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# Balina Tournamnet Slovenian Workmans home



by John Copic Friday, November 14 and Saturday, November 15

Slovenian workman's home

15335 Waterloo Rd. 216-481-5378

entry fee \$60 per team includes a sandwich and a soft drink on Saturday

teams may consist of four men, four women, or mixed teams

cash bar will be open both days

prize money for winners of each division

games will start Friday at 7 PM and Saturday at 9 AM

# It's Never Too Late To Thank a Veteran

by Laurie Henrichsen

Hospice of the Western Reserve helps veterans find peace at life's end. Collinwood residents will join Americans across the country to observe Veterans Day on November 11t, a special day to salute the men and women who have bravely served our country. These fellow Americans have made sacrifices in defense of freedom. Honoring our local veterans includes supporting them throughout their entire lives.

For some veterans, however, nearing the end of life can bring anguish over past war experiences. Did you know that Hospice of the Western Reserve, our community-based hospice headquartered right here in Collinwood, is one the nation's largest nonprofit legacy providers of care? Or that the organization has made a special commitment to those who have served in the Armed Forces?

Over the past two years, the agency has provided care to more than 3,200 veterans throughout Northeast Ohio, including many of our friends and neighbors in the community. Its Peaceful & Proud program provides training for clinical care teams, so they can address complex issues such as post-traumatic stress disorder and substance abuse. Each Veterans Day, a special ceremony, complete with military Color Guard, music, refreshments and the individual "pinning" and recognition of each veteran who resides at David Simpson Hospice House and who wish to be honored, takes place.

The hospice also conducts many more such recognition ceremonies across Northeast Ohio each year, ranging from intimate gatherings involving a single hospice patient



Hospice nurse Amber VArner gives a hug to World War II veteran and Purple Heart recipient Frank Banach.

and family to large public events where a hundred or more veterans are honored. This year, more than 2,000 veterans will be honored and personally thanked in public recognition ceremonies by Hospice of the Western Reserve. Many more will be recognized privately, by the bedside.

"Northeast Ohio is home to a very large veteran population, and many vets are nearing the end of life. Some of the most important work we do is helping them find peace," explained Bill Finn, chief executive officer. Finn said to help address these needs, volunteers who have served in the military are paired with veteran patients, providing the camaraderie of shared experiences. Counseling, storytelling, art and music therapy, and legacy work are just a few of the ways the community-based hospice helps veter-

ans achieve the peace they seek at the end of life

Hospice of the Western Reserve is also actively involved with We Honor Veterans, an innovative program of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization offered in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The hospice is among an elite group that has achieved a "partner level four" designation from the national program, given only to hospices demonstrating the highest level of commitment to veterans.

If you or a veteran you love would like more information about the services provided by Hospice of the Western Reserve, visit hospicewr.org, or call 800.707.8922. And remember, this Veterans Day or any day at all... It's never too late to thank a veteran!

# **Empty Bowls in Collinwood**

by Adrienne Khan

On Thursday, December 11, 2014, Ginn Academy will hold its 2nd annual Empty Bowls fundraiser in the library media center to directly support The Cleveland Food Bank. For a \$10 donation, you can select a handmade bowl created in our art studio by a member of the Ginn Academy ceramics program—both teachers and students participate. Your bowl will then be filled with homemade soup—this year's offerings are broccoli & cheese, steak & potato, vegetarian minestrone, chicken tortilla, and matzo ball—you can also choose turkey chili. Included will also be a spoon wrapped in linen, along with a slice of

freshly baked bread—rustic Italian, multigrain, or homemade cornbread.

Please come to the Ginn Academy from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to support this important event for those in need in Northeast Ohio throughout the winter months. Last year well over \$1,000 was raised from this event for The Cleveland Food Bank. We hope to make this year's event an even greater success.

An additional table of beautiful, handmade ceramic pieces will be hosted by Mrs. Rickel. Anyone interested in making an additional donation to The Cleveland Food Bank can choose from a range of art pieces from \$5 and up.

### Helping to Feed People in Need

Empty Bowls is an international grassroots effort to fight hunger and was created by The Imagine Render Group. The basic premise is simple: Potters and other craftspeople, educators and others work with the community to create handcrafted bowls. Guests are invited to a simple meal of soup and bread. In exchange for a cash donation, guests are asked to keep a bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. The money raised is donated to an organization working to end hunger and food insecurity. http://www.emptybowls.net/

This fundraiser has been organized by Judy Rickel, ceramics teacher at the Ginn Academy. *Photos courtesy of Claire Lucas* 

# Sunday Polka Dances at the Slovenian Workman's Home on Waterloo 15335 Waterloo Rd. 216-481-5378 3 PM until 7 PM

\$12 per person includes a sandwich and a soft drink

no charge for coffee bar available

November 2 Al Battistelli November 9 Bob Kravos November 16 Wayne Tomsic November 23 Don Wojtila



Potters on their wheels



Groupings



Ceramic howl

# Community

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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.

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 neighborhoodwide 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.

# **Autumn** is Here

by Councilman Michael D. Polensek

What a great Fall, so far. With that has come the opening of the Waterloo Arts & Entertainment District. My sincere thanks and appreciation for all the patience you have shown during these past two years of great inconvenience. However, we can all see the fruits of our labors. With the new Waterloo Brew opening up in the historic Waterloo Slovenian Home along with other venues within the district. This has been a long time dream of mine to work with Northeast Shores Development Corporation and other stakeholders to create an eastside arts and entertainment district. We are on our way!

Work continues on the Lakeshore Boulevard Relief Sewer. Northeast Regional Sewer District is working hard with their contractors to finish what work they can before the weather turns bad. This is a massive project as we all can see, but one that definitely needed to be done. Stay tuned for future updates.

You have all heard the old saying that – if you don't use it you lose it. Please support our neighborhood businesses and venues in the neighborhood. As we reinvent our greater neighborhood, we who live here must set the tone. If you look city-wide at the neighborhoods which are coming back and repositioning themselves, it is because of believers. I have never stopped believing in our community and our ward as a whole. Many neighborhoods in Cleveland have ceased to exist as they were because people and businesses lost hope. Please join with me in becoming a cheerleader and a champion for the expanded new Ward 8 community. We can and will make a difference. We have proven that.

On that specific point, the number one complaint I receive into my office daily is about Building & Housing as well Health issues related to private homes and properties. In 2014, I am extremely troubled by what I see as a lack of passion and commitment coming out of the City of Cleveland's Administration related to Building & Housing Code enforcement. There are numerous inspector positions unfulfilled and the City's follow-up and prosecution is dismal at best. Why. We still cannot figure

We cannot talk about rebuilding and re-growing Cleveland from the Downtown outward. The trickle-down theory doesn't work. It must be a true partnership and balancing act. Neighborhoods, especially the outlying neighborhoods and wards, need

special attention to combat the speculators, as well as slum and absentee landlords who have descended upon us as a result of the foreclosure crisis and subsequent unloading of bank-owned properties. I am calling upon all of our neighborhood associations and institutions to take a more proactive approach on code enforcement in their respective areas or on your block.

November 2014

All housing complaints can be called into (216) 664-2007 and Health related complaints may be called into (216) 664-2300. Any group wishing to write the Mayor regarding any substandard property may do so. Please contact my office for the proper outline and forms. Become a stake-

So far, we have been lucky with the weather. However, we all know that's going to change, real soon. Once again, continue to turn in any and all chuckholes into the Mayor's Action Center at (216) 664-2900. Please make sure that all streetlights are working. Report Street lights out to (216) 621-5483. As always, you may also reach me at my office at (216) 664-4236 or via email at mpolensek@clevelandcitycouncil.org.

Wishing you all a great THANKSGIVING. We have a lot to be thankful for.

# Thanksgiving Day

by Mary Louise Jesek Daley

We each have our own memories of THANKSGIVING DAY. They weren't all "over the hills and through the woods to Grandmother's House" but I am sure they were special times with family, friends, and good food. Hopefully the traditions continue. However, do we remember to be thankful and even prayerful this day as well?

The FIRST THANKSGIVINGS were truly days of prayer and thanksgiving held by those who came to the shores of America at St Augustine (1565), Jamestown (1610), Berkley Plantation (1619) and the Pilgrims at Plymouth in 1620. They were held in gratefulness for deliverance, freedoms, prosperity and bounty. The Pilgrims feasted in thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest which meant their survival.

Our Thanksgiving Days in our lifetimes have come to mean food, parades, shopping and football. We need to remember what "THANKSGIVING" really means and show our gratefulness for the blessings we enjoy as a family and as a nation. In all the day's preparations and activities - let's not forget to be thankful for our bounty.

On October 3, 1789 President George Washington declared a special day of pub-

lic Thanksgiving and prayer for the 26th Day of November 1789 as requested by both Houses of Congress. The Proclamation reads in part that the day shall be "... observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness." It also reads that the People of these United States should devote themselves to being thankful, "in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us." Finally, the Proclamation states that we should then "unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; ... and, in general to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to

On October 3, 1863 President Abraham Lincoln, after some of the worst battles of the Civil War then raging for over 2 years

and a month or so before delivering his now famous Gettysburg Address and at the urging of Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor, proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving to be held in perpetuity on the same day in all of the United States. Thus the last Thursday of November was set aside as a "Day of Thanksgiving and Praise." The Proclamation states all the good things we had been blessed with despite being at war for which to be thankful for. President Lincoln, therefore, made further Proclamation that, "... I recommend to them [the people] that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverance and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, command to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union."

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

# **Therapist Opens** New Office in Collinwood



by Danielle Dronet Collinwood Hello Neighbors! I am Danielle Dronet, a therapist in private practice. My office is

located in the Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries Center, located on St. Claire, across the street from Dollar General. I accept several insurances, Medicare, and provide a sliding fee scale. My practice is available to couples, individuals, families, children, and teens. Phone calls are welcome to talk about available therapy appointments and discuss if engaging in therapy can help improve a situation.



# St. Mary's Fall Fest

Sunday, November 23 1:00 - 7:00 PM 15519 Holmes Ave. Cleveland Polka Mass at 12 noon church

# **Psychodynamic Therapy**



Danielle J. Dronet LISW-S, LICDC DDronet@DDronet.com 216.501.1730

# Community

# Halloween on WaterBOO



Costume contest winner, ages 0-5

by Julia DiBaggio

The sky was gray and the wind was blowing, but that didn't stop the families of Collinwood from dressing up in costumes and coming out for Halloween on WaterBOO! Originally the activities were going to be held outside, but the old bank building proved to be a great location for the event headquarters.

Of course, it wouldn't be Waterloo if there weren't a whole lot of arts and crafts. Down the street, artists of all ages participated in pumpkin painting and decorating with beach trash. Yes, beach trash! There



Bean bag toss.

were large pumpkins and small pumpkins. The small pumpkins were entered into a contest; the winners are now on display in the Phone Gallery located on Waterloo Road. The children did potato printing on their trick-or-treat bags, and then strolled down Waterloo to the many businesses that were passing out candy. There were also a variety of games, including double dutch, bean bag toss, and a scavenger hunt.

Special thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and resources to make



VASJ students volunteering with the potato printing.





Collinwood youth at the craft table.

# Santa Claus is **Coming to Town**

by Julia DiBaggio Santa is coming to North Collinwood for

a special breakfast with the kids. What would Christmas be like without photos with the jolly guy in red, a chance for kids to tell him their number one wish and presents they are hoping for? Come join us for breakfast with Santa on December 13, 2014 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School. Photo ops and fun activities are included with a \$5 dollar ticket purchase.

# **Construction on** Waterloo



Construction at Brick

by Julia DiBaggio

New windows, roof, and siding OH MY! Things are jamming over at Brick Ceramic & Design Studio and Bright Coffee Bar! Exterior work is estimated to be completed before we ring in the new year and Brick should be open for business in early 2015! Yahoo!!

# Voters Invited to Utilize New **Drive Through Ballot Drop Box**



Pat McDonald. Director of the Board of Elections

Vote by Mail ballot for the November 4th General Election if you prefer to drop it off at the Board of Elections. There is a new drive through ballot drop box. The drop box makes voting more accessible and convenient when returning voted ballots. It eliminates the need to find a place to park and walk to the building in inclement

"The secure drive through ballot drop box allows voters to deposit ballots at their convenience, any time, day or night. The ballot drop box was designed specifically for ballots and is monitored 24/7 by video surveillance, as well as checked and cleared out several times a day," said McDonald.

The box is located in the Board of Elections rear parking lot and is available to accept ballots, ballot applications, and voter registration cards.

The Board of Elections is located at 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115.

# **2015 Elections**

by Julia DiBaggio

It is time once again to prepare for the Northeast Shores Development Corporation annual meeting and election of officers in January 2015.

At the January 20, 2015 Annual Meeting of Northeast Shores, elections will be held for current vacant seats, and expired terms. Northeast Shores is seeking representation from both residents and business/institutions for the upcoming election. Experience or interest in real estate, marketing, law, and/or finance would be beneficial.

Being a member of the Board of Directors requires a commitment including: Attending the Board meetings each

month held on the third Tuesday. Active involvement in at least one of our committees, which meet monthly

Help raise funds for the organization. Active participation in neighborhood

shopping and business opportunities. By becoming more involved, your efforts will be directly translated into the improvement of North Shore Collinwood. With your help, North Shore Collinwood will be a better place to live, work, and visit. Please feel free to contact any of the current board members to discuss how your talents can contribute to Northeast Shores. If you wish to serve on the Board of Directors,

please send a letter of interest to Northeast

Shores by November 30, 2014.

Acting as a director of Northeast Shores

requires a significant commitment. There

are rewards to serving on the board of an organization of this caliber. We provide

excellent opportunities to bolster this great

residential neighborhood, while removing

vacant, blighting properties. We are ac-

tive in the business districts to bring about

marked improvement in neighborhood

# **Picturing Collinwood**

activities and events.

Northeast Shores wants to know what you think. What are your impressions of Collinwood? What have been our big successes, and what do we still need to address? Stop by the Northeast Shores office (317 East 156th Street) or visit our Facebook page to

share your thoughts and your vision using our online survey. It won't take you long, and the feedback you provide will be a huge help to us in prioritizing our revitalization strategy! Complete the survey and you may win a \$25 gift certificate! Questions? Call 216-481-7660.

# My First Trip to a Foot Doctor

I had never been to a foot doctor or a podiatrist. I recently went on a vacation where I did a lot of walking. Upon returning home I realized that my foot was in pain from what I thought was an ingrown toenail. I remembered seeing an ad in the Euclid Observer for Gentle Foot Care. I called and made an appointment and they were able to take me within a couple days.

I am not a big fan of doctors, and I was

a bit apprehensive about my appointment. When I arrived I was pleased to find that my visit was covered by my insurance. After filling out all the appropriate paperwork, and a very short wait I was ushered into a very pleasant room. The staff was very friendly and professional and my issues were resolved with no pain whatsoever.

I highly recommend Gentle Foot Care, located right here in Euclid at 25701 North Lakeland Blvd.

# Community

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# **Observer County Executive Questions: Armond Budish**

by Betsy Voinovich Name in full: Armond D. Budish

Ryan and Daniel

Family: Married to Amy Budish. Sons

Education: B.A. Swarthmore, J.D. New York University

Current jobs held: Attorney - Budish, Solomon, Steiner & Peck, Ltd (since 1993); Self-employed (television program, newspaper and magazine column, book au-

Elected offices held: State Representative, 2007-Present; House Speaker 2009-2010; House Minority Leader 2011-2013

2. If you were grading Cuyahoga County's first time out of the box County Executive and Council, what grade would you give the current Administration and Council? What have they done well and what do they need to improve upon?

Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald and the County Council did a good job setting the foundation for the new government and restoring the public trust. Without the trust of the public, nothing else can be accomplished.

In the first term since the new government was formed, Cuyahoga County has taken several important steps to prevent corruption. The County has adopted the strongest ethics standards in the State of Ohio. Cuyahoga County is the first county in the state to create its own inspector general, who will ensure that all members of government adhere to the highest ethical standards. To add an additional level of accountability, vendors and contractors must now be vetted through the most stringent procurement policies in the County's his-

Most important, we need leaders of honesty and integrity. With thousands of employees and a \$1.3 billion budget, it is essential for our future leaders to set the tone for ethical conduct on a daily basis and be prepared to act when problems do arise. As County Executive, I will do just that.

Looking forward, we must focus on job creation, building on our region's strengths in health care, broadband fiber, manufacturing and water. We must better align job training and education with the thousands of jobs currently open but unfilled because employers cannot find employees with the right skills and training to fill those jobs. We must help local communities save money with shared purchasing and services. And we must aggressively reach out to those most in need to make sure they understand and can access the programs available to lift them up.

### 3. Explain how, given your background and experience, you plan to address the areas that you noted above as those that could be improved upon? Please be as specific as you can.

The largest portion on our budget is spent on delivery of social services. My focus on helping older people and their families cope with the challenges of aging has given me great familiarity and experience with many of our social service programs. I understand what works and what doesn't work, and I will make sure that our programs are more people friendly.

Thousands of Cuyahoga County residents are eligible for veterans, healthcare, food assistance, and other benefits programs, but have not signed up. These programs can make a huge difference in people's lives. Yet many people are not enrolled because they don't understand that they are eligible, or because these govern-

ment programs are often too complicated and intimidating. The County has the responsibility to reach out to residents where they are and deliver services to residents in need. When we stabilize families, we stabilize our communities and benefit everyone in the long run.

It is also important that our next County Executive understands how to bring people together. Government is not simply a business where a single executive or board can act unilaterally- we must build consensus and support from the community to achieve common goals. I have demonstrated those abilities in my work bringing people together as Speaker of the Ohio House when I passed a budget and other important legislation with a Republican Senate. Many of the county's elected officials support my candidacy because they know I have a history of bringing people together to reach solutions.

## 4. If you are elected, how will the average citizen of Cuyahoga County, be able to tell that things are improving because of your

Under my leadership, the County administration will be transparent and accountable. We will let citizens know what's working and what's not. We will seek the input of people throughout the County to let us know their views of what works and how our programs may be improved.

Job creation and training will be a priority for the County under my leadership, and hopefully citizens will be able to see success as more people get good paying jobs.

When more of our children choose to remain here or move back to the County to work and raise a family, that will be a measure of success

When we see more of our residents covered by health care, including private insurance and Medicaid for those who are eligible, that will be a measure of success.

When we bring down the shameful rate of infant mortality, that will be a measure

When more of our communities are saving money by sharing purchasing and services, that will be a measure of success.

### 5. What other key issues, program, policies, etc., not already discussed, do you plan to take on if you are elected to the job of County Executive?

We must also recognize that the County has new responsibilities as we move forward. We need to expand the County's role in economic development and education.

We are in the midst of a capital crisis in the Midwest and Ohio, which makes it difficult for new businesses to get started and to grow. The County can and should play a lead role in supporting our entrepreneurs and small businesses.

We have a unique asset: our Lake Erie. We sit on the largest basin of fresh water in the world, the Great Lakes. Yet our lakefront is under-utilized, and we can do much more to use our fresh water to attract businesses to our region.

Our children are our future, and education is key. Two potential avenues I'd like to see the County pursue: high quality early childhood education for all our kids, regardless of their parents' income; and a Cuyahoga version of the Pittsburgh Promise, making it possible for any high school graduate to obtain a higher education regardless of ability to pay.

This is an exciting time for our County, and I am extremely excited about the potential for great things for the people of our

# **Observer County Executive Questions: Jack Schron**

Name: Jack Schron, Jr

Family status: Married Education: BS in Business, Florida Southern College; JD Ohio Northern University Current jobs held: President Jergens, Inc.; **Cuyahoga County Council 6th District** Elected offices held: Chagrin Falls Board of Education 12 years; Cuyahoga County Council elected twice

2. If you were grading Cuyahoga County's first time out of the box County Executive and Council, what grade would you give the current Administration and Council? What have they done well and what do they need to improve upon?

I am honored to have served on the County Council for the first four years of the new county government. Rather than getting involved in petty partisan politics the Council focused on good government and working together. Though there is always room to improve, if using a letter grade I would give the council a "B". All of us came into a brand new government following 200 years under county commissioners and the corruption that brought. We reset the moral compass, passed legislation dealing with economic development/ job creation, created the office of inspector general and served as watchdog of the public funds. In the area of economic development, I am proud to be the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee for the Council. We completed the convention center on time and under budget, helped support public projects throughout the county and repositioned the county offices for a long future.

The County Executive led the operations of new county government and brought forth many programs. What is still remaining is to finish the reform of our fledgling government and to grow more jobs. Though he has played an important transitional role, our current executive is leaving before the task is completed. We need to improve delivery of county services and to implement technology to enhance that delivery. One key way to improve our county government will be to listen to the thoughts and ideas of our 7,000 employees. They are the ones who daily come in contact with the single mother, the aging adult and those who have special needs. They can help us improve how we deliver support through our fiscal office to provide better support to both our commercial and noncommercial

3. Explain how, given your background and experience, you plan to address the areas that you noted above as those that could be improved upon? Please be as spe-

My background of 30 years in running a business, Jergens, Inc. as the executive, as a

(now retired) colonel in the US Army and my four years on County Council have given me the leadership background and experience to address the problems listed above. Job creation and county service improvement in a Jack Schron administration will be attacked by creating a business growth task force and an operations improvement task force. We will call upon those working in the county to help identify how we can better support our county customers. We will tap into the vast base of those working in the county and those who access the county to help identify and improve our

The second task force will be formed as a coalition with business leaders, labor and private sector organizations to identify jobgrowth opportunities. My jobs plan calls for targeted focus in manufacturing, medical and more which I call my 3M's. We are world-famous in these areas and we need to reach out to every potential business to tell them the county's story. We have built real economic development tools for our \$100M county program and I will aggressively use them to achieve job growth in the coming

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The average citizen will see me actively participating in the county. I'll be approachable and ready to help. They'll see a high level of commitment to bringing in and growing jobs. I have a history of supporting schools through my time, talent, dollars and campaign. Having a job is the essential component of support for the individual, the personal self-worth, the rebuilding of our families and the strengthening of our communities. A citizen will see things improving because more people will be working and our neighborhoods

### 5. What other key issues, programs, policies, etc., not already discussed, do you plan to take on if you are elected to the job of County Executive?

We will take on the computerization of the old county systems. We currently use multiple older computer systems, making it difficult to communicate and to do business across departments. During a Schron administration, we will consolidate systems and increase efficiency. We will review existing programs during business improvement, reduce those not working and build where needed. We will take our message of job growth out-- with an outreach method rather than one of a responding message. It will not be my goal to launch new programs but to improve those that are not performing and eliminate those not able to



# Events

# Beachland Hair Design Annual Holiday Open House



Vintage Thanksgiving Autumn styling Photo by Joseph Miheli Styling Susan M. Brandt

by Susan Brandt

Beachland Hair Design will be hosting their annual Holiday Open House on November 29, 2014 from 10 am till 5pm. Please feel free to stop in for snacks and refreshments.

Beachland Hair Design has been having the annual open house for 5 years. Every



Vintage Bike Photographer Joseph Miheli stylist Susan M. Brandt

year we host a food drive benefiting The Cleveland Food Bank, along with monetary donations as well. This year, as well as past years, Beachland Hair Designs Open House coincides with the Shop Small Shop Local, which we have had much success with.

Besides supporting a local business, you



Vintage patriotic photographer Joseph Miheli stylist

can win a chance at a free haircut for a year, a vintage photo session complete with hair, makeup and styling(see pics). numerous gift baskets, and many more surprises during the

Save the date November 29, 2014 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Vintage girls nite out Photographer Joseph Miheli Stylist Susan M. Brandt

Beachland Hair Design open house benefiting The Cleveland Food Bank 18324 Lakeshore Blvd. Cleveland Ohio 44119

We wish all our friends and neighbors the best for a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

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**Academics Community** Faith

# **OLL Youth Ministry Makes Spooky Fun for Farmpark Visitors**



Our Lady of the Lake Youth Ministry always finds ways to have fun - and this fall was no exception! They helped out at Lake Farmparks' Halloween wagon rides, filling in as ghost pirates and ghastly ghouls to give kids enjoying the event some spooky fun. Another great, fun outing for Youth Ministry, and a nice gift to the community, too.



# Drink Local, Drink Tap Visits OLL



Erin Huber, founder of Drink Local, Drink Tap (DLDT), joined the students at Our Lady of the Lake School (OLL) for the fourth consecutive year in order to maintain the partnership as both DLDT and OLL continue to work to bring safe drinking water to students in Uganda. Erin makes trips twice a year to Uganda to assess areas in need in order to return with the supplies and know-how to provide fresh water wells. Educating our students on the choices they make and how these choices not only im-



pact our local community here along Lake Erie but the greater global community as whole, Erin makes a lasting impression encouraging her audience to become wavemakers by lifestyle choices and spreading the word. The fifth graders and junior high students will delve even deeper with their learning culminating in both World Water Day in March and 4Miles, 4Water in May. Students will work on beach clean-ups and we-search projects on water-related issues of interest. For more information on Erin and her work, visit drinklocaldrinktap.org.

# Ministry Helps Neighbors in Need

My wife was a member of the St. Vincent DePaul Society, Holy Cross Conference. They were losing their President, and needed someone to be President who could do the paperwork and record the info into the computer, so my wife asked if I would volunteer to do it - and I said "okay." Thirteen years later and I'm still at it, involved in all aspects of it, with a great group of people, who work hard to follow the mission of the

You might ask, "What do I get out of it?" You can't imagine! First, the simple joy of knowing the generosity of the members of the Our Lady of the Lake Parish, who make it all possible with their gifts of money, food, and clothing, and the knowledge of their trust, that we will help the needy with their donations

Next, the feeling of friendship of the wonderful people I work with here in the parish and at the Father Wittman-Ozanam

Center. That feeling continues with the meeting of new clients who need help and the old clients, who count on us to help them make it through life's pitfalls.

The work itself helps to keep me busy, active, healthy, and young. My faith grows and so does my love for others, as corny as that may sound -- I know it to be true. Those people that I talked about, who work together on this ministry, showed that same love and affection to my family and me when we needed it the most, and we will

People often ask me why do I always seem so happy, and I tell them it's because I have faith in God, family, and friends, who love me and to whom I return the same!

The Blessed Frederic Ozanam, founder of the St. Vincent DePaul Society, once said, "The poor are gifts from God to us, to help us to get to Heaven." And that I truly

# Third Grade Activists at OLL



How can we help homeless animals in our community? This is the question that the third grade students in Mrs. Gentile's class at Our Lady of the Lake School set out to answer. After reading Judy Delton's Piles of Pets, a book about a girl who tried to find homes for homeless pets and animals of all sorts, the third graders dug deeper into animal issues. Starting on a global scale, the students explored endangered animals selecting a specific animal to research and created a puppet through which to share their findings. Then the students examined animal issues in their community and part-

nered up with the Euclid Animal Shelter in their school project, PAWS for PETS (a play on words where they asked the school community to take time to think about needy, homeless pets in the Euclid community). Mrs. Gentile's students met with a representative from the shelter in order to determine the needs of these animals. Working with this wish-list, the students created flyers and went room to room to publicize their cause. According to third grader Max V., "we would do a little presentation and answer questions" because, as classmate Elise R. noted, it was "a community service for the animal shelter because they were spending a lot of money but still needed more and we raised over 175 items." These items they collected included blankets, food and toys for cats and dogs, soap and more. The lessons in this cross-curricular unit even included the making of origami dogs. What an extensive way to take the learning beyond the classroom and become agents of change!

# Our Lady of the Lake Attends Saint **Ignatius Brain Brawl**

Saint Ignatius High School held Brain Brawl IV on Saturday, October 18 and eleven students from Our Lady of the Lake School participated. This engaging, challenging and fun academic competition was an allday event which included lunch. Faculty and students from Saint Ignatius hosted students from schools all over Northeastern Ohio placed into 32 teams with several rounds of

trivia and categories. While OLL did not secure the cup, they held their own with several wins and one team proving undefeated until the afternoon session! Each face-off between two schools followed a tournament round, a letter round, and the wildcat round. The knowledge showcased by our students was most impressive - looking forward to next year!

# Our Lady of Lake Fall Sports Have **Strong Season**



Our Lady of the Lake Parish athletes are wrapping up a fun and exciting Fall season of CYO sports through the Catholic Youth Organization of the Diocese of Cleveland. This Fall season, athletes in third through eighth grade from Our Lady of the Lake Parish participated in CYO Volleyball, Football, and Cross Country. Football players and Cross Country runners participated on teams through a joint program with Saint Robert and William, a fellow Euclid

Eight young athletes from Our Lady of the Lake (OLL) ran on the Cross Country team. The children worked hard and competed well in meets at area courses including Forest Hills Park, Lorain Community College and Edgewater Park.

Football players from OLL participated on three teams at the Cadet, Youth, and Intermediate levels. They played strong against area parish teams in games held at fields at St. Clare School, Benedictine High School and more. The Intermediate team finished off their season at the CYO Championship Tournament.

Our Lady of the Lake Falcons Volleyball consisted of seven teams of girls. In addition to playing regular season games, the OLL Falcons also participated in tournaments held at Saint Francis of Assisi and St. John Vianney. The sixth, seventh and eighth grade teams were part of the CYO Championship Tournament which started October 18th.

OLL student athletes have enjoyed participating in the Fall CYO season, and plans for Winter CYO sports, including Basketball and Cheerleading, are under

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# Monarch Butterflies Teach St. Jerome Students about the Life Cycle





The First grade students at St. Jerome School got to learn first-hand the life cycle of a Monarch Butterfly. The children, being as inquisitive as they are found the caterpillars while playing outside at recess. The students were so excited about their discovery we decided to make our classroom their home. The first graders put the caterpillars in a butterfly net along with some milkweed, and over the course of a two week span watched the caterpillars form into the chrysalis stage. At the chrysalis stage the caterpillar spins a silk pad

onto a horizontal substrate. It will then hang from that pad by the last pair of prolegs upside down. The caterpillar will shed its skin and begin to undergo a beautiful transformation called metamorphosis. The students were able to witness this stage along with witnessing the butterfly emerge after about a two week span. Also during this period, the children documented their observations until it was time to release the butterflies into their natural habitat. The students truly had a hands on experience seeing first-hand the life cycle of a monarch butterfly.



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# Upcoming Parish and School Events

Nov 1 & 2 - Food Pantry Collection & Choir Recruiting Weekend

Nov 2 - All Souls Day 10 a.m. Mass and Candle Ceremony Reading of names of deceased St. Jerome parishioners from the past year

Nov 3 through 6 - Parent Teacher Conferences

Nov 7 - No School

Nov 8 - Respect for Life Poor Man's Reverse Raffle

Nov 14 - All School Mass 8:30 a.m.

Nov 18 - PTU Meeting at 6 P.M.

Nov 20 - Early Dismissal

Nov 25 - School Food Drive

Nov 26 through Nov 28 - No School -Happy Thanksgiving

Nov 30 - First Sunday of Advent

Dec 1 - Advent Vespers at 7 P.M. in the church

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# Marianists from Rome visit VASJ

It is a privilege any time VASJ has the presence of Marianists (members of The Society of Mary), one of the school's sponsoring religious orders, in the school building. On October 23, VASJ was fortunate to have visitors from the World Council of the Marianists from Rome, Italy.

Fr. André Fétis, SM, assistant for religious life, and Bro. Mike McAward, SM, general assistant for temporalities, come to the school and talked with several of the students, teachers and members of the administration. They were joined by Bro. Paul Hoffman, SM, who is the parish life coordinator St. Aloysius Parish in Cleveland and a member of the VASJ Endowment Board.

"We were very pleased to show our support." Marianist visitors how we carry out the Marianist mission at our school," said VASJ President Richard Osborne '69. "It's important that we underline the characteristics of Marianist education in everything we do. Marianist and Ursuline charisms are at the heart of everything we do.'

The Marianist visitors had lunch with members of the VASJ administration and religion department, followed by a tour of the school. It was a chance for the Marianist visitors to ask questions and hear about the way the Marianist charisms are infused into the education and environment at

Two of the experts in this area are teachers Bill Raddell '68 and Beverly Moore, who work hard to incorporate the characteristics of Marianist education into the religion courses at

"The Marianists have always had a way of showing how much they value what we are doing at VASJ," Raddell said. "We've been blessed by their

The visitors also met with Dean of Academics Tim Neary '03, who is the director of VASJ's Marianist Urban Students Program (MUSP). VASJ is one of only three schools with a MUSP program. The program, which was founded in 1992 by The Society of Mary, is designed to offer high-



Bro. Mike McAward, SM, general assistant for temporalities, and Fr. André Fétis, SM, assistant for religious life, display their new Viking apparel after their visit to VASJ.

potential students in urban Marianist elementary schools with the financial, academic and social support needed to

Bro. Mike spoke of the strong network of the Marianist schools and the ways in which they are unified through the core values.

"The partnerships that you have with the Ursulines and Marianists you're not alone," said Bro. Mike. "It

is great to learn from one school to the next. The core values you share with the other schools – and in many ways, the energy – is coming from the same place. The Marianist charisms unify them. Students have brothers and sisters throughout the world.'

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The visit ended with a trip to the Viking Bookstore where Fr. Andre and Bro. Mike picked out some Viking apparel to take back to Rome.



A group of VASJ students involved in the Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice



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# Students participate in **Respect Life Mass**

A group of nearly 20 VASJ students peace and justice issues. who are involved in Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice (CSPJ), a Diocese a member of CSPJ her entire high of Cleveland group committed to promoting peace and justice, attended the Respect Life Mass and Public Witness event held at The Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist.

The group gathered for Mass before marching to Public Square where students from each school, including two students from VASJ, gave testimonies and speeches on various

Senior Valerie Koch has been school career. This was her fourth time attending the Respect Life event. Each year, she becomes more inspired to continue advocating for peace and

"We are the people of the future," Koch says. "What we do now can truly affect the lives of those around us. These events prove that my beliefs can make a difference."

# **HELP WANTED AT VASJ**

VASJ has an opening for a part-time bus driver and on-call van driver. Certification required. Interested applicants should fax resume to 216-486-1035.



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# Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

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# **VASJ** celebrates the **Holy Rosary**

When Bob Preto received the Summer 2014 issue of VASJ Magazine, he noticed the "Save the Date" for the Rosary Prayer Service and knew it was something he wanted to attend.

"I know it sounds funny but the Holy Spirit came over me and said I had to be there," Preto says.

Preto, who was a member of the maintenance staff at Villa Angela Academy and VASJ for over 20 years, said the school still holds a special place in his heart.

During his tenure at VASJ, Preto attended many Masses and other



VASJ Religion Chair Bill Raddell '68 and former staff member Bob Preto.

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High

already has an impressive resume built

School senior guard Brian Parker

up during his standout career at the

All-Ohioan. State champion.

Parker can now add Division I

On October 10, Parker verbally

"First off it is a chance at a great

education, they have a great coaching

staff and it is a great atmosphere,"

Parker said. "I liked the fact that the

head coach was with me the whole

Parker is coming off a stellar

junior season in which he averaged

assists per game, helped his team to

a Division III state runner-up finish

and was named an AP Ohio co-player

of the year in D-III along with Carlas

Jackson of St. Bernard Roger Bacon

and Martyce Kimbrough of Lima

The 6-foot-3 standout was

also named News-Herald Player of

the Year, Northeast Lakes District

Division III player of the year and

Central Catholic.

17.7 points, 6.4 rebounds and 5.5

time and I liked the guys I met."

college scholarship player to that list.

committed to continue his basketball

1,000-point scorer. District and

conference player of the year.

career at Marist in New York.

Viking Village.



VASJ seniors sit in the shape of the rosary at the Rosary Prayer Service which was held on Thursday, October 2, in the VASJ gym

Liturgies. One day nearly 20 years ago, it struck him that there wasn't much attention given to Mary and the rosary. Preto approached VASJ religion teacher Bill Raddell '68 about the

"As we have come to better understand our Marianist charisms, we have since realized it is appropriate to celebrate the rosary in a more formal way," Raddell says.

Thanks to Preto's suggestion, the VASJ community has been gathering each October for more than 20 years to celebrate the Holy Rosary

A Rosary Prayer Service was held on October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. VASJ Peer Ministers planned the event and the

Senior Brian Parker commits to Marist

entire student body as well as alums and friends (including Preto) were in attendance.

"This is a unique part of our

Catholic spirituality and rich prayer tradition," Raddell says. "The Rosary reminds us of the power of God to change the world." VASJ seniors sat in the shape of

the rosary and each member of the class recited the Holy Rosary. The Sorrowful Mysteries were acted out by a group of Peer Ministers and two of VASJ's Praise Dancers performed a routine – completely choreographed by the students.

"It was special," Preto said of the prayer service. "I was very much impressed with the students' behavior."

has already verbally committed to

after narrowing down his decision

to four schools – Illinois, Kansas,

Kentucky and UCLA.

Northwestern. VASJ senior Carlton

Bragg will join the duo at some point

Kwasniak said Parker is in a

star guard Duane Gibson was in a few

years back. Gibson ended up going to

Evansville, which Kwasniak believed

could have been beneficial for Parker.

of the utmost importance. He was too

choice and Marist and Coach (Mark)

Maker really wanted him," Kwasniak

now, he didn't want to wait."

said. "If somebody likes him this much

Kwasniak lauded Maker for his

good to be somebody's second or third

"Going where you are loved is

was an ideal fit and that experience

similar situation that former VASJ

# Views

by Richard Osborne

Here at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School, we offer a "values-based education." It is a term you hear a lot in Catholic education, but what does the term really mean?

On these pages, readers are given a glimpse into the answer. The articles here reflect how the spiritual values of VASJ define the character of our school. It means that while we excel academically and athletically, we also are focused on placing all we do in the context of our spiritual ideals.

VASJ is one of five high schools owned by the Diocese of Cleveland. As such, we operate under the authority of Bishop Richard Lennon and the Diocese's Office of Catechetical Formation and Education. Moreover, we are blessed to be sponsored by both the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland and the Society of Mary (Marianists).

The Ursulines sponsored Villa Angela Academy, founded in 1878, while the Marianists sponsored St. Joseph High School, founded in 1950. When the two schools merged in 1990. we were fortunate to retain these dual sponsorships. We are, in fact, the only school in the world sponsored by both the Ursulines and the Marianists.

This unique combination – the Catholic Diocese, the Ursulines and the Marianists – affords VASJ an educational environment steeped in the values of the Catholic Church as well as our two sponsoring orders.

On the hallways throughout our school, you will see phrases that capture the core values of the Ursulines and the characteristics of Marianist education. They reflect one another and capture essential themes: academic excellence, faith, service, justice, peace, leadership, humility, kindness, respect for women and respect for life.

Likewise, our Hall of Fame celebrates men and women who are models of success as those values define success. VASJ Hall of Famers have distinguished themselves in a variety of careers that have brought honor to our school – business, professional sports, education, law and politics – but the most important thread that runs through their stories is their commitment to the ideals of the valuesbased education they received here.

That is the VASJ difference. We educate to make a difference so that our students live lives that enrich their families, their community, their country and the world.

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

VASJ senior Brian Parker announced he will play DI college basketball at Marist.

North Coast League White Division Player of the Year in 2014.

Making the commitment before the season started is something Parker was hopeful for during the process.

"It takes a lot of stress off," Parker said. "It is very exciting and there were a lot of people that helped me like my family and Coach Kwas (Babe Kwasniak). I look forward to playing at the next level."

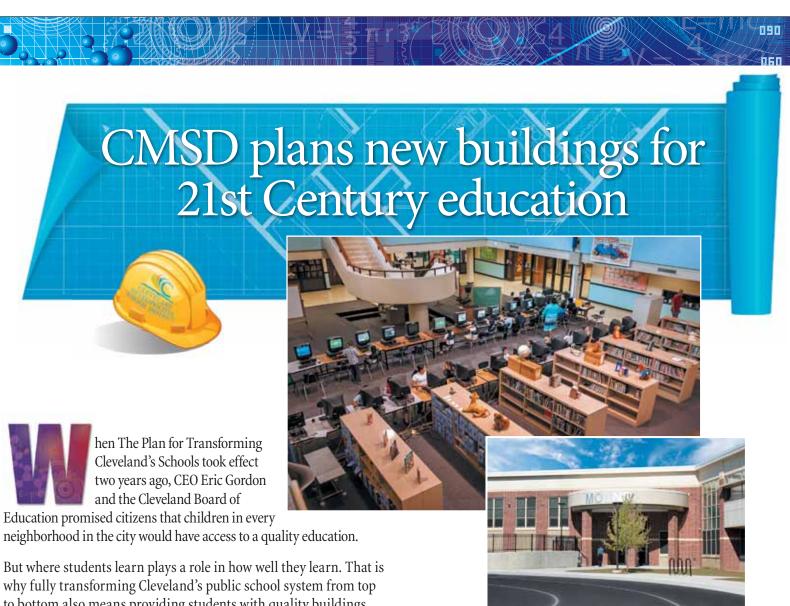
Parker joins teammate Dererk Pardon as a D-I commit. Pardon

recruitment of Parker as well as for the first year Marist coach's success at the Division III level before becoming an assistant under current Michigan coach John Beilein. "Coach Maker was shocked

how people undervalued Brian," Kwasniak said. "Now, he gets to go to a great institution in a great area of the country and he will get a chance to play right away. What's not to like about that?"

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Education promised citizens that children in every

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

The facilities plan, which the Board of Education approved in June, calls for building 20 to 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.

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, E<sup>3</sup>agle 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.

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

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.

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













COLLECTIVENESS

# Student of the Month

The following students were recognized as an October Student of the Month by Imagine Bella Teachers for demonstrating the Character Trait of Responsibility.

Daejah Allen, Jim Brown, Kennedy Burnett, Jayahna Carroll, Alycia Dillard, Lorenzo Dillard, Alayah Iverson, Caleb

Floyd, La'Shawn Havergne, Sa'Na'Ria Johnson, Na'Shya Kemp, Shmya Kemp, Danah Lee, Shaniya Lipscomb, Jackari Miles, Aiden O'Neal, Nalani Payne, Kierra Pope, Ja'Miere Roberts, Le'A Sims, Kaliana Smith, Kevin Smith, Paige Spreitzer, Jetaun Taylor, Qui'Maree Vereen, Quinton Wallace, Brea Warner, and Amira Zangare.

to older or younger students. Teachers en-

joy the opportunity to share their hobbies

and students love working with a variety of

students and exposure to an area of inter-

est. Each week the clubs engage in a differ-

ent activity or work on ongoing projects.

In January, students will pick a new club to

# Friday Clubs are Back

Imagine Bella started Friday Clubs on Friday, September 26, 2014. All students were able to choose from many choices led by teachers including Lego Club, Crossfit Club, Choir, Yoga, Walking Club, Art Club, and many more. Teachers chose an area based on personal interests that would also engage students. Some clubs have students from all grade levels and others are targeted









# Each Day is a "Success" at Imagine

**Upcoming Dates** 

November 24th-28th | No school for students

Winter Break:

December 22nd-January 2nd | No school for students





Mrs. Gamble and a Fifth Grade Success Group

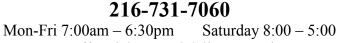
New learning happens each day as students are immersed in grade level content and can be seen during vocabulary lessons, guided reading, or interacting with the My-Math curriculum on a Starboard. Even as students are challenged with new content, Imagine Bella has established time to review skills targeted to student needs. Daily, students are provided intervention in reading and math as part of "Success Period" as part of the 8 Step Process. (The 8 Step Process is based on Pat Davenport's reform efforts in Brazosport, Texas.) Success Period allows Imagine Bella to provide the benefits of tutoring within the hours of the regular academic day, and ALL students receive in the benefits of Success Period.

During Success Period, students in



Ms. Shriver works with a Success Group in Ms. Shope's First Grade Class

grades 1-5 daily work in small groups with a teacher or instructional paraprofessional to strengthen skills in mathematics and reading. For students demonstrating mastery of skills, Success Period is used to challenge students at the next level or engage in projects to deepen their understanding. Success Period groups are created based on student assessment data, classwork, and observations of student performance. Students are placed in a different group for reading and math and each Success Period group changes at least twice a quarter to remain responsive to student progress. Kindergarten students are even getting ready for Success Period each morning when they meet in small groups for "Morning Missions" in reading or math!



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# Faith

# Finding Faith in Collinwood

Everyone needs faith in someone or something. Finding faith again in something after my husband's sudden death, took great courage, but once I did I have been able to accomplish things I never thought possible before and have met some quite interesting people along the way.

If you are a faith-based organization in Collinwood then meet the Collinwood Area Pastoral Association. This is a new co-operation of Collinwood neighborhood religious groups, who are coming together to work for (and with) our Collinwood community, brought together by Councilman Polensek, who saw not just a need, but another way to work for the good of Col-

Many of them you will know - and many you may not be so familiar with - but we are uniting to work together, for the betterment of our Collinwood neighborhood. All faiths are welcome to be part of this group; we very much want to not only welcome everyone, but we want to reflect the diversity of our religious beliefs, that so very much reflect Collinwood's cultural diversity and

We have now met about three times. with each meeting bringing a different mix of faiths together - which makes for lively discussion and a strong sense of support for each other. The purpose of the Collinwood Area Pastoral Association is to showcase the diversity of the greater Collinwood community with a mission of spiritual and community leadership not to be lost in a secular and political world, to be a beacon of light in the community, and to promote spiritual individualism to address neighborhood needs where others cannot.

So, if you're a religious group here in Collinwood, why, you may ask, should I be part of CAPA? Writing as a minister of a very small congregation myself, I found this group to be open and friendly, willing to offer support and suggestions for the problems that face all of us. Our hope is that, by working together, supporting each other's efforts by "interfaith" support of each other's programs, events etc., we will strengthen each other - and by strengthening each other, strengthen our Collinwood community. (There's always power in num-

Wondering where there's a church (or other religious institution) is in our Collinwood neighborhood for you? Are you interested in going to services? (But think there's nothing out there for you?) Then check out the list we have of Collinwood faith-based groups, I am sure there is a

As a faith-based organization think about joining us. We would most definitely like to meet you at our next meeting to be held on Thursday, December 11th. The time and location have yet to be chosen. Any further questions may be directed to Mary Louise at Councilman Polensek's office. She may be reached at (216) 664-4236 or via email at mdaley@clevelandcitycouncil.org. If you are reading this and don't see your name – contact us to be listed.

Look forward to seeing all of you in De-

Rev Elva Brodnick Memorial Spiritual Christian Church

# The Salvation Army Christmas Assistance 2014

by Captain Chris Mauk

The Salvation Army will officially kick off the Christmas season with the start of Christmas Assistance Registration, November 10-14. For 123 years The Salvation Army in Collinwood has been providing hope to people who have found themselves in the midst of trying circumstances at Christmas time and throughout the year. As in the past, we will continue to meet these needs this Christmas.

Families with children 12 and under may sign up to receive toys, a gift card for

holiday food and coats. They can register at The Salvation Army (17625 Grovewood Ave.) on from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday, November 10, 2014 through Thursday, November 13, 2014 and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 14, 2014.

When you go to register, take the following information: government issued I.D. or driver's license; birth certificate or current medical benefit card for EACH child (newborn-12 years old). For more information, call The Salvation Army at 216.692.1388

much pain I am in, my children come first.

# Why Your Help Matters

by Sarah Gyorki

Sometimes we need to hear from the folks who receive assistance, to remind us of why sharing with our neighbors matters. Lots of people right here in our community face struggles; they could be living next door to you, and your generosity could make all the difference. Here's the voice of one family that has recieved support from Our Lady of the Lake's hunger ministry:

"If you have children, you understand what it means to go above and beyond for them. Going above and beyond is not as easy though when you develop chronic illnesses or other ailments. I know because I suffer from many chronic issues myself, some of which have been difficult to diagnose by a doctor and therefore cannot be treated. My life is full of doctor appointments, and taking care of my children and other family members. No matter how

Although I make sure that I feed them, clothe them and give them the bare essentials, it is difficult for me to give more than that. My illnesses prevent me from working as I would like to, and this is especially difficult on holidays, such as Christmas. Thanks to St. Vincent de Paul, my family is truly able to celebrate and enjoy the most magical time of year. Their generous donations have generated countless smiles, tears and laughter and I appreciate them so much for helping me to give my children, the little more that they deserve. I am just one example of the many families that are helped by this part of the church. They work tirelessly collecting food, clothing and monies for those in need. Their selflessness truly makes them angels among us and I am so grateful!"

# Collinwood Area

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House of Prayer for All People Pastor David Simmons 307 E 156th St

In Touch for Christ Christian Bishop Prince J Moultey 969 E 140th St

Kingdom Keepers Church Pastor Chelsea T Pernell 14911 Westropp Ave

Lost-Found Nation of Islam Mosque Minister Taleeb Saleem 256 E 156th St

Marantha Seventh Day Adventist 15311 St Clair Ave

# **Pastoral Association**

Memorial Spiritual Christian Church Pastors Rev John & Tammy Hill/ Minister Rev Elva Brodnick 19204 Pawnee

November 2014

New Beginning Covenant 726 E 140th St

New Birth Walk of Faith Pastor Edmonds 799 E 157th St

New Life Cathedral Pastor Shawn Braxton 16200 Euclid Ave (East Cleveland)

New Life Missionary Baptist Pastor Bobbie Laster 13905 Diana Ave

Salvation Army Temple Corps Cpt Christopher Mauk 17625 Grovewood Ave

Shepherds of Joshua New Beginnings Pastor Johnny Kelly 15321 Shiloh

> St Aloysius Church Rev Ted Cassidy 10932 St Clair Ave

St Casimer Church Rev Joe Bacevice 18022 Neff Rd

St Jerome Church Rev Anthony Cassese 15000 Lake Shore Blvd

St John Nottingham Lutheran Pastor Walther P Marcis/ Pastor Dan Murray/Ms. Mella Young 17403 Nottingham Rd

St Mary of the Assumption Church Rev John Kumse 15519 Holmes Ave

Temple of Praise Seventh Day Adventist Pastor Colin Parkinson 1985 Grren Rd (East Cleveland)

Tree of Ministries Church of God 365 E 156th St

True Holiness Pastor Tommie L Rambo Jr 15314 Macauley Ave

Word for Life Gospel Center Pastor Romero Phillips 18100 Canterbury Rd

# How You Can Help

The Hunger Ministry at Our Lady of the Lake welcomes contributions of food year round at the rectory, 19951 Lakeshore Blvd. For more information about contributing, call (216)486-0850. They accept any nonperishable goods, but especially appreciate the following items:

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal (hot and

cold), Canned fruit\*, Canned meat, Canned dinners (beef stew, ravioli, etc.)\*, Tuna fish\*, Chunky soups (makes a meal put over rice or noodles)\*, Bar soap, Laundry detergent, Dishwashing soap (Dawn, Joy), Toothpaste, Rice, Pasta sauce, Pasta, Soups (can or box), Pancake mix, Syrup, and Crackers (saltines, wheat thins, etc.). \*Especially needed

# Green Collinwood

# A Street Cleanup for the Beach

by Stephen Love

Join Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach(TM) Team volunteers on Saturday, November 15th 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for our second annual street cleanup. Why a street cleanup and not a beach cleanup? Unfortunately, street litter accounts for the primary source of the trash that we collect after it has washed up on our beaches. Every time it rains, litter from our streets makes it way into our storm sewers and our storm sewers outflow either directly into Lake Erie or into creeks and tributaries. If it is on the ground chances are it will make it into our water. Check out some great resources about understanding storm water and watersheds and how you can make a difference at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District Storm water education page: http://www.neorsd.org/stormwater-watersheds.php.

Volunteers will meet outside the Collinwood Recreation Center (16300 Lakeshore Blvd.) in the parking lot at 10:00 a.m. for registration. Cleanup teams will pick up litter along Lakeshore Boulevard between Wildwood Park and East 156th Street. Gloves, bags, rakes and trash pickers and refreshments will be provided. However, you are welcome to bring your own. Children under 10 are required to be accompanied by an adult. All participating volunteers will receive a coupon to Chili Peppers Restaurant, good for 1/2 off your purchase of a meal and a drink. Following the cleanup, we will have pizza inside the

Questions about participating in the cleanup, contact Stephen Love at 216-571-0685, adopt.euclidbeach@gmail.com or on facebook.com/adopteuclidbeach

Hope to see you out on the street!



Adopt-a-Beach super volunteers Leila Jackson and David Saja sweeping the streets at last year's street

# Waterloo Sites Featured in **US EPA Tour**

by Jennifer Elting

On Sunday, Oct. 26, more than 50 people visited the Waterloo Neighborhood to learn more about the stormwater management practices in place at two area parking lots, Azure Stained Glass and Outdoor Theatre lots.

The visitors, representing more than 30 communities across the country, were in Cleveland for the US EPA's Second Community Summit (GI Summit) on Green Infrastructure. Waterloo was one of five tour stops showcasing best practices in green infrastructure throughout Greater Cleveland.

The Azure lot, located at East 156 St. and Waterloo Rd., has 21 parking spaces and artistically integrates bioretention features to capture and filter pollutants from the surrounding parking lot. This highly visible space includes educational signage along Waterloo Rd.

The Outdoor lot, located at the eastern end of the Waterloo Road District, has 30 parking spaces and features a bioswale, infiltration basin and meadow with native

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grasses. In addition, stormwater-friendly pervious concrete drains the traditional asphalt parking spaces allowing runoff to migrate to the infiltration basin where it is cleansed further before soaking into the

"The Sewer District recognizes the importance of local initiatives to construct rain gardens, bioretention features, and other site-based stormwater management practices," said Rachel Webb, Watershed Team Leader at NEORSD who coordinated the tour. "We have great partners and want to support the implementation of these projects."

These projects were made possible with grant funding from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District's Small-Scale Stormwater Demonstration Grant Program. In 2012, Northeast Shores received a total of \$71,117 for several area projects; \$23,453 of that was for the Azure lot and \$24,097 was for the Outdoor lot. In addition to Sewer District funding, additional financial sup port was provided by US EPA, Ohio EPA and Cleveland Economic Development.

# Yard Waste Polluting Our Waterways a foul odor. Yard waste can also 'super-

Did you know that grass and leaves can harm our creeks and streams? Few, if any, property owners think it's acceptable to dump tires, machine parts, plastics and other unnatural trash into our waterways. But many still believe it is okay to deposit organic material like leaves and grass onto a stream bank, in a storm drain, or into the

Well, when it comes to stream dumping, even organic doesn't "cut it."

Many leaves will naturally fall into the water, but as homeowners, we should be mindful not to upset nature's balance. Leaves, grass clippings and pet waste should never be dumped in or even next to a creek, ditch or pond.

Yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, pet droppings, etc.) is the 2nd largest category of all discarded trash. When these materials are put into the stream, they begin to decompose and use up the critical, life-giving oxygen in the water. As a result these streams can become unsightly and release

fertilize' streams and lakes and can lead to algae blooms and fish kills. Furthermore, this excess debris can obstruct flow and clog downstream culverts, leading to localized flooding and erosion problems.

Yard waste should be composted, or set out with the trash according to your community's yard waste pick-up guidelines. Pet waste should always be bagged and placed in the trash. You can further protect our local waterways by leaving an unmowed buffer strip next to any creek on your property and by planting trees and shrubs on and next to stream banks. This streamside setback helps to filter pollutants from runoff and to protect the streambank from ero-

You can learn more by calling Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District (216-524-6580) and requesting a free copy of Life at the Water's Edge: Living in Harmony with Your Backyard Stream.

Remember - clean water starts with you!

# Thanksgiving Fun for Kids

by Jeanne Coppola

Thanksgiving Fun, Thursday, November 19, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at the Memorial-Nottingham Library. This special program

with the Native Americans, who had helped them plant and learn to grow crops. At the first Thanksgiving, the Pilgrims and Native Americans celebrated the feast together, ate at the same tables and played games. Today's Thanksgiving celebration is a lot different than the way it was when it



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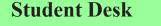
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# What's Happening at the Collinwood Branch Library

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

Help grow your child's early reading skills! Children ages 3-5 are invited for stories, songs and rhymes that will help them become better readers later in life. 30 minutes. Through November 4th

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. Monday -Thursday from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

### Kids Café Snack Program

The Cleveland Foodbank in collaboration with the Cleveland Public Library offers FREE after school meals for ages 18 and under. Monday - Friday from 3:30-4:30

Girl Rising Documentary Film Screening & Discussion

Join us for the viewing of Girl Rising by director Richard Robbins. This documentary explores the lives of nine girls from differ-

ent parts of the world and the challenges they face. This program is appropriate for 6th grade and up. Thursday, November 6 at

### We're Thankful!

Please join us during the weeks of Nov. 17 and Nov. 24 to sign our We're Thankful! wall. All ages are encouraged to participate.

### 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. Monday & Wednesday from 12:30-2:30 pm.

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Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries and Collinwood Library in partnership with Key Bank will present a personal finance information session. Call 216-623-6934 or 216-481-8182 to register.

Access Your Money: Take Charge of your Saturday, November 8 from 11:00-1:00

# Julius Pietrantozzi (3/7/1967-9/18/2014)

by William McCulloch

You left too soon. - Your friends from Mirabile's

### **Around The Corner**

Around the corner I have a friend, In this city that has no end, Yet the days go by and weeks rush on, And before you know it a year is gone And I never see my old friends face, For life is a swift and terrible race. He knows I like him just as well As in the days when I rang his bell. And he rang mine but we were younger then And now we are busy, tired men Tired of playing a foolish game, Tired of trying to make a name. "Tomorrow" I say! "I will call on Jim Just to show that I'm thinking of him." But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes And the distance between us grows and grows. Around the corner, yet miles away, "Here's a telegram sir", Jim died today. And that's what we get and deserve in the end. Around the corner, a vanished friend.

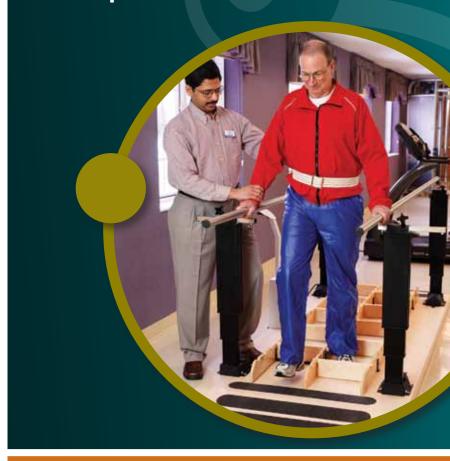
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# FAST FACTS ABOUT ISSUE 4



- 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 new construction.
- The bond issue would have an estimated 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.
- 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 provide access to quality options in every neighborhood.
- The independent Bond Accountability Commission, which was created in 2001, would continue to monitor the use of bond funds.

