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Local Residents Invited to Support Villa Angela- St. Joseph's "Escape on the Lake"



by Laurie Henrichsen

Hospice of the Western Reserve is collaborating with Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School (VASJ) to support the school's annual fundraiser, "Escape on the Lake" 5k Run and 1-Mile Walk on Saturday, July 11. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the race begins at 9 a.m. at (VASJ), 18491 Lakeshore Blvd., with the Finish Line at the shoreline of Lake Erie, on the property adjacent to VASJ and David Simpson Hospice House. This park-like property, formerly home to the Christian Life Center, and is now part of Hospice of the Western Reserve's Lake-shore Campus.

Members from the surrounding community are encouraged to run the 5k, walk the 1-mile, or cheer on the athletes. Bring a picnic lunch or purchase something delicious from one of the food trucks at the event. Bring your kites, lawn toys/games and a blanket and enjoy a beautiful afternoon on the Lake Erie waterfront.

This is a 20th Anniversary celebration for the David Simpson Hospice House hospicewr.org and a fundraising event for Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School vasj.com/escape-on-the-lake. Register for the run on the Hermes website: hermescleveland.com/roadracing/events/escapeonthelake.asp.

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COMMUNITY MEETINGS

COLLINWOOD HOMEOWNERS MEETING
1st Wednesday of the month
7:00 PM - St Mary Church, 15519 Holmes Ave.

EAST 185th STREET NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
2nd Tuesday of the Month
6:00 PM - Lithuanian Hall
877 East 185th Street – next to Post Office

DEMOCRATIC WARD CLUB
2nd Wednesday of the Month
6:30 PM - Collinwood Slovenian Home
15810 Holmes Avenue
PRESIDENT: Councilman Polensek

EAST 156th STREET NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
3rd Wednesday of the month
6:00 PM - East 140th Street Neighborhood Association - 4th Wednesday of the Month
6:00 PM

Any questions about these meetings please feel free to call

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McDonald's on Lake Shore Closes



by Michael D. Polensek

I am sure that many of you know by now that the Euclid Beach McDonald's at 15900 Lakeshore Boulevard is now CLOSED. They closed their doors as of 5:00 PM on Tuesday, June 30th, 2015.

This is one of 700 McDonald's restaurants being shuttered by the McDonald's Corporation. I met with their representatives and the franchise holder to discuss this matter in detail and have been in discussion with them over the last year regarding the deteriorating state of the Lakeshore Boulevard franchise.

Their argument for closure is: The building is in need of over \$700,000 worth of repairs and upgrades not including the parking lot. We have seen the decline in the building and grounds first hand. The Franchise holder out of Warren, Ohio, Mr. Washington, indicated that he will not put additional money into the building and the McDonald's Corp., who owns the property and building, did not plan to make improvements, either. In fact, they made that quite clear to me during our discussions. In addition, they have indicated that the majority of their business at that location is at the drive-thru window and that most customers are not ordering higher priced menu items and instead the majority of the items being sold is off the "Dollar Menu." The majority of their business is in the morning and from seniors from the high-rises ordering off the "dollar menu" as well. They are not losing money, according to them, but not making the profit margin they desire. That's not a shock to any of us who have patronized the restaurant in recent years.

It is clear to me that McDonald's Corp. has really lost their way. Their menu is not creative nor in line with today's eating habits. Regardless, their service was terrible at

times and the store was unclean to most customers (two recent Health Dept. inspections verify that). In general, the McDonald's Corporation, in my opinion, allowed the franchise to be run into the ground from the time of the previous owners (Mark & Gayle Pullen, who were top managers and operators). What shocked me - is that the McDonald's Corp. indicated that they have very little control over their franchise operators - which is, quite frankly, troubling since McDonald's name is on the building; it is their image and reputation at stake.

Furthermore, the building had been stripped of all the Euclid Beach memorabilia some time ago, which was critical in helping to attract people to the restaurant especially residents and non-residents who remember the old Euclid Beach Amusement Park. It became a non-descriptive shell of a once viable fast food restaurant.

At this point, the Corporation is planning on demolishing the building sometime within the next several months. They are planning a walk thru of the property with my office. Our hope is that they will leave up all the trees of stature, grade the site and leave the flag pole on the site. They will retain the property with the desire of selling it for redevelopment. However, they are also responsible for the maintenance of the site and I expect, and will demand that the City holds them to that.

This McDonald's franchise at this location opened in November of 1989; I know that first hand since I was there with the community at their ribbon cutting ceremony and before that had helped them with zoning and land acquisition. They once had a viable business there and due to their lack of oversight and negligence they let the business turn into a dump where a majority

of our own residents would no longer patronize the restaurant.

At this point, as I indicated to Northeast Shores Development Corporation, our focus should be on the south side of the Boulevard between East 156 Street and the Collinwood Recreation Center. Should some retail development be proposed for the McDonald's site and the old "Pizza Hut" property - only time will tell. Montlack Realty and their subsidiaries own Dave's, the old Popeye's, the former Ponderosa and the former Goodyear and then there is Euclid Beach Plaza, which is another story. This stretch of retail on the south of the Boulevard is critical to the revitalization of the commercial corridor and is the real challenge at this point, in my opinion.

The biggest losers here are the employees, many of whom have worked there for some time. I wish them the best. My hope is that the McDonald's Corporation will help find the employees positions at other locations within the corporation.

Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available. Feel free to call me at my office at (216) 664-4236 or email me at mpolensek@clevelandcitycouncil.org. Look forward to seeing you at our community's upcoming events.

Take a look at the Scoop on Summer (www.scoopsummer.org) for a listing of upcoming events and my latest newsletter which should have been delivered to you this past week.

Councilman Michael Polensek



Achievement Through the Arts

by Alexander Chavers

Achievement Through the Arts (ATA) is an arts based program that works with youth in the South Collinwood community. It is located at the Five Pointe Community Center at 813 East 152 Street.

"Our main focus is arts and cultural awareness" said executive director Brenda Shorts. Their training includes singing and theater. Last year they sang at the Euclid Beach Blast and Porchfest, attended a production of "The Lion King," and put on their own production of "The Wiz" for Gateway Retirement.

ATA also participated in Parade the Circle this year. The children went dressed as bumblebees and made their own creative costumes out of headpieces, wings and tie-dye pants. This year they are going to see the "Cinderella" production, which starts July 21st at Cleveland Playhouse Square. Jackson said that they are looking for spon-

sors to take the inner city program to a city, cultural event.

Achievement Through the Arts features an etiquette program called "Girls N' Pearls & Troops in Trousers", an eight-week series that runs from July through August. The etiquette program teaches children manners and social graces, according to program director Tracey Jackson. Last year featured a speaker series and the children learned how to set tables, introduce themselves to the guests and ask formal questions. The speakers included Chief of Police Calvin Williams, District Commander Dennis Hill, Fire Chief Marshall Shorts, and Superintendent Denise Ward of Warrensview Heights. This year they would like to have sports figures.

Another of the program's features is the ATA Store, which teaches banking and economics. The children earn ATA bucks for their different activities that they have

to count and manage themselves. At the end of each month they can cash in for certain prizes. According to Shorts they have a system of "deferred gratification," where the children earn interest on their money if they decide to save it instead of spend it. Eventually she and Jackson want to partner with a bank to start savings accounts for the children.

Shorts said that the goal of ATA is to create a positive medium that brings out the creative potential in city youth. "We utilize arts as a base to reach out to children" she said.

ATA sessions are held at the Five Pointe Community Center, from 4 to 6pm on Tuesdays, and 10:30 to noon on Saturdays. One of their upcoming events is the Royal Ball, a fundraiser for children ages 7 to 14. The date is currently TBD.

Shorts and Jackson are always looking for more children to get involved. Their website is www.atacleveland.org

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Upcoming Events

Children's Book Drive



by Jackie Adams
Please support the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Pediatrics

Reach Out and Read Book Drive! The Stephanie Tubbs Jones Health Center will be collecting new and gently used books for children ages 6 months to five years old.

Drop off books: 1st floor navigation center Please support our goal of collecting 500 books by Friday, July 24, 2015.

The reach out and read program provides books to children from 6 months to 5 years of age at their well visits. The program supports promotes literacy in young children and has been proven to improve their educational success during their school years.

Girls Empowerment Conference To be Held at Cleveland Convention Center



by Angela Flowers

With so many workshops focusing on women empowerment, a much needed youth empowerment conference focusing on self-esteem and creative expression is gearing up to kick off in Cleveland, OH just before summer ends. The "Free 2 Be Me: D.I.V.A.S." conference is targeted at girls ages 11-16 and

will focus on career exploration, leadership, goal setting, health and wellness, and self-esteem. The D.I.V.A.S. program, which is an acronym for demonstrating inner value, acceptance, and self-worth has been in existence for the last 5 years and over 250 girls have been a part of the weekly girls group. "Self-esteem and recognizing the importance of self-love is so critical to positive and healthy development for our girls. It is critical and necessary that we provide networking and mentoring opportunities for our girls to be able to take ownership of their development at a young age", states Angela Flowers, organizer of the conference.

The conference will be held on Saturday August 8, 2015 at the Cleveland Convention Center located at 300 Lakeside Avenue Cleveland, OH 44113. Space is limited and registration is required. If you are interested in

serving as a volunteer for the day, panelist for the career discussion, vendor, or would like to help sponsor a girl to attend the event, please visit divasconference2015.eventbrite.com or contact Angela C. Flowers at 216-394-3012 or Acflowers32@yahoo.com.

Donut Burgers Served at Lodge 604 Utopians Picnic

by Gerri Trebets

Join Lodge 604 Utopians on Sunday, August 9 at SNPJ Recreation Farm in Kirtland, OH for a fun-filled day and a chance to try a popular item served at the Florida State Fair, attested to by members Rudy and Charlotte Perdan. Aside from our usual bill of fare, roast beef and sausage dinners, we will be serving hamburgers and cheeseburgers on a krofe (donut)! Two Krispy Kreme donuts were used in Florida, so we decided to try our take using a krofe. There will be a limited quantity so as they say, first come, first served. We will also have regular buns for those not wishing to walk on the wild side! The usual sandwiches, sauerkraut, Slovenian potatoes, salad and krofe will be served throughout the afternoon. Dinners are \$9.00 which does not include the gate.

Thanks to our ambitious group of workers, several cosmetic changes are being made to the grounds, or will be shortly underway in order to make this a place where you can enjoy a carefree, relaxing afternoon. Don't forget to support all the other lodges and organizations—we are all working toward one common good!!! A great line up of entertainment is in store for 2015.

Speaking of the gate, Utopians will once again offer \$2.00 off your admission if you bring a non-perishable food item or monetary donation to the Cleveland Food Bank. Thanks to your generosity last year, 82

pounds of food was collected and donated. What a worthwhile cause.

From 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., music will be provided by the Ron Likovic Band. We all know what beautiful music he makes with those nimble fingers of his. Accompanying Ron is son, RJ Likovic on the drums, a recent member of the lodge. Grab your dancing shoes—and your favorite dancing partner and head on out for a delightful afternoon. Or just sit and listen to the music, tap your feet and socialize with your friends. For more information, please feel free to contact Gerri Trebets at 440-951-9611.

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Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future.
John F. Kennedy

Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries Coming Attractions



Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries House 15706 St. Clair Ave

by Sr. Madeline Muller

In an effort to revive the economic growth of the Collinwood, Glenville, East Park, North Shores, Nottingham Village, and Saint-Clair Superior neighborhoods, donations and contributions are being generated through the Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries (CNCM.org).

Future program groups include: Baby's First Year, through local donations and fund raising we will be supporting

families with limited resources with free diapers, strollers, high chairs, beds, and other baby needs. These items will be distributed by CNCM (Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries).

Soon to be operational in Collinwood is a site called Siggy's Village, which will include a Cafe style eatery, day care center, a resale store called, Moxi, and therapy offices provided by The Center for Advanced Mental Health practice and CNCM. Additionally, we are in the process of providing a mobile food pantry in the area. A community garden site will also be provided, date to be determined. If you have additional questions or would like to participate by donating or volunteering please contact Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries at 15706 Saint Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Oh 44110 216-481-8182 or call or email Kelly Diamond at 216-694-8052, kellydiamond77@gmail.com.

Visit our website at www.cncminisries.org and like us on Facebook

The Coit Road Farmers' Market is Growing in the Neighborhood



by Joe Jerdonek

You can find fresh locally grown fruits and vegetables at the Market Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Free cooking classes are Saturdays, July 11, July 25 and August 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will also be a class on Wednesday, July 15. Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 8 for the An-

nual Cliff Schutz Corn Roast and BBQ from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You'll enjoy delicious Ohio sweet corn, BBQ and side dishes. The cost for a meat portion and two sides is \$6. Vegetarian dishes will be available.

Our newest urban farmer growing at the Coit Road Farmers Market site is Dawud Ummah. Dawud is a Gulf War veteran who recently returned to Cleveland after farming in Maine. He joins Blayne Murray and Gloria Jahil farming at the site. To support our customers, Ohio Direction Card users get \$20 in tokens to spend for the first \$10 charged to their card. The first WIC coupon distribution date at the Market is Saturday, July 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Market, located at the intersection of Coit and Woodworth Roads near East 152nd. Call 216-249-5455 or go to www.coitmarket.org for additional information.

Collinwood Community Day & Free Health Walk

by Sharon Kidd

Collinwood Community Day will host a Free Health Walk in Honor of Minority Health Alliance twenty years of service. Walk participants can pre-register at www.tabletalkcleveland.org. The first 100 people registered will receive a free T-shirt. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 18, 2015 at 14805 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44110. The walk will begin at 10:30 a.m. The Free Health Walk will begin and end at the Collinwood Community Day Festival.

Come out and celebrate Collinwood Community Day on July 18, 2015 from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. This family oriented community festival will bring families, neighbors and businesses together. It will feature a variety of activities for patrons of all ages, including health screenings, arts & crafts, music, and interactive play. This event will allow organizations to give back to their community, increase their visibility in the Collinwood area and provide an opportunity for community members to gain access to all of the resources available in the Collinwood neighborhood.

Collinwood Community Day will be used as a tool to share the hidden resources within the community. The event will include several activity booths, games and information tables for the youth, seniors and residents. This event will all have bounce houses, concession items, CPD and EMS representatives, health & Wellness tables (free blood pressure checks and glucose screenings will be provided), community businesses, banking institutes and educational institutions. Free backpack and school supply give-away while supplies last.

This event is being brought to you by Neighborhood Connections, Greater Works Church of God In Christ, Table Talk Cleveland, Famicos Foundation, Minority Health Alliance, Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services, Paramount Adventure, Collinwood Nottingham Development Corporation and Healing Hearts Foundation. Visit www.tabletalkcleveland.org to pre-register for the event, register for the Free Health Walk and to get event updates. For vending or sponsorship opportunities contact Sharon Kidd via email at tabletalk216@gmail.com.

Community

July Events at the Memorial-Nottingham Library

by Jeanne Coppola
Cleveland Public Library (CPL), 2015 Summer Reading Program.

This year, the following cultural organizations are encouraging youths to READ+LEARN+HELP+EXPLORE through reading: Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Great Lakes Science Center, Greater Cleveland Aquarium, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, and The Children's Museum of Cleveland.

The theme of the 2015 Summer Reading Program is music and dance. Every CPL Library will have reading events in July. The events at your local Memorial-Nottingham Library will be held on Wednesday's, in the meeting room. Each event starts at 3:00pm and is for kids in grades K-8.

Calling All Volunteers for the Collinwood Fire Memorial Garden!

by Elva Brodnick
The Little Red Cap Project : Clean-Up The Garden
Sat. July 18th 8 am - 12 noon
Memorial School on E 152nd.

Know many of you will have heard about our new Little Red Cap Project, to restore the Collinwood School Fire Memorial Garden!

We had a great meeting on June 13th, and decided that the first thing we had to do was get the Garden presentable - basically weeding and getting a good layer of mulch down to keep it weeded. (If you weren't able to be there, and want to be part of this - just email or call me or Charlotte, so we'll be able keep you informed - and thanks!)

To that end, we're planning our first hands-on-in the-Garden work session for Saturday July 18th, from 8 am to noon (it being mid-July after all, we're hoping to beat the heat, at least somewhat). Please bring your own tools and gloves etc. and dress to get grubby! We'll provide bags and some tools, but appreciate you bringing your own.

We know not everyone can actually

Wednesday, July 1st. I'VE GOT RHYTHM, (Rhythm and Blues).

Wednesday, July 8th. DANCING MACHINES, (Pop Music).

Wednesday, July 15th. TURN THE BEAT AROUND, (Latin Beat).

Wednesday, July 22nd. I LOVE ROCK AND ROLL, (Rock and Roll).

Wednesday, July 29th. HIP HOP HORRAY, (Hip Hop and Rap).

Thursday, July 9th. DRUM TRAIL, "Drum Trail is a popular, interactive, all-ages program that takes audiences on a journey through fifteen billion years of noise, rhythm and music..." This event is for parents and their kids.

No registration is required for any event. For more information call the library at: 216-623-7039.

climb up into the Garden itself, but please don't let that stop you from coming! There's ground level weeding that needs doing too, plus just general cleaning up.

We definitely want as many people as possible there - the more the merrier! Not to mention making the job just easier on us all. If you can give us just a bit of time, it all helps! So come on by - we'll be glad to see you!

We'll also be planning another meeting to begin the planning the re-planting; the good news is, we have the support of the Gardeners of Greater Cleveland, who can help us with this. Once we have a plan, we can begin raising money to not only get the Garden looking its best now, but also keep it that way.

So if you're interested in helping in any way on this - we'll definitely need all kinds of talents and abilities to do this! Contact us at Elva Brodnick at either carrollsell@gmail.com or 216-738-0626 or Charlotte lafelice at cialfelice@aol.com or 216-401-8778. And check us out on Facebook!

Thanks again! Look forward to seeing everyone July 18th!

Make Summer Count!

by Monique Christian-Long
Join us for the exciting programs at the Collinwood Branch Library!

PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH
Dancing Machine

Move to the beat and pop til you drop as we celebrate and explore Pop Music! (Grades K-8) Tuesdays, July 7th at 1:00 p.m.

Growing Readers Story Time

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 July 7th , 14th , 21st and 28th 10:30 a.m.

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

Pajama Jam Story Time!

Calling all reading and dancing machines! Join us for an evening story time as we read nighttime favorites and dance the night away with one of Cleveland's hottest DJ's! Thursday July 9th, at 5:30 p.m.

GSK Science ing the Summer"

Hey, Kids: find your inner mad scientist and join us for hands on mad chemistry fun this summer! Sessions are FREE but space is limited. Call 216-623-6934 to register. Monday and Wednesday July 13th and 15th 1-3 p.m.

Turn the Beat Around

Take it ti the tropics as we feel a Latin beat! (Grades K-8)

Neighborhood Grants

by Julia DiBaggio

Do you and your friends want to inspire change the neighborhood? If so, there are grants for groups of residents available. For larger projects with funding available up to \$5,000, check out Neighborhood Connections, a nonprofit dedicated to empowering the people of Cleveland. If you have a small

Tuesday, July 14 at 1:00 p.m.

I Love Rock and Roll
Cleveland Kids Rock! Come rock your library. (Grades K-8)
Tuesday, July 21 at 1:00 p.m.

One Community Many Stories

Students will take part in a weeklong summer residence to explore the CMA collection and create short videos that connect their voices to the collection. Please contact the branch to register. Monday-Friday July 27th- 31st 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Hip Hop Horay!

Bust a Move and feel the flow as we celebrate hip hop and rap. (Grades K-8)
Tuesday July 28 at 1:00 p.m.

I am the Music Maker

Explore a world of music from every corner of the globe. (Grades K-8) Tuesday August 4th at 1:00 p.m.

STEMulate your Mind with NASA

Summer break is almost over. Joining us for and exciting evening as attempt to gain traction on Mars! (Grades 5-8) Call 216-623-6934 to register. Thursday August 13th at 4:30 p.m.

Summer Lunch Program

The Cleveland Foodbank in collaboration with the Cleveland Public Library offers FREE lunch for ages 18 and under. Mondays-Fridays from 11:30-12:30 p.m.



by Laurie Henrichsen

Riding Through Grief, a day camp offered by Hospice of the Western Reserve in collaboration with Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center, 16497 Snyder Road, Chagrin Falls, is being offered for children ages 8-12 who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Through riding and working with horses on a 45-acre farm, trained grief counselors help participants explore their feelings in a supported environment with peers undergoing the same pain. This marks the fourth consecutive year

project, or need supplemental funds up to \$250, check out Cleveland Neighborhood Progress' O&A Grant created to help out the neighborhood with short term financial needs. Deadline for Neighborhood Connections is August 14, 2015 and the Mini Responsive Grant with deadlines July 2, 2015, September 3, 2015 and November 5, 2015.

“Riding Through Grief” Helps Kids Heal Through Power of Horses

for the special program. Participants can choose from two week-long options: June 22-26 or July 13-July 17. The half-day camp sessions run from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The fee is \$75; scholarships are available. For more information or an application, call Leslie Dials at 216.216.486.6702.

“Children often have special needs when coping with the death of a loved one, and may process their grief far differently than adults,” explained Dials, a grief counselor at Hospice of the Western Reserve’s Elisabeth Severance Prentiss Bereavement Center. “Children who lose a parent or close family member may have difficulty sleeping, worrisome thoughts, depression or anger issues. The camp setting provides an opportunity for them to express their feelings, learn ways to cope, remember their special person who died, and meet others in their same age group who have also experienced loss.”

Fieldstone Farm is recognized as one of the largest state-of-the-art therapeutic riding centers in North America. Founded in 1978, the organization is breaking new ground in the field of equine therapy and changing many lives in the community. Experts at both organizations concur that counseling children with grief through the gentle and nurturing feedback of therapy horses in a tranquil environment has proven to have a healing effect.

Community

Northeast Shores Announces Artist Renter Equity Housing Program

by Camille Maxwell
Renting while earning equity? Is that even possible? It is now, thanks to the local non-profit, Northeast Shores Development Corporation. In a partnership with Cincinnati-based company Cornerstone Corporation for Shared Equity, Northeast Shores is launching their newest program known as the Renter Equity Program for local artists. The housing incentive will be Cleveland's first-ever shared equity program to allow renters who are artists to earn equity while renting a property.

Cornerstone Corporation who conceptualized the first Renter Equity Program, began in 1986 in Cincinnati with the desire to help groups of renters build financial savings that improve the property. The company was the first to develop the idea of renter's equity where tenants of their properties would earn home equity by adding value through keeping occupancy. Since then, Northeast Shores Development Corporation has been selected to be the first franchisee out-of-Cincinnati to expand the program.

So, how does it work? Tenants will receive \$4,136 after five years of residency in the property and can earn monthly equity credit, up to a maximum of \$10,000 for ten years. This credit is earned by paying rent on time, community participation, attend-

ing resident meetings, upkeep of the common area and adhering to house rules. After five years of residency, occupants then have the option to receive a cash payment and are encouraged to invest their money in other assets, or they can stay in the property to earn even more credit.

Northeast Shores is launching the Renter Equity Program at The Glencove, where artist tenants will receive the opportunity to rent, earn equity and display their work all in the same building. The Glencove is located at 231 East 156th Street, Cleveland, OH 44110 which is a short walk away from the Waterloo Arts District and a 10 minute drive from downtown Cleveland. The entire building has been completely renovated from top to bottom and features six living spaces, and six gallery spaces for the artists'studios and/or galleries. Each unit features modern conveniences such as in-suite washers and dryers, floor to ceiling windows, hardwood floors, off street parking, stainless steel dishwashers, ranges and refrigerators and additional studio space located in the basement of the complex.

To schedule a tour of the building or for more information:

Contact Camille Maxwell at 216-481-7660 ext. 30 or at cmaxwell@northeastshores.org.

Collinwood Arts and Health for Seniors Project

by Michel Hodges
In last month's Observer, Julia DiBaggio wrote about Collinwood 2015, an initiative blending arts and health activities to improve the health of our community. Linda Zolten-Wood and Michel Hodges are leading one of the projects that is part of this initiative. They will be presenting a series of activities at the Paul Alandt Lakeshore Rose Center for Aging Well.

Linda and Michel are long time Collinwood residents who love their community. Linda has volunteered for Waterloo Arts since the early years and has led workshops in rain barrel painting. She is on staff at Hillcrest Family YMCA where she teaches senior craft classes and teaches acrylic painting at Lakeland Community College's Continuing Education. See accompanying pictures of how beautiful a rain barrel can be!

Michel's neighborhood activities include volunteering at Euclid Beach monthly cleanups and singing in the choir at St. Jerome Church. Her professional experience includes caring for seniors as a home health aide and as a registered nurse at University Hospital Case Medical Center. Linda and Michel are very excited about combining their talents to make their community even better than it already is!

Collinwood Arts & Health for Seniors - Summer 2015

Wed July 8, 10-11:30 Garden Planning for Exercise and Beauty. Peter Quinn - Build raised beds & plant; Healthy movement with Michel Hodges, RN. Start designing rain barrel inside with Local Artist, Linda Zolten Wood, Director of the Collinwood. Painted Rain Barrel Project. After lunch - continue painting for anyone who is able to stay.
Wed July 15, 10-11:30 Creativity in Arts & Gardening. Healthy movement with Michel

Hodges RN, Continue Rain Barrel painting with LZW. After lunch - Continue painting for anyone who is able to stay.

Wed July 22, 10-11:30 Farmer's Market
Take a Field-trip to Cavotta's Garden Center - Tasting Local Produce, visiting farm animals. After lunch - Jessica Ferrato of Sierra Club, will talk about water conservation and install the rain barrel.

Wed July 29, 10-11:30 Planting a Healthy Menu NuLife Fitness Camp Director Miesha Wilson will guide us all in gentle and fun exercise. Local Chef Kimberly Homan demo recipes for seasonal produce & tasting.
Wed August 5, 10-11:30 Get Hep Swing Dance! Swing dance lesson by Valerie Salstrom Director of Get Hep Swing. After lunch - Kai Wingo, Director of Kultured Mushroom Farm will demo raising mushrooms and provide tastings of her recipes.
Wed August 12, 10-11:30 Potluck Party for registered seniors; Creative crafts & healthy celebrating! After lunch (1pm) - Tasting with Kevin Scheuring, Spice Hound & Director of Coit Road Farmer's Market.
Wed Aug 26, 10-11:30 Community Outreach Potluck Party. Invite senior's families and neighbors to harvest their garden vegetables and enjoy potluck recipes using healthy ingredients with live local music and creative craft projects. Anastasia Pantios - local herb specialist will help with herb selection, Vegan chef Melvin Price will offer tastings with herb recipes. After lunch, painting pots for herbs for everyone to take home (with Doug Wood - live music).

Tentative Schedule: May be subject to changes.
Register FREE at: Rose Centers for Aging Well Lakeshore 16600 Lakeshore Blvd. Cleveland OH 44110, (216) 481.0631

The International Youth Leadership Foundation Gets Ready for its Summer Programming Initiative

by Olivia Jackson

The International Youth Leadership Foundation is gearing up for its eight-week summer enrichment program, which begins Saturday, June 20th at Merrick House West. Founded in December of 2014 by Cleveland area native Melinda Jackson with the mission of:Posturing high achieving students from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds to be thought leaders and innovators in their future careers of choice through domestic and international programs that focus on career oriented academic enrichment, cultural awareness, and globally conscious leadership, the young organization hit the ground running at the start of the year with its career exploration program. For six sessions between January and April, students in the program spent every other Saturday at the Collinwood library learning about careers in STEM, arts and humanities, and business. These lessons were reinforced through guest lectures by industry professionals and field trips to the Great Lakes Science Center, Playhouse Square, and Edwin's Leadership and Restaurant Institute. A volunteer with the organization noted "Despite the severe weather we experienced this winter almost

all of the students showed up every week. They were so incredibly dedicated!"

With the turbulent winter weather in the rearview IYLF is ready to get its next project going- a summer leadership program. The program, which will run from June 20th until August 15th at Merrick House West, will allow students to explore leadership through self-awareness, personal development, and self-expression. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about horticulture, sustainability, and farm-to-table food systems as well as civic engagement through philanthropy. Students will also visit landmark Cleveland institutions and participate in cultural excursions throughout the city. Of the upcoming summer program, Executive Director Melinda Jackson remarked "We are proud to have created a program where students can really chart their own path to self-discovery. After the success of our first program, we are very excited to build upon what we have already started and give our students even more enriching experiences".

For more information about the International Youth Leadership Foundation or its programming visit www.IYLFLeads.org or email at info@IYLFLeads.org

Collinwood 2015 Project Announcement



Yoga at the Waterloo Sculpture Garden.

by Julia DiBaggio
Arts and health will unite for thirteen amazing projects through Northeast Shores' new program, Collinwood 2015. The 13 projects include five on exercise together, four on preventative care access, on health eating, one on domestic violence, and one on insurance awareness. These projects will happen in North Collinwood between now and the end of August. Learn more about these projects and how you can participate by calling Julia at 216-481-7660.

Exercise Together
• 356 Days of Walking in Collinwood will be a book with walking routes through the neighborhood featuring photos and points of interest, all submitted by residents.
• Shoe Art Walk will highlight exercise themes represented on both shoes and canvases that with the shoes displayed throughout the neighborhood.
• Swing dances classes will be offered to residents of North Shore Collinwood for free.
• Bus shelters will have colorfully illustrated vinyl wraps that depict easy and effective exercises that can be done while waiting for the bus.
• Yoga at the Sculpture Garden will happen up to 20 times this summer, with first time participants receiving a free yoga mat, towel, and health items.

Preventative Care Access
• Health through the lens of African American's will provide photography workshops focusing on health concerns, with finished work on display and for sale.
• Healthy hearts is where residents will create clay hearts displaying health messages that will be showcased throughout the neighborhood.
• Dancing wheels will have a 13 week residency for the students in Collinwood to spread the word and importance of equality in arts through dance.
• Survivors Helping Other Women Survive (SHOWS) will present two plays from their collection of one act plays written by breast cancer survivors that illustrate the cancer experience.
Healthy Eating
• Photographic food diaries for third and fourth graders will help guide the children to a more heightened awareness of what they put into their bodies, showcasing "eat the rainbow."
• Collinwood Painted Rain Barrel Project will work with the Rose Center for Aging Well, chefs, and gardeners to improve senior health.

Domestic Violence
• Survivors of domestic violence will take a four week weaving course with works that reflect or react to their struggles.
Health insurance Awareness
• Basketballs by basketball players will be painted and displayed around the neighborhood with messages about registering for health insurance.

Community

Neighborhood Leadership Development Program Seeks 2015 Applicants



KC Petraitis

by Sandra Kluk

Are you a passionate, committed Cleveland resident dedicated to taking an active role in improving your community? Could you use help enhancing your leadership skills?

The Neighborhood Leadership Development Program is a free community engagement training program for residents of Cleveland, and its inner ring suburbs, who are working on projects within the City of Cleveland.

NLDP was established in 2006 by the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation and is directed by former Cleveland mayor, Michael White.

Each year 20 committed individuals are chosen for the program. NLDP participants and graduates are from diverse backgrounds and range in age from their 20's to 60's. Their interests and pursuits are similarly diverse. NLDP currently has 143 graduates who are still working to improve life in their communities.



Stephanie Pope

NLDP graduates build and maintain community gardens and work in community development organizations; they support homeowners through financial literacy programs, teach computer skills to residents and build playgrounds for children. NLDP graduates are community activists, they provide services to people in need; work with the homeless and those facing re-entry. They enrich their communities through arts and culture and advocate for housing rights.

Stephanie Pope and KC Petraitis are two such NLDP graduates.

Stephanie is on the boards of Northeast Shores Development Corporation and the Northeast Cleveland Little League. Her issue is voting and voting rights and youth development.

In 2013 she organized a group of women, called "Cleveland Vote Like a Girl", to educate themselves on voting and voting rights. Empowered by this, they learned about the ballot issues and then went as a group to

vote. Their first meeting brought together a number of community groups to partner with the project. They went out on National Voter Registration Day to register voters and will be doing it again this year.

Pope has also created a leadership development program for girls' ages 10 to 17 called "The Destiny Project. Beginning June 5, 2015 the group will meet at the Salvation Army every Friday. The purpose for this initiative is to empower inner city youth to understand who they are, who they want to become and the path they need to take to achieve a life of success and purpose.

Pope says that NLDP "strengthened her leadership skills and that she was able to carry those skills into all her other projects and responsibilities." She said she learned to "create things that are sustainable so that if she goes the project will still go on."

Kestutis (KC) Petraitis also feels that NLDP gave him an understanding of "people tools and skills". KC is from Collinwood and currently works at the Cuyahoga Land Bank where he assists in the productive reuse of vacant and abandoned properties. KC remains involved with Northeast Shores Development Corporation and various Lithuanian-American groups in the neighborhood.

Improving, and giving back to, the community is very important to him, and how better to do that than by getting involved with its young future leaders.

KC is a soccer coach at Villa Angela/St. Joseph. Last year, he partnered with the Salvation Army to start a soccer program

for about 25 children ages 10 to 12. The event grew as a launching point for more soccer activities. This spring KC coached a travel soccer program with Royal Academy Soccer. The team is comprised of Cleveland residents that compete against suburban communities in Northeast Ohio with an emphasis on sportsmanship, hard work, and collaboration.

"NLDP taught me the power of networking with other people and organizations, like our partnership with the Salvation Army and Royal Academy Soccer," said Petraitis. "It helped me to see other community assets that could work together." He continued, "I automatically know that when I meet someone else who has gone through the NLDP program that I'm dealing with a committed community member and I know they care. That's a great feeling."

Practitioners in the areas of nonprofit management, marketing, program planning, fundraising and organizational leadership are NLDP presenters and facilitators. Every NLDP participant and NLDP graduate has ongoing access to the services of a Program Coach. NLDP coaches give advice and support tailored to the needs of the participant.

The 15 sessions take place on Saturdays at Trinity Commons at 2230 Euclid Avenue beginning August 29. For more information and an application, visit www.nldpcleveland.com or call 216-776-6172. The deadline for applications is August 5.

Impacting the Community

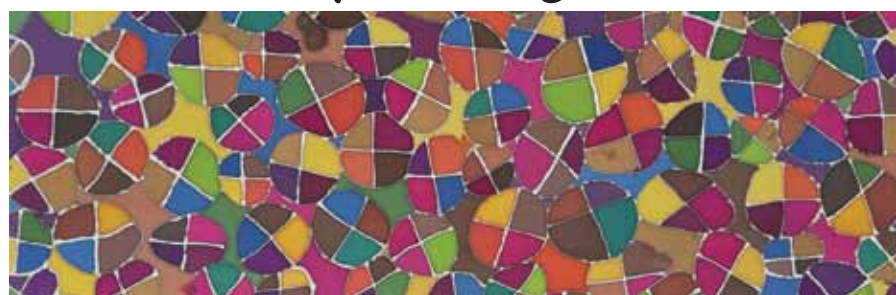


by Breanna Sweeney

If you're looking to make a difference in the community get involved with the Young Leaders Program. Young leaders program teaches 6th to 12th graders life tools consisting of problem solving, critical thinking, leadership skills, and community responsibility. This is an afterschool

program located at the Collinwood Recreational Center, who not only strives to build young leaders, but to build a better community. We actually go into communities and do service. We are looking to hire managers, teachers, secretaries, and promotion workers. Help us reach the youth! If you're interested in getting involved, volunteering or donating contact Vice President Breanna Sweeney 216-622-5849 or send a resume to youngleadersprogram@yahoo.com.

Phone Gallery: Calling All Artists



On view this month: artist Tina Dujmovic's silk and paper "Geometric Study 2".

by Allison Lukacsy

Sometimes, bigger isn't better. This is the case with 'Phone Gallery' - Cleveland's smallest gallery - annexed to the front of Russ' Auto Care in the west end of the Waterloo Arts District.

Originally conceived in 2013 by another artist and me, Phone Gallery demonstrates the transformation of an otherwise vacant and underutilized "space" - in this case, an abandoned pay phone booth - into an inventive place for art display.

The transformation from empty metal box to white walled gallery (with a shatter resistant, tamperproof "viewfinder") required imagination and a great partnership with a local handyman and Russ' Auto Care, from whom we siphon a little electricity every time someone walks by the motion-sensor operated LED lights retrofitted inside the pay phone booth.

The inaugural exhibition kicked off last spring, leading to a crowd-sourced photography contest during the 2014 Waterloo Arts Fest. Since then, Northeast Ohio Based artists have flocked to the box to fill it with a site specific, innovative installation. Phone Gallery has hosted Cleveland-famous artists that regularly show in venues like W.78th Street Studios and a retired Cleveland Institute of Art professor. The space has also hosted a talented high school art student from Collinwood, who had never shown his beautiful charcoal drawings to anyone before they went on display

for the public to view 24/7 at Phone Gallery.

Phone Gallery has received praise and national press through "Creative Exchange" and in a 2014 speech by the Director of "ArtPlace America". Funding sources include The Kresge Foundation, Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and sales of screenprinted "Hello, Waterloo" greeting cards available for sale at Zygot Press.

This is a little art space with a big mission - to make art accessible and approachable for everyone. Each month, a new artist's work is installed in the gallery in advance of the first Friday "Walk All Over Waterloo" art walk. The gallery's goal is to alternate established local talent with emerging artists who may not have a portfolio of work to fill a "normal" room or building-sized space.

Through the end of July, check out Cleveland-based fiber artist Tina Dujmovic's silk and paper piece "Geometric Study 2".

Are you an artist?

Phone Gallery accepts applications for a 1-month solo exhibition on a rolling basis and is currently looking for artists to fill slots in Fall and Winter 2015. There is never a fee to apply or exhibit.

Max display size: 11" w x 22" h x 6" d. Visual 2-D and 3-D pieces are encouraged. An outlet internal to the box is available for those submissions requiring electricity.

APPLY HERE: <http://www.mycreativecompass.org/Employment/Calls-for-Artists/Phone-Gallery-CALL-FOR-ARTISTS>



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A Great Day on E. 200th Street



As we come to the end of our school year, Every year, Our Lady of the Lake supports the E. 200th Street Stroll by offering a free Stroll Festival for the community. We offer free parking to Stroll visitors, who can catch the trolley from our convenient corner location, and enjoy a visit with lots of fun, free activities while they're here. "This is part of who we are as a parish," says Dana Heil, Pastoral Minister responsible for Community Outreach. "We welcome everyone, and support our community. The E. 200th Street Stroll is a great chance to do both, and have a lot of fun doing it!"

OLL Celebrates with Summer at Sims July 30

Our Lady of the Lake is proud to support the Summer at Sims concert series, bringing free music to the community on Euclid's beautiful lakefront. The next concert will be on Thursday, July 30, at 6:00 p.m. and as part of our 5th Year Anniversary, we'll be there handing out prizes and sharing the celebration. Come visit our table and say hello - we look forward to seeing old friends, and meeting some new ones!




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Thur & Fri open Noon to 10:00pm Sat open 4:00 to 9:00pm

Fellowship and Fun at Parish Picnic

Our Lady of the Lake celebrated another great parish picnic on June 21, with outdoor Mass, good food, games, prizes and of course great music. Thanks to a great crew of volunteers, there was something for everyone. They fired up the grills, and laid out a feast of good food and drink. Free ice cream for the kids, a balloon clown and plenty of games and prizes kept little ones busy all afternoon. There was bocce and

cornhole, and music from the Joey Tomsick Orchestra to set the mood. And the Italian American Club in Wickliffe provided the perfect setting, with seating for hundreds and lots of room to run and play. It was a great day out with family and friends, and a wonderful way to celebrate our parish community. We're already looking forward to next year's picnic: save the date for June 26, 2016!






St. Jerome Church

Collinwood's Catholic School

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Another Awesome Year at St. Jerome School

by Marguerite DiPenti

St. Jerome Catholic School students finished the academic year on June 5th, and what an awesome year it was! The students participated in a wide variety of learning adventures. This year our scholars were introduced to the Common Core Standards of instruction to prepare them for future success. Students took the PARCC test for the first time to assess academic progress. A technology consultant taught students to expand their computer knowledge and demonstrated a drone in flight. Teachers and students took learning out of the classroom for hands-on fun. Each student took at least two field trips this year. Some of the places they visited were Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and Great Lakes Science Center. Students also took a two-mile hike in the North Chagrin Reservation and toured the Holden Arboretum with a naturalist. The junior high classes attended a trip to Columbus, and the entire school enjoyed a cruise on the Goodtime III. A generous donor helped with bus transportation and admission.

On June 2, St. Jerome School eighth grade commencement brought laughter and tears. The St. Jerome Parish community is proud of their accomplishments as they move on to outstanding high schools including Villa Angela-St. Joseph, Benedictine, St. Martin de Porres, Ginn Academy, Lake Catholic and Cleveland School of the Arts.

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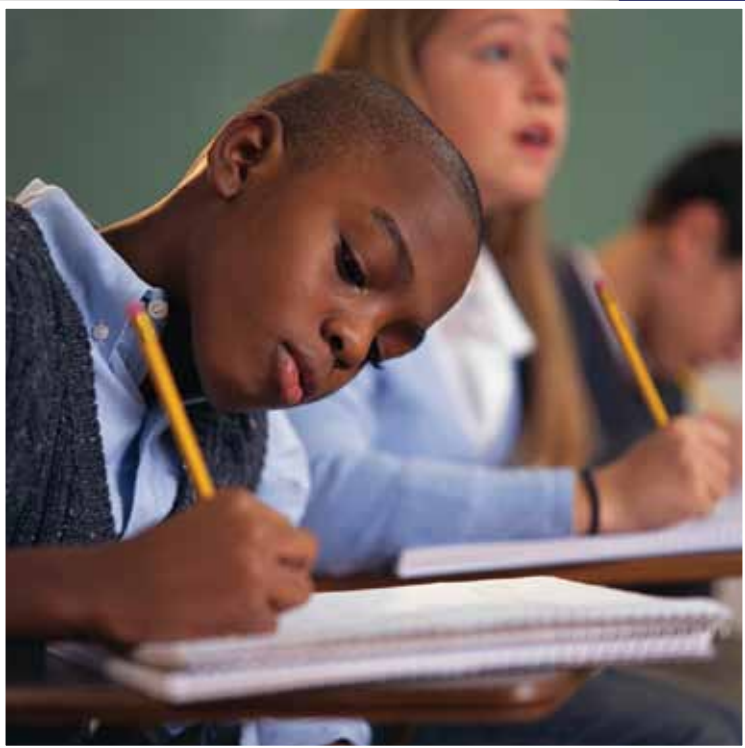
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Imagine Bella Hits the Streets



Imagine Bella World Changers braved the rain and represented at the Waterloo Arts Fest! Thanks to NuLife Fitness for keeping us dry!

This summer Imagine Bella World Changers are visiting local businesses and attending local events in the community to connect with current and future Imagine Bella families. Summer hours at Imagine Bella are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

for summer packet pickup, tours, and enrollment. Call 216-481-1500 for more information. Now enrolling students in grades K-5! Open each Monday from 9:00-6:30 pm for tours.

Adkeysiga House Party



Adkeysiga was the winner of house point challenge for the 2014-2015 school year. Students and teachers from the Adkeysiga house dressed down in their house color, red. The food and decorations were all in

red and students danced outside to their favorite tunes. At the end of the day, the entire school joined the party to celebrate a great year at Imagine Bella. Who will win next year?

Imagine Bella Field Day



Face paint was a big hit on Field Day

On Friday, May 29th Imagine Bella hosted its Annual Field Day to celebrate the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Hannan planned an amazing day complete with a DJ, Flour Dodge Ball, Corn Hole, Tug Of



DJ Castro is our favorite at Imagine Bella!

War, Football Toss, Parachute Fun, Face Painting, Scooter Races, Whipped Cream and Skittles Race, and fresh popped popcorn. Check out all the video and photos on Imagine Bella Academy's Facebook page.

Science Exploration



Representatives from Lake Farm Park taught students about renewable energy and allowed students to experiment with wind turbines and more.

Hakeem the Storyteller



Hakeem the Storyteller visited Imagine Bella this Spring.

Learning in Action



Fifth graders completing Geometry City projects.

The fifth grade class engaged in project-based learning to create their own Geometry City. Fifth graders also completed a

unit on marketing. You can see their video on Imagine Bella's website: <http://imaginebellaacademy.com>

Kindergarten Grads



Imagine Bella Students, Teachers, and Families Clap-out Kindergarteners.

Congrats to Imagine Bella's 2015 Kindergarteners! We are so proud of how far all of you have grown. The school-wide clap-out led the Kindergarten students to their picnic at the playground. Congrats Kindergarten Grads! We can't wait to see all of you as FIRST GRADERS!

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, August 19th
First Day for Kindergarten

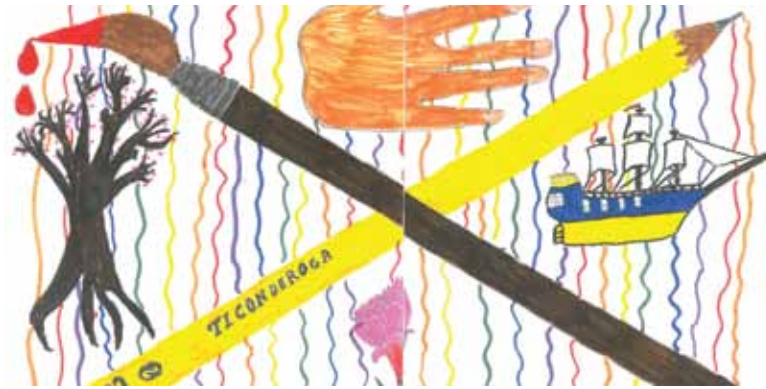
Thursday, August 20th
First Day for Grades 1-6



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Schools

University School Seventh Graders Visit North Collinwood



by University School faculty members Terry Lipford, Kathy Osborne, and Katherine Willow-Peterson

This spring, a group of University School seventh graders took part in a week-long field study of the North Shore Collinwood neighborhood. Among the things the students saw while in the neighborhood were the Zoetic Walls, Cleveland's first organized street art project. The students came to understand that among the goals of the project were a visual enlivening of the neighborhood, a contribution to the neighborhood's sense of identity, and the aspiration that residents might become attached to abandoned infrastructure in hopes that these buildings would not be demolished. Nonetheless, as the students interviewed neighborhood residents, they

heard contrasting opinions regarding the walls: The neighborhood residents generally love the idea of public art, but some feel that the murals do not properly represent the neighborhood's identity – its history, its future, or its residents. Others feel that these murals are, indeed, representative of these things. The boys were intrigued by the way in which art inspired such a rich conversation on the topic of Collinwood's identity.

We gave the seventh graders the following task: Now that they had spent a week in the neighborhood, learning its history, hearing of its hopes and plans for the future, and interviewing several of its residents about their lives in Collinwood, the boys were to create their own Zoetic Wall



representative of Collinwood's identity as they saw it. The boys' creations conveyed that Collinwood is full of vibrancy, perseverance, vision, hope, creativity, tradition, and innovation. Here are two student examples, each with a student-written explanation of what they drew and their rationale for doing so.

Zoetic wall 1, by Jack Rogen and Simon Tropper: "Our wall represents many aspects of Collinwood. The carnation at the bottom is the Slovenian national flower, and it represents Collinwood's roots. The crisscrossing paintbrush and pencil represent the many artists like Jerry Schmidt and how they help make Collinwood a more attractive place to live. The ship to the right represents Collinwood's location next to the lake and the people's determina-

tion to sail forward. The hand on top represents the people in Collinwood who lend a helping hand, like Councilman Polensek and Amy Callahan, a local artist. Finally, the tree to the left represents Collinwood's steady regrowth. The different colored lines in the background represent Collinwood's diversity."

Zoetic wall 2, by Josiah Pope and Alex Sharkunov: "The trees represent many things. The roots represent companies and industries. At first there were a lot, but when the recession hit, some roots shriveled up or fell off, but a few small roots have started to grow as well. This is the tree in winter. Now the tree is alive and healthy again (spring and summer), but problems can still happen and the leaves can still fall down (fall). What the heart represents is what makes Collinwood what it is. It is the heart of Collinwood. It shows how Collinwood attracted artists and how their artistic vision is transforming Collinwood. The light switch represents Project Light Switch, which is opening new businesses in the neighborhood."

Choose Your School

by Julia DiBaggio

No longer do kids need to go to the school down the street. With open enrollment, families can choose a school that fits their child's individual learning style and interests. It is because of these options Northeast Shores created a book that features testimonials of the families and students that chose a school different from the one assigned to them by the district. This book will accompany the Transformation Alliance's school information book that will be

available later this month.

With over 100 public elementary schools in Cleveland, choosing the right one can be difficult. Families can choose between Intergenerational, Montessori, preparatory, STEM, and many others. Reading the stories Collinwood families made about choosing their school will hopefully inspire other families to think about where they are sending their child to begin their education.

Cleveland Transformation Alliance Strives for Quality Schools

by Xiomara Hernández-Marcelo

How can Clevelanders learn more about their public schools? What does "school quality" mean? How can communities work to improve their schools?

These are some of the questions that drive the work of the Cleveland Transformation Alliance. We're a nonprofit advocacy organization striving to make sure all Cleveland children can attend quality schools, in every neighborhood.

The Alliance partners with organizations like Northeast Shores Development Corporation to highlight what's happening in schools and to work to improve public education.

ClevelandTA.org (the Alliance website) and our printed School Quality Guide can be valuable resources for families seeking the school that's the best fit for their children, and for other members of the community who care about making schools and neighborhoods stronger.

ClevelandTA.org includes profiles and ratings of every Cleveland public school – district and charter – along with contacts,

enrollment information, and more. The same information is in our School Quality Guide, available in libraries, community centers, and at events throughout the city.

ClevelandTA.org features reviews of schools by the people who know them best: families, students, educators, and others. Anyone who knows a school can provide a review, either at ClevelandTA.org or through a form available in our Guide.

Alliance staff and our volunteer School Quality Ambassadors are available to attend events to help families find the best fit for their children.

Under the Chairmanship of Mayor Frank G. Jackson, the Alliance board of directors brings together partners from the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, the charter school sector, parents and educators, local foundations, and other community and business leaders. Board meetings are open to the public.

For more information, contact Andrea Foxx, School Quality Advocate, at andrea.foxx@clevelandta.org, or 216.592.2435.

My therapist told me the way to achieve true inner peace is to finish what I start. So far I've finished two bags of M&Ms and a chocolate cake. I feel better already.

Dave Barry

Thank you, From Lakeshore Intergenerational School



by Robin Bartley

We would like to thank the Collinwood Community for the very warm welcome and acceptance during this, our first year in operation. We had an extremely successful year serving over 100 students in grades K-2. When school begins on August 13th, we will welcome 150 students in grades K-3. Each year we will be adding the next grade level until we are a K-8 school.

We want to extend to the community an invitation to our Family Fun Day which

will be held at the school on Saturday, July 25th from noon to 4:00 p.m. Our returning families, new families and community members will be treated to free food, games, and a DJ who will engage the children in music and dance activities along with prizes. You will be able to tour the school and sit in on an information session to learn more about our unique educational model.

If our Collinwood neighbors are interested in learning more about our volunteer program, as we are always looking for adults to serve as reading mentors to our students, please contact the school office for more information at 216-586-3872. If you are interested in enrolling your child at LIS, please contact our enrollment team at 216-456-2086 ext. 1107.

Tri-C Launches New Adult Diploma Program

by John Horton

A new program launching at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C*) will link earning a high school diploma with free job training for adults age 22 or older who left school before graduating.

Enrollment in the Adult Diploma Program at Tri-C opens Monday, July 6. The state-funded project is designed to provide the schooling and training needed for jobs within in-demand fields.

Those accepted into the program will simultaneously earn a high school diploma and an industry credential. The College's program will prepare participants for careers in health-care services, manufacturing, logistics and construction.

"Ohio adults without a high school diploma are twice as likely to live in poverty as those with a diploma," said JaNice Marshall, associate vice president of access and community engagement at Tri-C. "This program represents a pathway to a brighter

future."

Students will choose a career pathway and work under a personalized success plan. The approach will embed academics — such as math and reading — into career and technical coursework.

Unlike in traditional classrooms, students will show they have mastered their courses by passing a job skills test rather than a traditional academic test.

Participants may receive instruction through a blend of classroom and online sources in addition to video conferencing, academic coaching and hands-on training in work settings. Career guidance also will be offered.

To enroll or for more information, call 216-987-0610 or go to www.tri-c.edu/adult-diploma.

The Ohio Department of Education awarded Tri-C a grant to start the program and develop a new approach to adult education.

The Beach

Euclid Beach Blast Needs Volunteers!



by Stephen Love

Get Involved with North Collinwood's biggest event on the Lakefront! The 6th Annual Euclid Beach Blast is a community organized, volunteer led event celebrating community and creativity on the shores of Lake Erie on Saturday August 1st, 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. We would love to have you help us make this year's Blast bigger and better than ever! Event volunteers are needed to help with set up, staffing event activities and tear down.

Volunteer perks include:

- Beach Blast T-shirt
- Raffle tickets towards some pretty awesome raffle baskets from local businesses
- \$5 Food voucher good at any event vendor
- Volunteer After Party - Free Admission to the Beachland Ballroom Tavern concert and \$2 Heineken (for volunteers 21+)

If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out our volunteer signup form by visiting the following link: <http://goo.gl/forms/mXeEKRGB2>

Please complete the volunteer sign up by Friday July 10, 2015.

All volunteers are required to attend a pre event orientation session at the Euclid Beach Park Picnic Pavilion (rain location - Collinwood Rec Center) on either Tuesday, July 14, 2015 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. or Saturday, July 18, 2015 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Pizza and pop will be provided at the orientation!

For more information, contact Elva Brodnick at euclidbeachblast@gmail.com 216-738-0626 or visit www.euclidbeachblast.com

Celebrate Summer with Books on the Beach



Borrow a book every Saturday from 11:30am until 2pm at Euclid Beach Park.

by Allison Lukacsy

You like us - you really do! Thanks to our wonderful neighbors and park users who have borrowed a book, newspaper, or magazine from The Lakefront Literacy Project's mobile library since the end of May. Nothing makes our volunteers happier than a satisfied reader.

Visit the library every Saturday between now and the end of September from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and grab some reading material for your day at the beach. Feel free

to take it with you until you are finished enjoying, then simply return on a Saturday for the next person to enjoy.

Do you have a few hours to spare? Email us at read.euclidbeach@gmail.com and let us know of your interest and availability for staffing the library on Saturdays. The position is fun and easy... and yes you can sit down and read a magazine on the job!

Learn more: www.facebook.com/lakefrontliteracy

Unearthed: Euclid Beach Sand Sculpture Contest



Bring your own tools or borrow ours, at this year's Sand Sculpture Contest at Euclid Beach Park on August 1st, 2015.

by Allison Lukacsy

Remember the good ol' days of the Arts Collinwood Sand Castle Contest? We do, and together with Waterloo Arts we're bringing it back in a big way this year at the 6th Annual Euclid Beach Blast at Euclid Beach Park.

Join local celebrity and Cleveland-based sand artist Carl Jara on the beach starting at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 1, 2015. Teams of 4 people, of any age and skill level, are encouraged to sign up online at www.euclidbeachblast.com OR the day of the event, by 6:00 p.m.

Judging will occur at 7:30 p.m. In addition to bragging rights, at stake in three prize categories are gift cards to local businesses including Star Pop, Chili Peppers, and East Coast Custard.

Stay tuned for details and updates by liking us on Facebook.com/euclidbeachblast and Follow us on twitter @BeachBlastCLE

What is Euclid Beach Blast

Now into its sixth year, the Euclid Beach

Blast! is a community organized, volunteer led event about celebrating community, creativity, living breathing history and having some Lake Erie Lovin' Fun!

The event is entirely free to the public and supported by multiple community grants and in-kind donations of goods and services. Thanks to a broad marketing effort, the event attracts several thousand Greater Cleveland residents in addition to many North Collinwood neighbors. The event date is August 1, 2015 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. followed by a bonfire and story telling. Featured activities include "Beachland at the Beach" bands, sunset yoga, fat tire bikes, chalk the walk, and more from local businesses and organizations!

This year, as part of Collinwood 2015's health initiative, our event will also feature fitness and healthy eating options in our outdoor concession court and on site health screenings.

Can't wait to see you having a Blast!

They dined on mince, and slices of quince,
Which they ate with a runcible spoon; And hand
in hand, on the edge of the sand,
They danced by the light of the moon.

Edward Lear



Kurt Gyorki celebrates in style

New Day Academy Taking Students from Kindergarten to Bachelors Degree



Ashley Welch, NDA 11
Baldwin Wallace University Class of 2015

by Terrance Walton

New Day Academy a Kindergarten through 12th grade college prep school had an exciting past two months. May and June were exciting months for students and parents of New Day Academy, as many proud parents witnessed their children graduate from Kindergarten, eighth grade, high school, and even college. Each of these milestone events give the teachers and staff of New Day Academy the motivation and affirmation necessary to continue on in a career that on a day to day basis can become quite challenging. Seeing the smiles on the faces of the children as they receive their degree, diploma, or certificate, and the flashes of cameras from proud parents and families, as their children and loved ones cross the stage, make it all worth it.

This year was extra special as New Day Academy saw its first College graduate. Ashley Welch graduated from New Day Academy in 2011 and went on to further her education at Baldwin Wallace University, where this past May she completed all the requirements necessary to receive a bachelor's degree in criminal Justice. Ashley graduated in four years, which in of itself is an accomplishment, as most

students take at least five years to complete bachelors. What's more amazing is that Ashley made it despite all the odds being stacked against her. Before going to Baldwin Wallace, Ashley hadn't ever really been away from Cliffview Rd., for any extended amount of time, so being on the campus of BW seemed like a world away from home and what she was used to, so many times she felt like she was out of place and should go home. We at New Day are so glad she persevered and stayed. Ashley attributes her success, "to a team of teachers at New Day Academy that instilled the importance of education, and always motivated her in the classroom and beyond."

Although Ashley was the first New Day Academy graduate, she will not be the last as the school expects many more college graduates to come, as the school begins to see its initial graduating classes begin to complete four to five years of college. New Day Academy was established in 2004 and had its first high school graduation in 2010. The expectation for college graduates is bright, with students like the following from the class of 2015: T'ara Adams the class Valedictorian and Julai Matthews the class Salutatorian. T'ara who received a total of \$123,100 in scholarship will be attending Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania. Stay updated with all the great things going on at New Day Academy such as what was presented in this article, by following us at:

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- 6:00 Maura Rogers and the Bellows
- 7:00 David Loy and the Ramrods
- 7:30 Raffle Drawing, Zumba and more!
- 8:00 Grupo Son Gitano

IN THE PARK

Chalk the Walk with Hector Castellanos
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ON THE BEACH

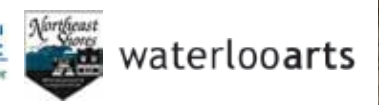
- 5:00 Waterloo Arts Sand Sculpture Contest*
Featuring Carl Jara
(register online at euclidbeachblast.com or at the event by 6pm)
- Bike Cleveland Fat Tire Beach Course
- 8:00 Sunset Yoga on the sand
- 8:30 Bonfire & Storytelling
Panic Steel Ensemble

The 6th Annual Euclid Beach Blast! celebrates community and creativity on the shores of Lake Erie so save the date!

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Market Thursday at Cavotta's Urban Market

by John Copic

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