen, and the Sketchbook app. Learn the techniques and skills needed to create digital masterpieces, and share or print your works of art before you leave. No artistic ability is required, just a sense of fun!Appropriate for grade 1+ and adults. Tuesday, September 23 at 4:30 p.m.

River of Words Poetry

Calling all teen poets! Come to a fun and interactive poetry workshop and create a poem to enter into the River of Words environmental poetry and art contest. The annual international contest is open to all K-12 students and the deadline for entry is December 1, 2014. The Ohio Center for the Book @ Cleveland Public Library coordinates the contest in Ohio and will grant prizes to the top entries from the Buckeye State. Tuesday, September 30 at 4:00 p.m.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

FREE GED Classes

The GED class will have two sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please contact 216-371-7138 or visit www.tri-c.edu/ged for more information on registration and enrollment. Mon. & Wed. from 10:00am-12:00pm (1st session) & 12:30-2:30pm (2nd session)

Fall Cleanup Day



Adopt-a-Beach volunteers at Euclid Beach during the Do Something Day August Beach Cleanup!

by Stephen Love

Please stop by the Collinwood Branch for International Coastal Cleanup Day with a Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach cleanup. (the entrance to Euclid Beach is located at 16250 Lakeshore Blvd. directly across the street from the Collinwood Rec Center).

• RSVP at facebook.com/adopteuclidbeach or contact Stephen Love at adopt.euclid-beach@gmail.com or call 216-571-0685.

Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Cleanup:

- Volunteers at Euclid Beach will take part in International Coastal Cleanup Day with a Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach cleanup.
- Meet at the Euclid Beach Picnic Pavilion (the entrance to Euclid Beach is located at 16250 Lakeshore Blvd. directly across the street from the Collinwood Rec Center).
- RSVP at facebook.com/adopteuclidbeach or contact Stephen Love at adopt.euclid-beach@gmail.com or call 216-571-0685.

Wildwood Park Bioswale Cleanup and Wetland Activity

- Volunteers at Wildwood will clean up the Wildwood Bioswale Garden and assist with restoration activities (planting, seed collecting, etc.) at the Wildwood Lacustrine

Wetland.

- Meet in the Wildwood Picnic Pavilion (the entrance to Wildwood is located at the intersection of Lakeshore Blvd. and East 174th Street).
- Register by Sept. 13 at <http://goo.gl/EFS-Rhw>.

After Sept. 13, RSVP to Claire Posius at 216-524-6580x16 or cposius@cuyahogascwd.org.

Refreshments provided to all volunteers before and after the cleanup events. Dress for the weather, Bring water, Wear long sleeves and pants, boots or work shoes, and work gloves are recommended. Trash bags will be provided.

All groups welcome, but children under age 18 must have adult supervision. Volunteers are welcome to a FREE lunch and music on Waterloo from 12pm-2pm to showcase Cleveland’s Smallest Gallery, Phone Gallery (<https://www.facebook.com/WaterlooPhoneGallery>) 15315 Waterloo Rd. Cleveland, 44110. Event brochure here: <http://goo.gl/VrHhnL>

FREE! Celebrate the one year anniversary of Phone Gallery – Cleveland’s Smallest Art Space

by Allison Lukacsy

Introducing Phone Gallery - annexed to the front of Russ’ Auto Care - in the Waterloo Arts District.

Originally conceived in 2013 by artist Ivana Medukic of ‘Project Pop-Up Galleries’ and freelance designer Ali Lukacsy, Phone Gallery demonstrates the transformation of an otherwise vacant and underutilized “space” - in this case, an abandoned phone booth - into an inventive place for art display.

Until Phone Gallery was transformed in summer 2013 by Ivana, Ali, and local handyman Doug Holmes, it was utility-less and phone-less. Now, Phone Gallery is always open thanks to an electrical source (light!) and its inherently public and highly visible location just west of E.156th Street on Waterloo Road.

On September 20th from noon-2pm join artists and neighbors to celebrate Phone Gallery’s one year anniversary. This FREE event is made possible by a Collinwood Rising Vibrancy Grant sponsored by Northeast Shores DC, The Kresge Foundation, and Cuyahoga Arts and Culture, collaboratively earned by long time Waterloo business Russ’ Auto Care and neighborhood resident and artist Ali Lukacsy.

Thanks to the generosity of sculptor Jerry Schmidt, the party will take place directly across the street from Phone Gallery in Waterloo 7 Studio’s drive. Come enjoy a free lunch catered by local entrepreneurs G-Wood Enterprises, free printing demonstrations and giveaways with new neighbor Zygote Press’ “Print-A-Go-Go” portable screen-printing bike, and of course the art!

Miniatures of local artist Leslie Edwards Humez’s work will be on display at Phone Gallery through the end of the month. The show, titled “The Illusion of Image”, will feature prints and photographs of works she has exhibited in juried shows all over the United

States, set against a glowing luminaria backdrop custom designed for Phone Gallery.

Phone Gallery’s curator (me!) hosted the curious box’s inaugural exhibit, #ThisIsWaterloo from April through June 2014, featuring artwork crowd-sourced from residents, merchants, and visitors of the Waterloo Arts District.

During the Waterloo Arts Fest, participants voted for their favorite images to be reproduced as screen-printed greeting cards. These cards, lovingly crafted at Zygote Press, feature four different, winsome prints of images captured in the Waterloo Arts District. The sale of these cards will benefit future exhibitions at Phone Gallery.

Phone Gallery is always looking for artists to exhibit a solo-show. Learn more and apply online at: www.mycreativecompass.org/Employment/Calls-for-Artists/Phone-Gallery

RSVP for the September 20th event and learn more @ www.facebook.com/WaterlooPhoneGallery



Phone Gallery is celebrating its one year anniversary as Cleveland’s Smallest Gallery in the Waterloo Arts District.

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by Charlotte Mirabile

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September Events at the Memorial-Nottingham Library. Free GED Classes

by Jeanne Coppola

GED CLASSES: Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday, at 10:15 a.m. These GED classes are free, and 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.

CLASSES FOR KIDS: Back to School Extravaganza, Saturday 9/6/2014 and 9/13/2014 at 1:00pm. This event is for

families and their kids. Parents and their children are “invited to celebrate the joy of learning and the start of the new academic year.” There will be lots of fun for everyone. Kids will be able to “enjoy games, crafts and giveaways.”

RUSSIAN BOOK CLUB: Saturday 9/27/2014 at 3:00pm. There will be a discussion, in the Russian language, of the book Obitel by Zakhar Prilepin.

Community

Summer is Fading – Be Consoled by Music for Miles

by Nan Kennedy
The chamber concert series founded at Waterloo Arts in memory of Waterloo enthusiast Miles Kennedy are now in their fourth season, thanks to a very fruitful partnership with the Cleveland Federation of Musicians and the support of the Friends of Waterloo Arts.

As always, the Sunday afternoon series presents a variety of music against a background of the current Waterloo Arts gallery show, further enhanced by the attractions of the neighboring Callaloo Café. And all the concerts are free.

Concerts begin at 4 pm and last about 80 minutes, with a brief intermission, during which many audience members like to visit the café. This is chamber music in a real chamber, intimate and informal. Come for the whole concert, or for only part, if you're pressed for time. Bring your children, provided they're quiet. Enjoy a glass of wine or a cup of tea. Stay after for a West Indian Sunday lunch in the Callaloo.

September 14: Amelia String Quartet
The season begins on September 14 with The Amelia String Quartet (Diana Pepelea, violin; Amelia Giles, violin; Laura Shuster, viola; Julie King, cello), who first met in Opera Cleveland. Since then, they have gone on to perform with a multitude of musical groups including The Pittsburgh Symphony, The Blossom Festival Orchestra, The Cleveland Chamber Symphony, The Cleveland Pops, Blue Water Chamber Orchestra, CityMusic Cleveland, The Akron Symphony, The Canton Symphony, and Playhouse Square Broadway Shows. The Amelia Quartet is extremely active in the Cleveland music scene, and chances are

that when you attend a concert in the area, at least one of them will be on stage.

On September 14, The Amelia Quartet will perform some of their favorite dances: Mozart Divertimento #1, Tchaikovsky Sleeping Beauty Waltz and Pas de Deux from "SwanLake," Mozart Divertimento #3, Respighi Balletto, Strauss Tales from the Vienna Woods, Joplin Country Club Rag and Gardel Tango por una Cabeza.

During this concert, the gallery will be showing "De Materia," works with a focus on the real materials of art, rather than on an instant, consumable experience. Bruce Chcefsky, Gianna Committo, Sarah Kabot, Paul O'keeffe, Katy Richards, Charles Tucker, Barry Underwood and Nikki Woods.

October 12: Amethyst String Quartet
This concert will be a real crowd pleaser – a trip round the world with the magical strings. The playlist includes music from various countries: Gypsy music from Hungary, Italian Opera selections/Bocelli's Time to say Goodbye, a tune from The Godfather, Irish selections including Danny Boy and lively Celtic tunes, good old American favorites including Gershwin, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Fiddler on the Roof, Phantom of the Opera – and if that's not enough, the players will leave time at the end of the program for requests.

November 9: The Unconventional Trio
Sean Gabriel, flute; Jack Brndiar, trumpet and Debra Comedica, piano – via Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory of Music.
In 2010, Debra and long-time collaborator Jack Brndiar founded "the uncon-

ventional trio" with flutist Sean Gabriel, to perform "concerts of diverse solo and chamber music."

Sean Gabriel is the current principal flutist of the Blue Water Chamber Orchestra and the Cleveland Chamber Symphony, and has played in a number of memorable recordings, some of which were written for him. He has played for ballet and staged opera productions, and at the Baldwin-Wallace Bach Festivals and the Bach and Handel Society of Cleveland. He also serves as flute instructor in the Department of Music at The Cleveland State University.

John Brndiar is lecturer in trumpet and director of the Brass Choir at Baldwin-Wallace College, and has played trumpet with most of the Cleveland-area orchestras, as well as on tours in Europe and China, in touring Broadway shows – and in numerous radio and TV commercials, and pop music hits. In the jazz field, he has per-

formed with the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra, the Jazz Unit, and the Hot Jazz Seven.

Debra Feaver Comedica teaches and performs at Baldwin-Wallace, and is an active collaborative pianist, organist and chamber musician in the Cleveland area, including performances with the Bach-Handel Society and Tromba Due, and graduate recitals for C.I.M./Case, The University of Akron, and Ohio State University students. Deb has also been a liturgical musician for many years.

M4M concerts are presented with the support of Local 4 Music Fund, the Music Performance Trust Fund, the Arts Collinwood Friends' Committee, Cuyahoga Arts and Culture, and Ohio Arts Council.

After a two-month break, the series will open its Spring program in March.


Waterloo Arts is at 15605 Waterloo Road, corner of E156. waterlooarts.org; 216-696-9500.

Northeast Shores Welcomes Julia DiBaggio

by Julia DiBaggio
It has truly been a pleasure to serve North shore Collinwood as the Community Organizer for Northeast Shores Development Corporation. I, Margaret Craig, have had the opportunity to meet many wonderful residents, and enjoy many wonderful events. After my year of service, I have decided to accept a position at our neighborhood Salvation Army on Grovewood.

Assuming the role of your new Community Organizer will be Julia DiBaggio. Julia is no stranger to the neighborhood. She previously served as the Business Development Specialist for the East 185th Street District. Julia jumped right into the position and helped to plan the neighborhood meeting with the Mayor. Julia is also working on several new and exciting initiatives that you will be hearing about soon. Please take the time to call or drop by to see Julia at Northeast Shores.

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Community

Community Lifeguards, a possibility to increase lake safety

by Mike Gallagher
NOTE TO EDITORS, This article was originally published in 2010, volume 2 issue 6. I was jogging through the park yesterday, and came upon the aftermath of the tragic drownings. I'm sickened by these sad events, that should be preventable.

I have updated the article in light of the recent events

Among the many positive aspects of the Collinwood neighborhood is that we have a genuine jewel right in our own front yard: Lake Erie. A great pleasure of mine is a run (OK, a slow jog) followed by a swim in the lake.

Along with all of its beauty, though, the lake still holds many perils. It's relative shallowness makes its behavior the most unpredictable of the five Great Lakes. Rip-tides/rip currents and undertows are not uncommon.

Our local beaches have unfortunately seen tragedy in the form of drownings over the years, with the most recent being a 15 year old boy and a 34 year old woman on August 17th.

There appears to be a few contributing factors here, in addition to the sheer power of the lake:

- No lifeguards at Euclid Beach, and Villa Angela Beach.
- Inexperienced and non-swimmers venturing in beyond their safety zone
- Lack of parental / caregiver supervision.

These are factors that have obvious solutions, any of which would only lessen the chance of another drowning.

Meanwhile - for those of us who visit the beaches, and are strong confident swimmers - there could be a way that we individually make a contribution to the overall safety of the lake.

This is an idea I would like to suggest to the community.

As you are relaxing on the beach, consider the concept of a 'community' lifeguard.

The voluntary responsibilities of a community lifeguard would be straightforward: Watch the portion of the lake within your view, looking for signs of potential trouble.

Potential trouble could include: People swimming alone, severe weather, alcohol or drug use by swimmers..

One tactic could be to visually focus in on groups, taking a mental count of the number of swimmers, and checking frequently.

We would be taking on the age-old role of a swimming buddy: someone who has your back while you are in the water.

We have many neighborhood block watch groups, that do a great job of keeping our neighborhoods safer through their concern and vigilance.

While not an organized group -perhaps community lifeguarding could help in a similar way.



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Health

Community Support Task Force Combines Healthcare and Community Resources

by Angela Smith
Once a patient leaves the hospital their healthcare needs don't end – whether ongoing or preventative. Mark Froimson, MD, President of Euclid Hospital, wants to make Euclid, Collinwood and the surrounding communities the “most healthy places to live and work, with citizens that are attuned to the best ways to remain healthy and prevent disease and access care when needed.”

Reenee Marinic, Euclid Hospital patient care advocate, recently spoke to members of organizations in Euclid and Collinwood concerning the interest that Hospital caregivers have to partner with community services that can aid patients. “Patients who could also be your neighbor,” says Marinic.

A Community Support Task Force is formed

From that meeting, a Community Support Task Force (CSTF) was developed as a collaborative effort between Euclid Hospital and the City of Euclid. The Task Force will promote healthy living and activities, encourage health screenings and disease prevention and checking in on those in need – such as elderly neighbors.

The CSTF is comprised of Euclid Community Advisory Board members repre-

senting organizations such as: Euclid Hospital, The Salvation Army, Euclid Public Library, K&D Apartments, Euclid Hunger Center, Senior Independence and Our Lady of the Lake.

Kristel Grida, City of Euclid neighborhood engagement specialist, says the Task Force hopes to build a network of information and support resources to maximize care for residents. “We want to wrap our arms around the community to begin to care in a different way,” says Grida.

A shared goal

In time, the CSTF hopes to create a reference guide of available resources, design a home visitor program to combat loneliness and create nurse volunteer opportunities in the community. They also plan to have information available throughout the community about healthcare and other services.

Dr. Froimson believes “the Community Support Task Force will be able to unite community and hospital resources around a shared goal of improving the health of our residents by making sure they know where to turn for healthcare needs as well as other useful services.”

For more information about Euclid Hospital, visit euclidhospital.org.

Doctor’s Office or Emergency Department? Choose Wisely

by Angela Smith
Heart attack. Stroke. Severe burns. For medical cases like these, immediate care at a full service emergency department (ED) is the obvious choice. “We’re here for the community,” says Marita Volk, MD, director of the Emergency Department at the Euclid Hospital. “When in doubt, remember: we’ll see anyone, anytime for anything.”

The emergency department treats conditions that require immediate care for a sudden and unexpected medical condition, or for the worsening of a condition that suddenly threatens a life limb, or vision. Call 911 or go immediately to the ED in the case of medical emergencies, including:

- Loss of consciousness
- Signs of heart attack or stroke
- Sudden, severe pain and/or chest pain
- Uncontrolled or excessive bleeding
- Coughing up or vomiting blood
- Head injury
- Eye injuries
- Bone and joint injuries
- Severe burns or pain
- Sudden or unexpected paralysis
- Difficulty breathing
- Poisoning or suspected poisoning
- Major injuries
- Accidents, including falls and car crashes

- Extreme emotional distress
- Suicidal or homicidal feelings
- Drug overdose
- Injuries caused by violence, such as gunshot wounds

Other conditions, like earache, sore throat or muscle strain, may be better handled by an express or urgent care center or your primary care doctor.

Your primary care doctor is the person to go to for your healthcare basics, such as wellness checkups and screenings, and for specialist referrals. They should always have your medical information on file. They may not be able to see you in an urgent situation, but their main focus is on disease prevention and helping you stay healthy.

To avoid unnecessary ED trips:

- Learn the signs of true medical emergencies like stroke and heart attack.
- Develop a relationship with a primary care physician who has your medical information on file and can see you in a pinch.

When life-threatening situations occur, call 9-1-1. For urgent medical needs, call 911 or visit:

Euclid Hospital Emergency Department
18901 Lakeshore Blvd.
Euclid, Ohio 44119

Free Community Luncheon Features Real-Life Stories about Hospice Care

by Laurie Henriksen
Meet Danielle Wiggins of WKYC TV Channel 3 News!

Euclid residents are invited to join Hospice of the Western Reserve's African American Outreach Committee at a free community luncheon event entitled, “Voices for Hospice: Who cares? We do! Putting the Pieces Together,” on Saturday, Oct. 11, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Embassy Suites, 5800 Rockside Road, Independence. The event commemorates World Hospice and Palliative Care Day.

Mistress of ceremonies is Danielle Wiggins of WKYC TV Channel 3. A panel of hospice team members including a spiritual care coordinator, an art therapist and a pediatric social worker will talk about their specialties and share real-life stories about how their work provides comfort, hope and dignity to patients and their families. The luncheon is free, but registration is required. Registration is available online at hospicewr.org/voices or by calling

216.486.6645.

Attendees will also enjoy a fabulous display of handcrafted art courtesy of the African American Quilt and Doll Guild. A variety of nonprofit community organizations will provide educational exhibits and complimentary health care screenings.

“This luncheon provides a great opportunity for church groups, social organizations, families and friends to learn more about the hospice philosophy in a relaxed setting,” said LaBena Fleming, Provider Relations Manager and co-chair of this year's event.

“Hospice empowers people to direct their wishes so they can live the final phase of life the way they choose,” she added. “By the end of the program, I think the audience will be quite surprised about what they thought they knew -- and by what they didn't know -- about hospice.”

“Hospice is not about giving up and ending life prematurely. It's about celebrating life and making the time remaining as

meaningful as possible,” added co-chair Jennifer Palmer, R.N. Pediatric Team Leader. “Hospice does not mean the family must give up faith and hope for healing. Hope is always a part of hospice.”



Channel 3's Danielle Wiggins will serve as the Mistress of Ceremonies.

A Natural Way

by Beverly White-Yates

A Natural Way is located at 856 East 185th street. You would not imagine this facility small in size but big in innovation and excitement on this street. The owner Lashawn Evans has made it an Oasis for all on the Wellness Path. The studio offers a quarterly challenge, and every second Sunday a free wellness seminar.

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