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## Unprecedented Turnout Kicks Off East 185th Street Planning Effort



by John Boksansky

Residents, property and business owners met on Tuesday evening February 24, 2015 at Villa Angela St Joseph's Gymnasium to view data maps and share goals and dreams for planning the future of East 185th Street. The planning effort utilized the Transportation of Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) funding from the Northeastern Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency (NOACA). The planning study is being sponsored by The Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, The City of Euclid, The City of Cleveland, Northeast Shores as well as local businesses and institutions.

Tom Evans, Lead Planner and the staff from URS (AECOM) Corporation facilitated the meeting. Mr. Evans stated, "We had over 120 attendees at the E 185th Street planning study meeting. I know the crowd vastly exceeded everyone's expectations and the dialogue and input generated was amazing. The level of interest tonight is inspiring and energizing to everyone on the team."

Ward 8 Councilman Michael D. Polensek as well as City of Euclid Councilman Kristian Jarosz were also in attendance and participated in the meeting. "We look forward to the future, working together with the citizens to realize a workable plan for the future of the East 185th Street area," stated Councilman Jarosz.

Bob Triozi, neighborhood resident was

pleased with the turn out. Triozi commented, "you know folks came out in numbers, even in this cold North coast evening and dream about a better tomorrow for our community." Frank Barresi, Proprietor of Marin's Men's Wear on East 185th Street stated, "We look forward to the future planning efforts in helping the district to realize its full potential. We are thankful to the community for the great turn out and look forward to working with the consultants, Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, the Cities of Cleveland, Euclid as well as Northeast Shores."

"The TLCI program has been an effective planning event for us before and it has produced a plan of action to assist communities with enhancing the quality of life through the planning of transportation-focused projects that support the goals of NOACA's long-range transportation plan," stated Brian Friedman, Executive Director of Northeast Shores. Friedman further stated that, "The plan will address a number of issues including travel options through complete streets, increasing user safety in the corridor, promoting the reinvestment in underutilized or vacant/abandoned properties, supporting economic development through place-based transportation and land use recommendations, gaining public input at this meeting tonight as well as encouraging collaboration between regional and community partners."

## Girl Scouts Appreciate your Support and Sweet Tooth



Brownie Girl Scouts from Troop #71092 kept warm serving customers at their drive-up cookie booth

by Erin Randel

The Girl Scouts in Brownie Troop #71092 and Cadette Troop #71440 appreciate the support shown by the neighborhood at their recent "drive-thru" cookie booths at the LaSalle Theater. Northeast Shores was kind enough to provide the space and promotion to the troops, which together serve more than 35 girls in the Collinwood/Euclid area. Over the two Friday nights, the girls sold more than 350 boxes of cookies for a profit of almost \$250 (the troop keeps about 69¢ per box sold).

The girls earned credit towards their

individual and troop goals, and got important experience marketing their products, loudly! They practiced teamwork in taking turns for the various jobs at the booth, improved their people skills in serving customers driving every which way, and most important, had lots of fun despite the cold. Both troops are planning camping trips and will be making choices over the coming months on how to spend their earnings on leadership development experiences including field trips, badge programs, and community service projects.

## Teacher of the Year



Teacher of the Year Hillary Kaput and her class

by Sarah Myers

Who has the Teacher of the Year for all Imagine Schools in Northeast Ohio? That would be right here at Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence. Hillary Kaput started at Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence in 2010 as a Kindergarten teacher and won teacher of the year in her current position as a second grade teacher. Mrs. Kaput strives for academic growth for all students, a positive classroom culture through morning meeting, and works as part of the

school improvement team afterschool.

Mrs. Kaput was first picked as Teacher of the Year for Imagine Bella and then she moved onto the regional round. At the regional level, Mrs. Kaput participated in additional observations and interviews from colleagues to be awarded Teacher of the Year for Northeast Ohio. Imagine Bella is so proud to have this amazing teacher as part of our great team that is always growing towards excellence.

## Collinwood Spring Fling

by Tierra

Come join us for our Collinwood Spring Fling on Friday, April 10, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Collinwood Recreation Center, 16300 Lakeshore Boulevard. Sign up for Spring programs and Camp Forbes.

Food, neighborhood information, outdoor activities and meet and greet with Councilman Polensek and Commander Hill.

Vendors welcome to showcase our neighborhood services. Visit the recreation center for an application. Table cost is \$10.00 (cash or money order), to benefit the recreation center's programs

Call Tierra or Lashonn at (216) 420-8323 for more information.

## Breakfast with the Easter Bunny



Breakfast with the Easter Bunny was a huge success. Thanks to the Salvation Army for hosting and the VASJ students for helping.



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No matter how long the winter, Spring is sure to follow. ~Proverb



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Councilman’s Corner - Spring !?



by Michael D. Polensek  
Has Spring finally Sprung? I hope so. What a winter. Freezing cold, snow and now potholes. On that note, please call (216) 664-2510 or the Mayor’s Action

Center at (216) 664-2900, to report any hazardous road condition, whether it be your street or in the neighborhood. It goes without saying that I am not too happy with the City’s response to road conditions including the dirt and filth that litters both sides of virtually every street in our community, and in fact, the entire City. The City Administration and the Public Works Department needs to understand that street repair and street sweeping MUST be made a priority, once again, as it once was “in the day.”

If there is a water leak on your street please call the Division of Water call (216) 664-3060 directly. Streetlights that are out can be turned into (216) 664-3156 and abandoned cars on the street can be turned in directly to the 5th District Commander’s office at (216) 623-5505.

Now that Spring is here – I respectfully ask all residents to stand on your front sidewalk and take a look at your property. If your yard is a mess – like most of us at this time of the year – get out there, if you can, weather permitting – and start the clean-up process. I myself am not looking

forward to working in my own yard; however, in order to have a community we can be proud of we all need to step up and clean up.

Some project updates: Resurfacing of Lakeshore Boulevard will begin as soon as the sewer work is completed which should be in the next few weeks. Portions of the Boulevard are now being ground down in anticipation of resurfacing. The Waterloo Streetscape project is almost complete and a final punchlist is being reviewed. We are still in discussions with Cleveland MetroParks with regard to our community’s request for Lifeguards/Water safety personnel at Euclid Beach & Villa Angela. With the parks and beach front being more heavily used than ever in the past, we believe this is critical for the safety of our families, especially those with small children. To express your concerns there are petitions floating about in the community or online at <https://www.facebook.com/LIFEGUARDSEUCLIDBEACH> or <http://tinyurl.com/kc9rve5>.

I am looking forward, as I am sure you are, to a very productive Spring and Summer. There are a number of projects and initiatives we are actively working on. Stay tuned regarding the renovation of the new Veteran’s Park (formerly Triangle Park) at East 174th Street and Nottingham Road as well as the proposed construction of a new Oliver Hazard Perry Elementary School (between Schenely and Harland Avenues, off East 185th Street). In addition, we will once again have the Friday Night evening concerts at Euclid Beach Park from June

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.

through August, which were a great success last year; more information will be forthcoming. For more information go to [www.CollinwoodObserver.com](http://www.CollinwoodObserver.com) website.

As always I may be reached at my office at (216) 664-4236 or via email at [mpolensek@clevelandcitycouncil.org](mailto:mpolensek@clevelandcitycouncil.org).

Your Child, Your School, Your Story

by Julia DiBaggio

Choosing a high quality school is important for your child’s future. It is the basis for your child’s primary education. This is a decision many of you recently made, and it probably wasn’t easy as there are more options than ever before. We want to share your story to help families make an informed decision on where to send their children. Your stories will be used to create a book for Collinwood families that will be choosing a school. This book will use your story, and showcase artwork created by your child.

As a token of our thanks, the first 40 participating families will receive both a \$25

gift card to Dave’s Supermarket and \$25 in gift certificates to the Coit Road Farmer’s Market. There will be 20 families selected to be included in the printed book.

We are looking for the following:  
A picture created by your child about their favorite part the school day.

In essay form:  
The reason why you chose the school your child is attending. How you think this decision will impact your child’s future? What do you envision for your child’s future?

Entries are due April 10, 2015.  
All entries must include parent’s first name, child’s first name, age, and school on

the reverse side of both the essay and the picture.

Contact information including parent’s full name, address, and phone number.  
Essays must be no more than one page.  
Drawings must be 5x7, 8.5x11 or similar proportion.

Entries should be mailed in flat envelope, or dropped off to:  
Julia DiBaggio  
Northeast Shores Development  
317 East 156th Street  
Cleveland, OH 44110  
For questions, contact Julia DiBaggio at 216-481-7660 or [jdiabaggio@northeastshores.org](mailto:jdiabaggio@northeastshores.org).

Tree Stewards Wanted

by Julia DiBaggio

Collinwood is getting street trees. The sites have been selected, and now we are in need of residents to care for these trees that will be planted in fall 2015. Tree stewards will provide quality tree care and increase public awareness and appreciation for sustainable urban forests. As a tree steward, you will ensure every tree planted is properly cared for. To do so, you will engage neighbors and community groups to help promote the Urban Tree Canopy. You will also

attend complimentary training workshops. To become a tree steward, you must:  
Attend four workshops  
Believe in the value of trees to a community  
Have an interest in arboriculture  
Ability to do moderately physical work  
Benefits include:  
Complimentary classes, tools, invitations to special events and recognition programs  
Opportunity to make a difference in the

community  
Opportunity to learn basic arboriculture skills and share your skills and passion with others  
Meet new people who share similar beliefs and enjoy caring for the outdoors  
The tree steward program is a joint, volunteer certification program led by Western Reserve Land Conservancy & Holden Arboretum. For more information, contact Julia DiBaggio at 216-481-7660.

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Upcoming Events

Pancake Breakfast April 19, 2015 at St. Mary’s Parish Hall

by Bill Kirchner

The Collinwood Nottingham Village Development Corporation will be the hosting a Pancake Breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on April 19, 2015 at St. Mary’s Parish Hall 15519 Holmes Ave. Cleveland 44110. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for

kids 10 and under for all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk and juice.

Tickets will be available at the event or can be purchased in advance from The Collinwood Nottingham Village Development Corporation. For more information or to help volunteer call 216-383-9722.

Spring Sale of Books and AV materials



Books galore at the Euclid Public Library Friends' Book Sale

by Bonita Kale

After six months of sorting and a frantic day of set-up, the Spring Book Sale, held by the Friends of the Euclid Public Library, will be on April 25th and 26th, with a preview night for members on the 24th. There will be one table of special books with higher prices. Aside from that, hardbound books are 50¢; paperbacks (including large ones) are 25¢. DVDs are \$2.00; most other audio-visual media are \$1.00 or less. Materials have been collected for half a year, and include both library cancels and donations.

The books are roughly sorted by broad library number categories. You might find a book on plumbing, gardening, business, cooking, animal care, child care, or health, all in the 600s (Technology), or something about movies, opera, crafts, or football in the 700s (Arts and Recreation). If history and travel is your thing, wander over to the 900s. Computers are in the 000s (General Works), along with journalism, Bigfoot, and flying saucers. And the 300s contain all the stuff about human society and how it works—from economics to politics to true crime.



Saturday is a good day to shop.

There are also a lot of novels, mysteries, science fiction and fantasy. Large print books and children’s/young adult books are in their own categories. Even if you’re an adult, check out the children’s books. Often, they have the most interesting information and the best pictures.

Euclid Public Library, 631 E. 222nd St., Euclid, OH 44123

Friday, April 24, 2015, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Members preview night. The library is closed, so there will be a line outside. Bring your card, ask to be looked up or you can join at the door for \$5.00.

Saturday, April 25, 2015, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is a good day to come; there are tons of books, and it’s not crowded.

Sunday, April 26th, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bag Day. You buy a paper grocery bag for \$3.00 and fill it up.

The library is easy to find. It’s on East 222nd Street, north of I-90/OH-2. Coming from the freeway, you turn right immediately after you see the Veterans’ Memorial, which includes a Vietnam-era tank.

Get in on the 8<sup>th</sup> annual

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The deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>

BRICK Ceramics Studio Opening



by Julia DiBaggio

BRICK Ceramic + Design Studio is almost open. They are pleased to announce that on Monday, April 6, 2015 they are launching their Kickstarter fund-raising campaign to help raise \$11,000 for the building of a gas kiln, which requires extensive labor and a large quantity of materials, and many other items used to furnish the studio and to start their gallery and classroom. Please consider donating to their campaign and take a moment to share their project with your friends and family. To see BRICK’s campaign on April 6, 2015 go to [www.kickstarter.com](http://www.kickstarter.com) and search BRICK Ceramics Studio Opening. For more information about BRICK visit [www.brickceramics.com](http://www.brickceramics.com) and [www.facebook.com/BRICKceramics](http://www.facebook.com/BRICKceramics).

One Night Equals a Whole Year of Fun and Learning



Kiddie City children at Memphis Kiddie Park

by Sherrie Zagorc

Join us for five hours of fun for adults on Saturday, April 18th and you’ll help give 72 children and their teachers many days of fun learning for an entire year! You can be a partner in education when you join us for our adult Kiddie City Funds for Fun event at the East Side Irish American Club on Lake Shore Blvd. on Saturday, April 18th. Tickets for our pasta buffet dinner with snacks and beverages, beer and wine are \$30 per person, \$55 per couple and \$275 for a table of 10. Dance with DJ Dennis from Platinum Entertainment (and Platinum Auto too) and take a chance on some wonderful auction items and raffles. Act like a kid one more time, have some great food and lots of fun for a great cause. Contribute to our basket raffle as an individual or business and we’ll be doubly appreciative.

Call Jen Boger or Dayna White at 216-481-9044 for tickets or more information.

As a nonprofit child care center, Kiddie City Child Care Community’s board of directors and staff strive to provide the best education for the children in our Euclid area. We widen our children’s world when we take them to Playhouse Square, the Cleveland Botanical Gardens or even the Memphis Kiddie Park. Visits from The Beck Center’s Miss Tracy with her guitar and Mr. Hassam with his African drum and storytelling, enrich their lives with music, dancing, and the verbal word. Science, math, social/emotional skills, language – all of these and many more learning opportunities are addressed as we venture out in our rented Willo Transportation mini buses or welcome guests into our classrooms.

Can You Believe It’s Our 9th Year



by Sherrie Zagorc

As the founder and chairperson of the E. 200th Street Stroll, I know why I love and promote

this community event throughout Euclid. I’ve expressed my devotion to our street, community organizations, and our Stroll volunteers for the past 8 years. In our 9th year, I think you have heard enough of my words and I want you to know why others in our community believe in the power of our Stroll. I give a big thank you to some of our Super Strollers and hope that all of our Euclid residents and guests experience this year’s Stroll on Saturday, May 30, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sarah Gyorki, “My whole family loves the Stroll because it’s such a fun day out in the community. We love seeing friends and neighbors, all the free activities, the food and the entertainment. It’s such a great way to enjoy the neighborhood!”

Don Novak, “I like that volunteers work on the Stoll and that helps the city.”

Dana Heil, “Why is the Stroll important? Each year I get to meet new residents as well as long-time residents. Everyone is so friendly and this event has helped me to start relationships that have become important to me both personally and professionally.”

The Euclid Symphony Orchestra participates as an organization in the Stroll letting the Euclid community know that Euclid has its own non-profit orchestra. We pass out magnets listing the dates of our performances at Shore Cultural Centre. We also let strollers know that we are always looking for musicians.

Check out our website at [www.e200s-treetstroll.com](http://www.e200s-treetstroll.com) and our Facebook page for Stroll updates. Do you have questions or want to participate? Call 216-798-7089 or Email [e200ststreetstroll@gmail.com](mailto:e200ststreetstroll@gmail.com)

Events at the Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries House



by Sr. Madeline Muller

Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries House  
15706 St. Clair Avenue; 216-481-8182  
**Creative Painting** - If art is on your bucket list, or even if it isn’t, try these Saturday morning art experiences and discover the artist within! NO experience necessary! April 4, 18 and May 2, 16 - 10 to 12:30

**Knitting and Crocheting** - knitters and crocheters meet to create some beautiful lap blankets and scarves. These gifts are donated to residents of some nursing homes in the area. Come and join the community fun and sharing! April 10, 17, 24 and May 8, 15, 22, 29 Friday afternoons from 2 - 4

**Bereavement Series** - Feelings of loss come to us in many ways. Come and join the grief support series. You may come to all 6 or just a few. We guarantee you will find the experience helpful! April 16, 23, 30 and May 7, 14, 21- 3 - 4 on the Thursdays listed.  
**Prayer Group** - Let us join together to Pray for Peace in the City! All are welcome April 18, May 2 - Saturday from 1 - 2  
**Expungement Clinic** - The Clinic runs from 10 until 2 on May 16 but you need an appointment. Call for an appointment: 216-481-8182

If you are interested in any of these opportunities; Please call 216-481-8182 or email Sr. Mary Ellen Brinovec at [mebrinovec@ursulinesisters.org](mailto:mebrinovec@ursulinesisters.org) or Sr. Madeline Muller at [mmulle8@yahoo.com](mailto:mmulle8@yahoo.com)



## Allison's Page

## Donate Now to The Lakefront Literacy Project



The Lakefront Literacy Project is bringing books and a love of learning to Euclid Beach Park this summer!

by Allison Lukacsy

Imagine clear blue skies, gently lapping waves, sand shifting under your toes. But what's missing? A book! Thanks in part to a grant from Neighborhood Connections, in summer 2015 The Lakefront Literacy Project is bringing literature and a love of learning to Cleveland's Euclid Beach Park's lakefront with a custom-crafted mobile library, part of the renowned "Little Free Library" network.

This free library dreamed up by North Collinwood residents Ali Lukacsy, Emily Martis, and Robert Gatewood and staffed by neighborhood volunteers will appear at the beach during weekends, holidays, and special programmed events and house a rotating collection of books, magazines, and

newspapers catering to both children and adults and our English and Russian speaking North Collinwood neighbors.

What we need, the bulk of the work for this project is organizing and a lot of volunteer hours, but we still need cold, hard cash to make our vision a reality!

Most of our funds will go to purchase a safe and sturdy book cart and racks for magazines, as well as marketing materials to let people know about our project and the big kickoff. Of course, we also will need to buy books and periodical subscriptions and sustain the library's collection throughout the summer. Above and beyond our \$500 goal and we can amp up the awesome (think: free food, giveaways) at our Kickoff Celebration at Euclid Beach Park on May 30, 2015!

For a \$1 donation you will receive a "Thank You" shout out on our Facebook page @ www.facebook.com/lakefrontliteracy.

For a \$5 donation your name printed on a custom-designed LLP bookplate in an already donated book (chosen by us). And a "Thank You" shout out on our Facebook page

@ www.facebook.com/lakefrontliteracy.

For a \$25 donation your name printed on a custom-designed LLP bookplate in a book of your choosing (tell us the title you want, up to \$15.00 MSRP). And a "Thank You" shout out on our Facebook page @ www.facebook.com/lakefrontliteracy.

For a \$45 donation your name printed on a custom-designed LLP bookplate in a book of your choosing (tell us the title you want, up to \$20.00 MSRP). Plus your name laser engraved on a plaque to be displayed permanently at this library. And a "Thank You" shout out on our Facebook page @ www.facebook.com/lakefrontliteracy.

For a \$300 donation every perk from the "Literary Lover" level and a 5-course dinner for two, catered by a retired chef. A custom menu will be designed by the chef and served at our renovated home in North Collinwood near the Beachland Ballroom, or at your home (25-minute driving radius). Includes cooking, serving, and clean up. Additional guest for \$75, additional 2 guests for \$150. Wine/alcohol is not included, but can be arranged for an additional fee. Driv-

ing radius up to 1 hour for an additional fee.

Does this project sounds great to you? Would you like to get even more involved above and beyond supporting the campaign? Volunteers, have an hour to spare? Email us at read.euclidbeach@gmail.com and let us know of your interest and availability for staffing the library. The position is fun and easy and yes you can sit down and read a magazine on the job!

Books and more books (and magazines). Spring clean your bookshelves and donate the books your children outgrew, the best-seller you read once and never will again, the magazines collecting dust on your coffee table. Email us at read.euclidbeach@gmail.com and let us know you're happy to purge and donate! We'll be accepting books on May 30, 2015 but if you're in Cleveland, we'd be more than happy to make your load lighter sooner!

Save the date and join us for the library's Kickoff Celebration on Saturday, May 30, 2015 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and be one of the first to borrow a book! Learn more: www.facebook.com/lakefrontliteracy

## Start Your Spring Cleaning With An Adopt-a-Beach Cleanup at Euclid Beach



by Stephen Love

As the ice melts away along the shores of Lake Erie, signs of spring are now around us: chirping birds, daffodils, and of course, litter...and lot's of it! After being trapped in the ice for over two months, litter has made its way ashore and it's definitely time for some spring cleaning down on the beach! On Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. help Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Team volunteers clear and catalog hundreds of pieces of plastic trash and other debris from the beach.

All plastic trash collected from this and other monthly Adopt-a-Beach and stream cleanups across Cleveland will contribute to a large-scale sculpture to be located adjacent to the Great Lakes Science Center in Downtown, Cleveland this June in an effort to raise awareness about litter and pollution in Lake Erie. Participate in Saturday's clean-up and your name will be included on the sculpture's plaque as a "contributing artist!"

After this long winter, your help is greatly appreciated! Supplies including

trash bags, gloves and pickers will be provided. Meet at the central picnic pavilion at 10:00 a.m. for registration complimentary coffee and snacks generously donated by Collinwood neighborhood merchants. All cleanup participants will receive a coupon from Chili Peppers Mexican Grill (869 East 185th Street) good towards 1/2 off the purchase of a meal item and a drink! Please be sure to thank Chili Peppers Owner Steve Newman. For more information about the cleanup, visit - goo.gl/MqFg4D

## Cleveland Metroparks Continues Significant Improvements at Cleveland's Euclid Beach, Villa Angela and Wildwood Parks



Beachfront



Euclid Beach Live



Euclid Beach Live



Pedestrian Bridge

by Cleveland Metroparks, Communications Division

It's hard to believe that only 21 months have passed since the historic transfer of lakefront property brought Euclid Beach, Villa Angela and Wildwood parks to Cleveland Metroparks.

Since that time, the Park District has been working simultaneously on assessing long-term needs and capital improvements, engaging community members and soliciting feedback through a series of public meetings and surveys, and improving park cleanliness and safety.

The process of improving all of the lakefront parks, and bringing them up to the standards that visitors have come to expect from other Cleveland Metroparks properties, is ongoing. At Euclid Beach, Villa Angela and Wildwood, this process started in 2013 with large-scale clean-up projects. Significant amounts of overgrown brush and debris were removed. Combing the sand on the beach became a daily ritual. Leaky restroom fixtures were repaired and the Park District's Ranger Division began regular patrols.

To prepare for the first full spring and summer season of managing the lakefront parks, Cleveland Metroparks planned its initial round of programming for Euclid Beach, Villa Angela and Wildwood, in-

cluding bird walks, an exploration hike, a watercolor class, nature-play programs for parents and preschoolers, a volunteer planting session at Wildwood, and of course the immensely popular weekly live music event Euclid Beach LIVE that drew thousands of visitors. The Friday night concert series will return for the 2015 season in an expanded format.

The activities of 2014 were just the beginning. Visitors to Euclid Beach, Villa Angela and Wildwood parks can expect to see upwards of \$2.5 million in capital improvements over the next 24 months as part of the ongoing fulfillment of the Park District's Lakefront Master Plan.

The first two most readily noticeable improvements will be the addition of a new pedestrian bridge over Euclid Creek and the construction of a new pier at Euclid Beach.

The 150-foot, ADA accessible pedestrian bridge will improve visitor access from Villa Angela to Wildwood by crossing over Euclid Creek at the existing trail rather than requiring walkers or cyclists to circle up toward the road to get to the current crossing. This \$678,000 project is under construction now and should be open by May 31. The project also includes 800-feet of all purpose trail, trail lighting, and beach-front landscaping.

ADA access to the beach at Villa Angela

is also under construction and is scheduled for completion by June 1.

Euclid Beach will see the creation of a beautiful new \$1.5 million pier that will take visitors out over the water complete with ADA accessibility, decorative lighting and fishing access. Construction of the pier is slated to begin in fall 2015 for a 2016 opening date.

Cleveland Metroparks knows that Euclid Beach, Villa Angela and Wildwood are important recreation destinations, particularly for neighborhood residents. During the Park District's interactions with visitors during the 2014 season, the desire to eventually see lifeguards at Euclid Beach was raised several times. Considering that under state management, ODNR had not staffed the beach with lifeguards in several years, Cleveland Metroparks felt additional safety assessment was mandatory. The Park District began investigating the possibility of guarding Euclid Beach in earnest and discovered that the situation was worse than previously thought.

An analysis of water quality survey data and ongoing research revealed complex conditions at Euclid Beach that make swimming unsafe. These conditions include significant underwater erosion, shifting currents, unpredictable changes in water depth, frequent formation of rip tides and

above average occurrences in both quantity and severity of water quality advisory days. However daunting these conditions seem, the Park District does not consider them insurmountable.

Further evaluation is planned for this spring, including a wave analysis study. All of the data collected will then be considered and potential solutions will be investigated. Federal permits will be required from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to alter the breakwalls or perform other large scale engineering projects in order to create conditions to make this area safer for swimming. Cleveland Metroparks is working toward a solution that will ultimately allow lifeguards to be stationed at Euclid Beach.

While the Park District works toward that goal, it urges everyone to learn to swim. Free swimming lessons are available, without a city residency requirement, through the City of Cleveland's Collinwood Recreation Center directly across the street from Euclid Beach Park.

More information and links to registration are available at [clevelandmetroparks.com/main/water-safety.aspx](http://clevelandmetroparks.com/main/water-safety.aspx).

For more information and to see the Lakefront Master Plan drafts, please visit [clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Lakefront-Planning-Meetings.aspx](http://clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Lakefront-Planning-Meetings.aspx).

## END-OF-LIFE CARE SHOULDN'T BE A LAST MINUTE DECISION.

April 16 is **National Healthcare Decisions Day**. You may have never heard of it, but it's just as important as the tax deadline that comes the day before. It's a day devoted to educating and empowering you to make your healthcare choices known should you become unable to speak for yourself. By making these choices now, you're giving your loved ones the gift of peace of mind.

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## Supporting Euclid Orchestra and Hunger Center



Our Lady of the Lake Parish has been celebrating its fifth anniversary year with a series of monthly events. In March, parishioners turned out to support the Euclid Symphony Orchestra and the Euclid Hunger Center.

## Our Lady of the Lake Students Have Entrepreneurial Spirit



The entrepreneurial spirit was alive and well at this year's Invention Convention. Each year, Our Lady of the Lake School challenges its students to get creative and apply their technology skills, with unique inventions that help solve real-life problems. The students come up with remarkable ideas, and judges from the community are impressed by the quality of their presentations. Applied learning is a great way to stretch students' thinking, and engaging with professionals in the field to have their materials critiqued helps students work to a higher level. We're proud of this next generation of innovative thinkers!



## Easy As Pi



By Katie Webb. Katie is a sixth grader at Our Lady of the Lake School - and she loves Pi! Pi day was Saturday, March 14, 2015. The sixth graders at Our Lady of the Lake School celebrated it on Friday, March 13, 2014. Sixth Grade teacher, Mrs. Rossman, set up four stations that included making a stem and leaf plot of the first one hundred

numbers of Pi, making observations of the height and circumference of objects, and even snacking on round cookies at one of the stations. Mr. Nocero came to help on Pi day. We measured the circumference and diameter of objects in his station and then divided the circumference by its diameter. Voila, Pi!

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St. Jerome Church

Collinwood's Catholic School

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Holy Week

by Hoggett, Janeen

Tenebrae Service

Wednesday, April 1, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Last Supper

Thursday, April 2, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Solemn Passion Service

Friday, April 3, 2015 - 3 p.m.

Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 4, 2015

Blessing of Food - 2:00 p.m.

Mass - 8:30 p.m.,  
Bishop Roger Gries, Celebrant

Easter Sunday Mass

Sunday, April 5, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

## Faith-In-Action

3rd and 4th grade students holding collection boxes for charity.

By: Kathy Hughes - 4th grade teacher and Elaine Sowa - 3rd grade teacher

Catholic Schools Week back in January was Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service. The students of St. Jerome have been busy gaining knowledge but have also been busy living their faith

## It's Official! St. Jerome Parish Installs Sixth Pastor

by Marguerite DiPenti

Fr. Bill Jerse affirmed his commitment to the people of St. Jerome Catholic Church when he was installed as sixth pastor at 4 o'clock Mass on Saturday, March 14, 2015. Parishioners, guests, and visiting clergy filled the church for the ceremony. Bishop Roger Gries, OSB, participated as principal celebrant and presider at the Rite of Installation. Bishop Gries genially introduced the new pastor to an enthusiastic ovation from the assembly. Among the visitors attending were Fr. Bill's family and state and local dignitaries. Cleveland Councilman Mike Polensek ceremoniously welcomed Father back to the neighborhood by giving him a Collinwood baseball cap to wear with pride, presenting a Resolution of Congratulations from City Council and offering humorous and entertaining words of appreciation. Fr. Bill, his parents, two brothers and sister lived for many years in North Collinwood, and he is very happy to return to be close to family and friends. Following the liturgical celebration, a Welcoming Reception was held in the school social hall. People lingered for food and fellowship with plenty of time to catch up on the good old days. Fr. Bill is home again, and the entire Collinwood community is thrilled that he is back.

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Character Bowl



Congratulations to Mrs. Kaput's class for winning the Character Bowl! Which class will be next?

Congratulations to Mrs. Kaput's second grade class on winning the Character Bowl! Their prize was a full week of Dress Down, even Mrs. Kaput got to dress down! The Character Bowl will continue throughout the school year. Classes can earn points from 100% attendance, 100% homework

completion, and showing growth on their next STAR Assessment. Those classes that earn the most points will earn a dress down day. Recent winners of the Character Bowl include Mrs. Dudley's third grade class and Mr. Fiore's fourth grade class. Way to go!

Zoo Field Trip

In March, all classrooms from Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence went on an adventure to the zoo. Even with the colder temperatures still lingering, students were able to explore the rainforest, elephants, primates, and aquatic creatures that were found as indoor exhibits. Some grades com-

pleted a scavenger hunt during their trip, made observations of animal behavior, or extended writing activities about their favorite animals at the end of the day. Check out the photos of our students engaged in another memorable day of learning.



Ms. Varney's Kindergarten class at the Rain forest.



Ms. Kostyack's Kindergarten observe the elephants



All smiles from Ms. Kostyack's Kindergarten bundled up at the zoo!



Students from Ms. Port's 2nd grade class investigate animal bones up close.



Ms. Port's 2nd grade class watch an animal exam.

### Upcoming Dates

March 30 - April 6 | Spring Break - No School

April 20 - May 8 | End of Year Assessments (PARCC, Science, and Social Studies)

April 21 | 3rd Grade Reading OAA

April 21 | 4th Grade Ohio Statehouse Trip to Columbus

April 29 | Spring Concert and Art Show

May 4 and 5 | 5th Grade Cincinnati Trip - Underground Railroad Simulation

School News

Cleveland Cavaliers Recognize Marquitta Billingsley, Collinwood Senior



Marquitta Billingsley, joined by "Hype Man" Ahmaad Crump, Moon Dog, and the Chick-fil-A mascot, is honored as the Cleveland Cavaliers All-Star Kid for March.

by Gail Greenberg

Each month, The Cleveland Cavaliers All Star Kids program teams up with Chick-fil-A to recognize students who are setting a positive example for their peers. Cavaliers' mascots, "Hype Man" Ahmaad Crump, and Chick-fil-A's "Cow" will make a surprise visit to each winning student's school to present him/her with a super-sized ticket to a Cavaliers' home game and a catered Chick-

fil-A party for the entire class! In addition to receiving (4) tickets to a game, the winning student will also receive (4) complimentary passes to the VIP Club and will be recognized on-court prior to the game.

Marquitta Billingsley, an outstanding 12th grade student at Collinwood High School, was nominated by her guidance counselor for the Cleveland Cavaliers All Star Kids. As a result of Marquitta's hard work and commitment to her education, she was selected as the winner for the month of March. "Hype Man" Ahmaad Crump and the mascots surprised Marquitta on Monday, March 23, 2015. It was an amazing experience for Marquitta and her classmates. Marquitta will be attending the Cavalier's home game on Sunday, March 29, 2015. The staff, at Collinwood High School, are all so proud of her.

Euclid Youth Competes in Poetry Slam

by Daryl Chambers

Devlinbleu Chambers is a 15-year-old from the Sunny Cliff Drive neighborhood. He will be competing against other Cleveland area youth reading original poetry. Four winners from her event will move on to the national Youth Poetry Slam this summer in Atlanta. The event was at Spaces Art gallery on Saturday, March 28.

The finals will be a cumulative slam. You will see all 8 poets in all 3 rounds. Their scores from each round will be added together, and that is how the team will be determined.

BNV is an international youth poetry

slam convention and competition. This event features teams from all over the world, not just the United States! There are open mics, workshops, networking, fun events, town hall meetings and of course a multitude of slams!



Poet Devinbleu Chambers

American Lung Association's N-O-T Program Comes to Collinwood High School



Smoking is N-O-T an option for (left to right) CHS Railroaders Tyshae Williams, Angela Cummings, Sha'lois Croom, Tyshawna Gay, and Amanda Lewis, pictured with N-O-T program facilitator Joe White, assistant principal Fred Ray, and teacher Antoinette McCall.

by Gail Greenberg

Joe White is definitely a man on a mission with a group of young people in four classes at Collinwood High School. For the past ten weeks, under the auspices of The Centers for Families and Children and the Cuyahoga County District Board of Health, he has been facilitating the American Lung Association's N-O-T (Not On Tobacco) program at both Collinwood and Glenville High Schools.

Funding for this program comes from the Ohio Department of Health/Federal Government Bureau of Child and Family Health Services' Child and Family Health Services Program. This is the first time that the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) has offered this program. Upcoming, on April 14, 2015 Mr. James Cotton of the American Lung Association will visit Collinwood and deliver the keynote address to the student body.

N-O-T is a voluntary smoking cessation

program for teens, ages 14-19. Over the course of the program, participants learn to identify reasons for smoking, healthy alternatives to tobacco use, and people who will support them in their efforts to quit or never to start. In addition to stressing healthy lifestyle behaviors, the N-O-T curriculum helps high school students improve life skills.

According to the American Lung Association, "studies of 12,000 teens participating in the N-O-T program nationally found that approximately 90 per cent of the teens enrolled in the N-O-T program either quit smoking or cut back.

Because of his community ties and what White describes as "a bag of careers," he has been able to share lessons he has learned about smoking from personal life choices and experiences.

"I'm the one who escaped first level nicotine addiction," noted White. "I can relate to what I preach and they're listening," he said.

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## Collinwood Native takes 2nd Place in the Garage Bike Contest at the Auto Rama.



by George Blade

Custom cars and bikes from all around filled the IX Center the weekend of March 20-22. Collinwood native, George Blade Jr., was one of the many to be honored and allowed to participate in this event. He brought his debut, one of kind, hand-crafted bike made of all scrap metal pieces. He was a hit at the show, taking 2nd place in the garage bike contest. He made many contacts and was photographed for a upcoming issue of Thunder Roads magazine. He is also being featured at Ohio Bike Week in Sandusky, which is the Midwest largest bike rally.

He is a self-taught welder who can weld and create just about anything with scrap

pieces. What makes this bike unique is that unlike other custom built motorcycles and bikes, he used various scrap pieces such as tractor tires, bbq grill pieces, steel bars and various steel and metal items purchased from home depot and junkyards.

He states" This week was such a great experience. I was welcomed by everyone and I wow the crowd with my custom bike. Even though I placed 2nd, I am just honored to even been part of this event. I am going to get back to work on my next creation so stay tuned!"

Late 2015 he plan to conducts FREE class to young men who want to learn basic welding techniques.

## Free Community Resources Offered: Making Personal Healthcare Choices Known



LaBena Fleming of Hospice of the Western Reserve

by Laurie

Henrichsen

Hospice of the Western Reserve - along with other national, state and community organizations - is participating in a national campaign running now through April 16, 2015 National Healthcare Decisions Day, to highlight the importance of making personal healthcare choices known. Free downloadable web resources and community educational events are planned.

Hospice of the Western Reserve has scheduled the following free east side community educational opportunities. Health Care Power of Attorney and Living Will documents will be available and a representative from Daniel P. Seink Co., Ltd., will be available to answer questions and witness the signing of documents. Both sessions are open to the community; no reservations required.

Friday, April 10, 2015 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cleveland Heights Community Center, 1 Monticello Blvd, Cleveland Hts.

Thursday, April 16, 2015 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Euclid Lakefront Community Center, One Bliss Lane

As a participating organization, Hospice of the Western Reserve is providing information and tools for the public to talk about their wishes with family, friends and

healthcare providers, and to execute written advance directives (Healthcare Power of Attorney and Living Will) in accordance with Ohio state laws. The nonprofit agency is offering access to a free guide, "Courage in Conversation," which includes the actual legal forms required by the State of Ohio. A simple, easy-to-understand worksheet is included in the guide to assist with evaluating choices. The booklet and forms are available at [www.HospiceWR.org/conversation](http://www.HospiceWR.org/conversation).

Gwen Ellis, a retired Cleveland-area social worker, is the primary caregiver for her husband, Lewis, who developed dementia very early - at age 50. "I wish we had completed our advance directives much earlier," she admitted. "I spend a lot of my time now talking to people and encouraging them not to make the same mistake Lewis and I did," she said. "If your wishes are not known, or you are hospitalized and not able to make choices, someone needs to make choices for you. There are plenty of workshops and classes available so you can be prepared."

"Having a plan in place that accurately communicates our healthcare choices spares loved ones from the agony of guessing what we would want, and it also provides us with a voice in our own care at the end of life," said LaBena Fleming, Hospice of the Western Reserve. "It's one of the greatest gifts we can provide not only to our families but to ourselves." For more information, visit [www.HospiceWR.org/conversation](http://www.HospiceWR.org/conversation).

## Checking Out the New Lakeshore Rose Center for Seniors

by Elva Brodnick

If you've lived in this Collinwood neighborhood long enough, you know the place. The Golden Age Center has been on Lakeshore Blvd for years, a familiar building next to the old Uncle Bill's store, now our Collinwood Recreation Center. Maybe you were even a member at some point, and just haven't been by lately. (Or, it could be you'd never been there at all?)

If you haven't been there lately, you should check it out - there's been some exciting changes, since Fall 2014. As of September 2014, the Golden Age Centers of Greater Cleveland and the Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging joined forces, to form a new non-profit serving seniors, the Rose Centers for Aging Well. The original two groups had been working together for many years, so this was a natural path for both.

So what exactly is the Lakeshore Rose Center? Turns out, they offer a wide range of services for our seniors. And they're definitely worth looking into.

Charlotte Iafelice and I stopped by the center, in early February, and had a chance to chat with both the new Director, Melissa Gleeson, and social worker, Kathleen Woodson. Go to find out, membership is just \$8.00 a year, and gives you access to everything from lunch Mondays thru Thursdays (more on this in a sec!), to Tai Chi, yoga (and other exercise) classes, a comput-

er lab, bingo, movies, knitting groups, trips (such as these coming up in April) to places like the Hard Rock Rocksino, Tri-C Jazz Fest, lunch out at different places around town (plus monthly shopping trips) - and even a variety of card games to join (think pinochle.) Melissa will be a guest speaker, at the next meeting of the E 185th Neighborhood Association, in a few weeks April 14, 2015 at the Lithuanian Hall on E 185th at 6:00 p.m.

It can't be any easier to be part of it all. Lunch (served from 11:30 Monday thru Thursday) is a hot meal that ranges from chicken and pasta dishes to stuffed cabbage and BBQ pork sandwiches. Transportation's even available (they just need a couple of days' notice) and both lunch and transportation are free to seniors over 60 in Cuyahoga County, although there is a suggested donation of \$1 for each. (Still a bargain, no?)

So drop by one day - especially now that the weather's finally breaking and see what this new Senior Center is all about. Definitely worth the time!

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Elva Brodnick, Senior News Reporter

## Fashion Week Cleveland 2015



Alexis Nunn

by Darece Daniels

Cleveland has a rich history not only in Rock & Roll, but also in fashion. Fashion Week Cleveland presented a true reflection of that history on March 21, 2015 at The Hyatt Regency in the atrium of the historic arcade. Alexis Nunn, a Collinwood resident and participant of the iMedia Mentoring program, was in attendance at the black tie event as an intern-in-training of Volume Magazine, a Cleveland based digital lifestyle magazine. Darvion Morrow, editor-in-chief of Volume Magazine and a Collinwood resident, was also in attendance.

Fashion Week Cleveland in its 11th year, featured Dayton's own Althea Harper, designer from Project Runway, who was a runner up from the show's 6th season, designer Indashio, from the show, Catwalks Across America, which was seen on Style Network along with 16 year old designer Victoria Cohen, designers DeAndre Crenshaw, Johnathan Dembowski, Christian and Christopher Lett, Cora Mercer,

Chikondi Butao Mirembe, and Bridgette Schriener.

The glitz and glam was there, not only from the designers and models, but from everyone in attendance, making this a highly successful event. The Fashion Week Cleveland had a slew of volunteers and staff, in heels and bow ties making this a memorable event. Fashion Week Cleveland is truly making its presence known in the fashion world.

According to the Founder & CEO of Cleveland's Fashion Week, Donald C. Shingler, "Cleveland is known for its 3M's-music, medicine, and museums. Cleveland's fashion week is a reflection of the city from which it comes. Something that is uniquely Cleveland, reserved, educational, and intelligent". In 2002, Donald Shingler created Cleveland Fashion Show, and by 2005, that fashion show grew to host various fashion related events. Fast forward to 2015, Fashion Week Cleveland is now known as "the educational fashion week".

For more information: [www.fashion-weekcleveland.com](http://www.fashion-weekcleveland.com) or [www.volumemag-cle.com](http://www.volumemag-cle.com)

The iMedia Mentoring program is a youth media, arts, technology program, where the participants are taught and mentored by industry professionals. The after school initiative meets at the Collinwood Recreation Center on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. For more information contact: Ms. Daniels at 216-331-8857 or [icdcorp@gmail.com](mailto:icdcorp@gmail.com)

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## April Events at the Memorial-Nottingham Library

by Jeanne Coppola

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Registration for April classes begins Monday, March 23, 2015. To register call 216.623.2980 or stop in at the library.

**Book Club for Adults and Seniors**  
**RUSSIAN BOOK CLUB** (Saturday 4/11/2015 at 3:00 p.m.) This book club meeting will be in Russian, and will discuss the book Vozvrashchenie v Egipet by Vladimir Sharov.

## Join Us for the Exciting Programs at the Collinwood Branch Library

by Monique Christian-Long

**PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH**

**Easter Egg Hunt!**

Children Ages 1-12 can search through the library for easter eggs filled with sweet prizes! We will also announce the winner of our Easter Coloring Contest! Visit branch for details. Friday, April 3, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

**Poetry and Art Reception**

Students from the Collinwood area will be displaying their art and reciting their original poetry as a part of Ohio Library Day. Join us in celebration our youth! Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

**Growing Readers Storytime**

Help Grow Your child's early reading skills! Children 3-5 are invited for stories songs and rhymes that will help them become better readers. Tuesdays, April 7 to 28, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

For additional storytime appointments call us at the branch 216-623-6934.

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Exciting and fun STEM based activities for children and teens! Friday, April 24, 2015 at 3:30 p.m.

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**FREE Tax Preparation Assistance at your Library**

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## Announcing Collinwood 2015

by Julia DiBaggio

So what is Collinwood 2015? Through this exciting new program, we'll be giving artist and health practitioner teams an opportunity to propose creative solutions to improving health outcomes in the neighborhood. The Collinwood 2015 initiative engages stakeholders in thinking about how the arts can improve community health. As a whole, these grassroots projects will help bend the upward trajectories of obesity and other chronic diseases in the neighborhood, while also activating neighborhood green spaces and getting stakeholders collectively engaged in what otherwise might seem to be an intractable problem.

Throughout 2015, we'll be awarding \$100,000 of funding to support projects in the North Shore Collinwood neighborhood (\$50,000 in the current program cycle). We're asking artist teams to propose creative solutions to improve health outcomes in the neighborhood. How can artists improve neighborhood health? For example:

What role can the arts play in increasing awareness of Medicare, Medicaid and other health insurance resources?

How can the arts facilitate access to preventative care?

How can artists encourage stronger and earlier prenatal care?

Can the arts reduce domestic violence?

How can artists encourage healthy eating practices?

Can the arts create opportunities for neighborhood stakeholders to join together in exercise?

Collinwood 2015 projects are available to artists of all disciplines (craft, dance, design, literary, media, music, theatre and visual) and all skill levels. Competitive applications will have a strong arts focus, but also be well-based in health practices. Therefore, we encourage artists to collaborate with health practitioners in their program concept and implementation.

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