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Operation: Vegetables! Giant Board Game of Yummy Health



Saturday, October 8th was the launch event for Operation: Vegetables! Giant Board Game of Yummy Health at Memorial Nottingham Library in Collinwood. Low 70°'s sunny and perfectly breezy for an early Fall day, tables were set up laden with healthy foods and beverages under our tent, set outside to the left of the front entrance to the colorful library building. Full story on page 12

Bringing New Life to The LaSalle Theater!



Want to be a part of bringing back this historic and beloved East 185th Street landmark! How can you help? As a dual-purpose fundraiser/renovation project, Northeast Shores is selling brick pavers for

\$150/each and light bulbs for \$20/each. Everyone who walks through the doors of the new theater will see the pavers, which will act as a 'red carpet' to the grand entryway.

Whether you are part of a business, a local resident, or simply an enthusiast for the community...you can help pave the way to the completion of our theater's return. Light bulbs are also available for purchase to help make this project possible. After all, what's a theater without a well-lit grand marquee luring you to the show? For more information, Carly Marginian at 216-481-7660.

HGR Industrial Surplus unveils new offices



Conference room with table made by Cleveland Art
by Gina Tabasso

On Oct. 20, HGR Industrial Surplus hosted an open house and luncheon for its partners, community leaders and long-time friends to unveil a more-than-\$1.2-million renovation. If you've never been to the back of the building, now you have two reasons to drive around: to visit the NEO Sports Plant and

the new operations offices for HGR.

The open house ran from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and included a self-guided tour of the space, a luncheon catered by Chick-fil-A, and a meet and greet with HGR's partners and long-time customer Jason Wein of Cleveland Art who made the signage, art, lamps and furniture in the area. It's worth a stop by just to see his work!

Some visitors included: Euclid Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail and City of Euclid Building Director Joe O'Donnell; Joe Barbaree, Northeast Shores Development Corporation; John Copic, publisher, The Euclid and Collinwood Observers; Charlie Sims, Sims Buick GMC; Sheila Gibbons, Euclid Chamber of Commerce; two Euclid Police Department officers; and our banking and insurance partners.

Next on the list of upgrades? A façade/entry improvement, landscaping and parking-lot resurfacing outside this new entrance at the back of the Euclid showroom facility.

Vote !



by Julia DiBaggio

Vote because you can. For over 200 years, people have been fighting for their right to vote. Did

you know that in 1789 when George Washington was elected president, only 6% of the population could legally vote? The right to vote has been denied to women, African American's, Native American's, people from Chinese, Japanese, and Filipino descent, and people with felony convictions. Barriers such as landownership, literacy tests, a voting tax, and violence intimidation are all methods that have been used to prevent voting. When you are deciding if you will vote or not, think about the countless people who fought for the right to vote,

and the 4.1 million people living in U.S colonies that are citizens but cannot vote for president and do not have representation in Congress.

Many people feel that those in Washington are self-serving. It is for that very reason we must vote, especially during the spring primaries. The person you vote for represents your values. Those values influence laws and the direction of this nation. More importantly, you're voting for local and state matters that directly impact you on the day to day. Here are some of the things that on November 8th, you'll be voting on:

Member of State Board of Education - set educational goals

Judge for the Court of Common Pleas - hear civil and criminal cases

Judge for the Court of Common Pleas (domestic relations) - hear divorces, dissolutions, legal separations, annulments, and domestic violence petitions

Picturing Collinwood Survey

Tell us what YOU think! We are very interested in hearing what you have to say. What are your impressions of the neighborhood? What have been our big successes, and what do we still need to address? Take a few minutes to share your thoughts and your vision with our online survey. It won't take you long, and the feedback you provide will be a huge help to us in prioritizing our revitalization strategy!

Please take 10 minutes to complete the survey by visiting www.citizenmetrics.com/collinwood and possibly win a \$25 gift certificate to a neighborhood eatery.

Please use code: NE9961

Collinwood Landmark Calendars for Sale



Euclid Beach Entrance

by Sr. Madeline MullerThe painting class, held at Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries 15706 St. Clair Ave, is selling 2017 calendars depicting their paintings of Collinwood landmarks. This is a wonderful gift of memories of Collinwood for your family and friends who still hold this area dear. The Calendars are \$10.00 each and will make a great holiday gift. To purchase a calendar, stop in at 15706 St. Clair or call



Collinwood High School

at 216 481 8182 to reserve a few

Perhaps you would like to participate in the next project. The painting classes will meet on the following Saturdays in 2016: September 17th; October 1st, 5th and 29th; November 5th and 19th; and December 3rd. Come at 10:00am and leave about 1:00pm. Everyone is welcome. No art experience is necessary. For more information, please call 216-481-8182 or 216.408.0214.

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Councilman's Corner



by Michael D. Polensek

The winds of change are upon us. Please make sure you get your home winterized and/or heating sys-

tems checked before the severe cold sets in. Every year we have families being affected by carbon monoxide poisoning do to malfunctioning heaters or blocked chimneys/stacks. Preventative maintenance goes a long way to keeping your family safe and warm this winter.

With the change in season always comes that special day – and it's not Halloween – even though it just may be scarier; that is ELECTION DAY! The day of fate is NOVEMBER 8th. I, like many of you, am not happy by what I see, read and hear virtually every day about this Presidential election as well as the statewide races we are confronted with as concerned citizens. As I have said repeatedly, Democracy is neither free nor pretty at times. This election, certainly, at least in my lifetime, has exceeded in every negative way possible. It has truly become ugly and as a result many citizens have become disenchanted and I hear far too often about folks not wanting to vote or plain simply will not vote.

All I can say, from someone who has been voting since I was legally able to, and what I have told my own children on more than one occasion, I vote not just for myself and my own family but also for my community and especially for those who made the ultimate sacrifice defending this great country during all the wars and all the conflicts from the American Revolution to all the battles we still fight today, including attacks by terrorists and religious fanatics. I am constantly reminded of that when I visit the various churches in our community and see the plaques and monuments

to those who served and died in defense of this great nation. For the most part – they were just kids just out of high school or in some cases who quit school to enlist; some making the ultimate sacrifice and some coming home permanently disabled and not the same.

Furthermore, I am reminded when I drive past some of the empty factories and sites where there were massive labor disputes in the 30's and 40's where workers fought for better conditions, wages and the right to unionize, like the old Fisher Body site on East 140th Site. Workers were beaten by company thugs because they wanted to unionize and as a result helped created the United Auto Workers (UAW).

Moreso, I have heard the stories firsthand from the old time civil rights workers who walked with Dr. King on what they went through in the Deep South and unfortunately, sometimes in the north; the beatings, the inability to vote without passing a test or paying a poll tax, the indignities, the lack of basic respect, and yes, the murders and lynching's because of one's color, religion or ethnic origin.

I could go on, but I hope you get the point. In America in 2016 it is not just about us. It is about our children and our grandchildren and where our nation is going, and how we are going to get there. It is also about the past – “Lest we Forget” the sacrifices – so that we, as Americans – can vote for whomever we want regardless of our political affiliations. Yes, my Brothers and Sisters, I VOTE and I will always VOTE. In fact, I have voted by mail already.

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED OR FOREVER BE UNHEARD. Exercise your constitutional right to vote! Let's have a safe Election Day and here's to a great turnout in Ward 8 and the Greater Collinwood Community.

As always I may be reached at my office at (216) 664-4236 or via email at mpolensek@clelandcitycouncil.org.

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

OLIVER HAZARD PERRY (SCHOOL) COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
1st Tuesday of the month
6:00 PM
Collinwood Recreation Center

CLEVELAND CITY COUNCIL
Monday night at 7:00 PM
Please note – this is a public and open meeting but does not take public commentary

Any questions about these meetings please feel free to call Mary Louise, Councilman Polensek's office, (216) 664-4236 or Julia DiBaggio, Northeast Shores Dev. Corp., (216) 481-7660

Community

Veteran's Day

by Mary Louise Jesek Daley

I know what Veteran's Day means to me and I have shared this sentiment over the years in articles every year. As we commemorate the sacrifices our countrymen (and women) made during this Centennial of WWI – the war to end all wars – let us take a moment to reflect on ALL VETERANS – Living and deceased. I will be walking in the Veteran's Day parade this year helping to remember the service and sacrifice of our Civil War veterans and all veterans – LEST WE FORGET.

This Veteran's Day let us make a concerted effort to remember those who served in America's Armed Forces. Our community dedicated a new monument just this past June to do just that every day. How many of you walk or drive by the park and acknowledge that monument and what it stands for? Please take a moment this Veteran's Day to walk over to the park, take a look at the monument, read it, salute the flag and take a moment to say “thank you.” Then put these sentiments to action.

Just to remind you what the monument says:

THIS MONUMENT STANDS IN VETERAN'S PARK AS A TESTAMENT TO THE SPIRIT OF PATRIOTISM INHER-

ENT IN ALL THE COURAGEOUS MEN AND WOMEN OF THE COLLINWOOD AND NOTTINGHAM COMMUNITIES OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND FROM OUR FOUNDERS IN 1796 TO TODAY AND INTO THE FUTURE –

WHO, ALTHOUGH SEPARATED BY THE GENERATIONS VOLUNTEERED TO BOLDLY DEFEND AND VALIANTLY PRESERVE OUR NATION'S LIBERTIES AND FREEDOMS.

WE WILL FOREVER REMEMBER THEIR HEROISM, SERVICE AND SACRIFICE “LEST WE FORGET”

I leave you with a “prayer” attributed to Father Denis O'Brien, USMC Chaplain (a WWII Vet who died in 2002) which we used, adapted and added onto at the monument dedication ceremony in June. Let us not forget our veterans.

What is a veteran?
A Veteran is one who served in America's Armed Forces to defend our freedoms and, like the knights of old, fight for those who cannot.

Some veterans bear visible scars, others carry their scars inside them and others bear an inner steel who's soul was forged from adversity.

Hard Hat Day with Dad



Annalieu Davis

by Patrick Henry

Annalieu Davis watched the construction crane drop pre-fab sections of the Chipotle Restaurant into place. With a free day from school, she put on a hard hat to spend the day with her father. Travis Davis is part of Millstone Contractors who hope to close in the building before the weather turns.

Home Remodeling Done Right

by John Copic

It is hard these days to get a remodeler to come out and even give you a quote. Not The Flying Scotsman. Give Peter Quinn a call and he will come flying. It is refreshing to find a company that does what they promise, on time, and with great attention to detail. Peter and his staff are true professionals.

They have worked with me on several projects in the past, and it was with com-

pleteness. Veterans are known by how they carry themselves.

A veteran can be the veteran police officer we know who spent his Tour of Duty in Vietnam or more recently in Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan or Iraq. Or, the community activist who spent his days right out of high school in the fields of Vietnam.

A veteran could be the woman sitting next to you who might have been one of more than 100,000 women who served in the Women's Army Corps (WAC's), a member of the Women's Air force Service Patrol (WASP's), or a Rosy the Riveter during WWII, a nurse in Korea or Da Nang, or a soldier in Iraq.

A veteran is the POW who went away one person and came back another – or didn't come back at all. He is the elderly gentleman sitting next to you who helped liberate a Nazi death camp, or survived the Normandy Invasion, Pearl Harbor or the trenches, who parachuted into enemy territory or flew over the enemy targeting and being the target.

The Veteran is sometimes Unknown – like those who sleep in the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington Cemetery who also represent to the nation all those other unknown heroes whose valor is known to God alone from the Battlefield or the Ocean deep.

plete confidence that I hired them recently to expand a closet and refinish my hardwood floors. I am not real handy, so to do what they did to the closet and make it look so....perfect was like magic to me.

Peter and his crew then sanded and refinished my bedroom, living room, dining room, and family room floors. The job was done on time, within budget and the floors look amazing.

Whatever type of carpenter wizardry

The Veteran is an ordinary yet extraordinary human being – a person who offered their life in the service of our country and sacrificed in many ways that others may live.

A Veteran may be a recipient of the Purple Heart – a WOUNDED WARRIOR – sometimes unknown and at other times painfully obvious; their lives altered by their injuries.

The Veteran is the soldier and the sailor; the sword against the darkness, highly skilled and highly motivated. Our role models.

So remember each time you see someone who served our country – say THANK YOU.

To a veteran – this means more than all the medals in the world.

Remember, that it is the soldier, not the reporter, who has guaranteed the freedom of the press; it is the soldier, not the poet, who has guaranteed us the freedom of speech; it is the soldier that fought so that we have the freedom to demonstrate; and, it is the soldier who salutes the flag, serves beneath the flag, who has earned the right to have his coffin draped by the flag, who guaranteed our rights under the flag.

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Community

Don't Miss Your Opportunity In Touring And Renting Affordable Artist Live/Work Space!

Renter Equity Program

We're back again offering the Renter Equity Program for affordable live/work space for artists! This is an amazing path to "Building Wealth While Renting". In the next few sentences we will highlight the benefits of the program. This Renter Equity-based program provides a middle ground between renting and home ownership. Residents earn monthly credits by making timely rent payments, assisting in maintaining the property, and participating in community based meetings and programs. After 5 years of occupancy residents can receive an unrestricted cash payment up to \$4,137. Participants will receive a monthly statement that will identify the credits they've earned along with their vested balance.

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Camille Maxwell
Assistant Director
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Serve Your Community, Join Our Board

It is time once again to prepare for the Northeast Shores Development Corporation annual meeting and election of officers in January 2017.

At the January 17, 2017 Annual Meeting of Northeast Shores, elections will be held for current vacant seats, and expired terms. Northeast Shores is seeking representation from both residents and business/institutions for the upcoming election. Experience or interest in real estate, marketing, law, and/or finance would be beneficial.

Being a member of the Board of Directors requires a commitment including: attending the Board meetings each month held on the third Tuesday; active involvement in at least one of our committees, which meet monthly; and helping raise funds for the organization.

Active participation in neighborhood activities and events.

Acting as a director of Northeast Shores requires a significant commitment. There are rewards to serving on the board of an organization of this caliber. We provide excellent opportunities to bolster this great residential neighborhood, while removing vacant, blighting properties. We are active in the business districts to bring about marked improvement in neighborhood shopping and business opportunities. By becoming more involved, your efforts will be directly translated into the improvement of North Shore Collinwood. With your help, North Shore Collinwood will be a better place to live, work, and visit.

Please feel free to contact any of the current board members to discuss how your talents can contribute to Northeast Shores. If you wish to serve on the Board of Directors, please send a letter of interest to Northeast Shores by November 30, 2016.

Free Shredding

by Rachel McKelvey

HELP U Shred provides secure document destruction and recycling for individuals and businesses of all sizes at competitive rates and critical job skills training for adults who have developmental disabilities. Following industry standards for HIPAA compliance and chain of custody security HELP U Shred is your local, reliable resource to prevent identity theft and finally get rid of those old files and papers.

HELP U Shred is one of HELP Foundation's vocational programs preparing people with disabilities for success in independent community employment. Employees at HELP U Shred work in a supported environment to develop transferrable skills and appropriate workplace behaviors that can be applied at any place of employment. Our staff teach all employees the importance of punctuality, appropriate workplace manners and behavior, and staying focused on performing their jobs thoroughly through the end of their scheduled shifts. Employees work through a job skill ladder, beginning with basic skills like sorting and removing staples and paper clips, feeding the shredding machines, handling the bulk shredded material, and performing pick-ups with staff at our customer's locations. Each of these jobs is a necessary function of the business, so employees are fulfilled knowing that their individual tasks contribute to the overall success of HELP U Shred.

All of HELP's programs, from our residential sites, summer program, and day-time programs for adults work towards empowering consumers to have as much independence as possible. HELP U Shred prepares consumers for employment in the community, and also pays each consumer the full minimum wage for their work. This is uncommon for vocational programs of this kind as many opt to pay consumers sub-minimum wage or piecework pay. At HELP, we know the positive impact that even the minimum wage can have for these consumers on their quest for independence.

Thanks to the success of our HELP U Shred program in Euclid, we opened a second location this year in Northfield to provide vocational training for consumers in Summit County. Our productivity has increased with our new addition, so HELP U Shred now has the capacity to accept more contracts to service our community partners. HELP U Shred offers one time drop offs, regularly scheduled pickups, containers for your office, and flexible contracts all at competitive pricing.

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HGR



by Gina M. Tabasso

Kerr Lakeside Inc., 26841 Tungsten Blvd., Euclid Ohio, was started in 1945 by Charles L. Kerr. He then organized Krafline Industries for the manufacture of a special military fastener. Once World War II ended, the company discontinued operations until 1947, when the company was renamed C.L. Kerr Industries. It regularly bought and sold products from another Cleveland company, Lakeside Machine Products Company, which led to a merger in 1958. The new company was named Kerr Lakeside Industries.

Expansion continued for Kerr Lakeside in the 1950s and 1960s as the company made additions to its facilities on St. Clair Avenue numerous times. In 1965, Kerr Lakeside moved to its present location on Tungsten Boulevard in Euclid Ohio. Kerr Lakeside continued to make expansion to this facility and invested in two buildings next door through the end of the century, as equipment was purchased and space to hold inventory was necessary. The business has remained a family-run business since the beginning, now in its third generation of ownership, under the leadership

Local bolt manufacturer has its roots in WWII war effort

of Charles Kerr II.

Today, Kerr Lakeside Inc. manufactures hex socket screw products, precision-machined parts, and cold-headed components. The largest portion of Kerr Lakeside's business is its sale of high-strength, critical application fasteners. These high-strength fasteners are produced on one of Kerr's seven cold heading machines. This process takes a steel blank and presses it between a punch and a die to form the metal into a fastener blank. This process can reach speeds upwards of 200 parts per minute and results in no loss of material, unlike machining that removes metal to form the parts. After the fastener blank is formed, the threads are rolled between two dies that form the threads of the fastener. Both these processes allow for the part and threads to be formed with little to no material lost and provide for a higher strength part. Last, the parts are sent out locally to a vendor for heat treating to increase the strength of the fastener. All parts are then inspected at Kerr Lakeside's in-house laboratory to ensure they meet the required specifications.

Kerr's full line of hex socket screw products is sold through distributors across the United States and Canada. These fasteners are used in a wide range of products,



including automotive, machine tools, tool and dies, heavy-duty machinery, and mining equipment.

One of the many challenges for Kerr Lakeside, like many other manufacturers, is the availability of skilled labor. Kerr has taken an active role in the industry's efforts to develop its workforce going forward. Kerr is a member of a number of associations -- Precision Machined Products Association, Industrial Fastener Institute, and Alliance for Working Together -- that encourage manufacturing as a career path by working with students and educators of local schools. Several area community colleges, including Lakeland Community

College, Cuyahoga Community College and Lorain County Community College, now offer two-year manufacturing-related programs as a result of the associations and their members.

Kerr Lakeside also supports local businesses. According to its plant manager, the company has bought a National Acme screw machine, belt sander, conveyors, shelving, motors and pumps from HGR Industrial Surplus and has sold surplus equipment to HGR, as well."Gina M. Tabasso, marketing communications specialist, HGR Industrial Surplus, www.hgrinc.com

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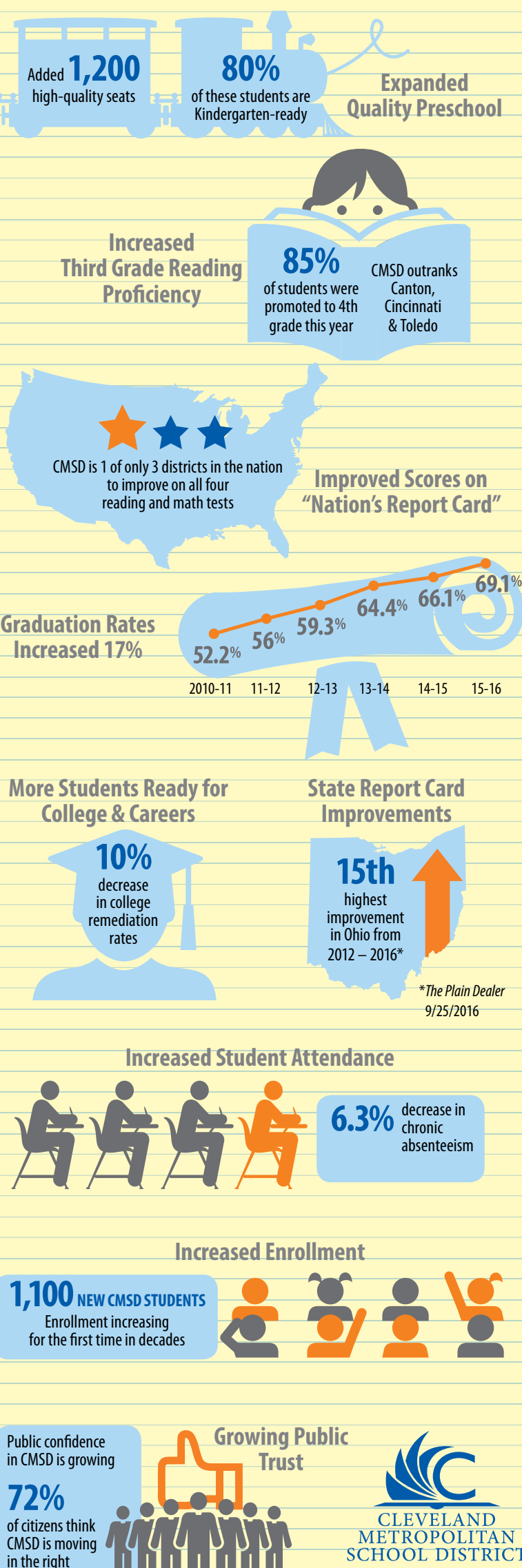


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School News

Cleveland Schools Progress

The Cleveland Metropolitan School District is significantly improving under *The Cleveland Plan*.



Cleveland Public Schools CEO Named Urban Educator of the Year



by CMSD News Bureau

MIAMI, Oct. 20 – Chief Executive Officer Eric Gordon of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District tonight won 2016 Urban Educator of the Year honors at the Council of the Great City Schools' 60th Annual Fall Conference here.

Nine big-city school superintendents competed for the nation's highest honor for urban education leadership, recognizing in alternating years an outstanding superintendent and school board member from 70 or the largest urban public school systems in the country.

Urban school leaders recognized Gordon during the Council's 27th Annual "Urban Educator of the Year" award banquet, where he received the prestigious Green-Garner Award by his peers.

Sponsored by the Washington, D.C.-based Council, Aramark K-12 Education and Scholastic, Inc., the top prize is presented each year in memory of Richard R. Green, the first African American chancellor of the New York City school system, and businessman Edward Garner, who served on the Denver school board.

Gordon took the reins of the Cleveland school district in 2011 – at a time when the 43,000 students he served lived in neighborhoods suffering from the worst economic decline in the region since the Great Depression. He made a commitment to the children and parents in the community to "do 10 times the work in half the time and do it twice as well."

As the architect of "The Plan for Transforming Cleveland's Schools," the CEO has seen graduation rates increase, more and more families involved in their children's schools, and an upturn in student enrollment for the first time in decades.

"Eric Gordon has made a profound difference in the lives of thousands of Cleveland's students, helped propel a once-struggling school system forward, and significantly contributed to the future of the Great City of Cleveland. Well done, Eric Gordon," says Council Executive Director Michael Casserly.

As the recipient of the 2016 Green-Garner Award, Gordon receives a \$10,000 college scholarship to present to a student.

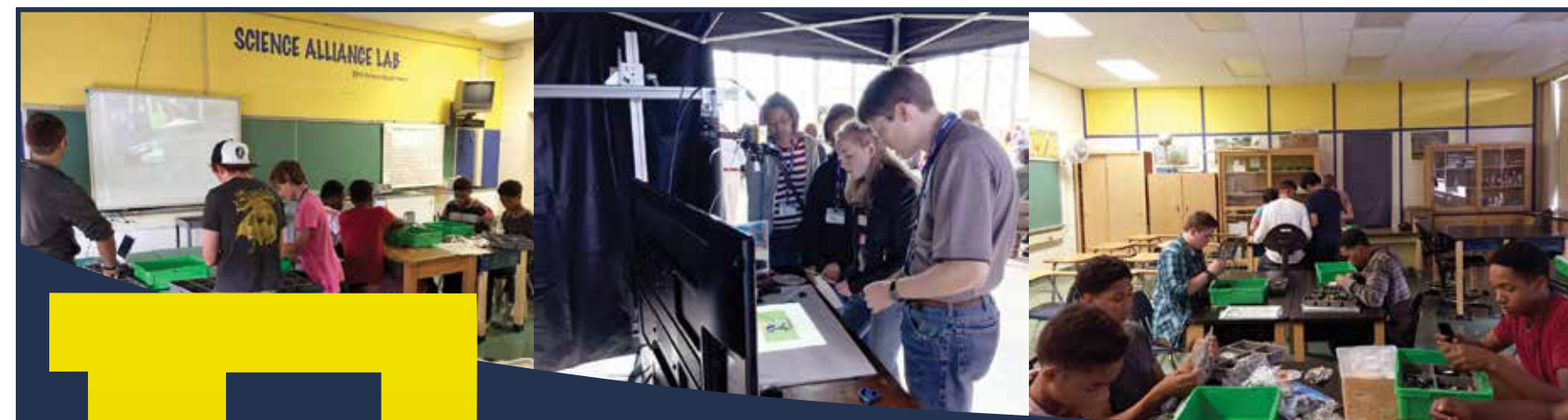


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HGR Supports Euclid High School

HGR Industrial Surplus is open to the public, and we encourage you to take a walk through our 12-acre showroom. There are hundreds of new items daily and monthly sales on the last Thursday and the second Saturday of each month. During that Saturday sale, we offer a full, hot, complimentary breakfast 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Every Wednesday, HGR continues to serve a free lunch for its customers who stop in between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.




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Collinwood's Concert Capital



CityMusic Cleveland Orchestra performed to a full house on Sunday evening, October 23 at St. Jerome Church. Guest violin soloist Sayaka Shoji wowed the concert goers with her breathtaking virtuosity. Sayaka and St. Jerome School sixth grader Sabrina are shown here at intermission. Sabrina presented a red rose bouquet to Sayaka after her solo on behalf of a grateful Collinwood community. CityMusic Cleveland will return to Collinwood's St. Jerome Church on March 9, 2017.



Proud mom Karen Yancer visited Collinwood for the first time to hear her son Sean play French horn with CityMusic Cleveland. Sean received his undergrad in music education from The Ohio State University and his master's degree in horn performance from University of Michigan. CityMusic Orchestra depends entirely on donations to give free orchestral concerts throughout the greater Cleveland area. Also, their Waterloo Chamber Music Series is performed exclusively at Waterloo Arts.

It's Back to School for Second Grade

by Monica Marolt

No longer hanging onto mom's apron strings, the Second graders of St. Jerome School are taking a flying leap into their education. We start our day with prayers and learning about the Ten Commandments. We expect to pass Father Bill's Ten Commandment Challenge as we also learn about becoming better Christians.

Our day continues to pack our brains with knowledge as we practice expanding our addition and subtraction skills, phonetically recite the alphabet, and read, read, read chapter books. As Second graders, we are introduced to maps and globes which help us to learn about the oceans, continents, countries, and our community. We use an on-hand approach to Science in making a hypothesis, conducting experi-

ments, writing down our discoveries, and sharing our conclusions from gravity to how plants grow. Yet, as busy as our day seems, we still have time to learn cursive writing, create apples out of construction paper, and "play" the drums on our desktops.

The typical Second grader day ends on a "happy" note as we prepare for home by singing a song, telling a joke, and sometimes listening to what the teacher is telling us, then saying our Guardian Angel prayer. We find ourselves going home, tired and worn-out from all the knowledge we acquired and fun we had throughout the day. Yes, we need our sleep only to prepare us for the next day's excitement at St. Jerome School.



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How Do You Win a Class Dojo Shirt?



Check out the first Dojo winners of the year!

by Amira L. Zangare- 4th Grade

One way you can win a Dojo shirt is by having the highest points. You have to do your work, follow directions, obey your teacher,

and also be kind to others. You should be kind to others because if you don't want to be treated wrong then don't be mean to them. That's how you win a T-shirt!

Skating Party



Fun at the skating party!

by Anthony Smith- 3rd Grade

There was a Skate Party for the school at United Skates of America. United Skates has Laser Tag and a Pizza Cafe. You can enjoy today's hottest music! There was a birthday party giveaway for 2 lucky winners!! Our next skating party is NOVEMBER 18th! Come skate to support your school. Find out the rest when you come, it's not too late. \$2.00 Admission!!!!

Important Dates

November 1st- Picture Retake day
November 7-11- 3rd Grade Fall Reading Test Window
November 10- Mobile Dentist
November 18- Skating Party at United Skates
November 21-25 No School for Students- Fall Break
December 13- Winter Art Walk
December 21-January 3- Winter Break

Pumpkin Raffle



Winners were announced on October 31st

Students are earning tickets in their classrooms for the pumpkin raffle. The pump-

kins are decorated by teachers and we can't wait to see who the winners will be!

New Journalists



Working to meet our deadline!

Friday clubs have started at Imagine Bella and there is a new team of student journalists getting ready for the next issue of the Observer. Student journalists write articles

and deliver the newspapers to classrooms in the school. There are some student articles in this issue too!



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VASJ Peer Ministers hold Rosary Prayer Service

For years VASJ's Spiritual Life and Art & Environment committees of Peer Ministry and the senior class have organized an annual Rosary Prayer Service at the school.

"This service grew out of a question posed by Bob Preto, a former member of the school's maintenance staff (and relative of teacher Pat Preto)," VASJ's Coordinator of Mission Effectiveness, Bill Raddell '67 says. "He asked what we did in regard to Mary in religion classes since we are a Marianist school."

His question inspired Raddell and others to think of what could be done as a school community to honor Mary. As a result, came the Rosary Prayer Service.

"In religion classes students are taught how to say the Rosary. Each year we do one of the sets of mysteries of the Rosary, so over four years the students recite each set of mysteries," Raddell says.

This year's service was based on the Joyful Mysteries. Student prayer leaders and Peer Ministers Elizabeth Smith '18 and Malia Ali '18, lead the community in prayer. The students would announce each mystery and read the Scripture that was the basis for the mystery. The Peer Ministers and other volunteers then brought each mystery to life through the use of drama, music, PowerPoint slides, images and movie clips.

For example, during the Second Joyful Mystery, The Visitation, students first watched a clip of Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth from the film *Jesus of Nazareth*. This was followed by the VASJ Men's Choir singing the hymn "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman."

After the reflection, members of the senior class, seated in the form of the Rosary on the gym floor, led the school community by saying the first part of the prayers with the rest of the school responding with the second part



VASJ seniors lead the students, faculty, and staff in prayer during the Rosary Prayer service.

of the prayers. Each student was given a rosary to keep and use for their own personal prayer.

"Students have said that this is

their favorite prayer service each year since it is something that is unique and different from liturgies and other prayer services," Raddell says.

VASJ students respect life at Mass and rally

A group of VASJ students attended the annual RESPECT Life Mass, march and rally at St. John Cathedral and Public Square on October 20, sponsored by Catholic Schools for Peace and Justice.

Senior Shawn Caruso Taylor had the honor of serving as acolyte during Mass.

"It was an amazing experience," Shawn says. "I learned a lot and had the honor of serving Mass at the Cathedral. I loved Fr. Andy Turner's homily. He spoke with so much passion that I could feel the Holy Spirit being poured out of him."

The weather may have been dreary but the enthusiasm of participants during the march and rally was certainly not.

VASJ student Sierra McCarroll gave a speech at the rally and spoke about her father's struggles with his paralyzation.

"Life is a beautiful gift that should be cherished no matter what the circumstances," Sierra said at the rally.

"Sometimes we don't realize how important our lives are, or how important the lives of those around us are. I almost lost my dad 11 years ago, in a very tragic accident."

Sierra knows first-hand that every human life is valuable.

"We should be grateful for the life that we are given, and we should make the best of it. My dad shows me this everyday. We should be grateful for those around us also. Life is such a precious thing."



Each year students from VASJ attend the RESPECT Life Mass, march and rally in Cleveland.

VASJ to hold Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Dec. 1



VILLA ANGELA-ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL
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Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School will be inducting its 2016 Hall of Fame Class on December 1, 2016, at the American-Croatian Lodge in Eastlake, OH, at 6 p.m.

VASJ's Hall of Fame committee collected nominations and the suggestions came pouring in. Many, many deserving people were nominated, proving just how many wonderful people make up VASJ's Viking family.

After the nominating period closed, the Hall of Fame committee deliberated and selected the following

members for induction into this year's Hall of Fame:

Teresa Metcalf Beasley '83
Sr. Maria Berlec '67, OSU
Donald J. Dailey '70
Dr. Richard E. Holzheimer '57
Christopher McGrath '69
Fr. Martin Solma '66
Joymarie Kwasniak
Swanson '91 (posthumously)
Barbara Petty Tyler '60

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OLL Shares the Power of Music Through Ministry



Music Ministry has been important for Madeline Jarosz

Our Lady of the Lake parish is known for its strong music ministry. Music Director Melissa Gali Bird is herself a multi-talented musician with a deep understanding of liturgy. And she also loves working with young people, helping them develop both their faith and their love of music through her work.

Melissa began in music ministry when she joined her church's folk group in 8th grade. Soon she was asked to play for daily Mass, and she's loved music ministry ever since. She began taking classes at Cleveland Institute of Music when she was just 10 years old, and continued through high school in their Young Artists program. After she got her degree from CIM, it happened that Fr. Joe was looking for a music director at Ascension parish; she went to work for him after college, and later followed him here to Our Lady of the Lake.

Melissa has been a tremendous influence in her time here, not only because of her key role in supporting and sharing the beauty of the Mass, but also because of her work with youth involved in music in the parish. Two of them shared their own perspectives on Music Ministry -- another way in which parishioners at Our Lady of the Lake share their faith, and share a sense of community.

Madeline Jarosz:

My name is Madeline, and I am in 8th grade at Our Lady of the Lake. One of my favorite activities at school is participating in our Music Ministry. I sing in the choir and sometimes cantor during Mass. Music Ministry has made a huge, positive impact on my life. Taking an active role in Mass and even helping to lead the songs is an amazing experience. Being part of the Music Ministry has brought me closer to God and increased my faith.

Mrs. Gali-Bird is our director and she

works very hard to support us so we can do the best job possible. She is a dedicated teacher who organizes our rehearsals, and provides us with warm-up exercises and other tips that help improve our voices. I feel that I am very lucky to be part of Our Lady of the Lake's Music Ministry.

Machala Comenschek:

I have been a part of OLL's music ministry program since I began attending the grade school in 6th grade. This program has influenced my life tremendously not only as a musician but also in my faith. Since I joined music ministry at the parish I became a lot more involved with music and have grown my vocal abilities through this program. Part of the reason that I decided to become a music education major in college is because I can now use my talents more fully. Yet music ministry goes much deeper than talent in my mind. I have grown a lot in my faith over the past few years and a lot of that has to be attributed to the music program. Melissa does a wonderful job of choosing the music that will engage the assembly during a Mass, especially those who are singing. Being able to express my faith through music is an extremely powerful experience and I am very fortunate that I have the opportunity to minister for the parish.

In addition to shaping young people's participation in their faith, Music Ministry at OLL provides an opportunity for many parishioners to share their gifts, both in church and in the community. From celebrating special rites to reaching out to our neighbors, you may see youth and adults alike appearing at community events or at senior homes, as well as at Mass. Thanks to a dedicated ministry, the parishioners of Our Lady of the Lake are making beautiful music together!

We Give Catholic at Our Lady of the Lake



OLL students and parishioners believe in being the good they want to see in the world.



Here at OLL, we are a community and we support our community -- and both are so important. It is wonderful to have a faith community that's like a large family, there for all our important life moments. We come together to help our children learn and grow in faith, to tend each other through illness, births and weddings and so much more. But we also go out into our larger community, to care for our friends and neighbors in need, through service, stewardship, caring and commitment. Whether it's our music ministry visiting the senior home, our volunteers at the Euclid Adult Activities Center, a hunger ministry or a service day - there are countless ways in which our parish embraces our community every day. For all of these reasons, we're excited for this year's We Give Catholic online day of giving.

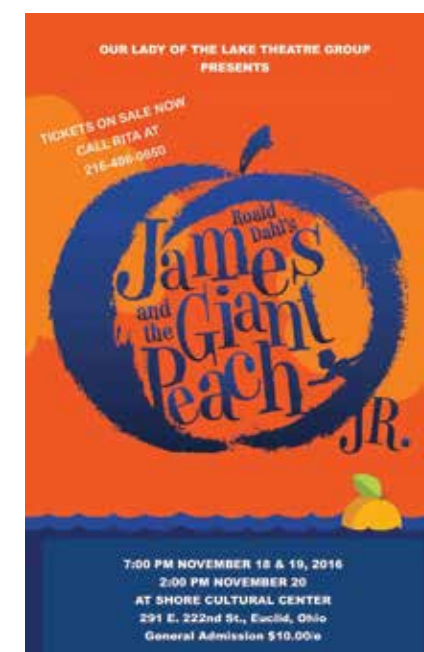
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29, We Give Catholic offers all the members of our community a chance to support all the good things happening at Our Lady of the Lake, with the click of a button. Visit WeGiveCatholic.org and search for Our Lady of the Lake Parish and School, and you can make a gift of any size. It's easy and fun to participate, and with \$50,000 in challenge prizes available, your gift, no matter the size, could help us win even more funds! Even better, every single gift stays right here in our parish to support more good work in our community. It's a fun and friendly competition that lets everyone show their support -- and everyone's a winner. For more information, visit WeGiveCatholic.org, go to our website at OLLEuclid.org, or email Sarah@OLLEuclid.org.

Let's go all in on Giving Tuesday -- because at OLL, We Give Catholic!

OLL Theater Group Presents James and the Giant Peach



Our Lady of the Lake's Theater Group is excited to be bringing James and the Giant Peach to Shore Cultural Centre November 18-20. This classic tale is popular with audiences of all ages, and makes a fun outing for families. Show times are November 18 at 7:00, November 19 at 7:00 and November 20 at 2:00. For tickets and information, contact rita@olleuclid.org or call (216) 486-0850.

If you'd like another way to support these talented young actors, consider visiting Beach Club Bistro for dinner any Tuesday in November. Go to the OLL website, www.olleuclid.org, to download the flyer for the Theater Group fundraiser, give it to your server, and they'll donate 20% of your food tab to helping support more wonderful youth theater productions.

Join the Discussion at: www.collinwoodobserver.com

Arts

Operation: Vegetables! Giant Board Game of Yummy Health

by Linda Zolten Wood

Families picked rainbow chard and basil from the new Children's Vegetable Garden Box painted by Ballot Box Grantee, Linda Zolten Wood, with many of the kids' veggie superheroes. The box will have basil available for another few weeks: come by and pick some for your pizza or salad!

About 60 people attended, from regular library attendees, staff and grant supporters; the neighborhood turned out to play! 20 children turned into teams to play throughout the afternoon: 4 games were played in about 2 hours (averaging 30 minutes each) in the dappled shade next to the garden.

6 Player pennant vests were created in bright colors by Waterloo merchant Dru Christine Fabric and Design, 6 more are ready for the next game release at Grove-wood Salvation Army's Grand Opening in November, for permanent play.

A beautifully painted Splice Cream Truck was in the parking lot under the trees, helmed by Ballot Box Grantee, Ben

Smith, recording Collinwood Family Histories were and will be mixed and posted on his website, and possibly pressed as vinyl records.

Live acoustic guitar spiraled in the shade by Linda's husband, Doug Wood, of Cellocentric. Ballot Box Grantee, Photographer Stephen Bivens captured the event and hands-on veggie crafts were offered by Brittainy Lee Quinn of Collinwood Friends Garden and her students from Cleveland School of the Arts.

The garden and game were surrounded by delicious dishes, music and chatting, laughing families.

Chef Kayla Palmisano of Collinwood Friends Garden created fresh orange, cranberry and honey sorbet, topped with your choice of fresh cut pineapple, strawberries, peaches and apples.

Local Chef Kimberly Homan constructed a broccoli forest with cauliflower sheep diorama, and served zucchini pesto spiral noodles and zucchini coconut brownie bites.

Healthier Puerto Rican chicken & vegetable empanadas and veggie red rice by Ramona Pacheco.

Raspberry-mint and honey sun tea was provided by neighborhood artist Michele Biondo.

Reserve the game for FREE group play at Memorial Nottingham Library 17109 Lakeshore Blvd, Cleveland, 44110

Available ANY time the circular meeting room is available: Contact Children's Librarian, Libby Hampton at 216 623-7039 6 players at a time with 2 player support team (especially for non-readers) to keep track of dice & action cards - Indoor play only.

Recommended Ages 5-12; Adult supervision is required

Volunteers are Welcome to Water our Children's Vegetable Garden Box in-Season!

This Project was created by Linda Zolten Wood & is supported by: ArtPlace America, Northeast Shores Development Corporation, 317 E 156th St, Cleveland, OH 44110, 216 481-7660

through The Ballot Box Project.

The 8x8 foot Grove-wood Salvation Army game and 4x4 foot tabletop version at Collinwood Branch Library on E. 152nd Street game are being printed on vinyl by ImageMart Inc. in Collinwood, on St. Clair. Action cards were hand-painted, and laminated for durability.

Reserve these games with SAL's Learning Zone director, Margaret Craig at 216 692-1388 and Children's Librarian, Adam Tully, at E152 Library, 216 623-6934.

Linda is eligible for a matching grant through Cleveland Climate Action Fund to create more painted gardens and games with children creating characters. Please consider a tax-deductible donation through November 18th 2016 at this link: <http://www.ioby.org/project/operation-vegetables>

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Arts

Artist Spotlight



by Joe Barbaree

Artisans and makers along E. 185th Street welcomed their newest neighbors with the opening of Shirley's Loft in late October.

Shirley Slemc and Amy Lauria - the driving forces behind Shirley's Loft - hosted upwards of 100 members of the North Collinwood and Euclid communities on Saturday, October 22 at the unveiling of their vibrant storefront. The space (located at 631 E. 185th Street in Euclid) is a temporary home for Shirley's Loft as Slemc and Lauria awaiting the complete renovation of the LaSalle Arts and Media Center, where they will open their permanent gallery space once construction is complete in early 2017.

For now the pair of artisans will showcase their unique portfolios in the temporary home amidst a backdrop of exposed brick walls, hardwood floors and natural light filtering through the storefront windows and skylights. And give the community a sneak peak of what's to come in their LaSalle storefront.

The open house in October featured Slemc and Lauria's works elegantly filling the walls and throughout the space in curated displays. Live music from Maura Rogers and The Bellows and food from Milk Glass Cakes and A Taste of Excellence - both also part of the soon-to-open LaSalle - perfectly rounded out the collaboration. While vastly different in approach, style and - they'll even tell you - personalities, Slemc and Lauria make a dynamic pair.

At an early age, Slemc valued the importance of "space" - both in concept and reality. For her, the ability to conceptual-

ize, take ownership and create space was incredibly valuable in and of itself, but also as a way for people to begin thinking about other facets of their lives as malleable "spaces." She never had formal training in the arts, but instead came to realize her inherent artistic gifts over time.

Professionally, Slemc was an interior decorator for years and began making furniture (with her husband Frank) when the widely available furnishings just didn't match her vision for her clients' spaces. With patience and experimentation over time, Slemc found herself going beyond furniture, creating abstract tapestries on canvas and glass, weaving arts into craft with home furnishings and exploring new cultures through her work.

Lauria took a much different path, but one that led her to a very similar place. Her identity as a maker was forged out of necessity and evolved as a meditative approach to life's demands.

Several unexpected life changes steered Lauria toward reusing and upcycling the objects in day-to-day life and made her think critically about the process of building the new from the old. She found solace by spending time on the beaches of Lake Erie; these trips became a form of prayer for her. Objects on the beach found their way back to Lauria's home where she brought them new life.

It's no surprise then that Lauria's works contain the rust and detritus of the city weathered by the elements. But the works also spring off the canvas as glowing snapshots of beachside living far removed from



the noise of the urban environment.

Not even one year ago, Slemc and Lauria met at an art show in Avon - nearly an hour's drive from home for each of them - only to find out they lived just down the road from one another. They immediately recognized just how many values they shared - on top of a vision for community engagement - and haven't looked back since.

Shirley's Loft joins an extensive community of makers in North Collinwood - artisans forging neighborhood resilience through local enterprises and collaboration, particularly along E. 185th Street. Slemc and Lauria will also have access to Made in Collinwood - Northeast Shores' emerging program to support artisans in the neighborhood through shared branding, technical assistance and workforce development. As part of the LaSalle Arts and Media Center - a digital maker space for video and music production - Shirley's Loft will be at the heart of the makers' resurgence on E. 185th.

And they're up for the challenge.

Beyond just creating new works and operating as a retail establishment, Slemc and Lauria have a vision for community engagement through Shirley's Loft. Next year, they plan to engage children and young adults from the neighborhood to try their hand at creating and explore their own abilities - ones they might never know about otherwise. Slemc and Lauria want to inspire others and connect them to their inherent artistic abilities, while also opening new avenues for community dialogue.

Between now and re-opening in the La-

Salle Arts and Media Center, visitors can check out Shirley's Loft (631 E. 185th) by appointment with Shirley Slemc at (216) 780-0156 or shirley@shirleysloft.com. More information about each of the artists can be found on their websites.



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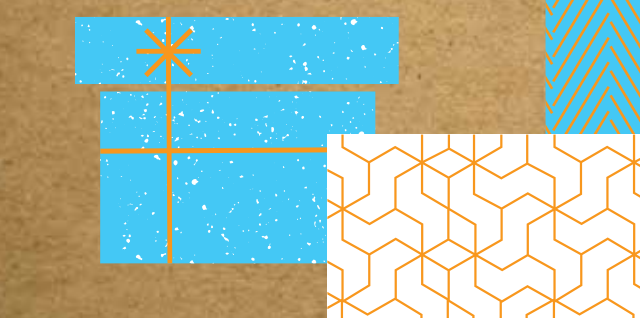
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Events

African Children's Choir Coming to Euclid December 14

by Sherrie Zagorc

Your Christmas season will be extra special when you witness the charming smiles and delightful African tunes and ethnic instrumentation of the African Children's Choir Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 pm in the gymnasium of Kiddie City Child Care Community 280 E. 206th St. Euclid. This free concert is a holiday gift from Kiddie City in celebration of children in Euclid and all over the world. Overflow parking at Our Lady of the Lake Church on Lake Shore Blvd. and a shuttle bus to Kiddie City will assure your ability to this concert.

The African Children's Choir is composed of eighteen African children, aged 7 to 10 years old. Many of these children from Uganda have lost one or both parents through the devastation of war, famine, and disease. They represent all the children from the African continent and demonstrate the potential to become strong leaders for a better future in their land. In spite

of the tragedy that has marred their lives, the children are radiant with hope, gifted, and wonderfully entertaining through their song, music, and dance. Their music brings inspiration to virtually every listener.

Over the past twenty years, the children of all the choirs have appeared in thousands of concerts around the world and you will have an opportunity to support the educational programming for the children of the African Children's Choir through a free will offering during the concert. The ACC staff will also be selling choir cds and other choir related items after the program. Visit the ACC's website at www.africanchildrenschoir.com for more information. Also, if Euclid residents would like to host some of the children and their adult chaperones for the nights of December 14 and 15, please contact Sherrie Zagorc at 216.798.7089 for more information.

New Food Pantry to Open in Collinwood



by Valerie Moore

Siggy's Village, a community gathering place in South Collinwood, will open its Food Pantry on Wednesday November 2nd from 9:00am-12:00pm. The pantry will take place every week on Monday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and on Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00pm-12:00pm.

The pantry will provide individuals with basic necessities like food, deodorant, shampoo, toilet paper etc. An ID (State ID,

Driver's License, etc.) is required to receive items from the pantry. Please bring bags to help you carry your items. Siggy's Village will also provide one donut and one cup of coffee to individuals.

Siggy's Village is located at 15416 Saranac Road, Cleveland OH, 44110.

Please call Valerie at Siggy's Village (216-862-3815) with any questions or for more information

Exciting Programs at Collinwood Library!

by Kiara Jefferson

Exciting Programs at Collinwood Library! Collinwood Branch Library 856 East 152nd St, Cleveland, OH 44110 216-623-6934 Cpl-collwd@cpl.org

Youth Programs:

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Collinwood Community Youth Academy (CCYA) - In an effort to empower youth through enlightenment, literacy, self-

awareness, leadership, and community engagement, the Collinwood Branch Library has established an academy for youth in grades 6 & up.

Contact the branch for details.

LAST SESSION, November 12th!! – Featuring a Roundtable discussion "Young Lives Matter" with youth and community agencies, leaders and youth.

10:30am-1:30pm

Turkey Puppets!!

Join us as we begin to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday by creating turkey puppets out of brown paper bags!!

Tuesday, November 22nd 4:30pm-5:30pm

Adult Programs:

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Fridays beginning November 4th 11:15am-12:45pm

Beachland Hair Designs Annual Open House and Food Drive



by Susan Brandt

For the last 6 years, Beachland Hair Designs has held their annual Open House and Food Drive, benefitting the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, and coincides with Small Business Saturday, a drive to encourage shoppers to forgo the usual Thanksgiving Holiday weekend shopping frenzy of Big Box shopping, for that of, Smaller Neighborhood Local Shopping. Every year, we ask our clients and friends to participate by donating canned goods and paper

products and participating in a small but quaint basket raffle.

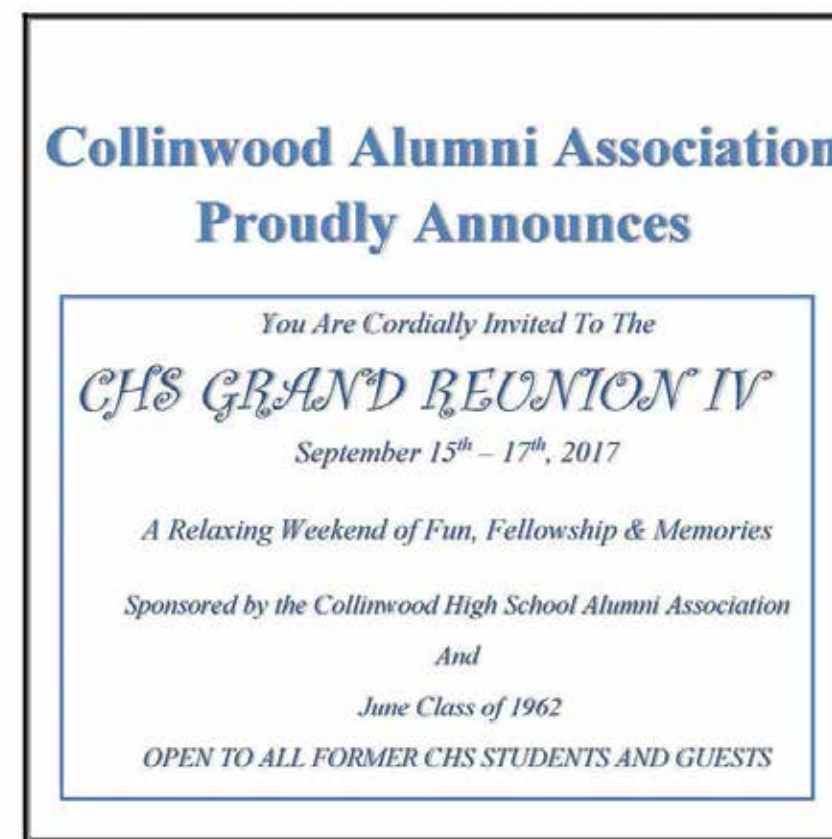
This year our open house will be held on November 26, 2016 from 8 am til 3 pm. Door prizes, basket raffle, 50/50 drawing, beverages and tastings will be provided, in return for your kind donation.

We Thank You for your time and please feel free to stop in on Nov. 26, 2016

Happy Thanksgiving from Beachland Hair Design 18324 Lakeshore Blvd. and Susan M. Brandt.

Events

Alumni Association Announces Grand Reunion IV for 2017



by Michael Cavotta

It is with great pride that the Collinwood High School Alumni Association announces Grand Reunion IV long weekend, Sept 15th thru 17th, 2017. Building on the success of the previous Grand Reunions, Grand Reunion IV promises to be the largest gathering of Railroaders ever! According to Len Corpora, V.P. of CHSAA and Chief Marketing Officer, "Our goal is to top 800 attendees. Our early surveys of the streamlined program and multi-faceted marketing approach indicate we should actually exceed this goal".

The gala event is nicely paced over the three day long weekend where attendees can choose which activities they wish to enjoy. Friday features a golf outing, CHS tour, Lolly-the-Trolley tour of Cleveland and culminates with a Bash at the Radisson. Saturday's activities include a Hall of Fame brunch induction ceremony for friends and family of inductee's followed by afternoon gatherings set at either Chalet Debonne'

Vineyard or Trader Jacks, your choice as to where you want to rekindle those friendships and memories. Sunday is the Grand Reunion at the Croation Lodge which will feature a newly redecorated Ball Room for dinner and dancing, an expanded memorabilia room with areas sponsored by participating classes, 50/50 board games, cigar bar and the legendary Collinwood Train, the 999! Arriving attendees will gather in the memorabilia room at noon, enjoy memorabilia and appetizers before entering the main Ball Room. An opportunity to visit this exceptional nostalgia graced area while being welcomed by classmates.

Make your plans early. The program is limited to only 800 people. For a detailed invitation which includes the sign up sheet, visit www.collinwoodalumni.com or contact Michael Cavotta (216/407-3226. mfcavotta@gmail.com) or Frank Zalar (440/497-8243, frankzalar@att.net)

Once a Railroader.....always a Railroader!!

The Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries Announces: The Margaret Dua Returning Citizens Fund

We are saddened by the passing on October 1, 2016 of our dear co-minister Evangelist Margaret Dua. Her passion for our returning citizens from prison is legendary. She joined our Collinwood Ministries four years ago bringing with her a compassionate heart and ability and passion for helping folks in prison turn their lives around. We found that there was no end to her generosity and no task too daunting. Margaret helped us with our Expungement Clinics

and also the ministry at our new facility, Siggy's Village on Saranac, working with returning citizens.

The Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries, therefore, has established The Margaret Dua Returning Citizens Fund

Please help us continue Margaret's legacy by making a contribution to: The Margaret Dua Returning Citizens Fund 15706 St. Clair Ave. Cleveland, OH 44110 For more information, please call (216) 481-8182.

Holiday Party

by Sr. Madeline Muller

Come and Celebrate with us at the Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries at our annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 4th from 1:00 – 3:00 at the Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Minis-

tries House, 15706 St Clair Ave. (across from the Dollar General Store). There will be a visit from Santa, food, fun and small gifts from Santa. Come join us. All are welcome!



They'll always remember girls' night in.

Mom is able to stay at home with us because we contacted Hospice of the Western Reserve. Her care team is there to keep her comfortable and her granddaughters are there for game night. **I'm so glad we called when we did.**

Living with a memory impairment illness is challenging for the whole family, but keeping your loved one at home is easier with specialized medical care and compassionate support. Our care team can make the first visit **the same day you call for help.** And we'll continue to be there in person and by phone 24/7.

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Senior Page

Rose Centers for Aging Well Lakeshore has a new Director



A group of participants welcome Ashlee to the center.

by Melissa Gleeson

Rose Centers for Aging Well on Lakeshore Boulevard has a new Center Director, Ashlee Williman. Ashlee comes to the Rose Centers from the Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging with a strong gerontology

and marketing background; and will be a wonderful asset to our Rose Center team. Ashlee is available to meet with you at the center Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm; come on by and introduce yourself!

Collinwood Community Focus Group for Adults 60 Years Old and Better

by Melissa Gleeson

We have an exciting opportunity in our community going on. The Rose Centers for Aging Well and Case Western Reserve University Mandel School of Applied Social Science, are conducting a project to map the assets of seniors, our Center, and the surrounding neighborhood. The project hopes to uncover what seniors want, what gifts and talents they have, and what the visible and invisible assets are in our community. The goal of the project is to

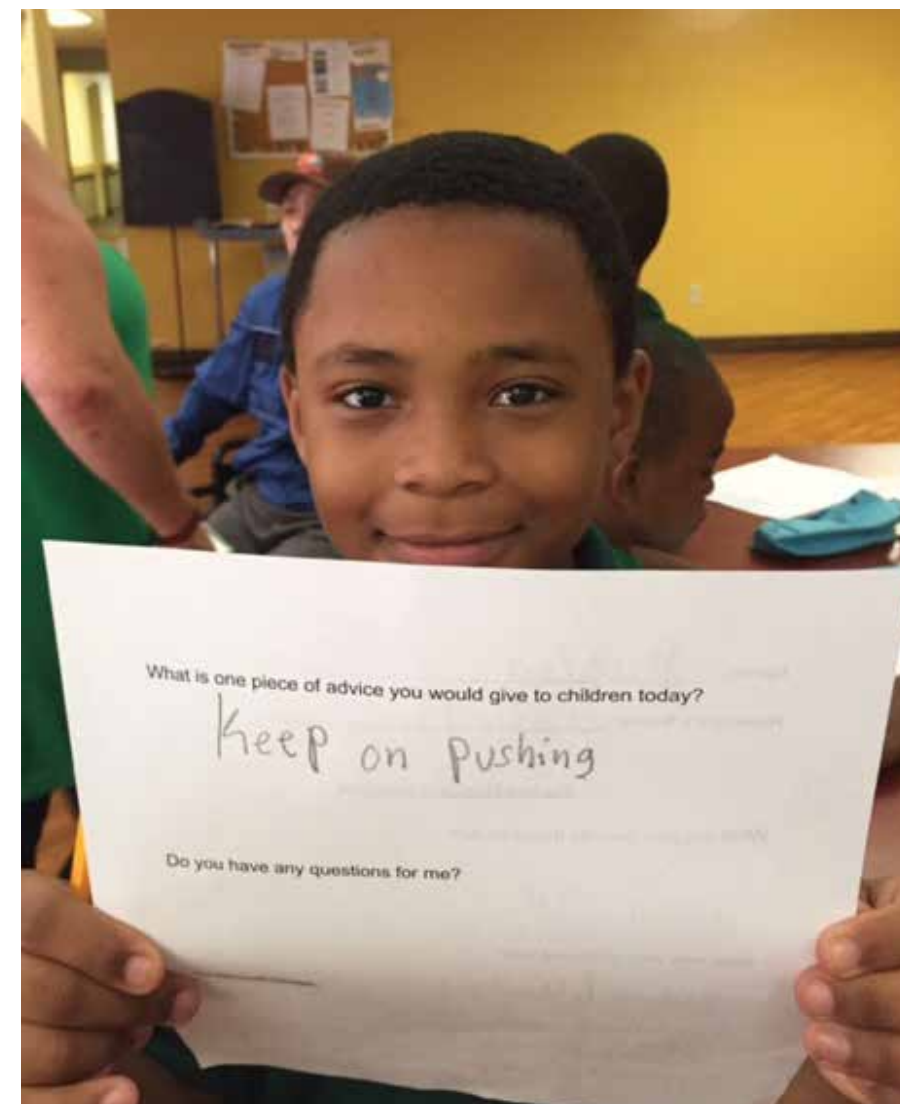
expand senior participation in the community and to make the community more senior-friendly.

We want to hear from you! Please join us for a community focus group on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 6:30 pm. The group will be held at the Rose Centers for Aging Well, 16600 Lakeshore Blvd. Light refreshments will be served. To RSVP please contact Ashlee Williman at 216.373.1611 or e-mail: awilliman@benrose.org.

Older women are like aging strudels - the crust may not be so lovely, but the filling has come at last into its own.

—Robert Farrar Capon

Students Bond with Elders at Local Nursing Home



A Junior Cluster student in Mrs. Jose's class shares advice from a resident during their partner activity.

by Yoellie Perez

The students in Mrs. Jose's Junior Cluster class at Lakeshore Intergenerational School have had a tremendous time visiting residents at BraeView Care and Rehabilitation Center. These monthly visits create a setting in which students and elders are able to form meaningful connections and relationships.

"At first I didn't know what to expect, but when I got to know them I found out they were very nice," says a Developing Stage student.

Students and residents are brought together by a multitude of activities that are planned by their teacher and facility's Activity Director throughout the year. The goal is to promote social interaction that benefits both students and residents alike. They may complete a small project together, read together, or teach each other something new. In this way, they begin to learn about each other's life experiences, uncovering similarities that help form strong, personal bonds.

"I found out we both like Star Wars and chocolate! We also like the same kinds of books," exclaims a student.

"I learned we both come from big families, which is pretty cool," adds another.

As relationships are formed over time,

residents often provide guidance and words of wisdom that our students value and remember. It is a wonderful example of how beneficial intergenerational experiences are for both children and elders.

"Ms. Donna tells me to be good in school and not to quit when things are hard," shares a reflective Junior Cluster student. "She can relate to my problems. I like talking to her."

These are the connections that teacher Rachel Jose looks forward to observing and nurturing each month.

"Their transformation during visits is hard to put into words. They show kindness and respect in ways that are instinctual. I've seen even the most hesitant of students participate more confidently than they might in our typical classroom setting. I can see their excitement. When they work with their partners they are attentive and totally focused on them."

These moments would not be possible without our Intergenerational Partners. We are so thankful for the dedication shown by the staff at BraeView Care and Rehabilitation Center. They have been gracious hosts to our students and we look forward to seeing what the rest of this school year will bring.

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