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Happy 80th Birthday to Us!



Patricia Strom, Patricia Keehn, Rita Vaitkus, Diane Corcelli

by Diane Corcelli

Once upon a time, four young Cleveland women entered Ohio University to prepare for careers while having fun and making

new friends. Actually, Rita Vaitkus and I already were friends since we both graduated from Collinwood High School. The other two are Pat Synan Strom from the

west-side and Pat Golene Keehn from a southeastern suburb. Three of us studied journalism while one majored in home economics.

Following graduation, we concentrated on our careers. Pat S. was a home ec teacher and guidance counselor in the Cleveland school system. Pat K. was a pharmaceutical rep. I did public relations for Euclid General Hospital and the City of Cleveland. Rita was in communications for Addressograph Multigraph Corp. and Blue Cross of Northeast Ohio.

Our friendships continued to flourish in Cleveland. I was in Pat K.'s wedding. Pat S. and I played tennis and golf together. Rita and I frequently double-dated. Our group even attended our 25th class reunion together at Ohio University in 1982.

A long time ago, we discovered that our

birthdays are within 30 days of each other, from October 16th through November 16th. We decided to celebrate together with dinner. None of us can remember exactly when this custom began, but a good guess would be 50 years ago. We dined at fine restaurants all over town and observed our 65th birthdays with a dinner cruise on the Good Time.

Since I moved to Florida in 1997, we now celebrate our birthdays in the summer when I return to Cleveland to visit friends and relatives. This year we met at theAmericano Restaurant in Bratenahl Place to observe our milestone 80th birthdays. We never imagined that we would still be having birthday dinner together at the ripe old age of 80 after 50 years!

Fairy tales always end with "and they lived happily ever after". We are happy, happy that we are still alive -- and lively -- and looking forward to celebrating more birthdays together in the future.

Community meeting to hear your input on the building of the new Oliver hazard Perry elementary school

by John Copic

Oliver Hazard Perry Elementary School

All Community Meeting | Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Oliver Hazard Perry School | 8400 Schenely | 6:00 p.m.

We are building a new Oliver Hazard Perry Elementary School and your input is vital to its success.

Imagine Schools "School of the Year" Award Winner



Imagine Bella team in Columbus receiving top awards in the national organization.

by Sarah Myers

Imagine Bella was awarded "School of the Year" for Academic Growth and Character Development, recognized for their strong performance among all Imagine Schools in the country. Imagine Schools is a national non-profit network of 63 public charter

campuses educating more than 30,000 students in 11 states and the District of Columbia. Imagine Schools partners with parents and guardians to educate their children, providing high quality schools that prepare students for lives of leadership, accomplishment, and exemplary character.

VASJ Enrollment Sets a New Record



With enrollment the highest it has been in nearly a decade and coming off a record-breaking fundraising year, VASJ has much to celebrate during its 25th anniversary year. Read more on page 13.

Public meeting to plan the future of E. 185th St.

by John Copic

Public Meeting

Help Plan the Future of E. 185th St.

Villa Angela St. Joseph High School Gymnasium

Thursday, September 10, 2015

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Community

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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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September Winds



by Michael D. Polensek

Where did summer go? It seems like it just got here and already it's September. I hope everyone enjoyed the Friday night Summer Concert Series at Euclid Beach MetroPark. The attendance was unreal and the crowds enjoyed themselves immensely! In fact, we haven't seen crowds such as these since the days of the amusement park and no issues were reported! The only concern, I guess, was – not enough food vendors; which we will work on collectively for next year.

The Waterloo Arts & Entertainment District continues to evolve with new restaurants and venues in the works. Watch for their schedule on ongoing happenings in the district including Walk Over Waterloo events, concerts, and gallery openings.

The Lakeshore Boulevard project is virtually complete with only a small section left needing the final top coat. Thank you so very much to all for your patience during this much needed project.

The demolition of the McDonald's at East 159th Street and Lakeshore Boulevard should begin shortly now that they have

all of their approvals. We plan to hold McDonald's accountable for the maintenance of the property.

All of our neighborhood City swimming pools and parks were well attended this year and very few reported problems. The Collinwood Recreation Center has had a banner year so far this year and my congratulations to management and staff as well as those who utilize the facility. Fall sports and events are coming up quickly; stay tuned. There are also many new Senior activities at the Center so check these out as well. In addition, Seniors, check out the Benjamin Rose Living Well Center at 16600 Lakeshore Boulevard; there is a new Center Director, new programs and lots of potential new friends.

Foreclosures and housing code enforcement issues continue to be the number one complaint into my office. I urge all concerned residents to register complaints to the Mayor's Action Line at (216) 664-2900 and the Building & Housing Hotline at (216) 664-2007. We must remain vigilant about any property that distracts from our quality of life. The City MUST do a better job on prosecuting absentee landlords who refuse to maintain their property. High grass complaints go into the Mayor's Action Center or the Division of Health at (216) 664-2300.

Opinion

Finding Our Way on Waterloo



New and exciting things are happening in the Waterloo Arts District - such as this mural painted in Summer 2015 - but there is plenty of room for improvement. Make your opinion heard on mysidewalk.com

by Allison Lukacsy

The construction barrels are gone, the detour signs down, new and old businesses are thriving. Yet, the Waterloo Arts District struggles to look and feel like a destination. Walking through the district one hour before the August "Walk All Over Waterloo", one would never have guessed an event was imminent.

It fuels my fire, working as a master planner and streetscape designer for new developments around Cleveland, because unfortunately what we have in North Collinwood is a complete road, not a complete streetscape.

Yes, we have tabletops and wider sidewalks and a stage that someday soon may host regular programming thanks to the efforts of the Waterloo Merchants Association. We have a funky, sustainable parking lot at Azure and the unique steel megaphone sculpture with announcement board.

We also have ho-hum bus shelters, a palate of beige pavers and typically striped pedestrian intersections. We have loosely defined boundaries (marked only by a "Waterloo" sculpture on the west-bound side of the district and a billboard on the highway). We have utility poles left inexplicably above ground and unadorned with lights or paint or banners or anything graphic that might clue in a visitor that they have arrived at a place, not a throughway. And we have very few trees that survived planting.

While the hard elements are immovable, we do have the great opportunity to shape the street's "softscape", including branding an identity visible in district-wide banners projecting from buildings and utility poles, directional signage identifying business locations and informational markers that tie together the many murals in our neighborhood.

If you visit the Gordon Square Arts Dis-

trict or Uptown in University Circle, you'll see similar strategies, which are just a few of the many ideas I am borrowing from my own place making experience collaborating with the Cleveland Urban Design Collaborate and community development corporations on projects elsewhere in the City. On Waterloo we need elements that strongly indicate place and activity (even on a Wednesday morning when there is not a concert, an art walk, or a dinner crowd) and do not cause visitors to second guess where they are.

Research tells us that well designed streets with visual indicators help to slow traffic and improve safety absent of police officers. Additionally, public wayfinding and branding benefits individual businesses on the street by uniting the district in a way electronic media and ground level sandwich boards could never.

Do you have a terrific idea for the Waterloo Arts District? "My Sidewalk" is an online survey tool that allows anyone (like me) to post a question and solicit feedback from community members wanting to shape the places we live, work and play. Site registration is quick and easy - How would you make Waterloo better?

<https://mysidewalk.com/posts/5037/how-would-you-improve-the-waterloo-arts-district-in-north-collinwood-cleveland-oh>

Collinwood School Fire Memorial Garden

Look at the Collinwood School Fire Memorial Garden Now!

by Elva Brodnick

First LRCP Work Days: July 16th & 18th 2015, look at it now!

Thanks to the Cleveland Municipal School District's Summer Interns, & the Little Red Cap Project committee members - the Memorial Garden is looking wonderful!

This is just the start - there's still much to do! We'll be putting plans together for the Garden, once school is back in session.

As always, if you're interested in helping in any way on this - we'll definitely need all kinds of talents and abilities to do this! Do contact Elva Brodnick at either carrollsell@gmail.com or 216-738-0626 or Charlotte Iafeliece at ciafeliece@aol.com or 216-401-8778.

And thanks!
Elva Brodnick & Charlotte Iafeliece
Co-Chairs Little Red Cap Project



The interns working



Before - Side



Getting the mulch up into the Garden



Done! Front



Our mulch crew!



Before - Closeup



After weeding, front



Up in the Garden - mulch going in!



Done - closer in

Library News

Fall into Exciting Programs at Collinwood Library!

by Erica Marks
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Kids Café

Visit the Collinwood Branch Library after school for Kids Café! Beginning Tuesday, September 1 * 3:30pm—4:30pm

Harvest Hoopla!

Party with the pumpkins and sit on stacks of hay, we're starting the new season in a fun way! Join us for an evening of fun stories, apple cider, games and more! (All Ages) Thursday, September 24* 4:30pm

Banned Books Showdown!

We're having a Banned Books Showdown! What's your favorite banned book and why? Join us at the Collinwood round

table, as we share titles and read excerpts out of our favorite banned book! (Teens) Thursday, October 1 * 4:30pm
Marshmallow Mix & Monster Stories! Bring your favorite blanket and munch on marshmallow mix while listening to silly monster stories! (Toddler/School-Age) Thursday, October 29 * 5:00pm
Free After-School Tutoring starts in October! More information will be forthcoming.

ADULT PROGRAMS:

Free Computer Classes – Fridays in September -11:15am-12:45pm – Starting Sept. 4th Topics: Computer Basics, Internet Basics, and Digital News & Searching.
GED Classes: New Day and time: Tuesday and Thursdays from 12:30pm-2:30pm Starting Tuesday, September 1st. Call 216-371-7138 for registration information.

September Events at the Memorial-Nottingham Library

by Jeanne Coppola

FREE READING AND TUTORING CLASSES FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES K-3. Every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in September at 3:30pm.

The 'Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee' helps all students with tutoring if they need support to improve their reading skills.

Students in grades K-3 will get reading assistance through Braxton Education and Technology Consulting, which is offering the class.

FREE COMPUTER CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Every Thursday in September from 3:15pm to 4:45pm.

Microsoft Excel 2010 I How to enter data Thursday, September 03, 2015

Microsoft Excel 2010 II How to do worksheets Thursday, September 10, 2015

Microsoft Excel 2010 III How to format and use filters Thursday, September 17, 2015

Microsoft Excel 2010 IVHow to create charts Thursday, September 24, 2015

Classes are for beginners. Registration starts on Monday, August 24, 2015. To register call 216.623.2980

The Heritage Home Program in Ward 8

by Colin Compton

Heritage Home Program Associate

As summer winds down and autumn approaches, home maintenance and weatherization projects may be on your mind. Thanks to funding designated by Councilman Michael Polensek, the Heritage Home Program is available to houses in Ward 8 that are more than 50 years old. For over 20 years, the Heritage Home Program has provided the owners of older homes with free advice on repair or maintenance projects and has offered a low-interest financing option to cover project costs.

If your home is more than 50 years old, you have access to:

- A free site visit from a Construction Specialist to discuss home repair projects
- Help prioritizing projects
- Assistance finding contractors
- Impartial advice on contractor estimates

Qualified homeowners also have the op-

tion of obtaining a low-interest, fixed-rate Heritage Home Program loan, with rates as low as 1.4%! Financing is based on bank lending requirements and available home equity. Both owner-occupied and rental properties of 3 units or less qualify. Most projects are eligible:

- Exterior and Interior Painting
- Kitchen and Bath Remodeling
- Roof Repair and Replacement
- Basement Waterproofing
- Window Repair
- Masonry Repair
- Insulation
- HVAC Upgrades
- And much, much more!

As always, the Heritage Home Program staff is available to assist you with your project from start to finish!

To learn more or get started, call 216-426-3116, email hhp@heritagehomeprogram.org or visit www.heritagehomeprogram.org.

Volunteers Needed for Wildwood Park Fall Cleanup Day



When: September 19 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Where: Wildwood Park - Euclid Creek Reservation, Lakeshore Blvd. and East 174th Street Cleveland, 44110, Meet at Wildwood Picnic Pavilion

Dress for weather (long sleeves, pants, work boots, gloves)

Register on Cleveland Metroparks' Website by September 16.

All groups welcome, children under 18 must have adult supervision and fill out and bring a Cleveland Metroparks waiver signed by a parent/guardian.

by Claire Posius

Please join Euclid Creek Watershed program partners as we conduct restoration activities at the wetland and cleanup the bioswale garden.

Community

From the Rock to the Stepping Stone



by Tierra Biggers

Chester Lester was scheduled to do community service at Collinwood Recreation Center. He had to complete 50 hours. Chester started on June 19, 2015. Once Chester and his mother came to see me, Chester demeanor was timid. He stated that he was uncomfortable due to being in an environment that wasn't familiar. At the end of his shift on the 19th Chester stated that he enjoyed working here and that he wanted to stay and continue working after his hours were completed. The staff and I hear a lot of community service workers state that they will come back and do work for the com-

munity, but only a few make that statement true. Chester is one of those few workers. "Chester Lester" as we sometimes call him, which is his actual, name, has not, missed a day since his community service hours were completed on June 26, 2015. Chester stated to me, that he wanted to be a part of the team and I was going to make that happen. Chester was an honorary YOU worker and received t-shirts as the other youth did and he also obtained a volunteer shirt so that he could blend in with the rest of the staff. I mentioned to Chester and his mother, Ms. Henderson about the Mayor's youth program. They both were interested and now the application is awaiting approval. Chester states that he wants to be here because it keeps him out of trouble and he actually has fun being at the center and working. Chester is here faithfully from 9am-8pm Monday through Friday and Saturdays 9:30-6pm. As I stated earlier he has not missed a day. He has participated in all of our team gatherings. Chester Lester has shined his character and commitment on Collinwood Recreation Center. We are grateful to have him in our presence. Chester has gone from the rock to the stepping stone and is approaching his throne one day at a time.

YOU Youth Vision Board

by Tierra Biggers



St. Vitus Adult Slovenian School

by Lillian Centa

The St. Vitus Adult Slovenian School will begin its 2015- 2016 language classes on Saturday, September 12. Classes are scheduled on two Saturdays a month from 9:15 to 11:45 a.m. and will continue into May

2016. Location is at Martin de Porres High School (formerly St. Vitus School), 6111 Lausche Avenue, Cleveland. For information, please call Lillian Centa, Director, at 216.289.7253 or email elcenta@sbcglobal.net.

Health

Healthier Seniors Wrap up Summer



Seniors enjoy sample of Kai's mushrooms while she explains their healthy properties

by Michel Hodges

Linda Zolten-Wood and Michel Hodges RN continued arts/health programming at the Rose Center on Lakeshore Blvd. as part of the Collinwood 2015 initiative sponsored by Northeast Shores Development Corporation and the Kresge Foundation. We kicked off the month with Valerie Salstrom from Get Hep Swing, a local dance studio. Valerie is an award winning swing dancer and taught us some great moves. She then invited us to make up our own moves by thinking about summer activities and then setting them to music. We created The Fly Swatter, The Swimmer, and even The Corn Eater. Great fun was had by all as can be seen from the accompanying pictures.

The next week featured great eats. Linda made easy peasy bean dip with canned beans, fresh salsa and shredded cheese. Kevin Scheuring, manager of The Coit Road Farmers Market expanded our culinary horizons by treating us to a North African dish called chermoula. Ingredients included saffron, parsley, green bell peppers, onion, garlic, lemon juice and preserved lemon, cumin, sunflower sprouts and a variety of spices from Spice Hound. All this mixed together and served over rice. Yum!!

We also gathered recipes of a different kind, home remedies that Rose seniors remembered from their childhoods. Does anybody remember something called mut-



Seniors colorful creations that will be filled with herbs to take home and use all winter long!

ton taler? It is a mixture of quinine, soda, and rubbing alcohol made into a paste which you rubbed on your chest, back, top of your head and bottoms of your feet to draw out a cold.

Great eating continued the next week with Kai Wingo of Cultured Mushrooms. Kai started growing mushrooms after being laid off and was named this year as one of Cleveland Magazine's Most Interesting People. She sauteed oyster and shitaki mushrooms with a little olive oil and garlic powder. Amazing how good these were! She explained that mushrooms are not only a great source of nutrition featuring anti-inflammatory properties but also can be used to break down oil in contaminated waterways.

The month ended with a potluck where everyone shared their favorite recipes featuring end of summer bounty. There may even be a cookbook so keep your eyes open for future info! Everyone got to take a home a hand painted flower pot filled with herbs from local herb specialist Anastasia Pantios.

Linda and Michel have greatly enjoyed their time with everyone at the Rose Center and hope to repeat a similar program next year. Thank you to Northeast Shores and the Kresge Foundation for sponsoring the grant that made this program possible. Thanks also to everyone who presented and participated.

Tri-C Health, Wellness and Preventative Care Center Reopens for Fall Semester at Metro Campus in Cleveland

by John Horton

The Community Health, Wellness and Preventative Care Center at the Metropolitan Campus of Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) will reopen for fall semester on Sept. 1.

The care center provides low-cost health care services to uninsured or underinsured adults while giving Tri-C health career students learning and training opportunities in a clinical setting.

The center will be open 2-5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 1 through Nov. 19. It is located in Room 105 of the Health Careers and Sciences building at Metro Campus, 2900 Community College Ave. in Cleveland.

The center is staffed by students studying to be medical assistants, physical therapy assistants, occupational therapy assistants

and dietetic technicians. The students work under the supervision of licensed health care providers.

Services offered at the center include blood pressure readings, glucose and cholesterol screenings; physical therapy and occupational therapy; physical rehabilitation for daily living; pain management; bone density screenings; nutritional coaching; stress management; and exercise and education programs. No physician referrals are needed.

To schedule a visit or to find out about special health-related workshops, call 216-987-3555.

The care center serves as a key part of Tri-C's allied health career programs. More than 2,600 appointments have been booked since the service began in 2009.

Hospice of the Western Reserve Warehouse Sale

by John Copic

You won't believe the items that are available at the Hospice of the Western Reserve Warehouse Sale! Whether it's sprucing up a home, changing decor, locating a "gently used sofa" for a college student, or finding a dining room table large enough for holiday gatherings, Hospice of the Western Reserve's Warehouse Sale is the place to be!

In addition to furniture, framed artwork and lamps, the selection often includes matching sets of fine china, glassware, antiques, collectibles and one-of-a-kind treasures. The proceeds not only support seriously ill patients and their families, but veterans in need of specialized care, grief and trauma counseling in schools and other community-based programs provided by the nonprofit agency. Cash and

major credit cards (VISA, MasterCard, and Discover) are accepted for payment (no checks).

When: Friday, September 18, 2015 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday, September 19, 2015, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Where: Hospice of the Western Reserve Headquarters 17876 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44110

Donations of furniture and household goods are still actively being sought. Furniture items will be previewed by volunteers prior to acceptance for donation; tax receipts will be provided. Arrangements can be made to pick up large furniture or fragile donations from anywhere in Northeast Ohio. Furniture pick up is provided free of charge.

Upcoming Events

Upcoming events for Collinwood 2015 Bigger. Better. Awesomer.

by Julia DiBaggio
Summer is coming to an end, but Collinwood 2015 is just getting started! Thanks to a grant from The Kresge Foundation, you can experience something new free of charge.

Weekly Afternoon Hatha Yoga with Instructors of One Tree Yoga - Waterloo Sculpture Garden- 16010 Waterloo Rd., Cleveland, OH 44110
Get your Zen on while getting fit! Yoga classes will take place outside, weather permitting and are free to local residents every Saturday in September from 1:00pm-2:15 p.m. No experience is required for these beginner friendly classes. New to yoga? September 12th you will get a free yoga mat and enjoy healthy snacks! In case of rain, yoga will be held at Waterloo Arts Gallery 15605 Waterloo Rd., Cleveland, OH 44110

Get Hep Swing Dance! Saturday, September 26th, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Slovenian Workmen's Home- 15335 Waterloo Rd. Cleveland, OH 44110
Always wanted to take a dance class? Then come join us for a one-hour beginner jitter-

bug lesson! After, show off your new skills as the Mike Petrone Band takes the stage for evening entertainment! Residents that have taken a one-hour workshop will get into the class for free.

356 Days of Walking in Collinwood
Deadline Sept. 30 <http://www.365daysofwalkingincollinwood.com/>
365 Days of Walking in Collinwood will be a book created by residents in the community of different routes and points of importance for everyone to enjoy every day of the year. Residents are encouraged to submit pictures and walking routes at [ww.365daysofwalkingincollinwood.com](http://www.365daysofwalkingincollinwood.com).

Survivors Helping Other Women Survive (SHOWS) September 22, 2-3:30pm
Euclid Beach Gardens, 16001 Euclid Beach Blvd. SHOWS is a group of breast cancer survivors using plays they have written to raise awareness about breast cancer and survivorship. After the play, attendees will have an opportunity to discuss statics and prevention.

Meet the Mayor, October 8, 2015

by John Copic
Mayor Frank Jackson will be at Collinwood Recreation Center, October 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to answer your questions and hear

your concerns. If you have a question about city services, now is your chance to hear about it from Mayor Jackson. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Potluck in the Park

by John Copic
Vital Neighborhoods 4th Annual Potluck in the Park Saturday, September 19, 2015 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
League Park
6601 Lexington Ave
Cleveland, OH 44103
Fun! Food! Friends! Festivities! Mark your calendars and spread the word for Potluck in the Park 2015! #PitP2015

This will be a Zero Waste Event! So please bring food in containers that can be re-used or re-cycled.
Bring a dish of any size with a list of ingredients. (We would rather see you than the food, so please come even if you cannot bring a dish). Non-perishable food will also be collected for the Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland. See you there, Rain or Shine!

Oliver Hazard Perry Elementary School All Community Meeting

by John Copic
We are building a new Oliver Hazard Perry Elementary School and your input is vital to its success. This meeting is in conjunction with the East 185th Street Neighborhood Association and the Oliver Hazard Perry Community Advisory Committee. The Community Committee is on board. Our architect is on board. Are you on board?

that fits the needs of the community and our children, pays heed to the history of the old school and the person whose name is on it, and overall create a school whose academic record can exceed all expectations.
Parking is in the parking lot behind the school off Harland. You can enter the school from the parking lot.
The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday September 8, 2015 at Oliver Hazard Perry School, 18400 Schenely.
EVERYONE is most welcome to attend.
If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to Councilman Polensek's office at (216) 664-4236 or email us at mpolensek@clevelandcitycouncil.org.

Did You Miss SHOWS?

by Julia DiBaggio
Survivors Helping Other Women Survive (SHOWS) is a group of breast cancer survivors using plays they have written to raise awareness about breast cancer and survivorship. Their first Collinwood 2015 event was Saturday, Aug. 22 at Collinwood Rec. The women of SHOWS wrote and acted



Amelia gives Wally Waterdrop a big hug at a previous Southerly Open House.

by Jennifer Elting
The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District's annual Open House is Saturday, September 19, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tour the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Center, learn how scientists work to keep our

Greater Lake great in our lab, visit the Virtual Sewer and Touch the Trucks. The event also includes opportunities to meet Wally Waterdrop and his special friends, plus crafts, contests and prizes.

This free, family-friendly event is fun for everyone and is bigger, better and awesomer than ever. More than 50 exhibitors are on-site with interactive displays and activities.

Sewer District officials are also collecting expired, unused and unwanted prescription and non-prescription medications at the Drug Drop-off; this includes tablets, capsules, ointments, patches, syringes and inhalers.

The Open House is at the Sewer District's Environmental Maintenance and Services Center, 4747 East 49th Street in Cuyahoga Heights. Tours are first-come, first-served and the last tour begins at 3 p.m. Free parking is available off-site and shuttle service is available. See you there!

Collinwood Slovenian Home “Man of the Year” - Dinner Update

by Bob Podlogar
The Collinwood Slovenian Home is honoring their 2015 “Man of the Year”, Ed Kocin, with a dinner on Wednesday, September 23, 2015. The date has changed from Wednesday, September 16, 2015. The event will be held at the Collinwood Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Avenue. Dinner

will be prepared by Julie Zalar and will be served from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 4:00 p.m.

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

Utilities Resource Fair

by Kathy Augustine
Cuyahoga Job and Family Services and the Home Heating and Weatherization Task Force will be hosting a Utilities Resource Fair, at Collinwood Recreation Center at 16300 Lakeshore Blvd, Cleveland, Ohio 44110, on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Assistance Program (HEAP), Percentage of Income Program (PIPP Plus) and Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP). Customers can apply for county benefits programs such as Medicaid, Child Care and Food Assistance.

There will be a free Utilities Assistance Programs Training Workshop for Providers at 1:00 p.m. registration is online for the workshop at www.cjfs.cuyahogacounty.us or call 216-987-7010.

October Garden Party - Seeking Volunteers!



Pick from our pumpkin patch!

by Brittainy Quinn
Who: All ages

Where: The Collinwood Friends Garden, at the corner of E 156th and Corsica

When: Sunday, October 4th, 2-6pm

What: Community members are in need to help the garden clean up after the growing season; this involves pulling plants up, weeding, spreading compost, and tarping the beds to prepare for winter. We will have raffle prizes, music and food to celebrate getting together for a job well done!

Why: Doing this will repair the overused

soil and prevent weeds from growing in the fall to spring, which means an earlier start to the growing season since we won't have to spend so much time preparing the beds. You can also learn how to extend the growing season into the fall and prepare your own beds for winter.

Your help is greatly appreciated!
P.S. Don't forget to send in your favorite recipe for The Healthy Collinwood Cookbook! Email entries to BrittainyQuinn@gmail.com or mail them into:

Northeast Shores Development Corporation
Attn: Collinwood Friends Garden
317 E 156TH St
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Upcoming Events

Help Plan the Future of E. 185th St.



E. 185th Street TLCI planning meeting from last winter.

by Julia DiBaggio
Join us on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Villa Angela St Joseph High School Gymnasium, 18491 Lake Shore Boulevard, for this interactive meeting with the plan's consultants and representatives of the core committee regarding the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI). We want to you to voice your opinion and hear your ideas on the current planning concept regarding opportunities,

goals and improvement recommendations for the future including:

- Pedestrian and bicycle-friendly transportation improvements
- Land use and zoning
- Redevelopment scenarios
- Design guidelines for public and private improvements that will promote mixed-use and transit-oriented development (TOD) along the corridor.

The study's planning area includes: East 185th Street from I-90 North to Lake Erie.

The East 185th Street TLCI is funded by Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) and local matching funds from: City of Euclid, City of Cleveland, University Hospitals, Hospice of the Western Reserve and Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

This project will benefit the entire Community, but only will work with your support and input.

Back to School

by Julia DiBaggio
The students of Euclid Beach Apartments had a Back to School event August 8, 2015 where the staff of Euclid Beach Apartments and Northeast Shores donated and distributed supplies, and had health activities

available from Cleveland Clinic. The kids were thrilled with their new items and the games Cleveland Clinic offered. We wish them, and all Collinwood youth a successful school year!

Cast Your Vote

by Julia DiBaggio
What art projects are happening next year? We don't know yet, but you can help decide! Together, residents, artists, and city employees will create projects about health, safety, youth, small businesses, and telling Collinwood's story. At one of five polling

locations, you can cast your vote to determine which projects will make Collinwood a better place to live.

To get involved in Ballot Box, call Julia DiBaggio from Northeast Shores at 216-481-7660.

Radio Personality Mark Ribbins of 107.3-FM, The Wave Headlines Free Oct. 10 Community Luncheon Event

by Laurie Henrichsen
10th Annual Voices for Hospice to Focus on "Hidden Patients, Hidden Lives"

Hospice of the Western Reserve's African American Outreach Committee is hosting a free community luncheon event entitled, "Voices for Hospice: Hidden Patients, Hidden Lives," on Saturday, Oct. 10, at the 700 Beta Banquet and Conference Center (adjacent to the Hilton Garden Inn), 700 Beta Drive, Mayfield Village. Educational exhibits from a variety of community organizations will be available for browsing beginning at 11 a.m.; the luncheon and program follow from 12 noon to 2 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging and E.F. Boyd & Son.

Popular radio personality Mark Ribbins (@JazzPreacher) of 107.3-FM, The Wave, will headline as the keynote speaker and The Wave's Grace Roberts will emcee. The program commemorates World Hospice and Palliative Care Day. Registration for the luncheon (required) is available beginning Sept. 1 at hospicewr.org/voices or by calling 216.486.6645.

"By shining a light on the hidden lives of real families in our community and sharing their stories, we hope people will walk away with a better understanding of how hospice supports the medical, social, practical and spiritual needs of people living with life-limiting illnesses and their fami-

lies," said LaBena Fleming, Provider Relations Manager at Hospice of the Western Reserve and Co-chair of this year's event. "The luncheon provides church groups, social organizations, families and friends with a great way to learn more in a relaxed setting while also learning about many other community resources available to help with a variety of services and needs."

About Hospice of the Western Reserve

Hospice of the Western Reserve is one of the region's most experienced providers of hospice care. Now in its 37th year, the nonprofit agency provides end-of-life care, caregiver support and grief support services for families throughout Northern Ohio. Care is provided in private residences, nursing homes or "wherever a patient calls home," and at two inpatient care centers: David Simpson Hospice House in E. 185th Street in Cleveland and Ames Family Hospice House in Westlake. The agency's calling extends far beyond "typical hospice care" to serving the most vulnerable, including a pediatric program for children with life-threatening illnesses, grief support and crisis response for local schools, and specialized end-of-life care for the most complex cases. The organization's Hospice Institute provides continuing education to the Northern Ohio medical community. For more information, visit www.hospicewr.org, or call 800.707.8922.

Music for Miles Returns at Waterloo Arts

by Nan Kennedy
Music for Miles Returns at Waterloo Arts Percussion Ensemble Creates a Joyful Noise. Bring the Kids.

Some M4M followers will remember a performance by Duo Anime, the percussion duo that made music with everything from drums to clapping hands. The group has expanded into four as the Cleveland Percussion Project, with Andrew Pongracz, Bruce Golden, Dylan Moffitt and Luke Rinderknecht, and it plans a lively concert for M4M's Fall opener on Sunday September 13 at 4 pm.

It also plans a generous intermission to allow for a kid-friendly musical activity designed by Soo Ji Lee, the Korean pianist and student who is working with Waterloo Arts as an intern. And there will be cupcakes. (For grownups, the adjoining Callaloo Café will be happy to provide glasses of wine and other refreshments; indeed, you might stay after the concert for some Caribbean food.)

Instruments will include marimbas, a xylophone, vibraphone and glockenspiel, plus snare drums, bass drums and some "unique instruments" still to be revealed. The playlist will be at least as interesting as the instruments:

"Four Horsemen" Rudimental Quartet by Mitch Markovitch (snare drums, tenor drum, bass drum)

"Old Times" Percussion Quartet by Genady Butov (vibes, xylo, marimba, bells, assorted small instruments)

"Living Room Music" by John Cage ("found" percussion and speech quartet)

"Percussion Music" by Michael Colgrass (temple blocks, tom toms)

"Xylophonia" by Joe Green (xylophone, marimbas, drum set)

"Apple Blossom" by Peter Garland (marimbas)

"Children's Songs Set 1" by Chick Corea (marimba, vibraphone, xylophone, glockenspiel)

Various transcriptions of Renaissance, baroque, classical, and romantic melodies for mallet quartet.

Like all M4M concerts, this one will be performed at the Waterloo Arts building, 15605 Waterloo Road (corner of E156); will be free and informal; and will be accompanied by a show in the gallery, "Bottled

Water," an experimental installation that "helps to describe the human struggle to control and submit to nature." The installation will begin during the September 4 Walk All Over Waterloo; during the October 3 WAOW, the finished space will be revealed. And you'll never look at your bottle of water in quite the same way again. BUT THAT'S NOT ALL

Black Squirrel Wind Quartet Sunday October 11

The M4M season continues on Sunday October 11, with the Black Squirrel Wind Quintet from KentState; the university's School of Music sidwalks have for decades hosted the famous black squirrels, and the school is so proud of that distinction that its Wind Faculty took the name for their new ensemble. The Black Squirrel Winds Quintet is made up of members of the Hugh A. Glauser School of Music: Danna Sundet (oboe), Kent Larmee (horn), Diane McCloskey Fiocca (flute), along with avid soloist Amitai Vardi (clarinet) and Akron Symphony member Mark DeMio (bassoon). (Black squirrels are melanistic versions of the species Sciurus carolinensis – the eastern gray squirrel – which may or may not be relevant.)

November 8 Kent Brass Quintet

The Kent Brass Quintet is a faculty ensemble-in-residence in the Hugh A. Glauser School of Music at KentState. The KBQ plays both original music and transcriptions from a wide variety of styles and periods ranging from the Renaissance to jazz and new compositions. In addition to concerts and recitals, the quintet enjoys giving performance/clinics for high school music programs throughout the region. Kent Larmee, horn; David Mitchell, trombone; Michael Chunn, trumpet; Kenneth Heinlein, tuba; John Brndiar, trumpet.

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

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

“Caturday” Night Vegetarian Bbq Fundraiser

by Debbie Gulyas

The Waterloo Alley Cat Project will be holding a vegetarian BBQ fundraising event on Saturday, September 19th at 6:00 p.m. in Gallery 160, 16008 Waterloo Road. The cost to attend this "all you can eat event" is \$10. The night will also include live music by Clint Holley, raffles, a cash bar, and a slideshow of the neighborhood feral cats that are being helped by the Cat Project. A truly fun evening for a good cause. A red pick-up truck will also be parked out front for dropping off cat food donations. All donations and money raised will be used to feed, shelter and provide veterinary care for Waterloo's feral cats.

The Waterloo Alley Cat Project (WACP) is a small nonprofit group of 7 dedicated people volunteering their time to care for and protect the feral cats that live in the arts and retail district on Waterloo Road. WACP implemented the humane method of trap-neuter/spay-release in November 2009 to reduce the large population of cats roaming the streets. To date, they



have spayed and neutered over 250 cats. Through teamwork, their mission is to help the community by caring for the cats and teach that all life is connected.

The Beach

Fall Beach and Park Cleanup Day at Euclid Beach and Wildwood - Saturday September 19th!



No cigar tip or plastic cap is safe when Adopt-a-Beach volunteers scour the sand!

by Stephen Love

We are building a new Oliver Hazard Perry Looking to fill your morning on Saturday September 19th? Look no further! Join volunteers at Euclid Beach for the Ohio Coastweeks - International Coastal Cleanup Day Adopt-a-Beach Cleanup or join volunteers at Wildwood Park for the Fall Cleanup & Bioswale Garden Service Day. It's going to be so hard to just choose one!

Ohio Coastweeks Adopt-a-Beach Cleanup: 10am-12pm - Euclid Beach Park

• **Description** - Volunteers at Euclid Beach will take part in an Ohio Coastweeks - International Coastal Cleanup Day with a Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach cleanup. Debris collected at Ohio's cleanups and throughout the world is recorded on data cards and submitted to the Ocean Conservancy. For information about Ohio Coastweeks visit <http://lakeerie.ohio.gov/PublicOutreach/Coastweeks.aspx> and for more information about the Ocean Conservancy visit <http://www.oceanconservancy.org/>

• **Location:** Volunteers should meet at the Euclid Beach Picnic Pavilion about 10-15 minutes before the cleanup to sign in (the

entrance to Euclid Beach is located at 16250 Lakeshore Blvd. directly across the street from the Collinwood Rec Center).

• Refreshments provided to all volunteers before and after the beach cleanup.

• Dress for the weather (this is a rain or shine event), Bring water, Wear long sleeves and pants, boots or work shoes, and work gloves are recommended. Trash bags and gloves will be provided.

• All groups are welcome, but children under age 18 require a parent or guardian's signature upon sign in. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

• RSVP on facebook at [facebook.com/adopteuclidbeach](https://www.facebook.com/adopteuclidbeach) or register on the Alliance for the Great Lakes Adopt-a-Beach website at <http://www.greatlakesadopt.org/Secure/Event/9075>. For more information, please contact Stephen Love at adopteuclidbeach@gmail.com or 216-571-0685.

Wildwood Park Bioswale Cleanup and Wetland Activity: 10am-12pm - Wildwood Park



Volunteers at last years planting and bioswale cleanup at Wildwood. Planting native wetland plants is so fun when you are waist deep in the water!

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

• Location: Volunteers should meet in the Wildwood Picnic Pavilion (the entrance to Wildwood is located at the intersection of Lakeshore Blvd. and East 174th Street).

• Register by Sept. 16 at <http://goo.gl/oe7YYg>

• Dress for weather (long sleeves, pants, work boots, gloves)

• All groups welcome, children under 18 must fill out and bring a Cleveland Metroparks waiver signed by a parent/guardian.

• Event Partners for the Wildwood Cleanup and Planting include: Cuyahoga Soil and Watershed Conservation District, Friends of Euclid Creek, The City of Cleveland, Cleveland Division of Water Pollution Control and Cleveland Metroparks.



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A Strong Start at OLL School



Our Lady of the Lake School believes in an engaged learning community

Our Lady of the Lake School opens its doors to our children on Tuesday, September 1. We are looking forward to an exciting and rewarding year. Our theme for this school year is: "Finding God in all Things." We want to become more aware and understand that God can be found in every one, in every place and in everything. When we learn to pay more attention to God, we become more thankful and reverent.

In our opening meetings as a faculty and staff, we agreed that there were several things we wanted to accomplish this school year. We wanted to increase our students' academic performance and we wanted to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ. We identified three ways that we knew

would help us achieve our goals.

They are:

Maintaining a Positive Attitude - We are committed to remembering to find the positive in every situation. We will help our students learn to be people of faith and hope, who see the joy in life.

Building Relationships - We will connect with our families, our children, and one another, to get to know each other and value our time together. We want to encourage one another and give our children a sense of accomplishment.

Student Engagement and STEM - We want our students to be part of their own learning process, to be active, engaged learners. Along with our annual STEM initiative for all grade levels, we are implementing a weekly STEM program for our 3rd through 7th grades that will allow for hands-on, project based learning. Our technology program will serve to enhance student engagement and now includes iPads throughout the school, Chromebooks for our Junior High and in each classroom, Google Apps, Newsela, IXL Math, streaming Discovery Learning and a distance learning lab.

We are confident that it is going to be a wonderful school year, where we will share the Gospel message and help our students develop a lifelong love of learning.

OLL and VASJ Celebrate Partnership With Mass

Fr. Joe Fortuna of Our Lady of the Lake made the short trip down the road to VASJ on August 25, to celebrate Mass with an enthusiastic group of students and OLL parishioners there. The shared Masses will be held weekly on Tuesdays, as part of a shared wish between parish and school to go forth, build partnerships and engage in the community. VASJ students and alumni, OLL parishioners, as well as neighbors and friends, are all invited to attend. Mass will be held each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. in VASJ's Founders Chapel.



Fr. Joe Fortuna greets VASJ students after Mass

Meet Our New Teachers

We are excited to be growing our great teaching team at Our Lady of the Lake School. All our educators are looking forward to welcoming the students back to our classrooms. It's going to be a great year!



Ms. Kelly Medved will be teaching 4th grade at OLL School.



Mrs. Ashley Babb welcomes Kindergarten students.



Ms. Meghan McGarry is excited to have her preschool classroom open.



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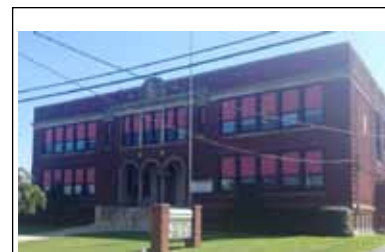
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Back to School Time—for Teachers, too!



St. Jerome faculty picnic at Wildwood

by Marguerite DiPenti

Principal Mrs. Susan Coan and Pastor Rev. Bill Jerse welcomed new and returning St. Jerome faculty and staff to another school year on Tuesday, August 25, 2015. The morning began with Mass at church and concluded with a lunchtime picnic at Wildwood Park.

We are pleased and proud to introduce some of our teachers to the community:

Phillip Dank teaches preschool and has 17 years of teaching experience in the greater Cleveland area. "Action" is a word which describes the learning activities which take place in our preschool. Each "play" activity has learning objectives behind it. Evidence of creative movement with dance plus visual art projects are observed by parents.

Lyndsey Johnson attended Cleveland State University for a degree in Early Childhood Education. Last year, she was the first grade aide for Mrs. Coan. This year she is teaching Kindergarten and looks forward to a fun year! Over the summer,

Miss Johnson taught summer school at St. Jerome. She recently became engaged and is looking forward to planning a wedding.

Katie Coan is the first grade teacher at St. Jerome School. Being born and raised in Euclid she attended Holy Cross School and Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School, then went on to Cleveland State University graduating in 2007. This is currently her seventh year at St. Jerome School and she couldn't be happier to be a part of this community. Katie is married to husband, Michael, and they have a six month old daughter, Mary Kate. Some of her interests include traveling, going to the beach and just enjoying time with her family.

The second grade teacher is Miss Monica Marolt. She has been with St. Jerome's for the past fifteen years. Prior to teaching, she was employed in the travel and airline industry. Miss Marolt had obtained her master's degree in Education from Lake Erie College as well as her Reading and Math Endorsements. She holds a wide variety

of interests, from quietly reading a favorite novel to skeet shooting and entering cooking contests.

This will be Mrs. Kathy Hughes' second year teaching fourth grade at St. Jerome School, and she has been teaching for eight years. Prior to St. Jerome School, she taught fourth grade at St. John of the Cross. Mrs. Hughes received a teaching degree from Cleveland State University. She is married and has three girls. Her oldest daughter attends Lakeland for nursing, the second just started at the University of Cincinnati, and the youngest is a junior at Euclid High School. Kathy enjoys bike riding in her free time.

Marilyn Ottato is St. Jerome's fifth grade teacher and has taught fourth, fifth, and sixth grade throughout her career. She always enjoyed the intermediate grades, because the children are so eager to learn new things. Marilyn grew up in Schenectady, New York, and moved to Mayfield Village when she was in grade school. Miss Ottato holds a master's degree from Ashland University and an undergraduate degree from Ohio University.

Teresa Morgan is the sixth grade teacher at St. Jerome School and has been teaching for over 20 years. She is the wife of a minister, and a mother of three. Her favorite color is pink, and she loves cats. Mrs. Morgan is a graduate of Villa Angela. She attended Alabama State University and Troy State University, where she received her bachelor's degree. Mrs. Morgan's motto is "Knowledge is Power."

Patrick Willis, the newly appointed seventh grade teacher at St. Jerome's, is no stranger to education. He recently retired from the Kirtland Local School District where he was the principal for nearly 20

years. He was not ready to settle into retirement, so he is pursuing his avocation of classroom teaching. His love of travel and curiosity about different cultures will certainly add to his assigned curricular areas of Social Studies and Language Arts. He and his wife, Felice, have traveled to 36 countries on five different continents. They are hoping to make it to the Rio de Janeiro Olympics in August 2016.

Natalie Swol graduated from John Carroll University with a B.S. in Child and Adolescent Behavioral Psychology. She received a master's degree in Education from Ursuline College and recently completed K-12 Reading Endorsement from her Alma Mater, John Carroll. Mrs. Swol has taught in some capacity for 13 years and is entering her eleventh year at St. Jerome School. Besides having an enthusiasm for teaching, Natalie also enjoys reading, travelling and going to the beach. Mrs. Swol has been happily married to her college sweetheart for 13 years, and they have two beautiful daughters.

St. Jerome Technology and Music teacher Michael Dragas grew up in Cleveland attending St. Casimir School on Sowinski Avenue. He graduated from Benedictine High School and Cleveland State University. Mr. Dragas paid for college with money earned playing in polka and wedding bands. His grandfather owned Dragas Dry Cleaning on Groveswood and E 170th streets in Collinwood.

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St. Jerome Clambake & Steak Dinner

by Marguerite DiPenti

Everyone looks forward to the annual St. Jerome Clambake and Steak Dinner. This year's event will be held under the big tent on the parish grounds, Sunday, September 27, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Dinner is always delicious and a great value at \$30 each. The meal includes succulent clams, roasted chicken, corn on the cob, potatoes and creamy chowder. Sizzling steak dinners

are also available. Neighborhood favorite, Joel Scigliano, will provide music and entertainment. It's a great place to catch up with old Collinwood friends and make some new ones. Join us for food, Chinese auction, 50/50 raffles and lots of fun. Call the parish office at 216-481-8200 to purchase tickets or visit our website at stjromecleveland.org.



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Enrollment continues to grow at VASJ

"It is a great time to be a Viking," says Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School Principal David Csank. And the numbers explain why.

VASJ's 2015-16 enrollment is the largest it has been in nearly a decade, school administrators report. Total enrollment this year is 445, up 64% over just four years ago.

"We are very pleased to report that we have exceeded the enrollment goals we set in our five-year plan," says VASJ President Richard Osborne '69.

"Our policy of selective admissions and controlled growth has put us in the enviable position of assembling a student body made up of truly outstanding young men and women."

The school's enrollment includes 138 freshmen chosen from hundreds of applicants from some 50 grade schools, according to Csank.

In addition, the school has enrolled

21 eighth-graders from Our Lady of the Lake and St. Jerome schools in the Viking Edge Program, an early mathematics program allowing eighth-grade students to earn high school credit at VASJ.

"In order for us to provide an academic environment that puts each student on track for success, it is important that both the students and their families understand and appreciate the unique value proposition of a VASJ education," says Csank. "It is an honor and a privilege to be a Viking, and every year more families seek that distinction for their children."

The school is known for its extraordinary college placement record and its leadership in academics and athletics. This year, VASJ became the only school in Ohio history to win the state boys basketball championship in all four divisions.

The school's enrollment surge



Parishoners joined VASJ students and Our Lady of the Lake Pastor Fr. Joe Fortuna for the first weekly Mass. All are invited to attend Mass at VASJ on Tuesdays at 9 a.m.



Anthony Dinunzio '18, Katie Raddell '16, Christopher Boykin '18, Antoinette Randleman '16 and David Paus '17 are members of VASJ's Student Ambassador program.

mirrors its progress in other areas. The venerable Viking Village gymnasium underwent a massive renovation that included new bleachers a year ago, and renovation of the gym lobby is now nearing completion.

Among many other improvements throughout the school, the Founders Chapel has been refurbished, the Technical Building is being transformed to accommodate an innovative computer education initiative called Classrooms to Corporations, and numerous cosmetic and infrastructure upgrades have been made.

The school is enjoying record-setting support from its generous donors. This past year's Classic Mixer, the school's major annual fundraiser, raised some \$450,000. Overall fundraising for the year was nearly \$1.5 million. Among the beneficiaries has

been the school's Endowment Fund, which has grown by \$1 million in the past five years.

VASJ, the result of a merger between the all-girls Villa Angela Academy (founded in 1878) and the all-boys St. Joseph High School (established in 1950), is celebrating its 25th anniversary year. There are some 20,000 graduates of VASJ and its predecessor schools.

Owned by the Diocese of Cleveland and sponsored by both the Ursuline Sisters and Marianist Brothers, VASJ is committed to the spiritual, academic and personal growth of each student.

"We are profoundly grateful for the confidence shown in us by Bishop Richard G. Lennon, the Ursulines, the Marianists and all of our friends and families," says Osborne. "We are truly blessed."



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Welcome to the 2015-2016 School Year!



The Imagine Bella team welcomed families back at their annual Meet and Greet Nite in August.

Time for Tutoring is a “Success”



Mrs. Dudley in 3rd grade works with a small group in her classroom. Her hat is a signal to other students that her small group should not be interrupted while other students work at centers.

New learning happens each day as students are immersed in grade level content and can be seen during guided reading or interacting with the MyMath curriculum on an Interactive Whiteboard. Even as students are challenged with new content, Imagine Bella has established time to review skills targeted to student needs. Daily, students are provided intervention in reading and math as part of “Success Period” as part of the 8 Step Process. (The 8 Step Process is based on Pat Davenport’s reform efforts in Brazosport, Texas.) Success Period allows Imagine Bella to provide the benefits

of tutoring within the hours of the regular academic day, and ALL students receive the benefits of Success Period. During Success Period, students in grades K-6 daily work in small groups with a teacher or instructional paraprofessional to strengthen skills in mathematics and reading. For students demonstrating mastery of skills, Success Period is used to challenge students at the next level or engage in projects to deepen their understanding. Success Period groups are created based on student assessment data, classwork, and observations of student performance.



Imagine Bella teachers have access to a large library of math and reading materials for small group centers.

Students are placed in a different group for reading and math and each Success Period group changes at least twice a quarter to remain responsive to student progress. The planning that goes into success period makes sure intentional instruction takes place targeted to student needs; however, that is not where the work ends. Quarterly benchmark testing through STAR Reading, STAR Early Literacy, and STAR Math generates reports based on each group of students. Additional reports also show the performance of students as success group cohort. All staff are part of the academic

growth as these reports allow the school to look for trends of which success teachers are making the greatest impact. Changes can be made to make sure those providing small group instruction are matched with the grade levels or content where they will be most successful. Teachers are able to make instructional decisions during weekly data chats in the “War Room” (teacher planning room) where teachers meet for their daily planning period.

Technology Tools

Imagine Bella is using technology daily in the classroom and students can use many of these resources at home. Below are a list of a few programs used and more login information is provided by classroom teacher.

Class Dojo- Schoolwide program used to promote positive behavior and communication with parents

Renaissance Learning- Students can take AR quizzes and this program is also used for quarterly benchmark assessments to show student growth.

MyMath- Online access to the student workbook, songs, games, and short teaching videos about math topics students are learning about.

Lexia- Phonics practice to improve student accuracy and fluency in reading.

GetWaggle- Rigorous program which provides practice in reading and math and fully aligned with common core standards.

Upcoming Dates

- September 7th | Labor Day- No School
- September 8th-11th | Scholastic Book Fair
- September 17th | Family Open House Night
- September 18th | No School for Students
- October 13th-14th | Mobile Dentist
- October 16th | No School for Students

Schools

Collinwood New Tech students pursue vision and service to community



The meetings with community leaders were at tables -- not in the style of a lecture -- to create a more collaborative feeling.

by Mike Scott
Collinwood New Tech High School freshmen have a vision. In fact, so does their entire school community. New Tech Principal Maria Carlson and the staff at the Cleveland Metropolitan School District high school are challenging an incoming ninth-grade class of about 90 students to not only grasp and live out the school’s overall educational vision, but to each come up with a personal vision statement.

The idea is to expose the incoming freshman to the ever-important “So what?” question that hangs over so many high school students as they approach their upcoming four-year high school career – and beyond, Carlson said.

“Because school is not just ‘So I can get an A in physical science,’ but ‘How will this help me beyond school?,” she said. “We thought that it was important that before we jump into content projects, we help them think about ‘Who am I?’ and ‘How do I fit into my community – at New Tech, at Collinwood High and in the community?’”

To that end, Carlson and Site Coordinator Amy Carlson (no relation) of Ohio Guidestone, a Northeast Ohio social services agency, have already had the students do SWOT (Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats) analyses of themselves and their school, take the well-known Myers-Briggs personality test, meet with community leaders and plan a “Day of Service.”

In short, they are working together to provoke the ninth-graders to think big – but also think specifically. On Wednesday, Aug. 26, that meant students meeting with public officials, community leaders, clergy and others to talk about life beyond high school and giving back to their community. On Tuesday, Sept. 1, that meant actu-

ally doing some of that giving during a planned day of service: Students could sign up to either stay at the school to work on beautification projects or travel to nearby elementary schools, senior centers or food and clothing distribution sites to volunteer. “The idea is to not only learn about the community, but to do your part in making it better,” said Amy Carlson. “They have a number of choices, from working with students younger than them or with people much older or in need of food or clothing.”

The personal vision statement project is being also informed by these other activities, Maria Carlson said.

The school’s stated mission is to “redefine what’s achievable for our scholars by empowering them to take positive control over their lives and community.” Students were still writing their individual vision statements, she said. Collinwood is a high school in transition: This year’s freshman class, currently about 90 strong, and a sophomore class of about 80 were enrolled into the New Tech high school. The remainder of the comprehensive high school, under Principal Mary Miller, is composed of about 300 juniors and seniors.

The two high schools on the same campus share a site coordinator and a dean of engagement. In two years, after this year’s juniors have graduated, the entire school will be New Tech High at Collinwood.

Other hallmarks of the New Tech model include tablet computers replacing printed textbooks, project-based work and a focus on collaboration, but with personal accountability.

The newest New Tech students are already benefitting from the innovative approach to their education. Skyla Johnson and Lataysha Claybrooks said they learned a lot about the importance of professional communication, written



Richaun Bunton of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District works with a New Tech @ Collinwood student during a recent workshop day at the school.



Freshman at New Tech @ Collinwood met with community leaders on Aug. 26.

Photos courtesy of New Tech @ Collinwood

and oral, from the face-to-face meetings with community leaders on Aug. 26. “One of the things that we learned is that we can’t talk in a work or professional situation in the same way that we talk with our friends,” Lataysha said, as Skyla nodded in agreement. “I want to go to college to be an Ob/Gyn, so it’s important that I focus now on what I have to do and do it the right way.” Two freshman boys, Demar Collins and Nevin McRae, had similar observations after a half-day of meetings Tuesday. Demar said that when he met with an official from KeyBank, he realized he has to smartly manage his money now, instead of

thinking he can wait to do that later as an adult. “And then when I talked with Richaun Bunton (of CMSD’s Department of Family And Community Engagement), I learned that collaboration is a big part of every workday,” Demar said. Nevin said his own personal mission, in part, is to “keep my neighborhood in good condition and to keep kids in school” – starting with himself. The New Tech freshmen were to have their personal vision statements completed in time to display in a Sept. 4 “gallery walk” at the school when other students could see them.

2015 Collinwood “Railroaders” Football Schedule

by William McCulloch

Date:	Time:	Opponent:	Location:
8/28	7:00 pm	Trinity “Trojans”	Bedford Bearcats Stadium
9/4	7:00 pm	Luthern East “Falcons”	Home
9/11	7:00 pm	Leetonia “Bears”	Leetonia
9/18	7:00 pm	John Adams “Rebels”	Home
9/25	7:00 pm	Lincoln West “Wolverines”	James Rhodes
10/2	3:00 pm	Whitney Young “Warriors”	Roye Kidd Field (JFK)
10/9	3:00 pm	East Tech “Scarabs”	Home
10/23	3:00 pm	Glenville “Tarblooders”	Home
10/30	3:00 pm	John Marshall “Lawyers”	James Rhodes

110 Cars Washed in 5 Hours VASJ Volleyball/Action CARSTAR “Soap It Up”!



by Cheryl Cameron
We didn't think we could do it, but we DID! On Saturday, August 8th (with 15 new Lady Vikings on the team), Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School Lady Viking Volleyball team and Action CARSTAR Auto Body-Euclid again broke their record of cars washed at their “Soaps It Up” Car Wash Fundraiser. Action CARSTAR supplied the soap and wash coordination and the girls supplied the GIRL POWER!
“Soaps It Up” is a nation-wide CARSTAR Auto Body event that any of the over 430

auto body shops can participate in each year. Perrino's Action CARSTAR of Euclid and the VASJ Viking Volleyball team have partnered since 2008 to help raise funds for Northeast Ohio's Make-A-Wish foundation which grants wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions.
Each year the wash is held in front of VASJ High School and the front parking lot of Euclid Hospital where hospital employees again had the opportunity to have their cars cleaned and shined! Though early morning clouds threatened the weather turned out

gorgeous and the community came out to show their support. The team worked incredibly hard and was extremely successful bringing in the passing traffic....the public was very generous with donations just from their cars also.
Pre-sale tickets sold by the team and donations made by Euclid Hospital/Cleveland Clinic and the Lynard Zingale-Allstate Agency (East 185th Street) helped the team raise close to \$2,000 this year with half going to support Make-A-Wish Foundation and the other half to support the VASJ vol-

leyball program. Special thanks go to Coach Mark Royer and volleyball parents Kirsten Holzheimer-Gail, Colleen Mastalski and Maureen Tomacelli for their help during the wash. Donations over the past seven years totals close to \$14,000 with over 635 cars washed! Look for the team next summer to try to break another record! The date will be posted on the “Soaps It Up” Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SoapsItUpCARSTARVASJ>.
Good luck VASJ Lady Vikings in your upcoming season!

The Blue Breeze Sports Bar & Grill a Great Addition to the Neighborhood



by Sabrina Young
The Blue Breeze Sports Bar & Grill under the ownership of Derek Wheeler and Abe Tayeh has finally opened it's doors to the community. Both Wheeler and Tayeh has a strong history in real estate and construction. With both gentlemen owning rental properties in this area, it gave them an idea to give this community a new beginning. While both men had a vision to bring a family oriented business to the area, Mr. Wheeler himself, grew up in the community and is a graduate of Collinwood High School, so both owners are passionate about this creation in their own rights.
Wheeler and Tayeh thought long and hard on how to bring life back to a community that once thrived. While brainstorming, they decided that this community was lacking fine dining with a sports atmosphere. A place where families can enjoy one another and sports fans can eat while watching all their favorite sporting events.
After being in construction for nearly one and a half years the Blue Breeze was born. During it's first couple of weeks of opening, Wheeler and Tayeh researched the neighborhood even more and still thinking of ways to improve the business. It dawned on them there was a lack of places

in the community where people could go for a good hot breakfast, especially with the closing of McDonald's. Thus a full breakfast menu was created along with lunch and dinner. The Blue Breeze is fun for the entire family as it offers electronic bowling and basketball games, pool tables, 130 inch projection screen along with over 14 flat screen t.v.'s for the viewing pleasure of all the neighborhood sports fans, breakfast bar, Sunday brunches, side and front patios fenced in for a pleasurable outdoor dining experience, bar area constructed with granite counter tops and has seating for over 25 patrons.
The Blue Breeze offers full dining in the bar area, a choice of 6 draft beers, and discounted meals during home team game times. They also offer dine-in, carry out, and delivery (with orders of \$15 and above), and a trivia night which is soon to come. The Blue Breeze also books reservations for gatherings of up to 100 people. While this is still a growing establishment, they are still seeking qualified bartenders, servers, and cooks. For a well rounded and enjoyable atmosphere, or to inquire about a position, please call or visit the Blue Breeze Sports Bar & Grill at 216-273-7100 or 16826 Lakeshore Boulevard, Cleveland, OH 44110.

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Food

Events by Mama Catena Ristorante

by Rena Catena
It all started about 1 year ago. It was one busy Saturday evening at Mama Catena when this lovely couple came in for the first time to have dinner at the restaurant. They were so impressed with the service, food, wine menu, Family feel, and atmosphere that they decided right there and then Mama Catena was the place to host their son's rehearsal dinner. The menu was strategically put together by our event planner according to their likes and dislikes, they wanted to keep it light since the wedding was the very next day. The wine was carefully paired with the foods we were serving. They had a lot of people coming in from out

of town and were very excited to see everyone but ready to impress them with an unforgettable evening!
Here's how the evening went, their guests were welcomed with a fluted glass of chilled, crisp Prosecco. Two corner tables draped with black linen were set up to display the appetizers (caprese skewers, cheese platter and a salumi marinara). This gave them a chance to relax, reacquaint themselves with one another, mingle and enjoy the Prosecco and the savory appetizers.
Dinner was served family style as well. It was a traditional dinner; cavatelli, chicken piccata, a beautiful salad and Sicilian stuffed eggplant. The stuffed eggplant was

a big hit.
Desserts; Cannoli shots and Prosecco Gallegiante served to each guest by our staff. The Prosecco Gallegiante is the prepared with a gelato and limoncello is then chilled and served by pouring prosecco on top.
All in all, everything was executed like clockwork as per their wishes. At the end of the evening I sat with the parents and asked how they liked everything here's what they said; Not only was this a beautiful intimate, cozy place to hold our sons rehearsal dinner but the food was delicious, everything was executed in a timely fashion and with lots of finesse! We thank you for making

this such a wonderful event and memory for our son's wedding.
Bottom line, no event is too big or too small, too casual or too elegant, office party or factory, dine in or take out, Mama Catena is the perfect place to help coordinate and excute your event! Not only do we work within your budget, but our goal is to create a wonderful memory for you and your guest that will last a lifetime. It's not just catering food, it's an experience that you and your guests won't soon forget! Call us for your next event.Rina 216.261.1168 at Mama Catena Ristorante.



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