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Neighbors Turn Out to Walk & Roll on E. 185th Street



by Sarah Gyorki

What is more American than a Parade?!

The E. 185th Street Merchants Association hosted their first annual Walk & Roll E185 on Saturday, June 18, with lots of fun, free, family activities and plenty to see up and down the street. The event kicked off with a parade at 10:00, followed by a bike rodeo and sidewalk sale that stretched the length of the district.

The Collinwood Cycle celebration featured bike safety and riding tips, bike lock give-aways, and also two guided bike rides through the neighborhood. The sidewalk sale and festival included four different arts activity areas, provided by Waterloo Arts, that included mural painting, chalk art, wacky musical instruments, and a make-and-take craft tent. Five bands played country, blues, polka, steel drum and gospel music. And vendors lined the street with tables, selling local goods or sharing information about non-profit and community organizations. A bounce house added to the fun. And many groups also featured giveaways - the kids had fun gathering candy, stickers,



and balloons, and getting their faces painted. Added to the candy they gathered while they watched the morning parade. Many kids went home with full goodie bags! And on top of it all, the merchants raffled off 11 bicycles, which now have new homes, and are helping more residents become enthusiastic cyclists.

A nice feature of this event was that everything was free, thanks to a Neighborhood Connections Grant awarded to the E. 185th Street Merchants, who planned the event. Barbara Liddell, owner of Bari Health and Beauty and one of the organizers, said, "We wanted to give something back to the community, and to give people a fun day out in the neighborhood. These are the kinds of things that bring our community together, and make this a better place." Sandra McKinney, owner of McKinney Printing and another lead organizer, also pointed out how much support the community provided: "We couldn't have done this without the help of so many great sponsors. Our local stakeholders really showed that

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In Memorial George V Voinovich 15 July 1936 – 12 June 2016



by Mary Louise Daley

An old saying implores that we "remember the dash between the years of our birth and our death. That dash may be short or long but no matter, for what is important is what we do with that dash between our coming and our going."

We must ensure through our lives that that dash is defined by who we are and what we did for ourselves, our family, our community, our country or our world. Hopefully that time is filled with positive and fulfilling events and activities. Did we do something for someone else? Did we have

fun? Did we live life filled with others and concerned with others? Did we work for the greater good? If we could answer these honestly and positively, then we have lived our lives as any good Christian should, as any good person does.

On the morning of Sunday, June 12, we lost a good man in George Voinovich; a friend, a husband, a father, grandfather and a man of service. During the time since then we heard so much about who he was and what he had accomplished. Each of us has their own memories. He had his own ways but these made him who he was. He was proud of his Slovenian and Serbian roots and he carried his Collinwood pride before him; "Once a Railroader... Always a Railroader."

So, we say one last farewell to a special person and send him to his new special place, may we learn by his example of community service and help make the neighborhood he called home a better place and may our lives better for having known him.

His memory will live on as will his legacy. Therefore, he is never really gone from us. God bless and keep his family.

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Veteran's Park Dedication

by Julia DiBaggio

With the school year coming to an end, it On Sunday, June 12th 2016, Northeast Ohio was uncharacteristically sunny as Collinwood dedicated its first veteran's memorial at Veterans Park at the intersection of Lakeshore Blvd and Nottingham Rd to honor those who have fought for our freedoms. The marble monument, donated by Nagy Monuments on Waterloo Road, captures the emblems of the five divisions of the Armed Forces with stunning detail.

Since the founding of Collinwood, many men and women from this neighborhood responded to the call of duty to serve in the Armed Forces in both times of war and peace. Many of them came out for the ceremony. Councilman Polensek chose to commemorate those who served on this particular Sunday as it was leading up to Flag Day, June 14th commemorating the adoption of the flag in 1777.

The Collinwood-Nottingham Historical Society is collecting the stories of all those from the neighborhood who served. If you served, your history is important. The group



would like to preserve those stories. Submit your story to Mary Louise Jesek Daley at mdaley@clevelandcitycouncil.org or 216-664-4236.

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July 29: Cecil Rucker's Good Vibes

August 5: The Williams Project

August 12: The 147 Band

Holy Redeemer celebrates 92nd Feast of St. Anthony June 12th



Float with statue of St. Anthony and Knights of Columbus

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Councilman's Corner



by Michael D. Polensek

It has been a fast and furious summer so far. I wish to thank everyone who joined us on Sunday, June 12 for the official dedication of Veteran's Park at East 174th Street and Lakeshore Boulevard. It was truly a great day. I look forward to the final completion of the site and the installation of new signage. Also, congratulations to Holy Redeemer Catholic Church for their hard work for their annual Feast of St Anthony and Procession which was a great success with a large turnout.

The Friday night attendance at the Euclid Beach MetroPark's Concert series has been overwhelming with great entertainment. Make sure to put these concerts on your calendar; they run every Friday night through August 12 beginning at 5:30 PM. Look forward to seeing you there.

We passed legislation in Cleveland City Council authorizing additional funding for the historic LaSalle Theatre Arts & Media Project which we all hope will get started soon. This project is critical for the redevelopment of the East 185th Street corridor. My sincere appreciation to my colleagues in City Council who supported my efforts and sponsorship of this legislation.

The Waterloo Arts Festival on Saturday, June 25 was well attended and we all look for bigger and better things taking place on Waterloo Road in the near future. Please support the local businesses in this growing Arts & Entertainment District along with all of our other vital and unique businesses in the Greater Collinwood community.

Work is underway on the rehabilitation of the tennis and basketball courts at

the Humphrey's Sports Complex. Work should be completed within the next two weeks. Work is also well underway on the replacement of the pedestrian bridge over I-90 at Villaview Road. It is a unique design to enhance our community and tie in to the new Greenway Bike Path that is being designed. The new bike lanes on Lakeshore Boulevard have been implemented but not without with some trials and tribulations. Traffic Engineering needs to restripe, better define some of the areas of concern and place proper signage where needed along the Boulevard. Work should be completed shortly.

On a very personal note, we lost a longtime neighbor, friend and dedicated public official; that being the Honorable George V. Voinovich. He was a product of the Greater Collinwood community and a graduate of Collinwood High School. He never lost sight of who he was and where he came from. As a United States Senator he could have lived anywhere in Ohio but he chose to live in Collinwood, just off Lakeshore Boulevard where he and his wonderful wife, Janet, raised four beautiful children. Very few people in public office, in fact only two in the history of the State of Ohio, had been Mayor, Governor and US Senator, both Slovenians. However, knowing George as well as I did, he would want to be remembered not for the public offices he held but for the fact that he was a loving son, husband, father and grandfather and one heck of a fisherman. My thoughts and prayers are with Janet, George, Peter and Betsy and their families. He joins his daughter, Molly, who left us way too early, in heavenly peace. He will not be forgotten for as he often said – as many of us do – “Once a Railroader... always a Railroader.” Rest in peace my friend. We will miss you but we will keep your memory alive by supporting the community you loved.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

COLLINWOOD HOMEOWNERS MEETING
1st Wednesday of the month
7:00 PM
St Mary Church
15519 Holmes Avenue

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
Collinwood Recreation Center
16300 Lakeshore Boulevard

5th DISTRICT COMMUNITY RELATIONS MEETING
3rd Wednesday of the month
6:00 PM
Collinwood Community Services Center
East 152 Street

EAST 140TH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
4TH Wednesday of the Month
6:00 PM
Collinwood Community Services Center
East 152 Street

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1st Tuesday of the month
6:00 PM
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The Collinwood Library Welcomes Graduate Of Collinwood High School, NFL Wide Receiver, Cecil Shorts III, Back To The Neighborhood To Engage With Youth



by Caroline Peak

On the heels of the victory parade by the Cavaliers, Collinwood graduate, Cecil Carlton Shorts III (who is now an American football wide receiver for the Houston Texans of the National Football League) visited the Collinwood Branch of Cleveland Public Library on Thursday, June 23rd. He was accompanied by his lovely wife, Chanel and their three beautiful children. This program was made possible by the United Way of Cleveland and Cleveland Public Library's Office of Programming Services. Mr. Shorts shared his life story and professional journey to an audience of 50 + youths from the Collinwood area through collaboration with the Salvation Army, Collinwood Rec Center, 5 Points Community Services Center, Collinwood High School, Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries, Youth Opportunities Unlimited, and regular youth visiting the Collinwood Branch participating in the

Summer Reading Club.

The theme focused on sharing with youth the value of giving back to the community, staying in school, working hard to achieve good grades, setting goals and having a backup plan if sports or other career options do not pan out. Kids were delighted with his presentation and had many questions to ask of which, he was able to answer with a lot of candor and additional information. These sentiments were echoed by the comments from Collinwood Alum and Councilman, Michael Polensek. Councilman Jeffrey Johnson is also alum.

In addition, each child will receive a free copy of the book “Crossover” by Kwame Alexander autographed by Mr. Shorts. This will be accomplished via a Book Gift Card that they received to be redeemed at a later date at the Collinwood Library. Light refreshments and a tour of the branch and conversation about future engagement activities concluded the program.



Brand New Reads: Anisfield-Wolf Submissions Hit ‘Lakefront’ Bookshelves



Everybody's reading at the beach. Pick up a book from your favorite author, read about new recipes in a cooking magazine, and catch up neighborhood happenings with local papers and brochures.



Reading is fun at Euclid Beach Park. Pick up a new title at Euclid Beach Live! Concerts on Friday evenings.

by Allison Lukacsy

On the hunt for a new book?

Look no further than The Lakefront Literacy Project's top shelf of the mobile book box during its second season at Euclid Beach Live! Concerts on Friday evenings at Euclid Beach Park.

Thanks to generous donations from Karen R. Long, Euclid Beach's “Little Free Library” is chock full of new titles submitted for consideration to the prestigious Awards jury.

The official Anisfield-Wolf Book Collection is housed in the Special Collections room of the main branch of the Cleveland Public Library and so it is a huge and rare honor to have Award submissions in Collinwood!

According to the program's website www.anisfield-wolf.org, the Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards “recognizes outstanding works that contribute to our understanding of racism and our appreciation of cultural diversity. Awards are given for fiction, poetry and nonfiction. For 81 years, the distinguished books earning Anisfield-Wolf

prizes have opened and challenged minds.”

More good news: Tickets to the September 15th, 2016 gala awards in the Ohio Theatre are free and obtainable via the PlayhouseSquare ticket office starting July 19, 2016.

Books at The Lakefront Literacy Project are free to borrow and return during summer concerts – there is no library cards or sign-out system – simply return the book when you are done reading so others can enjoy.

The project launched last summer thanks to support from Northeast Shores Development Corporation, Neighborhood Connections, Cuyahoga Arts and Culture, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, Cleveland Public Library Collinwood Branch and generous friends, family, and neighbors like you!

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Art

Discover local artists, new works each month at 'Phone Gallery'

by Allison Lukacsy

All levels of artists and visual art forms are on view at Phone Gallery - Cleveland's smallest gallery - from elementary school students to eminent professionals.

The Gallery, annexed to the front of Russ' Auto Care in the Waterloo Arts District across the street from Waterloo 7 Studios and Praxis Fiber Workshop, demonstrates the transformation of an otherwise vacant and underutilized "space" - in this case, an abandoned phone booth - into an inventive place for art display.

It's a small space with a big mission - to celebrate both emerging and established local talent by providing an unique opportunity for anyone, free of charge, to exhibit a solo art show.

In Spring 2014, Phone Gallery held its inaugural exhibition and in 2016 Ali Lukacsy was awarded a Creative Workforce Fellowship on behalf of the original, thought provoking miniscule space for art display.

Phone Gallery is currently accepting applications in this open call from Greater

Cleveland-based artists to exhibit in the box in a rotating 1-month long solo exhibition. There are no deadlines and applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.

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.

Learn more @ www.facebook.com/WaterlooPhoneGallery

APPLY @ <http://mycreativecompass.org/Employment/Calls-for-Artists/Open-Call-for-Cleveland-s-Smallest-Gallery2>

Phone Gallery is supported by Northeast Shores Development Corporation and funded by grants from The Kresge Foundation, Cuyahoga Arts and Culture (CAC), through Creative Partnership for Arts and Culture (CPAC)'s Creative Workforce Fellowship and residents of Cuyahoga County through CAC.

Direct all questions and submit an application to: Ali Lukacsy, Curator ali.alit-hearchitect@gmail.com



On view now through August is Michelle Janosky's piece "Fountain Exploration". Janosky is a ceramic artist and instructor at Brick Ceramic and Design Studio on Waterloo.



Photographer Offers Free Photo Shoots to Area Families



by Stephen Bivens

Stephen Bivens, neighborhood resident and recent Ballot Box Project winner, will be hosting a free photo session for Collinwood

families this summer. Bivens will provide a 10-minute photo session. Two prints (4x6 and 5x7) will be available for pick up the following weekend. Images can also be emailed to participants.

This opportunity is free and open to the public. There is no additional charge to receive prints or digital images. This event is truly at no cost to the community.

The event will take place on Saturday, July 16 from 1-4pm at Waterloo Arts (15605 Waterloo Road). Photo pick up will take place at the same location on Saturday, July 23 from 1-3pm. Bivens will be able to serve a maximum of 25 families. First come first served. A photo release will be required for participation as images will be shared throughout the neighborhood in traveling displays.

This project is made possible through the generosity of Northeast Shores Development Corporation and ArtPlace America. Visit facebook.com/BallotBoxBiv to learn more.

Book release celebrates youth voices July 10

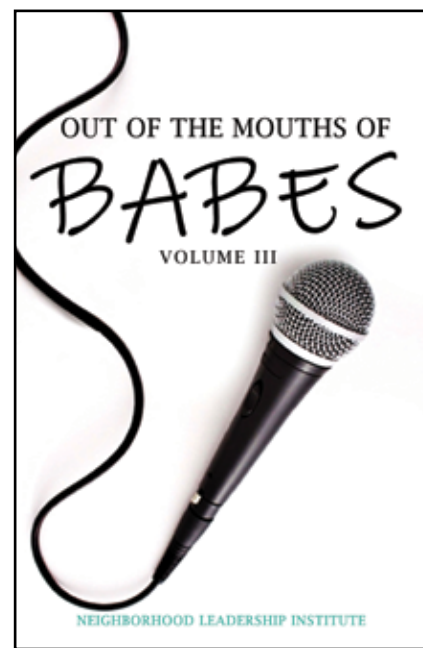
by Erin Randel

The public is invited to join more than a two dozen young leaders as they celebrate the release of their book, "Out of the Mouths of Babes Volume III", at a reception on Sunday, July 10 at 2 pm at the Beachland Ballroom, 15711 Waterloo Road, Cleveland.

The youth, ages 15-19, will read aloud from their speeches, first presented as part of the Soapbox Speech Competition in November. Topics include Feminism, hypersexuality, bullying, animal abuse, violence, education disparities in Cleveland Metropolitan School District, and discrimination. A reception will follow the readings, and copies of the book will be offered for sale for \$15.

The youth are part of a leadership development program called Future Leaders of the World that challenges youth to take an active role in political processes, experience civics through active engagement in democratic activities outside the classroom, and transform schools, neighborhoods and cit-

ies through their insight and expertise. It is hosted by Cleveland State University and the East Cleveland Public Library.



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Call for industrial and manufacturing poets: We know you're out there!

Joe's Bar after a day spent machining things to a thousandth or better.

Daniel and I were brainstorming the idea of hosting a poetry event at his venue that showcases Cleveland's history, old and new. In his words, "Cleveland history is all but gone. There's the old Cleveland and the new Cleveland. There's a new zeitgeist. Let's launch the conversation between the post-industrial poets and the post-modern poets."

The next challenge: How to find the post-industrial blue-collar workers who may not even identify as poets? There are a number of local poets who are known on the scene and who write about manufacturing and industry in The Rust Belt, including Larry Smith, Ray McNiece, Michael Salinger, Dave Snodgrass, Milenko Budimir, Mark Kuhar and Maj Ragain.

But, I mentioned that years ago I had seen some steel-mill poets read out at The James Wright Poetry Festival at The Martin's Ferry Public Library on the border of Ohio and West Virginia. These weren't well-known, published poets. These were salt-of-the-earth guys who worked in the steel mills, or used to work in the defunct steel mills. They wrote poems of grit and grime, hard work, family, loyalty, their roots, their teams, and the women who took care of them.

That's in stark contrast to Generations Y



photo by Eric Boyd at www.Eric-Boyd.com and provided courtesy of Belt Magazine

and Z who are self-inventors, open to possibility, constantly reinventing themselves, technologically driven and have a compulsion for change and agility, and often are accused of an attitude of self-entitlement.

We talked about how to start a poetic conversation in Cleveland between these groups and about what unifies both post-industrial and post-modern writers, where they intersect and cross-pollinate, what their commonalities are. These are different people facing the same challenges with similar goals.

Daniel mentioned a great musical illustration: hip hop. According to him, "It's the music of recycled sounds." You take music that's already there and repurpose it to find a unifying sound. What unifies these poets? Their voices. The importance of what they do. Their part in Cleveland's history.

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School News

Lakeshore Intergenerational School Is Looking for Volunteers



by Courtney De Schepper

We have had a great year at Lakeshore Lakeshore Intergenerational School is currently looking for local community members interested in serving as tutors, reading mentors and volunteers for the 2016-2017 school year. These important positions allow our students to enhance and enrich their learning with intergenerational partners who are committed to the education of the youngest members of our community. Reading Mentors are paired with students to share in the love of reading books with a regular schedule of 1-2 hours per

week. Math tutors are individuals who are looking to give back through tutoring our students weekly. Volunteers who can assist with special activities now and then would also be welcome additions to our intergenerational family. We are also looking for neighborhood individuals who may have a talent, skill, sport or hobby they would love to share with our students either during the day, after school or on a weekend. These opportunities could be one time only or on a weekly or monthly basis. We would love to engage our neighbors in the areas of art, music and drama. We know the talent is out there – please consider sharing with our students! LIS offers flexible scheduling, training, and paid background checks to all participants. If you are interested in any of these great opportunities please contact Ms. Perez at 216-586-3872 or yperez@lakeshoreschool.org.

Junior Achievement Brings Financial Literacy Programs to Memorial School

by Dale Kiefer

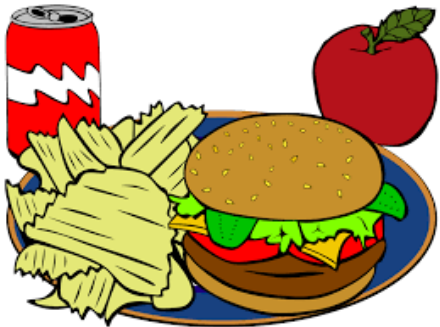
Junior Achievement brought volunteers to Memorial School on May 6th, 2016 to teach the students lessons in how to own their economic success and thrive in our global 21st-Century economy. The volunteer teachers came from Crowe Horwath, a public accounting, consulting, and technology firm based in downtown Cleveland. They engaged the students in grades 4 through 8 and used Junior Achievement’s interactive programs to stress the concepts of financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and career readiness. The lessons taught included: Our Region, which introduces students to entrepreneurship and how entrepreneurs use resources to produce goods and services; Our Nation, which provides students with practical information about the need for employees who can meet the demands of the 21st-Century job market; Global Marketplace, which helps students understand how goods flow through various economies and the effect globalization has on their

lives; Economics for Success, which gives students the keys they need to build strong personal finances, including budgeting, saving, using credit wisely, and choosing a fulfilling career; and It’s My Future, which prepares students for the working world by discussing career clusters, job hunting, and creating a personal brand. Junior Achievement of Greater Cleveland has been creating partnerships between the private sector and schools since 1941, fostering mentorships that encourage students to make wise economic decisions and plan for their financial futures. Junior Achievement and Crowe Horwath will return to Memorial School again during the coming school year. If you would like to volunteer to make a positive impact on the future of students in Greater Cleveland, or if you are a teacher or after-school program coordinator and you would like your students to experience Junior Achievement programming, contact Dale Kiefer at dkiefer@jacleveland.org or (216) 861-8080.

CMSD serves kids free summer meals

by CMSD News Bureau

Cleveland families who need free or discount meals this summer need look no further than their neighborhood CMSD school. The District has teamed up with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank to serve hot and nutritious meals to children for free at 18 schools. Adults accompanying a child can buy breakfast for \$2.50 and lunch and supper for \$4 each. Meals are available Monday through Friday until either July 8 or July 22, depending on the location. Hannah Gibbons School, 1401 Larchmont Road, will serve breakfast from 8 to 9:30 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. until July 22. A complete schedule and list of locations can be found on the District website, clevelandmetroschools.org. The menu, which changes daily, features items that were popular with students during the school year, said Mary Kay Auger, director of operations for the food and child nutrition department. The meals meet the standards set by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.



Breakfast options include eggs, turkey sausage and pancakes. Lunch and dinner might be chicken patties or “taco boats.” The schools also offer two varieties of vegetables and fresh fruit for each meal, as well as low-fat or fat-free milk. The U.S. Department of Agriculture will reimburse the District for the cost of the meals. Families say the convenient locations make it easier to keep their children fed during summer break. “It’s helpful, because when you have a large family, you’re able to feed them and not worry about them not getting certain foods,” said Bentiza Montgomery, who said she takes her five children to Walton School

for lunch. Community leaders are praising efforts to serve families nutritious food, especially in neighborhoods with limited access to healthy meals. “The reality is that low-income, minority populations tend to have greater health disparities, and those health disparities are not relative to lack of food -- it’s relative to too much of the food that’s not good for you,” said Timothy Tramble, executive director of Burten, Bell, Carr Development, Inc. “I’m happy that they’re focusing not just on getting people food, but getting people nutritious and wholesome food products that would contribute to their overall health,” said Tramble, whose nonprofit organization serves the Kinsman and Central neighborhoods. Lowell Perry, executive director of the Cleveland Central Promise Neighborhood organization, said the meals program also could help forge meaningful connections between schools and the community. “The more we can have kids and families coming to the schools, the more the school can be seen as a community resource,” Perry said. Marion-Sterling School Principal Adriana Chestnut said the meals program demonstrates the District’s desire to consistently support families, even when school isn’t in session. “We’re providing those safe spaces throughout the city so they know they’re cared for and they’re loved,” she said. Helping children in need is just one of the goals of the program. Joseph Vaughn, director of food and child nutrition services, said he hopes all families take advantage of the program and make it a part of their summer routine.

School’s Out, Summer Reading’s in...at the Library!

by Kiara Jefferson

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YOUTH PROGRAMS

Free Summer Lunches for Kids All Cleveland Public Library locations offer FREE summer lunches for all children birth through age 18. Healthy, free meals are provided through the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. Monday – Friday *11:30am-12:30pm **Free Produce!** Until further notice there will be FREE produce available, provided by the Cleveland Food Bank. Tuesdays*-2:00pm **Summer Reading Club!** This year’s reading club is all about the CLE! Join us on Tuesdays for fun activities and crafts to help us celebrate Cleveland.

Tuesdays, July 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th *1:00pm **Earth Buddies!** Need a new “buddy” in your life? Join us as we learn more about the life cycle of plants with the Cleveland Children’s Museum and take home an Earth Buddy! Thursday, July 14th *1:00pm **Read Up! Rise Up! CLE Summer Reading Club FINALE!** Celebrate a summer of reading fun as we wrap up Summer Reading Club 2016! Tuesday, July 26th *1:00pm

ADULT PROGRAMS

Chronic Disease Self-Management Workshop Learn how to get the support you need and make a step-by-step plan to improve your health. To register contact Rose Bobbitt by phone 216-421-1350 ext. 183 or email: programs@fairhillpartners.org Wednesdays, July 20th- August 24th *1:00pm-3:30pm ****GED Classes are now on summer break. Classes will resume the week of August 29th**

Back to school event

by Young Leaders

New Generation, Tara United and Young Leaders Program will be throwing this event for kids and teens of all communities. This will be held Thursday Aug 11, 2016 from 5pm-8pm at Euclid Mini police station. We ask that the community step up

and help us take care of our youth. We are in need of people to donate school uniforms and or school supplies to us so we can give them to our kids and teens at this event. If interested please call 216 622-5849 Breuna Sweeney.

St. Vitus Adult Slovenian School News

by Lillian Centa

Would you like to learn the Slovenian language? Would you like to continue what you learned as a child? Do you speak some Slovenian but would like to learn more? Would you like to visit Slovenia and be able to converse with the people? A number of St. Vitus Adult Slovenian school students have already been to Slovenia, met relatives, and were able to use their knowledge of the language. Tuition is low -- \$50.00 a semester. Textbooks are purchased separately from the instructor. For information, call Lillian at 216.289.7253 (elcenta@sbcglobal.net) or Majda at 440.255.1178 (stajerka2@yahoo.com).

Community

Neighborhood Leadership Development Program Seeks 2016 Applicants



by Sandra Kluk

Are you a passionate, committed Clevelander 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 their interests and pursuits are similarly diverse. NLDP currently has 166 graduates who are actively working to improve life in their communities. NLDP graduates come from all different backgrounds and work on a variety of issues. They 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 work with youth; work on environmental issues and work with the homeless and those facing re-entry. They enrich their communities through arts and culture and advocate for housing rights. Graduates have access to a network of

community leaders and can join efforts with others in their project work.

As one NLDP graduate put it ... “Not only did NLDP provide me with really important capacity building opportunities, but it connected me more deeply to the Cleveland community in ways that I don’t think many other programs could. It exposed me to issues and efforts that I was not aware of and really made me think a little more comprehensively about how the initiatives I was working on connected to the larger community. NLDP was definitely an important knowledge, character, friendship, network and capacity building experience that made me much more aware of our community and the issues we face and opportunities for positive change.” NLDP presenters and facilitators are practitioners in areas such as nonprofit management, marketing, program planning, fundraising and organizational leadership. 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 27. For more information and an application, visit www.nldp-cleveland.com or call 216-776-6172. The deadline for applications is August 1. Think you have what it takes? Apply to make a difference!

Polka Stars Salute Eddie Habat, the Late Euclid Music-Maker, at SNPJ Farm, Sunday, August 7




The music of the late Euclid resident Eddie Habat, renowned polka bandleader and Decca recording artist, will be celebrated by Canada’s Polka King Walter Ostanek, Jeff Pecon and Fred Kuhar on Sunday, August 7, 2016, at SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio.


by Joe Valencia

Celebrate the music of the late polka legend and Euclid resident Eddie “Hambone” Habat as the Jeff Pecon Orchestra appears with guest accordianists Fred Kuhar and Walter Ostanek, Canada’s Polka King, at SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio, Sunday, August 7, 2016. Enjoy an all-star salute to Eddie Habat, one of the Cleveland-Style Polka’s top accordionists and bandleaders. Fr. Frank Perkovich arrives from Minnesota to start

the day with his popular Polka Mass at 1:00. Jeff Pecon strikes up his orchestra at 3:00 for four hours of dancing, featuring 3-time Grammy-winner Walter Ostanek and Polka Hall of Famer Fred Kuhar. Drummer Mark Habat, Eddie’s son, joins the fun. Eddie Habat (1926-2005) was one of the major stylists of the Cleveland Polka sound. The Euclid-based, accordionist and his orchestra performed for Decca Records and hosted radio and television polka shows. His hard-driving rendition of “Go Man Go” brought him national attention in 1953. Eddie’s bouncy original tunes include “Hambone Habat Polka,” “Hi-Lee, Hi-Lo,” and “Riverboat Polka” – all polka standards today. Before and during the dance, treat yourself to home-style dinners and sandwiches and refreshments. Admission is \$8 for the dance and Polka Mass. Your hosts are the members and friends of SNPJ Charter Lodge No. 5, Naprej, along with the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum in Euclid. SNPJ Farm is just off Chardon Road (Route 6) at 10946 Heath Road in Kirtland, Ohio, three miles east of Route 306 and six miles west of Route 44. Contact Karen Tomsic, 216-481-1379 for details.



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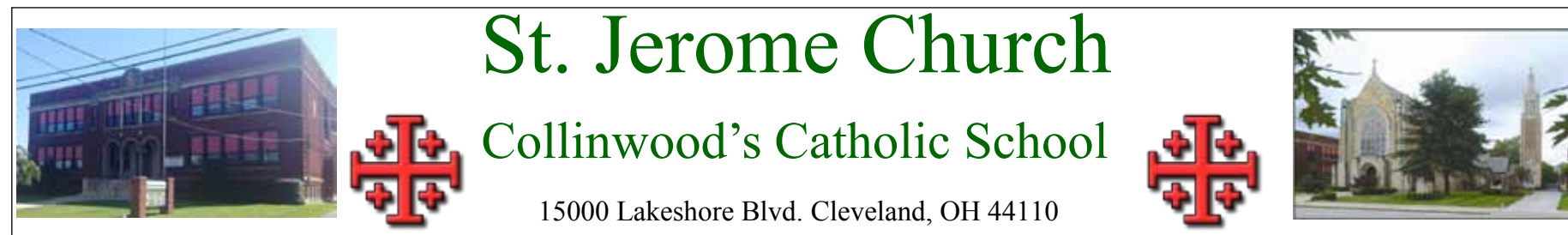
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Cav's Parade Gets Personal



Dottie Verderber in the parade protecting the Larry O'Brien NBA Championship Trophy.

By Marguerite DiPenti and Katie Neary

St. Jerome parishioners Maura Schroeder and Dottie Verderber have close connections to the World Champion Cleveland Cavaliers. Maura has been with the Cavs for 20 years and fondly remembers Zydrunas Ilgauskas as they share the same rookie year. Zydrunas has a Collinwood connection and maintained close ties with Lithuanian Home on E. 185th Street while with the Cavs. Maura joined the Cavs working in sales and marketing, but her duties for the last 14 years as team operation manager include overseeing the Family Room, which serves the families of the front office and team personnel. It is a safe, private, kid-friendly environment where families can visit, relax and enjoy the game. As operations manager she works closely with the Cavalier's coaching staff. Maura also works with the wives' Better Halves group

and the Cavs Community Relations with many of their outreach and charity events including support to Cleveland Christian Home and the Domestic Violence Child Advocacy Center. Maura loved being part of the 2016 NBA Finals which led her to Oakland where she witnessed the Cavaliers historic Game 7 win. The Golden State visitors' locker room may never be the same after the Cavs christened it with champagne. Maura even has a cork as a keepsake. Maura was very emotional when talking about the victory and says it was "bitter sweet" being in California when the Cavaliers won as they all couldn't wait to get back to Cleveland. The playoffs take everyone associated with the team to the next level. It was a call to action for the entire organization where everyone did whatever it took to help bring home a win. The busier, longer hours filled with excitement and celebrities were



Maura Schroeder and Dottie Verderber celebrating the championship together in downtown Cleveland.



Maura Schroeder holding the Championship Trophy after Game 7 in the Cavalier's locker room in Oakland.

rewarded by the thrilling, amazing experience of riding on the parade float alongside the players and other members of the Cavaliers organization. Maura's husband, Jeff, joined her for the day. No one could have been prepared for the absolutely overwhelming sight and outpouring of support from the Cleveland fans.

Dottie Verderber, a 42 year St. Jerome parishioner, has a long history with the Cavs beginning with the Gund family and now Dan Gilbert. Dottie and her sister, Devin Lewis, are the suite attendants for the Gilbert suite and the owner's private suite. Through the years they have met famous visitors including Justin Bieber, Usher, Kareem Abdul Jabbar, and many Browns players who are Dan Gilbert's guests for the Cavs games. The Cav's owner posted a sign over the kitchen area of one suites and affectionately named it Dotvin's Den (Dottie

and Devin combined). After the last home game, Dan Gilbert confidently told Dottie and Devin that he would see them in the parade. Dottie planned on driving her own convertible for the big event, but on Tuesday night, the evening before the parade, she received an important phone call. Nate Forbes told Dottie that he had a little job for her to do. Dottie and Devin had the pleasure and honor of riding on the vehicle that carried the Larry O'Brien NBA Championship Trophy. She was overwhelmed with emotion when she rounded the corner onto East Ninth Street and saw the sea of people cheering. She even heard one man from ESPN's Believeland yell, "The Curse is over!" We all have our own memories of that spectacular event in Cleveland history, but Maura, Dottie, and Devin will remember how personal it really was.

St. Jerome in June



St. Jerome's Andre with his gift basket he won from the raffle. Andre refused to leave the picnic until the winners were called.

By Katie Neary

On a warm Sunday afternoon on June 26th St. Jerome hosted their annual parish picnic and raffle after Mass. The event began with a coffee and donut reception under the big tent outside the rectory. Many people from the St. Jerome community attended to support the church's event. It was great for everyone to see former members including the Kovac, Vadnal, Girod, and Nolan families. Parishioners, along with students and their families also came for a bite to eat. One student attended who is starting the second grade at St. Jerome School this fall. She was eager to see where she will be going

to school and meet the kind members of St. Jerome. Many women from the church made the picnic even more enjoyable by collecting gigantic gift baskets donated from local restaurants and businesses. The baskets were raffled off to help raise money for the church; many winners were ecstatic to receive their assorted prizes. The Holy Name Society grilled a delicious dinner including hot dogs and hamburgers while guests brought homemade side dishes. The event is always a great way to meet everyone who volunteers and makes St. Jerome the amazing community it is.



Susie and Elaine enjoying some refreshments and great company under the tent at the picnic.



Father Bill Jerse posing with young St. Jerome parishioners and students by the church sign.

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Summer Reminder



All Imagine Bella students have summer assignments due back at the beginning of the school year. Students still have access to online programs: Lexia, Waggle, Study Island, and IXL. Report cards, summer work, school calendar, and school supply list are all available for pick-up. Summer office hours are 9-3 Monday-Friday. Call us at 216-481-1500

Field Day Fun



Face Painting with Art Teacher Mrs. Heston



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6th Grade Promotion



Congratulations to 6th grade!

The 6th graders from Imagine Bella Academy were ushered into Normandy Catering Party Center on the evening of May 26th while parents waited in the lounge area. The students posed for quick photos with friends and quickly rehearsed the ceremony while adjusting their caps and gowns. The packed audience celebrated

the 6th graders promotion with heartfelt speeches from the school administration and their teachers. The evening ended with a reception and slideshow of photographs submitted by family members. Wishing the best for the 6th grade class as they continue their educational journey. Imagine Bella is so proud of you!

Get to Know the Imagine Bella Team



Kindergarten teacher Ms. Kelly Westfall leads her class through the clap-out on the way to the picnic.



Ms. Westfall's Kindergarten class snaps a quick photo.



Ms. Cuda's Kindergarten class poses together to celebrate a great school year.

Students, staff, and family members gathered outside to cheer on the Kindergarten-ers of Imagine Bella Academy. The Kindergarten students were treated to a special

picnic at Neff Park which included snow cones, face painting, and a bounce house. Can't wait to see these students shine in first grade next year!

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Picnic Brings Parishioners Together



The annual parish picnic is a much-loved tradition at Our Lady of the Lake, a chance to celebrate Mass in a different setting, and to visit with friends and family outside church. The volunteers who put this year's event together outdid themselves again, with great food, ice cream, live music,



games and prizes for the kids, a balloon clown, dunking game, and even a caricature artist. These are the summer memories children and families look back on, and we so appreciate the chance to make these memories together.



More Fun Plans for OLL School



Thanks to dedicated volunteers who help with after school programs, OLL students get to make great projects in sewing club, along with other activities.

While we've been out enjoying summer fun, the hard-working team at Our Lady of the Lake School have been busy working on more ways to make school great for the kids when they come back. Right now they're planning after-school programs, to make sure both the fun and the learning carry on when the school day ends. Last year, OLL School launched a slew of new after-school offerings, including music lessons, a very popular sewing group, and the Grub Club – fun cooking classes for kids. This year they plan to have even more to offer, including Spanish Club and Chess Club. We can't wait to see all the good programs they cook up!

Super Stroll Celebration



We helped celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the E. 200th Street Stroll this June, with our annual Stroll Celebration at Our Lady of the Lake. Visitors were welcomed by free popcorn, games and crafts, a DJ and a bal-

loon clown, and a very popular bubble station! What a beautiful day to be out in the community – we loved seeing friends and neighbors, and making new friends, too.

Signs of Hope



Among the many signs of hope that we see every day at Our Lady of the Lake is the partnership we have with the Scouts. Just recently one of the scouts (also one of our parishioners), Connor McSweeney, initiated a project to paint the entrances to our church hall as part of his requirements to become an Eagle Scout. Connor also participated

as a volunteer in our Vacation Bible School. Several other scouts volunteered to serve as an honor guard at the funeral for Senator George Voinovich. All of these partnerships, initiated by the young people in the Scouts themselves, are signs of hope for all of us as we continue to serve our parish and wider community.



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Voinovich Service Held At Our Lady Of the Lake Church



by John Sheridan

Even in death, George Voinovich managed to provide a boost to his favorite Catholic parish—Our Lady of the Lake, formerly known as Holy Cross.

Never before – and probably never again – will the church at East 200th St. and Lake Shore Blvd. receive as much news coverage as it did during and after his funeral on June 17.

Voinovich, a former Cleveland mayor, Ohio governor, and U.S. senator – has long supported Our Lady of the Lake (OLL) – and Holy Cross before it -- sending several of his children to school there and generously supporting numerous events sponsored by the parish, such as the annual “Life on the Lake” fund-raiser that benefits the school. His newspaper obituary recommended two options for memorial donations in lieu of flowers: the Molly Voinovich Memorial Fund, in memory of his late daughter, and OLLCatholicSchool.

It is not often that a church of any denomination experiences the honor of hosting a funeral service for an Ohio governor or U.S. senator. But George Voinovich, the “kid from Collinwood” as somebody dubbed him, never really left the lakefront environs of Northeast Cleveland despite

holding public posts that required him to spend much of his time in places like Columbus, OH, and Washington, D.C. – not to mention an occasional globe-hopping trip to promote international trade opportunities for Ohio businesses.

Sen. Voinovich and his lovely wife Janet, who met as students at OhioUniversity, raised their family and maintained their home in North Collinwood for more than 50 years.

As a young community newspaperman, I was fortunate enough to get a close-up view of George’s debut on the political scene, including participating in interviews during his first campaign – for a seat in the Ohio legislature. Both my colleague Tom Brazaitis and I came away from those interviews quite impressed with George. And in 1966, I had the privilege of writing the very first newspaper editorial ever endorsing him for public office.

That editorial ran in the old Euclid News-Journal and in the Collinwood Scoop, weekly papers serving the two adjacent lakefront communities in those days. Both were publications of the Collinwood Publishing Co., which had offices and a printing press on East 152nd St.

Not long after George Voinovich won his

initial campaign -- for a seat in the Ohio House of Representatives -- he permitted me to spend a full day shadowing him in Columbus as he went about his duties. He showed me around the state Capitol building and introduced me to some of the key political figures of that era. The result was a follow-up feature article with a headline something like “A Day in the Life of Your State Representative.”

Ever since, I’ve followed George’s political career with great interest – and much admiration. When I learned that he had passed away, I felt both saddened and compelled to be near him at the end – at his service at Our Lady of the Lake and as part of the motorcade that took him to his final resting place at All Souls Cemetery in Chardon. (Out of respect to the former Ohio Governor, the motorcade was escorted along the way by at least 20 or 30 motorcycle policemen, along with other police vehicles, to ensure a safe trip to the cemetery.)

The service at OLL attracted many dignitaries—including Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson, former mayor Dennis Kucinich, Euclid Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer-Gail, and a former Spanish Ambassador, Manuel M. Lopez, who is now now an “emeritus” honorary consul general for Spain. (Prior to the service, Ambassador Lopez mentioned to me that he had lived in Euclid – on East 197th St. – for 31 years and had been a member of Holy Cross parish himself. He and his wife now live in Middlefield, OH.)

Rev. Joseph Fortuna, pastor of Our Lady of the Lake, was the primary celebrant for the funeral mass, with former pastor Rev. John McNulty, and Rev. Mark Hobson, pastor of St. Aloysius-St. Agatha, as concelebrants. Also in attendance were Most Rev. Richard G. Lennon, the Bishop of Cleveland, Most Rev. Anthony M. Pilla, retired Bishop of Cleveland, and Rev. John F. Murphy.

A recurring theme of the service was that

George Voinovich was a man who lived his faith. “George was an extraordinary human being,” Fr. Fortuna said during his homily. “He was able to meet and respect people who were different from himself ... He had a passion for the common good.”

In addition to the crowd that crammed into the church, the service attracted quite a few curious onlookers who gathered across the street, some in lawn chairs, to take in the spectacle – including two mounted policemen stationed on either side of the front church steps awaiting the arrival of the funeral party. Parked nearby, on East 201st St. was the Collinwood Alumni Assn. locomotive, on hand as a tribute to one of the high school’s most illustrious graduates.

Two days earlier, a large crowd turned out for Sen. Voinovich’s wake at DeJohn-Flynn-Mylott Funeral Home in Willoughby Hills. Some mourners stood patiently for up to two hours as the line slowly inched its way through the building en route to the salon where the family greeted George’s many friends and admirers. Among them were former Cleveland Browns coach Sam Rutigliano and Jack Schron, a member of the Cuyahoga County Council and two-time candidate for the county executive’s post. (Schron, the president of Jergens Inc., a Waterloo Rd.-based manufacturer of fixtures for industrial plants, noted that he had accompanied Voinovich on overseas trade missions to India, Brazil, and other nations.)

It’s not surprising that so many people felt compelled to pay their last respects to a man who dedicated his life to public service. George Voinovich will perhaps be best remembered as the Cleveland mayor who rescued the city from a serious fiscal crisis, but he also served with distinction as Ohio’s governor and in the U.S. Senate.

Sen. Voinovich was never a flamboyant politician – but rather one who displayed both wisdom and common sense. It’s too bad there aren’t more public servants like him.

Rest in peace, George. You’ve earned it.

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Upcycle Garden Night!



Collinwood Friends Garden fall clean up 2015. Come see how we’ve grown this year!

by Brittainy Quinn

Ballot Box winner Michael Hudecek and Upcycle Parts Shop is joining forces with the Collinwood Friends Garden for a day of beautification! Join us for pallet bench making, sidewalk painting, and garden clean up!

Saturday, July 16th, from 5-7pm. The garden is located at 257 East 156th street.

New Doctor at Center for Advanced Mental Health Practices at Siggy’s Village!

by Pamela Barrett

Siggy’s Village, located in the South Collinwood neighborhood, is welcoming Dr. Christine LaGrotta to the Center for Advanced Mental Health Practice. Dr. LaGrotta is a licensed psychiatrist, and is now booking appointments that are open starting September 1st. She accepts most major insurances.

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Welcome to Siggy’s Village!



by Pamela Barrett

Siggy’s Village is a community space that offers free resources that all work together to revitalize the Collinwood neighborhood, and help the community neighbors. Siggy’s Urban Market, a farmer’s market and community gathering place, gives residents easy access to healthy and nutritious food. We sell produce that we grow in the Siggy’s Village Community Garden, which is maintained by volunteers and residents. There are lavender fields where residents can come pick lavender together that we use to make products like soaps, lotion, candle, and oils. These products are sold to help us revitalize the community together! Siggy’s Village started REHABNATION Furnishings, which collects donated pallets and uses them to build unique pieces of furniture. We sell our furniture online and profits go toward the community and replenishing Siggy’s Village resources. The

Written Originals Writing Center provides workshops to children and adults of all ages. We help children and teens improve their writing skills so they can succeed in school. Adults can take cover letter and resume workshops so that they are prepared to enter the workforce. The Spoken Originals Poetry Slam helps teens find their voice through writing poetry and projecting it on stage and to peers. Teens have the chance to travel and compete in national and international poetry slam competitions. All of the components of Siggy’s Village share a singular purpose, which is to help rebuild and unite Collinwood.

Call Siggy’s Village for more information: 216-862-3815

Siggy’s Urban Market: 15416 Saranac Rd Cleveland, OH 44110

4H Club: The Life of the Amazing Bloomers!

by Danielle Dronet

Are you looking for a fresh start? Is your The 4H Club, The Life of the Amazing Bloomers, is made up of kids living the Collinwood Neighborhood. The students plan to grow, produce, and sell products as a part of the Siggy’s Village located at 15416 Saranac Rd, which is opening in June 2016. They’ve decided to use the abbreviation, GPS to promote their group. “We are driving the community forward”, one of the members said while we all sat together and discussed plans and a timeline.

The Life of the Amazing Bloomers club will be building garden beds to plant tomatoes, strawberries, and garbanzo beans. They’ll use these to make pasta sauce, strawberry jam, and hummus. The garden is located at 794 East 154th St. After they have packaged these products, they will sell them at the Siggy’s Urban Market. They are going to take donations of flip flops, dog food, and eye glasses vouchers for members of the Collinwood community. People can drop off donations of dog food and flip flops to The Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries at 15706 St. Clair Ave Monday through Friday, 10am-2pm.

For donations for children’s prescription eyeglasses, checks can be written to Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries, ATTN: Sister Mary Ellen Brinovec.

For children between the ages of 14 and 18 who are interested in joining the 4H club, please contact Danielle at 216-282-4852.



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Events

Beachland Flea



The Beachland Flea is coming on July 16th and 17th! There will be over 50 vendors with food, direct sales and handmade items. Congin's will be here and on Sunday we will have the Barrio Taco Truck. The Flea will start at 10:00 a.m. and close up at 3:00 p.m. Parking is on Canterbury, Landseer and Windward and the vendors will be set

up near the pavilion on Canterbury. Please come on down for a bite to eat and some shopping! For more information on The Beachland Flea you can email us at beachlandpark@att.net or check out our Facebook event page, Beachland Park Flea and Rummage Sale.

Conviction Expungements Program Returns to EPL

by Ashley Gowens
Are you looking for a fresh start? Is your record holding you back? Join presenters from the Cuyahoga County Courts, County Prosecutor's Office, Cleveland Bar Association and the Legal Aid Society

of Cleveland on Saturday, August 6 from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM at the Euclid Public Library for more information about Conviction Expungements. For more information, please call (216) 261-5300.

Seed Sowing Soldiers Making a Positive Impact In the City of Cleveland



by Tamars Rivers-Graham
Seed Sowing Soldiers is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located in the Collinwood community committed to uplifting residents in the city of Cleveland by giving back to those less fortunate. Our organization was established in 2012 by our President, Lester Graham, Jr. We stand firmly on God's promise as written in Galatians 6:7, "...for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." We believe that we will reap good harvest, because of the seeds that we are sowing. We have held many events over the past years such as; sponsoring FDR and East Clark families with Christmas toys, providing Thanksgiving dinner to the community, our annual school supply and book bag give-a-way, preparing breakfast for Veterans at Volunteers of America, and

Ballot Box - Upcoming Events

by Julia DiBaggio
Nine artists are celebrating their March election win in the Ballot Box Project. Many of the projects are well under way, while others are just beginning. It's not too late to get involved! Grow. Cook. Eat. Collinwood A neighborhood artist Lori Kella is creating a community cook book featuring seasonal recipes from you, your neighbors, and local chefs. Get creative! Discover what masterpieces you can create with your fresh bounty! Check out her website and learn more!

This is Collinwood: History of Everyday People Collinwood is filled with amazing people and businesses with diverse backgrounds and interests. Residents are welcome to a complimentary 15 minute photo shoot. Get in contact with Collinwood resident Stephen Bivens to arrange your photo shoot or check out his photography here. Stephen has already taken shots of the business owners from the Waterloo Arts and Entertainment District. His photos are not to be missed! They're on display through July at The Millard Filmore Presidential Library, 15617 Waterloo Rd. Come out for a family phot shoot on July

16th from 1-4pm at Waterloo Arts, 15605 Waterloo Rd. Collinwood Camera Club Area teens are learning the art of photography from Collinwood artist Bridget Caswell. The teens are not only learning the craft and going on field trips; they are putting their skills to work at open portrait sessions in the neighborhood.

Open portrait sessions: July 1st from 6-8pm Walk All Over Waterloo Waterloo Arts, 15605 Waterloo Rd. Bicycle Rickshaws On Waterloo Area youth will learn about writing and telling Collinwood history from Cindy Barber while making a stipend pedaling people through the neighborhood. Rickshaws will be debuted during the July 16th Rock and Rummage Flea Market at the Beachland Ballroom taking place from 10am-4pm. Every Saturday throughout summer rickshaw rides will be scheduled to encourage people to explore Waterloo. You can also take a ride August 5th at 6pm during Walk All Over Waterloo or during the Euclid Beach Live concerts from July 22nd through August 12th.

Sewer District to Host Residential Stormwater Credit Workshops

by Jennifer Elting
Customers will see Stormwater Fees return to bills beginning July-September; informational workshops to provide program and credit information to Sewer District customers.

The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District will host a series of informational meetings to help customers understand more about the Regional Stormwater Management Program and how to apply for an Individual Residential Property Credit.

The Regional Stormwater Management Program addresses flooding, streambank erosion and water quality problems across the Sewer District's 355 square mile service area. The Sewer District will assume responsibility for millions of dollars of necessary maintenance along large streams across the region. The Sewer District will also conduct planning and build projects to begin addressing the region's chronic flooding and erosion issues.

Stormwater billing will resume in July 2016; most customers receive quarterly sewer bills and this fee will appear as a separate line-item on their July, August or September bills, whenever the next bill is scheduled. Through the Sewer District's stormwater fee credits, customers can reduce their bill by taking steps to manage their stormwater runoff.

Learn about Stormwater Fee Credits at meetings throughout the Sewer District's Service Area:

Wednesday, June 29, 2016 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Lyndhurst Community Center 1341 Parkview Drive, Lyndhurst

Tuesday, July 12, 2016 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Zone Recreation Center 6301 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland

Saturday, August 20, 2016 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Watershed Stewardship Center at West Creek 2277 West Ridgewood Drive, Parma

Tuesday, August 23, 2016 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Happy Days Lodge 500 West Streetsboro Street (S.R. 303), Peninsula

Saturday, September 17, 2016 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sewer District's Annual Open House 4747 East 49th Street, Cuyahoga Heights

Thursday, September 22, 2016 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Mayfield Village Civic Center 6622 Wilson Mills Road, Mayfield Village Customers can stop by the meetings at any time; a short presentation about the program will be offered several times throughout each workshop. Additional information about the Regional Stormwater Management Program is available at www.neorsd.org/stormwater.

Cooking with Kids

by Sr. Madeline Muller
Do you want to learn how to cook some of your favorite foods and eat your creation? Come join us on Saturday, July 16th Friday, July 29th Fun begins at 10:00 and ends at 12:30

COLLINWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD CATHOLIC MINISTRIES HOUSE 15706 Saint Clair Ave. Please call Sr. Madeline at 216.408.0214 to reserve your place. Space is limited and we need to know how much food to buy.

Events

Daisies in the Memorial Garden

by Elva Brodnick
We're still working on our Collinwood School Fire Memorial Garden!

On Friday June 24th, a few of us from the Little Red Cap Project got together to plant daisies in the Garden, beginning what will hopefully be a permanent upgrade for the Garden. (Daisies, because, not only are they hardy perennials that bloom most of the summer, but because Daisies remember

children's innocence, and were often left on children's graves at the time of the Collinwood School Fire.)

Thanks to Dennis Crislip, Debbie L'Orange, Mary Bronson, who along with myself, got our daisies planted. And much thanks to Cavotta's for helping find these lovely Shasta daisies! And thanks to the Memorial students, whose "Penny Wars" last fall earned the funds to buy the daisies.



You're Invited to the Kiddie City 10th Anniversary Open House!



Kiddie City is approaching it's 10th anniversary!

by Brittney Moffatt
Ten years ago, Kiddie City began servicing the community in a small building on 200th Street in Euclid with about 20 children and 5 staff members. Four years later, Kiddie City expanded to a second building and was able to service more children and hire more teachers. Today, Kiddie City is operating with 9 classrooms, over 40 staff members, and over 100 children!

A lot has changed over ten years. To celebrate, Kiddie City is having a 10 Year Anniversary Open House for the community. The event is for adults and children. Visit

our new location at 280 E 206th St Euclid, OH 44123 on July 22nd from 7pm-9pm. Join us for cake and ice cream, dance to music, get silly with Swifty the Clown (a balloon artist featured on Fox 8!), and take a tour of our newly renovated building – the former Lincoln Elementary! Children will also enjoy a special Story Time presentation of Maurice Sendak's "Where the Wild Things Are" at 7:30pm by Mr. Hassan Rodgers and friends.

For questions about our upcoming event, please call Jennifer Boger or Dayna White at 216-481-9044. Hope to see you there!

A Collinwood sunset from Rosecliff



Birth Certificate and ID Voucher Service Coming to Collinwood

by Sr. Madeline Muller
Do you need a birth certificate or an ID to vote, obtain credit or a driver's license? Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries is starting a program whereby persons who need a birth certificate or an ID can obtain a voucher to acquire one or both of these documents, free of charge.

This service is available every Thursday morning from 9:30 – 11:30 beginning July 7th at the Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries House located at 15706

St. Clair Ave. (across from the Dollar General Store) Except the last Thursday of the month where this service will be provided at 15416 Saranac (across from Saint Mary Church).

Please bring the following (if you have them) when you come:
v Birth Certificate
v Proof of residency (e.g. a check stub or a utility bill)
v Medical record
Walk-ins are welcome

Moore Counseling to Host Opiate Symposium



by V. McGraw
Heroin use and heroin related deaths are steadily rising in Ohio. Twenty-three people on average in Ohio are dying from heroin overdoses weekly.

Moore Counseling & Mediation Services Inc., will host an Opiate Symposium on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 to educate the community about the services and resources available to the community.

Community leaders, city officials, local judges and concerned families will be in attendance.

Panelist will be available to have a discussion about how the heroin epidemic has affected Euclid, Ohio and the surrounding communities and its families.

Members from the Greater Cleveland Drug Court will provide information including the services and programs they offer that may help an individual that is struggling with an opiate addiction. Panelist include:

Kirsten Holzheimer Gail, Mayor City of Euclid
Daryl Jackson, Ph.D. Greater Cleveland Drug Court Program Coordinator, Cleveland Municipal Court
Jan Kenepp Business Manager, Alkermes
Deborah A. LeBarron, Esq. Euclid Municipal Court Judge
Lauren Moore, Esq. Greater Cleveland Drug Court Judge
Martina Moore, Ph.D. President & CEO
Moore Counseling & Mediation Services, Inc.
Kenny Yuko Ohio Senator 25th District
This symposium will be held at Moore Counseling and Mediation Services, Inc., located at 22639 Euclid Avenue Euclid, Ohio 44117.

The symposium is free and open to the public. For more information, call 216-404-1900.

Holy Redeemer celebrates 92nd Feast of St. Anthony June 12th



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Bob’s Corner



by Bob Payne
I just found out that I am not who I thought I was. I understand that may sound confusing. Sorry. It was a little confusing to me too.
I recently took a DNA test through Ancestry.com, and I found out that I am part Italian. I never knew that! It turns out that a relative several generations in the past was the product of an out of wedlock conception. Because he was a male, the family name I thought I possess is not correct. Instead of Payne, my last name should be Galizia.
So, what do I do with this revelation? How should I embrace my newly found Italian heritage? Do I need to change my name? How can I be authentically who I really am?
While I entertain these thoughts for a moment, I know that they truly are just

mental gymnastics. I am happy to find that my relatives come from Italy. But, I've also got relatives that came from Great Britain, Eastern Europe, Western Europe, Scandinavia, Caucasus and the Middle East. I'm happy to know that too. There's a reason the USA is called the melting pot. We are a fusion of different nationalities, cultures and ethnicities. While some in history have viewed such blending as a weakness, the USA has proven it to be a strength.
All of us, if we look back in our family tree far enough, will find that we are a mixture. I view it as a gift. It helps me realize that we are not strictly individuals, but part of something much, much larger. I am a member of the human family, and that's bigger than any particular ancestry that I can claim.
Yes, I will celebrate being Italian. I will also embrace all the other parts of me too. Maybe we should have a "Human Day" that simply celebrates life and all of our mixed backgrounds. When you really get down to it, we are all interconnected. We all want to be loved, and to enjoy this life. We are more similar than we are different. We are all one.

Bob Payne, Manager

Euclid Senior Center

All the programs listed are available at Euclid Lakefront Community Center
1 Bliss Lane, Euclid, OH 44123
216-289-2985 www.cityofeuclid.com



July 4th Party
On Friday, July 1st at 10:45 a.m. Come in celebrate with us, Red, White & Blue. Sponsored by Kindred at Home.

Cav's Appreciation Day
We are all proud of our NBA Champion Cleveland Cavaliers. We are having an ice cream social on Tuesday, July 5th at 12:15 p.m. Wear your CAVS gear and celebrate our hometown sports heroes. Provided by Solon Pointe and Willow Park.

July 12th & 26th – Fun BINGO
Bingo for Prizes - 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – FREE
Sponsored by Randall Residence and Mount St. Joseph.

BBQ – Tuesday, July 12th at Noon
Come enjoy a delicious BBQ. Lunch will be provided by Wickliffe Country Place. Please make sure you still make your reservation for lunch as normal. HOMEBOUND will receive the WRAAA lunch – Chicken Breast Filet Alfredo, Buttered Noodles, Mixed Vegetables, Spinach.

Name That Tune
Thursday, July 14th at 10:45 – 11:45
Enjoy music, trivia, light refreshments and prizes! Laura Blair from Kindred – The Greens/The Fountains is your hostess.

BIRTHDAY DAY- July 20th
Cup Cakes Sponsored by Altercare of Ohio. Ice Cream Sponsored by Euclid Senior Programs

TRIPS:
LET'D BACK LUAU PARTY at Grande Pointe Healthcare in Richmond Hts. Wednesday, July 6th – 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Leave the senior center at 1:15 p.m. and return to the center around 3:30 p.m. Tropical Music by Island Jeff, Island attire

requested Prize awarded for best dressed. FREE – Register at the front Desk.
Grande Pointe Fun Bingo
Tuesday, July 19th– Leave the Senior Center at 1:15 p.m. and return to the center around 3:00 p.m. Take a ride in our van to Grande Pointe in Richmond Hts. for a FUN BINGO including prizes & cookies. It's FREE – Register at the front Desk.

International Women's Air & Space Museum
Tuesday, July 26th – Leave the Senior Center at 1:00 p.m. and return around 3:00 p.m. \$5.00 per person. Learn about the many women who have a historical impact in aviation and space.
Rocksino Northfield Park
Wednesday, July 27th - Leave the center at 9:00 a.m. and return to the center approximately 3:00 p.m. \$15.00 per person, per trip. Drop off at casino front door. Register at the front desk. LIMITED SEATING: however, we must have at least 10 people registered. You must be a member or pay \$25.00. No Refunds unless your spot is filled.

NAUTICA QUEEN BOAT CRUISE
Wednesday, August 10th - Van leaves at 10:00 a.m. & returns at 3:00 p.m. \$ 35.00 member, \$ 45.00 non-member Step back in time. Sway to the tunes from the Big Band Era & enjoy the buffet for lunch.

D-DAY Conneaut
Experience the Largest D-DAY Living History Event in the U.S.
Friday, August 19th - FREE to Euclid Veterans – Limited spaces. Leave the center at 9:00 a.m. and return by 4:00 p.m. \$5.00 for others.

SPEAKERS:
RTA-Paratransit Information Talk
Wednesday, July 6th – 10:45 a.m.
A representative from RTA's Community Relations Department, Erica M. Gordon Will be here to discuss updates with RTA and answer any service related questions and Paratransit.

AVALON Adult Day Center
Friday, July 8th – 10:45 a.m.
Susan K. from Avalon Adult Center. Will be here to talk to us about "Remaining social in your senior years" We will discuss the importance of keeping active and social. Also how it is a key component to our health as we age.

Community Police Talk
Thursday, July 14th at 12:15 p.m.
“Cop -a- Question” - Immediately after

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Lunch. Members from our Police Department update us monthly and will answer all your questions. Can't be here? Leave your questions at the front desk. Also, if you have old medication that you need to discard, they will take it as long as it is not liquid or needles.

Ohio Savings Bank
Thursday, July 21st – 10:45 a.m.
Eileen M. Ovens from Ohio Savings Bank will talk about Money Smart for Older Adults.

Tridia Hospice
Friday, July 22nd – 10:45 a.m.
Are you afraid of falling? Do you know how to protect yourself and your home a potential disaster? Join Tridia Hospice on to learn quick and easy ways to protect yourself from a fall and to help maintain your independence and your mobility.

Farmer’s Mobile Market
Every other Wednesday 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. July 6th & 20th
Please take a number from front desk.

Muffins with the Mayor
Monday, July 25th – 11:00 a.m. in the dining room. Here is your chance to sit and enjoy conversation and muffins with our Mayor, Kirsten Holzheimer Gail. Stop by and say “Hello”.

Chair Massage and Reiki
Friday, July 15th – 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Chair Massage: gentle massage for head, neck, shoulders, upper back, arms and hands. 10, 15 or 20 minutes at \$1 per minute.

Reiki: A hands on or off - gentle, relaxing use of the universal “Chi”, or energy. Reiki helps to release stress and provide a feeling of relaxation, and overall goodness. 15 minutes \$10.00, 20 minutes \$15.00
If you are interested please let front desk know so we can schedule an appt. for you.
SERVICES:
Tuesday, July 12th
10:00 a.m. to Noon & 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
20 - minute free consultations.
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This service will continue on the second

Tuesday of each month.
BENEFITS CHECK-UP - FREE
Monday, July 18th & 25th
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Euclid Senior Programs also coordinates the Benefits Check - Up program at the Lakefront Community Center. Benefits Check - Up is a program to screen adults 60+ for over 70 money-saving programs: prescription drug assistance, help paying Medicare premiums, helps with heating bills, phone discount, and much more. Call 216-289-2985 to schedule an appt.

Podiatrist
Dr. Bangayan on Wednesday, July 27th - 9:20 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and Dr. Catherine E. Ferguson on Thursday, July 7th & 21st – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Call 289-2985 for an appointment at the center. Fee - \$20.00, with your membership.

STAY AND PLAY
We are encouraging everyone to stay and take advantage of the many programs we offer after lunch. If you require transportation and want to stay past the normal van time, please notify the front desk and they will record your name. You will then be transported home approximately at 3:00 p.m. We want you here.

HEALTH AND FITNESS
Chair Yoga - Mondays at 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. AC \$ 3.00 per class.
Yoga – Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. Annex Room \$ 3.00 per class.
Tai-Chi – Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.
DR - Six week series - \$30 drop ins \$6.00 per class.
Billie Exercise Class – (Chair) Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 a.m. – Computer Room
Line Dance - Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

Free Blood Pressure Checks
Thursdays mornings 10:00-11:00 a.m. Please give your name to the volunteer and she will issue you a number. Wait in the hallway until your number is called.

Ping Pong
Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.- DRA
Chair Exercise to Music – 11:00 a.m.
DRA – Wednesday
Silver Sneaker Class - 10:00 – 10:50 a.m. – Dining Room Annex
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free with Silver Sneakers membership.
FUN AND GAMES
BEADING CLASS:
Monday, July 11th -10:30 a.m. to Noon. FREE to members
Sewing - 10:00 a.m. – Thursdays, AC

Quilting Class – 2nd & 3rd Thursdays - 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Movie Day – 1:00 p.m. Tuesdays - L

Pinochle Tournament – Fridays - 1:00 p.m. Computer Room.

Open Card Play –Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. Card games Pinochle, Bridge & Rummy.

Bingo – Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 12:45 p.m. – Dining Room.

Pool Tournament – Friday, July 15th 9:20 a.m. June winner – Jermaine McCaleb

Crochet– 10:00 a.m. – Tuesday, AC

Adult Coloring - 12:45 Tuesday, AC

Chair Volleyball - 12:45 p.m.

Dining Room – Thursdays

EDUCATION – SOCIALIZATION
Bible Study - non-denominational group is led by Artis Powell. The group meets Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. - Library.

Arts & Crafts - 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday – AC

CARP Meeting
Thursday, July 28th – 1:00 p.m.
American Red Cross Blood Mobile
Thursday, July 7th
1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Dining Room Annex.

AARP Meeting
Monday, July 11th – 1:00 p.m.
Speaker from Western Reserve Agency on Aging. Amazed the number of free services available to seniors.

Book Discussion – July 11th at 1:15 p.m. in the Senior Center Library. Jennifer from the Euclid Public Library will lead the discussion on the book, “Accused” by Lisa Scottoline’s


Post Office On Wheels
Friday, July 22nd
10:45 a.m. -11:15 a.m.
Special Services, Money Orders, Stamps & Packaging Supplies are available.

Low Vision Support Group
Monday, July 25th at 10:00 a.m.
If you or a family member suffers from Macular Degeneration, Diabetic Retinopathy, Glaucoma, Cataracts, Stroke to the Optic Nerves or other eye related problems. Ralph Johnson SW from Cleveland Sight Center.

Be aware of the construction taking place around the Center. Please slow down. Please check your membership card and renew your membership yearly. It's only \$10 and helps support all of the activities we do here. If you don't know when your membership expires, please check with the front desk. Thanks so much

Do you know how to play the piano? We are in need of someone to play 10 or 15 minutes before lunch each day. If you have that talent, please share your gift with us.


Keep your brain healthy – If you find a mistake in this newsletter, let Sylka know and get a treat.



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Tue 5th Taco Tuesday \$1 Tacos Karaoke Night
(Every Tuesday) 4-11

Wed 6th Game Night
(Free Bar Bowling w Drink Purchase) 4-12

Fri 8th Wind Wood
(Classic Rock Duo)

Sat 9th Waterloo Boogaloo
(50s 60s Rock Funk Soul Dance Party) 9-2

Mon 11th Service Industry / Vinyl Night

Tue 12th Taco Tuesday \$1 Tacos Karaoke Night

Wed 13th Open Mic Night w
Shawn Mishack 9-1

Fri 15th Umojah Nation (Reggae)

Sat 16th Kristine Jackson Trio
(Blues Rock Soul)

Mon 18th Service Industry / Vinyl Night
(Every Monday) 4-12

Tue 19th Taco Tuesday \$1 Tacos Karaoke Night
(Every Tuesday) 4-11

Wed 20th Game Night
(Free Bar Bowling w Drink Purchase) 4-12

Fri 22nd Church Of The Lazy Bastards
(Old School Country Bluegrass)

Sat 23rd Grand Jury
(Blues Rock Jam Band)

Mon 25th Service Industry / Vinyl Night
(Every Monday) 4-12

Tue 26th Taco Tuesday \$1 Tacos Karaoke Night
(Every Tuesday) 4-11

Wed 27th Open Mic Night
w Shawn Mishack 9-1

Fri 29th Stormy Monday
(Classic Rock Power Trio)

Sat 30th Mojo Honey (Blues & Classic Rock)