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The November 4, 2014 General Election

by Cuyahoga County Board of elections
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The November 4th General Election will include candidates for U.S. Congress, Governor, and statewide offices, the Ohio House and Senate, County Executive, County Council (in odd numbered districts), judicial seats, and issues.

To avoid lines on Election Day, and to allow extra time to study the ballot, all registered voters may Vote by Mail. Vote by Mail ballot applications are available at the Board of Elections website: www.443VOTE.com, by calling the Board of Elections at 216-443-VOTE (8683), and at all public libraries.

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libraries. Voters have the option of updating their registration information online at: www.443vote.com.

It is important for all voters to be prepared to cast their ballots. Sample ballots are available on the Board of Elections website: www.443vote.com.

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Waterloo brew celebrates grand opening



by Alenka Banco

The Waterloo Brew will celebrate its grand opening of the bar & grill located in the Slovenian Workman's Home on October 3rd. Waterloo Brew is owned and operated by the ABC/XYZ The Tavern folks, which promises a great selection of beers....including the house brew, a craft pale ale to please the palate of our working folks.Nothing

fancy schmanzy about it! You can count on a friendly place to hang out, great service and value....and the introduction of the Cleveland Cheesesteak sandwiches, along with house made sausages, all grilled right behind the bar, old-school style! Spinning records for the celebration is Collinwood's very own Lawrence Daniel Caswell.

CMSD plans buildings for 21st Century education



Hannah Gibbons STEM School is one of four schools the Cleveland Metropolitan School District has built in the Collinwood-Euclid cluster in recent years. The District also plans to build a new O.H. Perry School.

by Mike Scott

The Cleveland Metropolitan School District wants to continue modernizing its buildings, a campaign that began after the gym roof at the former East High School collapsed 14 years ago. Since then, the District has built and renovated 41 schools.

Work completed so far in what CMSD calls the Collinwood-Euclid cluster includes four new schools: Memorial PreK-8 was completed in 2005, followed by Hannah Gibbons STEM in 2006, East Clark in 2009 and Euclid Park in 2010.

If voters approve Issue 4 on Nov. 4, CMSD would continue to invest in the cluster, building a new O.H. Perry School.

Collinwood High School would remain open, with the District maintaining the building and working to increase the number of high-performing programs in the school.

Collinwood's most recent report card shows signs of academic improvement: The school's performance index (a composite of scores on achievement tests) increased 4

points and the graduation rate jumped 10 percentage points. The school has become one of 14 in Ohio to join the nationwide New Tech Network and use the network's project-based curriculum.

A revised master facilities plan also calls for maintaining Ginn Academy and Kenneth W. Clement Boys' Leadership Academy.

Approval of Issue 4 would not raise taxes, and the state would contribute \$2 for every \$1 the District spends on new construction.

Under The Cleveland Plan, a state-approved blueprint for education reform, CMSD seeks to provide quality school options in every neighborhood. And the presence of quality schools will help with economic development and the continued population growth of this cluster.

Across the city, CMSD would build 20 to 22 schools and refurbish 20 to 23 others if Issue 4 passes.

Issue 4 includes a \$200 million bond issue for construction and a half-mill levy that would generate \$2.5 million a year for

maintaining buildings.

The owner of a \$50,000 house would pay \$44.10 per year, just as the owner is already paying.

The Board of Education has prioritized the hiring of city residents, minorities, women and small businesses on construction projects.

To view the facilities plan online, go to www.clevelandmetroschools.org/masterplan

FAST FACTS:

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Issue 4 authorizes \$200 million in bonds for new construction and a half-mill tax for

maintenance.

Issue 4 will cost the owner of a \$50,000 home \$44.10 per year.

CMSD has spent its construction dollars prudently while building and renovating 41 schools since 2001. The District saved taxpayers \$42.2 million by refinancing and paying off debt early.

The Cleveland Board of Education has adopted the city's Community Benefits Agreement to guide future construction. That will prioritize employment of city residents, minorities, females and small businesses on CMSD projects.

The CMSD facilities plan funded by Issue 4 is aligned with the groundbreaking Cleveland Plan. The facilities plan gives CMSD the flexibility to start new school models and provide quality school options in every neighborhood.

The independent Bond Accountability Commission, which was created in 2001, would continue to monitor the use of bond funds.

Clam Bake Slovenian Workmen's Home & Waterloo Brew

by Pat Nevar

Clam Bake | Saturday, October 11, 2014

Slovenian Workmen's Home & Waterloo Brew | 15335 Waterloo Road, Cleveland 44110
Phone: (216)481-5378 e-mail: swh-waterloo@sbcglobal.net

Doors Open – 2:00 PM | Dinner Served – 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Chicken & Clams - \$22.00 | Steak & Clams - \$28.00

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Entertainment

4:00 to 8:00 PM – DJ Kiska in Lower Hall

6:00 to 8:00 PM – Mike Sonata in Waterloo Brew

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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.

Waterloo Streetscape Construction 2014



by John Boksansky, Commercial Projects Coordinator, Northeast Shores Development Corporation

On schedule and working toward completion, the 2014 edition of Waterloo Road construction started in late March with the installation of utility pole footers as well as final removal of the old road bed. New concrete was poured, matching the pour done last year for the north lane, and currently, the second coat of asphalt is being poured and should be completed very soon. New curbs and aprons were also poured on East 156th from Waterloo to the freeway entrance at Calcutta. The detour route, portions of East 152nd, Lucknow, Trafalgar, as

well as East 163rd are also receiving a new road surface.

"This project has been a labor of love for from my office for a long time. For once it is completed, this project will go a long way towards transforming the Waterloo Road area into the kind of arts and entertainment district we have long worked towards," stated Councilman Michael D. Polensek. "We appreciated everyone's patience and look forward to seeing everyone in the district for the monthly (first week-end of the month) Walk all over Waterloo events."

Brian Friedman, Executive Director at Northeast Shores stated, "the Waterloo project is a \$5.5 million dollar investment in the neighborhoods future. Construction includes: CPP electrical conduit placement, special bus pad and crosswalk concrete treatment and new bus shelters, replacement of sidewalks and access driveway aprons, the installation of compliant A.D.A. curb ramps at crossings, drainage improvements, underground utilities, north side street lighting, traffic and pedestrian crossing signals, pavement markings, and signage as well as streetscape amenities. The amenities include brick pavers in the area closest to the curb (amenity

strip) portion of the sidewalks, bike racks, benches, trees/ landscaping pits and a special plaza style treatment at the Tower area in front of Waterloo Arts. A reconstruction project takes money and time; it's not your average street repaving. This road has not been comprehensively addressed since the streetcar tracks were installed, previous to 1919."

This construction Season 2014 has been a busy month for the Waterloo Streetscape reconstruction and streetscape project. The construction crew worked six days a week this past June preparing the road way so the Waterloo Arts fest could safely be held. Two way traffic was restored to Waterloo on August 7, 2014 while day time construction mobilization of remaining streetscape details could be completed. The Waterloo Road reconstruction project is being managed by The Ohio Department of Transportation; The Perk Company Inc., of Cleveland, Ohio is the General Contractor, with the full sponsorship of The City of Cleveland Construction and Engineering Department and Mayor Frank G. Jackson's office of Capital Projects A proposed completion date of October 2014 has been planned.

It's Eerie in Collinwood



by Julia DiBaggio

Ready for some family friendly fright? Mark your calendars for Saturday October 18 for one wizardry day! Dress up and take your family, or go solo to the Boo at the Beach Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Team beach cleanup and costume contest from 10am-noon, then head over to Halloween on WaterBoo Road from noon to 2pm, and then fancy your fright with a Halloween Party at STAR POP vintage + modern from 2-5pm. Three great events, one great day!

Here's a breakdown of all the frightening fun!

Boo at the Beach! 10am-12pm Euclid Beach Park

If litter washing up on our shores is not a scary enough, try a beach cleanup in Halloween costumes! Join Adopt-a-Beach (TM) volunteers for our second annual Boo at the Beach cleanup and costume contest at Euclid Creek Reservation-Euclid Beach (16301 Lakeshore Boulevard).

This year's costume contest categories include:

Most Reusable: Incorporates recycled and reused elements -no matter the theme!

Most Lake Erie Lovin' : Show us how you love Lake Erie and all the creatures that inhabit it!

Spookiest: Ahh!

Cutest: Aww...

Cleverest: Clever...

Time to get creative!

Following the beach cleanup participants in the costume contest will be judged and awarded prizes on the the stage on the corner of Waterloo Rd. and 156th St. at 12:30pm

You do not have to wear a costume to participate in the beach cleanup but you will certainly win the Least Creative contest category!

No masks will be permitted during the beach cleanup or anything that inhibits your ability to see or walk on uneven terrain. And please, only family friendly costume attire.

Please wear closed toed shoes and dress appropriately for the weather. Children under 10 are required to be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Gloves, bags, rakes and trash pickers along with light refreshments will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own!

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For more information about Boo at the Beach, please contact Stephen Love - stephen.love20@gmail.com or call 216-571-0685.

Halloween on WaterBoo Road: 12pm-2pm-Waterloo Sculpture Garden

Northeast Shores is hosting a family friendly event, Halloween on WaterBOO Road. This will be a family friendly afternoon of Halloween activities on Waterloo Road October 18, 2014 from noon till 2 p.m. The event kicks off with a costume contest at 12:30pm. Dress up in your favorite costume and prepare to be judged for the best use of reused materials, cutest, or scariest creature in the neighborhood! The costume contest categories are listed above in the Boo at the Beach announcement The contest will be held at 12:30p, at the Waterloo Sculpture Garden located at 16010 Waterloo Road.

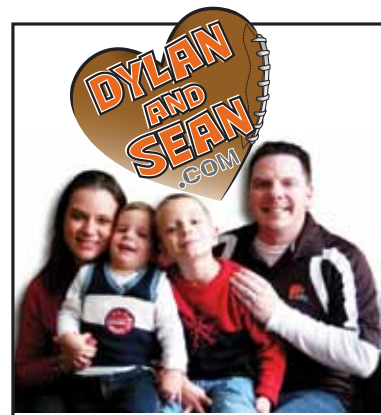
After the costume contest, experience Waterloo Road like never before. The kids will take over the street for Trick-or-Treat. There will be an opportunity for the kids to get crafty with some of the local artists, including a pumpkin painting and beach cleanup trash workshop with Linda Zolten Wood, in partnership with Euclid Beach Adopt-A-Beach Team and Waterloo Sculpture Garden.

Halloween Party at STAR POP vintage + modern.

The Halloween party will include pizza, candy, prizes, and fun kid friendly Halloween arts and crafts with local artist and art teacher Brittainy Lee Quinn. Kids and adults will be able to keep their finished spooky project.

So don't be mummy, come out to the party!

Community



Benefit Dinner Details:

Sunday, **October 19, 2014**
Serving from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm
Breaded Chicken or Beef Tips (dine-in/take-out)
Meet Dylan, Sean and their family!
Saint Vitus Auditorium:
6111 Lausche 44103 (at E. 62nd St.)
Adults: \$15 Children: 12 & under: \$10
Tickets: (Lois Hell) **440-537-2853**

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- Doctor visits with multiple specialists
- Walkers, wheelchairs, ramps, etc.
- Medical needs and therapies not covered by insurance

Come, enjoy a great lunch and help touch the lives of two wonderful children - and one wonderful family!

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Community

The Roles of the County Executive and Council



by Jack Schron
This year, for only second time in the 200 years of Cuyahoga County, voters will elect a County Executive and half of the members of

the County Council.
Some people know that acting upon the decision of voters, we have changed our form of government to a Charter with a County Council and County Executive, while others might think we still have three County Commissioners. Even those who are aware of the Charter may ask, “What are the roles of the County Executive and the County Council? What do they do? Why should I care?”
As someone who has been part of the new Charter government these past four years and someone who is currently running for the position of County Executive, I will try to answer these questions.
Our new County Charter is clear that the County Executive, like the CEO of a corporation, is to be the chief executive officer of the county. It is the responsibility of the Council to pass legislation, be the taxing authority and to provide advice and consent to the Executive on the names he or she brings forth for cabinet appointments.
Basically, with the exception of the duties of the new County Council, the Prosecutor and the County Judicial system, the Executive’s duties and responsibilities-- which used to be under the old County Commissioners--now reside in the County Executive. The operations of the county and the work of all county personnel (with the exception

of the areas listed above) are the responsibility of the County Executive. All of the former elected positions in the county have been eliminated and changed to officers appointed by the County Executive, subject to the confirmation of the county, who report directly to the executive.
The other big change in the new Charter, which I will get back to, is in the Charter’s commitment to “improve the County’s economic competitiveness.”
The positions of Council, as written in the Charter, were seen as part-time. I can say that though the job has taken a great deal of time during this initial start-up period, I do support what the Charter drafters wrote about their desire for these positions to be part-time. These first four years have taken a great deal of time as anything new requires, with all the committee meetings and hearings to gather the information in order to try to get it right. Part of this additional time was needed because this brand new form of government consists of so many new responsibilities that we needed to take on. The size of the \$1.3 billion dollar budget (second only in size to the budget of the entire State of Ohio) requires a great deal of care to do a good job.
I became a member of the Council Finance Committee because I wanted to bring my experience managing budgets as the CEO of a manufacturing company to the task of better understanding the county budget, and putting forth policies that will succeed for future Councils. It was important that we invested the time in these first four years in order to deal with essential issues like making sure there are financial reserves for both the Operating Budget and the Health and Human Services budget.
You can think of the County Executive like the President of the U.S. or the Governor of Ohio, who have Cabinets reporting directly to them. Like the CEO of a corporation,

the County Executive must bring the leadership for the nearly 7,000 employees to follow. Under the old county government, this direct leadership role was shared by three commissions and delegated to a hired member of staff. Today the Executive reports directly to the people of Cuyahoga County and he or she stands for election every four years.
The Executive builds a management team by bringing together qualified individuals, subject to the confirmation of Council and the officers and directors of the county, to carry out all the functions of county government. The Fiscal Officer, Medical Examiner, Clerk of Courts, Director of Public Works, Director of Laws, County Treasurer and the Sheriff combined with the Director of Health and Human Services, and the Director of Development together make up the cabinet. The duties formerly done by the auditor and recorders are now part of the Fiscal Officer’s job and include the boards and commissions. The Director of Public Works picks up the former roles of county engineer and county sanitary engineer. Though they are no longer elected, the other officer positions’ roles are similar to those they carried out before.
Another major area of responsibility for the County Executive is Health and Human Services. The appointment of the Director, and the Department of Health and Human Services as a whole, are both under the direction of the Executive. The Department of Health and Human Services administers all programs and activities for which the County has or has assumed responsibility: the protection and enhancement of the health, education and well-being of County residents.
As important as the other functions are within the County Executive’s office, the Department of Health and Human Services is one that must be done right because it touches so many lives here in the county in such

vital ways. This brings me to Charter’s focus on the elevated importance of economic development within the county.
Quoting from the Charter: “The County shall have as a primary responsibility the promotion and enhancement of the economic well-being and prosperity of the County and all of its residents.” In order to achieve this, the Charter calls for 1: focused, effective and accountable leadership and states that 2: job creation and economic growth is a fundamental government purpose, thereby helping the County do a better job of creating and retaining jobs.
It is clear that a primary area of responsibility for the County Executive is job creation. The Executive is to be someone with leadership skills who has shown that he has been and can be an effective and focused job creator.
The drafters of the Charter saw the role of the County Executive in job creation and retention as not a topic of discussion, but as one of having to be accountable for these functions. The Economic Development and Planning Committee, of which I am chairman, works in conjunction with the County Executive in this area. According to the Charter, the County Executive’s primary responsibility could be thought of not just as the Chief Executive Officer of the County but also as “the Chief Employment Officer” responsible for “creating and retaining jobs.”
I have tried to use my experience as one of the new County Council members to write this article in order to bring some insight into our role and the role of the County Executive under our new Charter government. It is my hope that as Cuyahoga County citizens consider the second election of the County Executive and Council members, that this article helps to provide information about what these jobs are, and the many ways they impact every one of us.

October: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

by Julia DiBaggio
Violence against partners, particularly women, has been accepted throughout modern history. Although conditions gradually improved since the 1700’s, it wasn’t until the 1960’s that shelters for battered women were opened, and men could be prosecuted for their actions. In the 1980’s a movement began to form. First came a day of Unity, then a week of Unity, a national hotline, and in 1989, Congress passed legislation making October officially National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This month is used to connect battered women advocates across the nation to end violence against woman and their children, as well as men who are victims.
Domestic abuse is more than physical violence; it can be emotional as well. Domestic abuse occurs when one person in an intimate relationship tries to dominate and control the other person. Domestic violence knows no boundaries. It happens across cultures, classes, and income groups. The statistics are frightening, as 1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence during her lifetime. Every day 3 women are killed by intimate violence in the U.S. alone. Women experience more than 4 million physical assaults because of their partners, and men are victims of nearly 3 million physical assaults. Children who are raised in a household with domestic violence are more vulnerable to becoming abused or abusers themselves.
Being at home is terrible, but leaving the house means at some point you need to come home. The return home means accusations and yelling-or worse. The criticism you find at home is a form of control, and it

will never get better. There is nothing you can do to make your partner happy. Who do you turn to?
Help is out there. Leaving a bad situation can be terrifying, but it’s better than staying. You can reclaim your life. You deserve your job. You deserve your car. You deserve to live your life without fear. Step out the door and never look back. It is a decision you will never regret.
Here are just some of the signs of domestic violence.
Fear of your partner- like you have to walk on eggshells
Constantly watching what you say and do to avoid a blow-up
Being belittled or controlled
Inconsistent attendance at work or school
Feelings of self-loathing, helplessness, and desperation
Sudden change in behavior or appearance
Your partner has a bad and/or an unpredictable temper
Your partner threatens to commit suicide if you leave
If you or someone you love is experiencing the signs of domestic abuse, help is available at the Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center: 216-391-HELP(4357).



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Events

Euclid Creek Tunnel work to impact traffic on Lakeshore Blvd.

by Jennifer Elting

The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District’s Euclid Creek Tunnel will drastically reduce the amount of raw sewage entering area waterways – including Euclid Creek and Lake Erie – during heavy rain events. This project began construction in April 2011 and is on schedule to be complete next Spring.
A portion of this project includes new sewer construction beneath Lakeshore Boulevard at the intersection of E. 156 Street; this work will begin late October.

To successfully install the necessary components of this project, the Sewer District will close the northernmost two lanes of Lakeshore Boulevard for approximately four to six months. In addition, E. 156 Street will be closed to northbound traffic at Lakeshore Boulevard.
Signage will be posted clearly indicating the traffic pattern changes. Traffic and RTA services will be maintained in both directions throughout this period with a clearly marked detour for E. 156th Street.

Utilities Resource Fair

by Kathy Augustine

Cuyahoga Job and Family Services and the Home Heating and Weatherization Task Force will be hosting a Utilities Resource Fair, at West Side Community House at 9300 Lorain Ave, Cleveland, Ohio 44102, on Saturday, October 18, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
The free event will provide information and resources to the community, and enable customers to apply for utilities assistance programs such as Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), Percentage of Income Program (PIPP Plus) and Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP). Customers can apply for county benefits programs such as Medicaid, Child Care and Food Assistance.
There will be a free Utilities Assistance Programs Training Workshop at noon; registration is online for the workshop at www.cjfs.cuyahogacounty.us.
For information, call 216-987-7010 or visit www.cjfs.cuyahogacounty.us.

October Book Sale at Euclid Public Library

by Bonita Kale

If you drive along East 222nd Street in Euclid, you’ll pass a Vietnam-era tank, with a building behind it. That building is Euclid’s very fine library, at 631 E. 222.
On October 24, 2014, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the Friends of the Library start their semiannual book sale. Those two hours are only for members, but for \$5 you can join at the door.
Or you can come on Saturday, October 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., avoiding the crowds and still finding thousands of books and AV items to browse among.
The regular prices are 50¢ for hardbacks, 25¢ for paperbacks. AV material varies, but the most expensive things are the DVDs, at \$2 per movie.
On Sunday, Bag Day, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., the remaining DVDs will go in the first half-hour, but there will still be an awful lot of stuff to look through and carry out in the paper bag that only costs \$3.00.

STAR POP vintage + modern’s October Blowout Sale!

by Troy Schwartz

Friday, October 3rd STAR POP vintage + modern’s October Blowout Sale!
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It’s a Family Halloween on Waterloo



by Alenka Banco

Get ready for a family friendly afternoon of Halloween activities on Waterloo Road October 18, 2014 from noon till 2 p.m. Dress up in your favorite costume and prepare to be judged for the best use of reused materials, cutest, or scariest creature in the neighborhood. Let the kids get crafty with some of the local artists. Then experience Waterloo Road like never before as the kids take over for Trick-or-Treat. There will be a pumpkin painting and decorating work-

shop by Linda Zolten Wood, in partnership with Euclid Beach Adopt-A-Beach and Waterloo Sculpture Garden located at 16006 Waterloo Road. Immediately following, STAR POP vintage +modern will host a FREE Halloween Party will include pizza, candy, prizes, and fun kid friendly Halloween arts and crafts, with local artist and art teacher Brittainy Lee Quinn! Kids and adults will be able to keep their finished spooky project!

Waterloo Alley Cat Project Celebrates National Feral Cat Day at Beachland Tavern

by Deborah Gulyas

The Waterloo Alley Cat Project will be holding a free community awareness event celebrating National Feral Cat Day on Thursday, October 16, 2014 at the Beachland Tavern, 15711 Waterloo Road. Alley Cat Allies created National Feral Cat Day in 2001 as the annual kick-off for its national educational campaign about the protection of stray and feral cats across the country. This event will provide a unique opportunity for everyone who cares about animals to get together toward a common goal — to end the euthanasia and suffering of companion and homeless animals.
This event begins at 7 pm and will include: a short informative video about the work performed by the Waterloo Alley Cat Project, audience judging of NE Ohio’s Cutest Rescued Cat Photo Contest, an art raffle, and appetizers. DJs Little Lighthouse & Ghoulbunny will be spinning music and live music



by Shane Didow and Cobra Verde. Monetary donations or cat food donations will be greatly appreciated, but not mandatory for entry to the event.
For further information about how to enter your rescued feline in the Northeast Ohio Cutest Rescued Cat Photo Contest go to the group’s website for details: www.waterlooaalleycatproject.com.
This event made possible by the Collinwood Rising Grant Program through the generous support of The Kresge Foundation, Northeast Shores Development Corp. and Cuyahoga Arts and Culture.

Family Affair to Perform Music and Poetry



by Louise Foresman

This talented family moved to Euclid from Collinwood months ago and want to celebrate with new neighbors with their music and poetry. They will be performing Oct 4 starting at 7:30pm at the newly opened music venue “Euclid City Limits” at the Conscious Nest located at 20150 Lakeshore Blvd. \$5.00 adults \$2.00 under 18 includes food and drink.
Opening: Devlinbleu Chambers: Original

poetry from a 15 yr old student at Hawken School. Has been writing poetry for over a year and has extensively traveled in the USA and Burma. Has performed a number of times this last year.
And Opening: Louise Foresman singer/songwriter and mother of Devlinbleu, has been writing and singing for over 6 years presently in the band “The Attention Deflect Glee Club”, formally in the “Ethel Group” and the “Danylou Project”. She has also been involved in the Lottery League band.
Main act: Danyl Chambers singer/songwriter for 40 years. Has performed mainly in NE Ohio. Whimsical humorous and political slant to his music. Has been in a number of bands over the years” The Shuttle Fragments” in the 80’s “The Missing Children” in the 90’s and presently with his wife” The Attention Deficit Glee Club”. He will be performing solo pieces and a few songs with his wife.

Art and Craft with Maria Neil

by Alenka Banco

Gallery One Sixty presents an interactive art experience with Jacob Wesley Lang-that will feature a tasting of craft beers from at least four local brewers. The event will be in partnership with Edible Cleveland Magazine and will help fundraise for a non-profit. The event will also collaborate with Maria Neil Art Project who will be

hosting a tastings in partnership with Edible Cleveland.
The event will also be in partnership with Gallery One Sixty which will be feature their own Art & Craft event down the street.
October 11, 2014 6 to 10 pm
Gallery One Sixty
16008 Waterloo Road

Bocce Battle on Waterloo

by Alenka Banco

Battle of the Bars and Cleveland Restaurants will be hosting a competitive Bocce tournament at Waterloo Brew. The event is free and open to the public and will culminate in a celebration and music party. The event will include music, food, beer tasting, and bocce. Don’t miss the kickoff of the bocce league on Waterloo.
October 25th, 2014 7 pm to 10 pm
15335 Waterloo

Art and Craft

by Alenka Banco

The Maria Neil Art Project presents two of Cleveland’s most well-known yet rarely shown artists Amy Casey & Cathie Bleck and will feature a tasting of craft beers from four local brewers. The event is in partnership with Edible Cleveland and will be a fundraiser for Artnetoo.
October 11, 2014 6 to 10 pm
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Parish Feast Day Celebration Becoming a New Tradition

For several years, Our Lady of the Lake has celebrated their feast day on September 5 with a procession from the lake to the church. Parishioners begin with a prayer service on the beach, and play music and sing as they walk with the statue of Mary back to the church for another prayer service and reception in the church hall. The event has quickly become a cherished tradition of the recently merged parish, and

each year it has grown. This year, there was extra time to enjoy community with hot dogs on the beach beforehand. And more families than ever made room in their Friday evening plans to be together for the procession with their neighbors and friends - and of course everyone wants to stay for ice cream afterwards! A wonderful new tradition is taking shape as this feast day celebration grows.



Fathers Step Out for Their School

Our Lady of the Lake School celebrated fathers who are involved in their children's education by participating in the national Father's Walk on September 18. Scores of dedicated dads turned out to show support for their school and all of our students. The hard-working PTO put together refresh-

ments for all, welcoming students and the significant male role models in their lives to share donuts and a happy moment together to kick off the school day. The early start didn't keep anyone away; when it comes to their kids' education, these dads are willing to go the extra mile.



35 People on Retreat for Eight Weeks

Our Lady of the Lake Parish has embarked upon a spiritual quest to "find God in all things" (or at least better than before!) Our guides on this journey are a team from the Jesuit Retreat House of Cleveland, who are specially trained to serve as our spiritual guides for the next eight weeks.

The retreat is simply called, "Praying with St. Ignatius." Praying with St. Ignatius is a Scripture-based retreat adapted from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius and designed to foster a heartfelt knowledge of Jesus Christ.

For the next eight Mondays, we will experience different methods of prayer, guided in a daily personal prayer practice and participate in small faith sharing groups here at Our Lady of the Lake Parish.

Each participant has committed to 30 minutes of daily prayer and reflection using materials and themes which are provided

by the team from JRH. We are likewise committed to faithfully participating in each of the eight weekly sessions, and to holding one another in prayer between sessions.

The JRH team has observed that we are already blessed with an open, honest and trusting spirit among us, even though not all of us know each other well. It seems that the bonds between us lie deeper even than knowing everyone's name and family of origin. We have begun with a sense of becoming what we already are: the body of Christ which gathers as Our Lady of the Lake parish.

We are looking forward to whatever God has in store for us and chooses to reveal to us between now and November 10, when our time of retreat comes to an end, and we begin our next chapter of life more aware and better prepared to "find God in all things."

Caring for Babies



Kay O'Donnell and her daughter Megan sort through donated baby clothes in the Baby Corner Room, on the lower level of the Our Lady of the Lake rectory.

On the corner of East 200th Street and Lake Shore, there is a ministry that has been quietly serving families in the city of Euclid and Collinwood neighborhood since 2001. This ministry is called the Baby Corner. The Baby Corner is an ongoing "baby drive" that Our Lady of the Lake parishioners support to assist local families with the cost of baby items and clothing. They also provide emergency formula and diapers.

Lately we have been assisting 2 or 3 families each week! Some of these families call the parish directly for assistance, other requests come from our partners at the Euclid Collaborative.

Parishioners have been donating cash

along with their used baby items for the past almost 15 years. Donated items include perishables like formula and baby food along with diapers, wipes, bottles, new or like-new baby/toddler clothes (up to 4T), pack and plays, swings, high chairs, etc. We are happy to accept donations from outside of the parish as well.

If you have gently used, clean baby items, donations can be placed in the bassinets in the church or brought to the Rectory at 19951 Lake Shore Blvd. If possible, we can pick up larger items. Cash donations to this ministry are also gladly accepted. Contact Dana at the rectory for more information: 216-486-0850 or email at dana@ourladyofthelakeoh.org.

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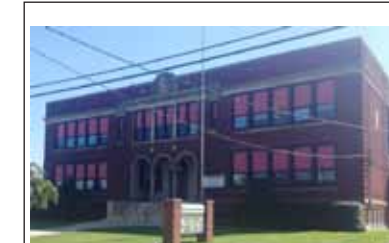
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Johnny Appleseed Teaches St. Jerome Students about Apples



by Natalie Swol

The Kindergarten and First grade students at St. Jerome School got to learn first hand from Johnny Appleseed himself this week how apples go from seeds to the delicious treats we eat for snacks, in sauce, pies and of course Patterson Fruit Farms famous apple fritters! The students ventured to Patterson's this week for hands-on lessons in the life cycle of an apple seed. The children were able to watch a video on the process of making apple cider. Johnny Appleseed explained to them how a tiny seed can transform into a giant tree that provides us with this scrumptious fruit. They were given a hay ride through the apple orchards and

were able to explore a giant corn maze. When asked why she chose Patterson's as a field trip destination, first grade teacher Katie Coan said, "There is nothing more rewarding for the children than to learn a lesson, especially one related to science, then get to have hands-on field experience". That is just one of many great interactive field trips the students at St. Jerome School get to experience throughout the year. Making real-world connections is vital to creating life-long learners. When asked their favorite part of the field trip, every student shouted something different. There is something for every type of learner at Patterson's and the St. Jerome students just ate it up!

St. Jerome Students Benefit from the Generosity of Others



by Natalie Swol

During the 2013-2014 school year, the Diocese of Cleveland urged all the parishes in the city to contribute to a grant project entitled Rooted in Faith. The donations made by the parishes were then collected, and a pool of resources was created. The teachers in the diocese were then able to write and submit grant proposals from a wide variety of categories. The faculty at St. Jerome School, in North Collinwood, worked in grant writing teams to acquire many new items for the school. Grants were written for new art supplies, technology equipment and finally

brand new desks and chairs for every student in grades 1-6. The faculty and staff all agreed that it gave each classroom a clean, fresh look to start out the 2014-2015 school year with. Not to mention that all the chairs are bright green, which adds to the Gladiator's school spirit! The school, which just celebrated its 92nd year of educating young men and women in the Cleveland and surrounding areas on September 1st, is stronger then ever. With enrollment the highest it's been in 10 years, we are so proud to be able to offer the best possible environment for our students to learn in. Each classroom boasts SmartBoard technology that equally matches the impressive new furniture displayed in the classrooms. St. Jerome School is a pillar in the community whose primary focus is to enhance the whole child through prayer, service and 21st century learning. With the help of the Rooted in Faith grant we were able to continue doing what we've always done, mold and shape well-rounded individuals who work hard, pray often and serve the community.

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Oct 8—International Walk to School Day

Oct 11 & 12—Bake Sale in Church vestibule after Masses

Oct 17—No School for Teacher Inservice Day

Oct 18 & 19—Bethlehem Rosary Display & Olive Wood Religious Goods Sale after Masses

Oct 25 & 26—Anointing of the Sick during 4 p.m. & 10 a.m. Masses

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Reading of names of deceased St. Jerome parishioners from the past year

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Eighth-graders join Viking Edge program

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School is offering a group of students from Our Lady of the Lake a unique opportunity this fall. Seven eighth-graders will be coming to VASJ during first period every day for the entire year to take Ms. Jessica Linnert's Algebra I course.

Teachers at Our Lady of the Lake selected these students whom they deemed capable to take a high school-level math course and who would need more of a challenge than they would receive in an eighth grade course.

The OLL students are rising to the challenge with gusto.

"I am pleasantly surprised on a daily basis how much the eighth-graders participate in the classroom discussion," Linnert says. "Whenever I ask for answers to problems, or for them to come to the board and show how to complete a problem, almost all of them volunteer without hesitation. They are very enthusiastic about this program."

VASJ faculty and administrators are enthusiastic about the program, too.

"We've been wanting to do this for years," says VASJ Math Chair Gary

Minadeo '74. "We felt a need to build a Viking bridge to the middle schools."

Minadeo's hope is to fill an entire class of 20-25 eighth-grade students from local schools next year.

In addition to offering these students an opportunity to advance their math knowledge, VASJ is integrating the eighth-graders into a classroom with high school students for their first glimpse at the high school experience.

"When they enter the room, they become a Viking," Linnert says. "I told them on the first day that I am not treating them any different. They will follow the same policies and procedures as if they were a full-time student at VASJ."

Khalid Mitcham was intimidated by attending a high school class at first but is now quite comfortable at VASJ.

"It makes me more excited for high school," Mitcham says. "I feel like I know more of what to expect and it seems really fun."

His classmates also like being a part of the high school atmosphere.

In their weekly reflection papers, the eighth-grade students share with Ms. Linnert how much they are enjoying



Ms. Jessica Linnert teaches VASJ's Viking Edge program which provides eighth-grade students the opportunity to take Algebra I and receive high school credit for the course.

being a part of the high school environment at VASJ.

The Our Lady of the Lake eighth-grade students taking part in the Viking Edge program join the VASJ freshmen in Ms. Jessica Linnert's Algebra I class during first period every day of the week.

"The freshmen that are in their class welcome them with open arms and assist them whenever needed," says Linnert.

At the completion of the year, the eighth-grade students from Our Lady of the Lake will receive a transcript for one high school math credit.

McDonough Invitational hosts more than 1,500 runners

For more than half a century, the McDonough Invitational has been one of the premier cross country events in Ohio.

On September 13, more than 50 schools and 1,500 runners participated in Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School's signature event at Forest Hills Park.

"It was a full parking lot and I am estimating almost 4,500-5,000 fans," says VASJ Athletic Director Nate Zavorek '94.

The event has been run since 1960 and the popularity is only gaining after six decades of high quality cross country racing.

"It's the best-kept secret at VASJ and it is really amazing how well organized and how well run it is," Zavorek says.

"And what's nice is our program is getting a resurgence and our runners at VASJ get a taste of what it is like to run against the big teams. We don't want to back down."



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Students urged to 'lead with virtue'

"As a leader, you will be expected to always do the right thing," VASJ's Principal David Csanik said. "Not for fame, fortune, glory, or recognition. But simply because it's the right thing to do."

The fourth annual Leadership Commissioning Ceremony was held in August before the start of the school year. The ceremony is held to honor and recognize the student leaders while also reminding them of the important role they hold in the school.

"You are being entrusted with a great responsibility," said VASJ Campus Minister Jill Latkovich.

"Today we gather together to publicly recognize your commitment."

The group of 110 leaders – the following seven human and theological virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude, temperance, faith, hope and charity/love.

The student leaders were presented with a pin as a sign of their



VASJ's Dean of Student Life Nancy Naujoks '68 presents Cara Faddoul '16 with her leadership pin at the fourth annual Leadership Commissioning Ceremony.

serve as Jesus served: that is to serve selflessly, faithfully, with humility, and for the sake of building the Kingdom of God here at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School," Latkovich said.

The theme for the celebration was, "Leading with Virtue."

Latkovich shared with the students the following seven human and theological virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude, temperance, faith, hope and charity/love.

The student leaders were presented with a pin as a sign of their

commitment to serving as leaders at VASJ.

"We ask that you wear this pin daily as a reminder of what you are called to do," Latkovich said.

The pin is a shape of the cross formed by the intertwining of seven ribbons of different colors – each color representing one of the seven virtues.

"As a leader, you will be expected to do the right thing," Principal Csanik said. "When everyone around you is doing the wrong thing, do the right thing anyway."

Bishop Lennon celebrates Opening Mass

There is much to celebrate at the start of the 2014-15 school year at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School – a summer filled with facility updates and renovations, including the new gym; an enrollment of 420, the highest it has been in years; a growing faculty and staff which includes several alums, and a new year filled with promise.

For these reasons and more, the entire VASJ community came together on Thursday, August 28, as Bishop Richard Lennon celebrated the school's Opening Mass.

VASJ Principal David Csanik welcomed guests including Margaret Lyons and Gene Boyer from the Diocese of Cleveland, representatives of the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland, former VASJ President Jim Sukys '76, Lorie Howley of The Howley Family Foundation, members of the Board of Advisors and other alums and friends of the school.

President Richard Osborne '69 welcomed Bishop Lennon to VASJ. "We greet you today with our pledge that the values of our Catholic faith and the Ursuline and Marianist charisms that shape our spirit will act as the light that guides us on our journey throughout the year," Osborne said.



Bishop Richard Lennon commissions seniors Valerie Koch, Danielle Paus and Annie O'Neill as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at VASJ's Opening Mass.

Bishop Lennon spent time prior to the Mass visiting with students, faculty and staff and touring some of the school's renovated spaces. In his homily, he remarked on the updated facilities.

"First and foremost, I need to say how beautiful the school looks," Bishop Lennon said. "A lot of work has been done and it really sparkles."

Three VASJ seniors – Valerie Koch, Annie O'Neill and Danielle Paus – answered the call and were

commissioned by Bishop Lennon as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

Bishop Lennon prayed for the students, faculty and staff at VASJ and asked that the school experience a blessed year. He acknowledged the adults who were present and told the students: "The legacy of the Ursulines and Marianists and all who make this school the wonderful thing that it is – they do it for you. You are why we are here."

Viking Views



by Richard Osborne

At a recent football game, some other alums and I couldn't help but have an unmistakable sense of *déjà vu*. We remarked that there was something very familiar about the spirit we saw (and heard) displayed in the student cheering section.

The students – even the freshmen – seemed very familiar too. Oh yeah, we realized. They reminded us of ... us.

That's the story behind the continued success of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School. The faces change, but the spirit doesn't.

The incredible sense of pride that always has permeated the Viking Village seems especially strong this year as we welcomed 130 freshmen and numerous transfers. Our enrollment of 420 students is the largest it has been in years, maintaining our position as the fastest-growing private high school in Ohio.

In addition, our new Viking Edge program has opened our doors to outstanding eighth-grade students from Our Lady of the Lake who are availing themselves of high school credit for math.

But it isn't just our growth that fuels the Viking spirit. We are spirited because *the spirit* is at the heart of all we do.

Just before the new school year began, our student leaders were commissioned in a ceremony that set the theme for the year: "Leading with Virtue."

At our Opening Mass, Bishop Richard Lennon stressed that theme as he reminded students that they have a special call because they are in a special place. He asked the students to look around at the Diocesan and community leaders, parents, faculty and staff who were present and to be mindful of the work and sacrifice that makes their VASJ education possible.

Bishop Lennon also noted the numerous improvements made throughout the school. Our renovated gym, refurbished chapel and expanded conference space – including the Villa Angela Academy Heritage Room – represent just a few of the projects that reflect the vital spirit of the school.

They say that the more things change, the more they remain the same. We understand that sentiment at VASJ. Even as we refresh our look, our mission is precisely what it always has been and always will be.

Richard Osborne, St. Joseph High School Class of 1969, is the president of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.

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Remembering Euclid Beach

by John Copic
On Sunday, September 28 a joyous crowd attended an event held on the former site of Euclid Beach Park. People were treated to walking tours the rocketship car and stroll-er car ride's. Laughing Sal was on display



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CMSD plans new buildings for 21st Century education



When The Plan for Transforming Cleveland's Schools took effect two years ago, CEO Eric Gordon and the Cleveland Board of Education promised citizens that children in every neighborhood in the city would have access to a quality education.

But where students learn plays a role in how well they learn. That is why fully transforming Cleveland's public school system from top to bottom also means providing students with quality buildings suitable for a 21st Century education.

CMSD's new master facilities plan was drafted with that connection in mind.

The facilities plan, which the Board of Education approved in June, calls for building 22 schools and refurbishing 20 to 23 others.

Projects are contingent on voters approving a November ballot issue that authorizes \$200 million in bonds for construction and a half-mill property tax for maintenance. The state would add more than \$2 for every \$1 that the District contributes to construction.

If voters approve Issue 4 in November, property owners will pay no more than they have for a bond issue that was passed in 2001.

The plan continues a badly needed modernization campaign that the District and state launched after the gym roof at the former East High collapsed 14 years ago.

Since then, CMSD has built 34 schools and fully renovated seven others. That includes new homes for John Marshall High School, Max S. Hayes High School and Cleveland School of the Arts that are under construction and scheduled to be ready next year.

Aligned with the District's portfolio strategy, the revised plan will ensure that excellent learning environments are within reach no matter where families live.



CMSD does not propose to add buildings. The construction projects would provide CMSD with the flexibility to continue creating new and innovative school models, like the new Bard High School Early College Cleveland, Cleveland High School for Digital Arts, Eagle Academy and PACT (Problem-based Academy of Critical Thinking), all of which opened this year in existing facilities.

At the same time, the distribution of facilities projects would ensure that neighborhoods across the District have access to modern public schools.

Issue 4 will allow for construction of 20 to 22 new schools, refurbishing of 20 to 23 schools and generation of \$2.5 million for building maintenance without raising taxes.

The District is working to maintain the community's faith that CMSD has the right academic plan and the right facilities plan to fully transform its schools and neighborhoods. Another factor of interest to residents is that school construction also would bring jobs to the community.

Toward that end, the Board of Education has adopted the city's Community Benefits Agreement for construction projects. The agreement will place priority on hiring city residents, minorities, women and small businesses.



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Parkinsons



Staff members from Imagine Bella Academy volunteered for the Parkinson's Disease Boot Camp at the Cleveland Convention Center on Saturday, September 6th.

ALS Ice Bucket Challenge

by Sarah Myers
On September 2, 2014 the Imagine Bella Academy staff accepted the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge from Imagine Harvard Avenue. The Imagine Bella World Changers raised \$140 from a Dress Down Day. The students were surprised when they walked outside Tuesday afternoon and saw 21 chairs and

21 buckets of ice water set up. Students helped dump and cheer on their teachers as IBAE staff stepped up to the plate! You can see the video on our Facebook page. Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence passed the challenge on to Lisa Lyons and the Imagine Cleveland Academy Wolfpack!

Fifth Graders Take Action



Mr. Leuszler's Fifth Grade Class

by Sarah Myers
Mr. Leuszler's fifth graders at Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence watch ChannelOne news every morning. The students were shocked to hear that elephants are being poached for their ivory tusks and even more appalled to find out the population of elephants on the continent of Africa has diminished to approximately 600,000, and they are in danger of becoming extinct within the next decade! Can you imagine a world without elephants? The 5th graders took action and devised a plan to raise money for young elephants who lost their mothers to the ivory trade. The fifth graders decided to hold a penny drive and raised over 6,500 pennies to donate to the WWF!

How can you be involved?

Take action: Tell the Obama administration you support strong new rules that help prevent illegal elephant ivory from being sold in the US by signing the petition found at the web address below: https://support.worldwildlife.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=777&utm_campaign=wildlife-crime&utm_medium=email&utm_source=cantaf&utm_content=140429

More information at the World Wildlife Fund website: <http://worldwildlife.org>

Community

A Parent’s Perspective: The Salvation Army’s Learning Zone

by Kat Catanese, mother of Sierra Starkey

The Salvation Army has been an inspiration to not only the needy, but also our children here in Collinwood. Their excellent mission is to provide meaningful afterschool activities and intervention, supporting academic, emotional, social and spiritual growth of children and their families.

They have a broad array of enrichment activities that complement their regular academic programs; and they provide the children a safe place to be cared for after school ends. There are always hot meals and snacks provided as well as arts, crafts, and recreation.

The Salvation Army’s Learning Zone’s number one goal is to provide homework help and assistance in preparing for tests.

Tutoring is also provided in the areas of curriculum that are most challenging. The children have hands on experiences with learning materials.

I will assure you, I have full trust in them considering my daughter has been going there since she was in pre-school. They have been picking her up from OH Perry and she really enjoys going there. There were times when she was having such a good time, she didn’t want to leave. She loves it!

The staff at The Salvation Army is so supportive and understanding. It is like a home or family outside our home. I recommend taking kids there. I guarantee, you will not be disappointed!

2014 Collinwood High School Football Schedule

by William McCulloch

Date	Opponent	Time	Location	Score
8/29	Garfield Hts.	7:00 pm	Garfield Hts.	L 6-26
9/6	Lutheran East	12:00 pm	Lutheran East	L 2-19
9/13	Open Door Christian	1:00 pm	Midview	
9/20	Whitney Young	12:00 pm	Collinwood	
9/25	Glenville	3:00 pm	Glenville	
10/3	John Adams	3:00 pm	Roye Kidd Field	
10/11	John Hay	7:00 pm	Bump Taylor	
10/24	John Marshall	3:00 pm	Collinwood	
10/30	Lincoln West	7:00 pm	Collinwood	

Fall Programs at the Salvation Army

by Margaret Craig
Summer is over and the fall programs at the Cleveland Temple Corps of The Salvation Army located at 17625 Grovewood Ave. are up and running. As always our recreational programs are going full force with the gym, exercise classes, game room and computer lab. The gym is open from 4:00 pm until 8:00 each week day and the game room and computer lab open up at 5:00pm. On Saturday the facilities are open from 10:00 until 3:00.

The Learning Zone Afterschool program began last month and now has over 40 students from five neighborhood schools. If you have a child at Memorial, OH Perry, St. Johns, St. Jerome's or Lakeshore Intergenerational School and would like to have your child participate in the program please give us a call. The children receive homework help, tutoring, recreations, and enrichment opportunities in the areas of music, art, and science with a strong emphasis on reading. There is a small monthly fee for the program and we would love to have your child participate.

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming events and activities. On Thursday, October 23rd from 4:00 to 6:00, the Learning Zone will celebrate "Lights on for Afterschool". This event shines a spotlight on afterschool programs around the state, to educate state legislators about the importance of this type of program for children. Please come and see our center and help send the message! Also mark your calendars for our Annual Fall Festival. This is our fourth year for this event and each year it gets better and better. It is a great opportunity for families to enjoy this time of year together. The Fall Festival will be held Tuesday October 28th from 5:30-7:30. Another annual event is our Christmas Assistance sign up. This year the sign up will be November 10th –November 14th. Please call us at (216) 692-1388 for more information.

As always you are invited to join us on Sunday for our worship service at 10:45 and Sunday School beginning at 9:30am, Women's Bible study on Mondays at 9:00am, and Club 3:16 for children which is every Tuesday beginning at 5:30. There are many more opportunities and activities for you to become involved with at the Salvation Army Cleveland Temple Corps, please give us a call or stop by to learn more.

Upcoming Dates

October 7

3rd Grade Fall Reading OAA

October 17

No School for Students (Professional Development for Teachers)

October 24

1st Quarter Ends

October 27

2nd Quarter Begins

October 31

Parent-Teacher Conferences (8 a.m.-4 p.m.)

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Imagine Bella Music Program Needs Your Help!

by Michelle Ianni
The Imagine Bella Academy music program recently began a fund raising effort to get a beginning set of Orff Pitched Percussion Instruments for the music classroom. These instruments will be used in all grade levels and in nearly every class time. Our music class is active and full of dancing, singing, creating, and playing any instruments we can, but we do not have very many and could greatly benefit from more. We need your help in supporting the arts and bringing the instruments to our classroom. To support our fund raising effort, go to www.donorschoose.org/michelle.ianni and support our project by making a donation to our music program! Thanks for all your help!

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Library

What’s Happening at the Collinwood Branch Library

by *Natasha Wells*
Fall is here and we have some great programs coming up! Please stop by the Collinwood Branch for a visit or to take part in one of our programs!

PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

Growing Readers Storytime
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Kids Café Snack Program
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Bomba: Dancing the Drum
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ing bomba alive in Puerto Rico for nearly a century. After the film, step up to the bonga drums and create your own bomba beats!
Friday, October 3 at 4:00 p.m.

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month: Guatemalan Kite
Kids will make and decorate a miniature Guatemalan-style kite from tissue paper and plastic straws or bamboo skewers. Tuesday, October 7 at 4:00 p.m.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

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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.
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October Events at the Memorial-Nottingham Library.

by *Jeanne Coppola*
GED Classes
Free GED classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday, at 10:15 a.m. These 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

Halloween at Your Library, Wednesday, October 29th, at 3:00pm. This is a special holiday event for children, where kids can have lots of fun making a Halloween mask, and searching for candy in a candy hunt in the library.

Red Cross Pillowcase Project, Wednesday October 29th, at 3:00pm. “Kids in grades 2 through 5 are invited to join representatives from the Red Cross for this fun, interactive session.” You will learn how to prepare for an emergency like a flood or a storm, and “decorate your own personalized pillowcase,” for you and your family to keep emergency supplies nearby to use in an emergency.

ADULT COMPUTER CLASSES

Making Panoramas with Photo Stitching Maker Lab, Thursday, October 30th at

3:00pm. This is a class for photographers to bring in their camera or digital photographs and learn how to “stitch photos together to create high-quality panoramas and other unique projects.” This class is for beginners and experienced photographers. To register for this class call the library at 216.623.2980. Registration starts on Monday, September 22nd .

Saturday Microsoft Classes

Microsoft Excel I 2010, Saturday, October 4th at 11:15 am. Learn how to enter and edit data and perform simple tasks.

Microsoft Excel II 2010, Saturday, October 11th at 11:15pm. Learn how to create calculations in your worksheet.

Microsoft Word III 2010, Saturday, October 18th, at 11:15pm. Learn to format and change the appearance of data and your worksheets; use sorting & filtering and find & replace.

Microsoft Word IV 2010, Saturday, October, 25th at 11:15pm. Learn how to create charts based on your data.

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South Collinwood Dog & Cat Wellness Day a Huge Success!



by *Becca Britton*
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St. Casimir Parish, 5 Years Old and Still Growing

by Fr. Joe Bacevice, Pastor
It is hard for me to believe that at the end of this month, October 25th, St. Casimir Parish will be five years old. It seems like just yesterday, that we celebrated the opening Mass here on Neff Road. But as I walked around the campus today, I saw what we accomplished in those five years. At 12:00 noon, our church bells rang the Angelus, as they do every day at noon and 6:00 pm. I see temporary signs on our auditorium and our school building saying that this is the home of Lakeshore Intergenerational School. A school again is on our campus. A walk around to our Marcella Road parking lot, is see Cuvilly House, which is a residence and ministry center run by the Sisters of Notre Dame. At the other end of our parking lot, I see what was once one of our rental houses, now called "Hope House", a place for our organizations and our adult education programs to meet. I see building renovations and improvements. But more importantly, I see people. I see happy people on school days coming to and going home from school. I see members of our parish organizations meeting in the evenings. I see people coming to Mass

each day – Sunday through Friday mornings and Saturday evenings. I see cultural programs, I see religious programs, I see educational programs. I see a vibrant, Catholic, ethnic parish community.
We have come a long way in five years, and we have a long way to go in the future. But this month, we stop and reflect and savor who we are and what we do. I invite the whole community to do that with us this October. Stop in for Mass: Monday through Friday at 7:30 am, Saturday at 5:30 pm, and Sunday at 8:00, 10:00 (Lithuanian) and 12:00. Stop by just to say hello. Our office is open from 10am to 6pm daily. If you are still looking for a Catholic Church, you might like us. If you have been away for a while and are interested in returning to Church, call me. I'll help you. If you're interested in Catholicism, ask us about it. If you want to meet some of our members, we're having a Clambake / Steak Roast / Fund Raiser on Saturday, October 25th, from 6-10 pm. Look for our ad elsewhere in this edition of the Collinwood Observer. Or, just visit our website: www.saintcasimirparish.org

Meet Joe LaMarca, New Proprietor of the Former Groom Room



Joe LaMarca new owner of LaMarca 185 Barber Shop

by Susan Brandt
It has truly been a pleasure to serve North Meet Joe LaMarca, the new owner of La-Marca's 185 Barber Shop, 501 E. 185th Street home of the former Groom Room, Just 25 years old, he is more than likely, the youngest owner of an establishment on E. 185. He has mad talent, and awesome skills, and a desire to make his business the best Family Oriented Barber Shop around.

Joe's 6 years of experience includes, training, and education in the field of Barbering ,at Allstate Barber College, La-Barbaria, in Little Italy , a few stints on the west side ,and Vines Barber Shop on 185th. So, he is not exactly new to the Rodeo. Currently a resident of N. Collinwood , Joe views the area as a growing,vivacious, mecca of redevelopment, in which to grow his business from!

His team consist of two other barbers , Melissa Minnillo, who is also his fiancé, works Monday, Friday ,and Saturdays, and offers haircutting for men, women and children. Also joining his team is Tony, who will be working Tuesday thru Saturday, and rounds out the three person team ,for now.

Hours of operation are 7:30 to 5:30 Monday thru Friday, 7:30 to 3:00 Saturdays. Closed Sunday.

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Raddell's Sausage Shop and Frank Azman Meat Market Earn Titles at Polka Hall of Fame Sausage Fest



Frank Azman (right) of Cleveland's Azman and Sons Meat Market receives the Best of Fest Judges' Award banner at the 11th annual Slovenian Sausage Festival sponsored by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum. The banner was presented by Polka Hall of Fame Vice President Mark Habat and Chairman Emeritus Tony Petkovsek. The event was held September 10, 2014, at SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio.



The grand jury at the 2014 Slovenian Sausage Festival chose Azman and Sons Meat Market of Cleveland, Ohio, as Top Klobasa. The event was a fund-raiser for the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum at SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio, on September 10, 2014. Left to right: Dan Postotnik, a sausage and polka music fan; Deborah Pinter, Executive Director, Orange Art Center; Cindy Barber, owner of the Beachland Ballroom; Walt Mahovich, director of the Harmonia folk music ensemble; Richard Novotny, Associate Vice President of Student Development and Dean of Students, Lakeland Community College; and Willoughby attorney Ronald Zele.

by Joe Valencic
Frank Azman of Cleveland's Azman and Sons Meat Market accepted the Best of Fest Jury Award and Raddell's Sausage Shop, from the city's Collinwood neighborhood, scored as the People's Choice at the 11th Slovenian Sausage Festival on Wednesday, September 10, 2014, hosted by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum.

Showers did not dissuade nearly 700 hungry music-lovers from enjoying eight hours of polka music and savory sausages at the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio. Fifty musicians and accordionists, including the Frank Stanger Orchestra (2013 Polka Hall of Fame Band of the Year), Kathy Hlad (2013 Button Accordionist), and the Fairport Jammers (2013 Button Accordion Group), volunteered their services at the annual fund-raiser for the Hall of Fame and museum.

"I grew up in with Slovenian sausage and polka music, so I just had to be here," said Linda Poropat Holle, a Euclid, Ohio, native, now living in Albuquerque, New Mexico. "It's a great family event. That's why I brought my mother."

Raddell's was the jury's runner-up and Azman and Sons Meat Market was the runner-up People's Choice. As winner of the People's Choice, Raddell's prize sausages will be served at the Polka Hall of Fame's three-day polka dance festival over Thanksgiving weekend, November 27, 28 and 29, 2014, at Cleveland's Downtown Marriott Hotel.

This was the first Sausage Fest title for Azman and Sons, a 90-year-old, third-generation shop on Cleveland's St. Clair Avenue. For the first time, a food truck participated at the Sausage Fest. The bold, red vehicle was operated by new entrant Sterle's Country House, the legendary Cleveland restaurant which now makes its own Slovenian sausage.

Members of the jury were Cindy Barber, owner of the Beachland Ballroom; Walt Mahovich, director of the Harmonia folk music ensemble; Richard Novotny, Associate Vice President of Student Development and Dean of Students, Lakeland Community College; Deborah Pinter, Executive Director, Orange Art Center; Dan Postotnik, a sausage and polka music fan; and Willoughby attorney Ronald Zele.



Ed Oshaben (center) of Raddell's Sausage Shop receives the People's Choice award banner at the 11th annual Slovenian Sausage Festival sponsored by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum. The winner's banner was presented by Polka Hall of Fame President Joe Valencic and Vice President Mark Habat. The event was held September 10, 2014, at SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio.



Button accordionist Linda Hochevar was one of fifty musicians appearing at the 11th annual Slovenian Sausage Festival sponsored by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum at SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio, on September 10, 2014.



Vida Zak, of Euclid, OH, serves one of Azman and Sons' award-winning products at the 11th annual Slovenian Sausage Festival sponsored by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum. The event was held September 10, 2014, at SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio.

"The jury decides by blind tasting while each visitor receives a voting ticket to drop in the ballot box of the vendor of their favorite sausage," explained Mark Habat, Vice President of the Polka Hall of Fame and Chairman of the Sausage Festival. "Vendors are invited to observe the judging and the ballot count. It's all on the up-and-up."

The Slovenian sausage is a regional American specialty prepared from recipes brought to the United States by immigrants from Slovenia, where it is known as Kranjska klobasa. Sausages are made with pork, often accented with garlic, and then cured and smoked. More than 1,500 sausages were purchased at the event as well as 800 slices of strudel and potica, a traditional Slovenian nut roll pastry.

The National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum celebrates the city's variety of dance music with audio exhibits, historic photographs and original instruments. The music style evolved in the city's Slovenian neighborhoods a century ago and became nationally popular in the decade after World War II, especially by America's Polka King Frank

Yankovic. Each year, the Polka Hall of Fame's nationwide membership nominates and vote for polka performers in different categories. The 27th annual awards ceremony on Saturday, November 29, 2014, at the Grand Ballroom of the Downtown Cleveland Marriott Hotel, is the high point of the Polka Hall of Fame's Thanksgiving weekend music festival.

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

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Arts

Jerry Schmidt – Collinwood’s Man of Steel



by Bryon Miller

You’ve seen his work rising up from the concrete like something from the far off reaches of your imagination. Gleaming in the sunlight, and accented with bright paint, and shiny steel. If you’ve ever wondered where all those great and wonderful “things” come from; which torch wielding genius architect gave life to them...well, let me introduce you to Jerry Schmidt.

When you first walk into Jerry’s studio, it’s as if you’ve been transported to Santa’s workshop. Only instead of Santa, there’s Jerry, and instead of toys, there is steel. Well, not just steel. There are walls covered in anything you can think of, and metal objects adorning every crevasse, waiting to take form into something beautiful. Your imagination takes you back to childhood, when anything was possible. You begin to notice the intricate ways each object is made, and the care and precision that it took to make them. Then you realize that you’re somewhere pretty special. Welcome to Waterloo 7 Studio & Gallery.



Jerry’s talent was honed by his father, Fred Schmidt, a world-renowned sculptor. Back in the 50’s and 60’s, Jerry would often spend hours watching his father work. It was then that he knew what he wanted to be.

“In the 60’s I really started to see it, at the age of eight. I’d come in and I’d watch him create. I remember the first time he had handed me a (welding) helmet, and I put that helmet on, and I saw the darkness. But then all of a sudden the light appeared, and it was like trying to find that light at the end of a tunnel. To me that’s what it reminded me of. Have I found that yet? I haven’t. I’m waiting for that. I think that’s when that light will ultimately be, when I meet my maker. Ya know? But all this in-between, all this other part, is the thrill of being a sculptor, and being able to do what I love to do, and that is art.”

Long before there was a “Waterloo Arts District”, there was Jerry Schmidt. He was one of the first artists to move into the area. His father passed away in 2001,



one that sees things in the pieces he puts together. Taking sheets of steel, scraps of colored glass, rusty springs, old bicycles (well, you get the point), and turning them into wonderful mind-bending sculptures. You want to be around them, stand beside them. You want to hear what they are saying to you.

Jerry’s recent work can be seen at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, the Fabulous Food Show at the IX Center (November), as well as many locations throughout Collinwood and Cleveland. When Jerry isn’t sculpting, he is active in various community programs. He volunteers at the Euclid Adult Activity center, and also teaches a weekly class with PEP (Positive Education Program).

Waterloo 7 Studio & Gallery is located at 15315 Waterloo Road, in the Waterloo Arts District. Please call to set up a time for viewing or consultation.

“We had no idea what was going to happen here. It wasn’t even a plan. I would have underground gorilla art shows at the gallery, with over a hundred extension cords for lighting. No heat. But people came. It was really great”

Speaking with Jerry, you get a sense of someone in tune with his work. Some-

Local Artists Dedicate Wheels On Waterloo Sculpture



by Louis Ross

Waterloo Artists Louis Ross and Jerry Schmidt dedicated their public sculpture “Wheels On Waterloo” to the residents of North Waterloo. The large steel sculpture was created as an Artist In Resident Grant from Community Partnership for Arts and Culture and Northeast Shores. It was partially funded by The Kresge Foundation, Ford Foundation and other NPO sources. Lou designed the monumental sculpture to depict the past, present and future of Waterloo Road. 5 Steel wheels are balanced on a large swelling Lake Erie wave. The recent Streetscape Project unearthed ancient trolley train tracks that once ran down the center of the street. A large train wheel depicts that era. Residents traveled daily across what is now I-90 to factory and foundry jobs, symbolized by an arrangement of industrial gears. A fan blade represents the new “green” windmills which can be seen on our skyline. A 45 RPM record with its

The Gold Standard & The Silver Lining

by Joanie Deveney

A triple gold star art event curated by Collinwood artist and resident “Joan of Art” at the Doubting Thomas Art & Free Verse Space 856 Jefferson Ave. in Tremont, Ohio one of several galleries openend during second Friday Art Walk. Opening night exhibit will include work of over 25 artists with several Collinwood artists involved. Artist were challenged to interpret title theme and create a small wall hanging piece. Viewers are asked to get up close to work and converse with artists as to what the work represents. There will be a costume contest in the gold and silver theme, “Silence Is Golden” room music and refreshments served opening night only.



painting by Collinwood artist and resident Beth Koblitz THE EYES HAVE IT



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Steven Smith “HERE THERE BE DRAGONS

Arts

What Do Murals Do For Neighborhoods?

by Allison Lukacsy

Art is polarizing.

Some of us view a contemporary painting and think, “I, too, could splatter paint, paint one TINY black dot, or flood a canvas with white and only white paint”. Others find subtle, monochromatic brush strokes mesmerizing.

And while each of us can recognize the immense talent needed to sculpt, paint, draw, and construct a museum masterpiece, Degas or Serra might not be your or my favorite.

It’s easy to walk through a gallery and pass up artwork that does not strike you. It’s decidedly more difficult to live in a neighborhood brimming with art that’s not your style.

Jamie Bennett, Executive Director of ArtPlace America, recently spent time in the Waterloo Arts District and spoke highly of our creative movement during a luncheon at The City Club of Cleveland. He spoke passionately of designing public art to “creatively make a place” and identified numerous examples of such interventions in Cleveland (including the “LOCKS of Love, from Waterloo” interactive, extroverted public art fence) funded by grants. NOTE: this art project is the author’s own and if you aren’t pleased with the art you see on Waterloo, come to the fence and affect it visually by adding your own lock!

Mr. Bennett emphasized the need for urban planners to “fundamentally reposition arts and culture as a core sector of community planning”. The question of the role of art in public space is a question I raised earlier this year, also at The City Club, during a discussion on the future of Public Square.

In contrast to the Cleveland project - which focuses on knitting together four squares with grassy lawns and a water feature - Millennium Park in Chicago elevates large-scale public art including an outdoor concrete pavilion, “The Bean”, and interactive digital media towers by big name artists. It is green and watery, too, but the focus is on art, thusly bringing more people into the district.

What Public Square may miss, Waterloo does not. We are a burgeoning, authentic arts district with a diverse history and bright future. Every mural, every sculpture, every gallery exhibition may not be your cup of tea but I urge you to look beyond the paint, steel, and eccentric artists and see the value the arts add to our neighborhood.

Why? Art truly does build community. Think back over the course of this year and the 50+ Collinwood Vibrancy Grant Projects funded by The Kresge Foundation and Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and presided over by Northeast Shores CDC. Non-arts based merchants and artists joined arts business along Waterloo to develop free public events, permanent pieces of visual art, and more importantly relationships.

Why else? Art makes a neighborhood safer. Mr. Bennett relayed a number of scenarios and statistics demonstrating how arts-based businesses draw people to a street at all times of the day (imagine morning coffee and a poetry reading at a café, potters arriving to a mid-morning class, a craft store open from 9-6pm, a restaurant that bustles in the evening, and a concert venue that rocks out into the wee hours of the morning). It’s a fact that more eyes on the street leads to increased safety.



Winsome photographs from Phone Gallery’s #THISISWATERLOO exhibition celebrating our neighborhood turned into screen printed greeting cards.

The visual arts, including murals, define our geography as an arts district and allow us to articulate the change we want to see - literally and figuratively as is the case with the “I want Waterloo...” chalk board wall. Art gives those who live, work, and play here a voice, an opportunity to contribute and participate.

Art gives us identity and that’s some-

thing to celebrate.

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Arcade	Old Stone Church	Severance
Botanical Garden	Playhouse	Stan Hywet Hall
Franklin Castle	Progressive Field	Squires Castle
Galleria	Rock Hall	Terminal Tower
Holden Arboretum	Science Center	West Side Market

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CHALLENGING SUDOKU

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FAST FACTS ABOUT ISSUE 4



- CMSD would build 20 to 22 new schools and refurbish 20 to 23 schools **without raising taxes.**
- The state would contribute more than \$2 for every \$1 the District spends on construction.
- The bond issue would have a net economic impact of \$456.8 million in local and state funds.
- Issue 4 would generate \$2.5 million a year for maintaining schools **without raising taxes.**
- The bond issue will cost the owner of a \$50,000 home \$44.10 per year.
- CMSD has spent its construction dollars prudently while building and renovating 41 schools. The District saved \$42.2 million by refinancing and paying off debt early.
- The school board has prioritized jobs for city residents, minorities, women and small businesses on construction projects.
- The facilities plan, aligned to *The Cleveland Plan*, allows flexibility to start new school models and ensures quality options in every neighborhood.
- The independent Bond Accountability Commission, which was created in 2001, would continue to monitor the use of bond funds.

