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Oliver H. Perry Honors Voinovich Family with Molly Day



Cleveland schools CEO Eric Gordon speaks at Oliver H. Perry's annual Molly Day.

CMSD News Bureau

Molly Day is not your average school performance.

The annual show, which took place Nov. 20 at Oliver H. Perry School, stars elementary and middle school age students in ensembles of dancing, singing and spoken word. It's all a tribute to the family of the late U.S. Sen. George Voinovich, whose 9-year-old daughter, Molly, was struck by a van and killed in 1979 while she was a student at Oliver H. Perry.

Voinovich's wife, Janet, and daughter Betsy were in attendance and presented donations to support the Gifted and Talented Education programs at Oliver H. Perry and Wade Park schools. Both women said they were delighted by this year's show.

"I look at you guys and I see her," Betsy Voinovich said to the students. "She would just love you."

Oliver H. Perry's drum corps kicked off the production with an original piece, which was followed by introductions from both schools' principals and Emma Parker, a teaching artist from the Center for Arts-Inspired Learning.

CAL teaching artists stage the Molly Day performances and help students write, choreograph and rehearse their parts, including the song "I'd Rather Be Happy," performed by Oliver H. Perry preschool, kindergarten and first-grade students, and "Positive," which featured the school's fourth-graders.

CMSD Chief Executive Officer Eric Gordon, who had a front-row seat at his 11th Molly Day, said the closing number, a humorous song called "Who Pushed Hump-ty?" performed by Oliver H. Perry after-school arts class scholars, was his favorite.

Just outside the window during the show,



Janet Voinovich, wife of the late George Voinovich, greets Oliver H. Perry students at Molly Day.

construction workers plugged away on the new Oliver H. Perry building set to open next year. Gordon acknowledged this during his remarks after the performance, gesturing to the walls and roof beginning to take shape.

"Next year at this time we will be in our new Oliver H. Perry literally being built outside our windows here," he said. "We'll have a larger, more modern stage and a more modern school so that we can continue to invest in the Mollys of the world."

The theme of the show was "Ready to soar!" -- a homage to the eagle mascot shared by Oliver H. Perry and Wade Park students, who also performed, and to the spirit of optimism woven into each performance.

Both of Wade Park's presentations incorporated the "soar" theme, including a moving piece titled "We Will Soar," where

each student performer stepped forward and recited their individual aspirations.

"I will soar by being intelligent. We will soar by going to college. The world will soar by loving each other," one student proclaimed.

The theme was especially meaningful to Betsy and Janet Voinovich, who said George Voinovich had a love of eagles. His favorite song was the hymn "On Eagle's Wings," and Betsy joked that he would have jumped onstage to sing it if he was there. The women said they were grateful that the event has become a way to not only honor Molly's memory, but also to commemorate her father since his passing in 2016.

"He would have loved to be here today," Betsy Voinovich told the students. "I'm sure he's looking down on you, and I'm sure he's very proud of you."

E. 185th St. Business Block Watch & Networking Event

by Alisa Boles

Businesses in both the Euclid and Cleveland sections of E. 185th have expressed a desire to come together to discuss crime prevention and to network. Crime is not limited by the Cleveland-Euclid border and neither should we be when it comes to coming together to rally for the E. 185th business district as a whole.

What is good for Euclid is good for Collinwood and vice versa.

EPD & CPD have both agreed to send reps that can 1) speak to patrol issues 2) describe resources that are available to businesses from their respective cities and 3) explain the best way to communicate with them when needed. This event will also serve as an opportunity for businesses to network with one another. Members of City Council are planning on coming as well.

WHEN: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 7 PM - 9 PM **WHERE:** Cebars Euclid Tavern

WHO: Open to all businesses on E. 185th Street

WHAT: E. 185th Business Block Watch & Networking

Kicking it with Cops: Crafting with Cops

by Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation

Tis the season to be Kicking it with Cops. Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corp in partnership with St. Clair Superior Development Corp will be hosting Crafting with Cops on Wednesday December 13, 2017 at Five Pointe Community Center from 5:00pm-7:00pm. This event will be the end of our fall/winter series of Kicking it with Cops, so if you haven't made it to any of the events make sure you mark your calendars.

Crafting with Cops is our neighborhood Christmas party and you don't want to miss. Participants will be able to create

Christmas ornaments, variety of hand-made gifts, Christmas sugar cookies, write your wish list to Santa and much more. We made sure this event is extra special because Santa Claus is coming to town. Participants will also be able to take pictures with Santa.

There will be a 50/50 raffle to continue our efforts to help the victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. This event will have food and music. This is a free, family activity and opens to the public. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kristian at 216-268-2138 to get registration details.

Progress at Northeast Shores....



by Cindy Barber, Vice President and Camille Maxwell, Executive Director

Some of you may have noticed that the entire marquee at the LaSalle was removed. Please do not panic. It is just being refabricated, removing old parts with new parts, and will return to its spot shortly!

Special thanks to Councilman Mike Polensek for finding the project support

funding we needed to include LED panel displays on the marquee. With the LED panels we will have the ability to showcase current and upcoming events on the electronic display.

The inside of the LaSalle makeover is also moving quickly and is on track to be finished by the end of 2017, which is absolutely needed so the organization can final-

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Breakfast with Santa!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 9th from 10am-12pm because Santa is coming to town! This year's Breakfast with Santa will be held at the Salvation Army located 17625 Grovewood Ave, Cleveland, OH 44119. There will be fun, games, crafts and photos taken with Santa! More information will be posted on our facebook page and through our membership emails.

This event is sponsored by the Salvation Army, Northeast Shores, Gus's diner, and VASJ. Tickets are five dollars per person at the door.

Community

Pet Care Resources for Ward 8 Residents



Friends of the Cleveland Kennel (F.O.C.K.) is a 501(c)3 organization, founded in 2003, whose mission is to provide the necessary medical and general care to the dogs and cats in need at Cleveland Animal Care & Control (CACC), while working to reduce intake numbers and save lives by providing affordable resources and education to Cleveland residents. F.O.C.K. believes that all residents of Ward 8 deserve access to affordable wellness care for their beloved cats and dogs. Residents may recall the enormously successful Canine Wellness Day events, sponsored by F.O.C.K., that were held in the Collinwood and Glenville neighborhoods in past years. We are extremely excited to announce a new program from F.O.C.K., which builds on the services provided at those events, called Neighborhood Pets Outreach & Resource Center. Neighborhood Pets' mission is to help end animal suffering, manage pet population, and keep pets in their homes through affordable pet care, resources, and education for pet owners; thereby reduc-

ing intake at Cleveland area shelters. Visit neighborhoodpetscle.org for more information.

Services Available to All Ward 8 Residents:

- Walk-in Microchip Clinic, 1st Thursday of the month, 1-3 pm
- Low cost Spay/Neuter and dewormer
- Affordable leashes, collars, treats, and other supplies
- Counseling and referrals

Services Available to Qualifying Ward 8 Residents:

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Being single in Cleveland

by Umeikia Whiting

It is very hard as a female in my opinion to be single in Cleveland. The locations and food is never a problem in Cleveland in fact there is always something to do in even if you're just hanging out with your friends or walking your dog. Being single in Cleveland is complicated simply because no one ever wants to tell the truth about if they are seeing one or more people. Everybody wants their cake and eat it too. When it comes to dating in Cleveland you also have to be safe as well always let someone know who are you with and where you're going. Being single in Cleveland does make you feel as if there is no one available for

you. I'm single in Cleveland and I still believe in true love. But dating multiple people has never been my thing. But in alot of ways you have to date multiple people to truly find the one who wants a relationship as much as you. The Cleveland single life can also be smooth and calm because if it doesn't work out then maybe you have a new friend. You can also get your heart broken being single in Cleveland if you're not careful. I'm speaking from experience only. Commitment is not the main course in Cleveland unless you already have a tab. Let's just face being single in Cleveland is complicated.

A Song to Remember

by Robert Dubbs

Classical music is the hallmark of our civilization. Its roots go back ancient Greece. The main style periods of classical music are the Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic Impressionistic and 20th Century. Music composed in all of these periods is still being performed today.

However, there is concern among music lovers that this type of music will disappear. Education can help solve this problem. Fine music is better appreciated when the listener knows something about it. All the music education the schools can provide is wonderful. Private instruction, libraries and the internet are also valuable resources. Perhaps more

important is for society to place value on this type of music and keep it thriving for future generations.

The piano has always been the most popular instrument. It was invented in 1709 by Bartolomeo Cristofori. More music has been written for it than anyone can play in a lifetime. There are concertos for piano and orchestra, solo works and chamber music among others. In the 19th century, there was a piano in every home and everyone played. Amateur music making was prevalent. I have dedicated my life to music as a piano teacher. After 40 years I still love it. Anyone interested can call me at 216-357-3034.

Collinwood High opens for night rec & community programs

by Erin Randel

Did you know that Collinwood High School is open three nights a week for all ages recreation, fitness classes, dinner for kids and more—all for free?

It's open from 6-8 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays whenever school is in session, now through the end of March, thanks to a partnership between Cleveland Rec, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, and Neighborhood Leadership Institute.

Amenities include a weight room with free weights and basketball courts with open gym. The CMSD has been working on the pool and reports that it should be ready to reopen after the holiday break.

Enrichment programs include aerobics from 7-8 pm with Body Rocks Dance & Fitness; board games and arts & crafts with Vanessa Windham; and Tai Chi classes with Chris Burnett from 6-7 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. There's a line dancing class on Wednesdays, and chess every day. Whatever your energy level or ability, there's a program for you.

Getting in on the program is easy, and all ages are welcome. Convenient covered

parking is available, and you enter through the side door on the one-way drive off St. Clair Ave.

On your first visit, you'll register at the front desk with site coordinator Kevin Bates or site administrator Serena Ellis. After that, you'll just check in at the desk on the way to your program, just like you would at a rec center.

While you're there, check out the multipurpose room, lunchroom, auditorium, classrooms and other spaces with an eye on what other activities you'd like to see held there, because the program theme for this year is 'Bring it!'. The Institute is looking to connect more with the community around the site, and program director Blair Wise is looking for feedback from folks in Collinwood about events, activities and existing community programs that might use free space during program hours.

You can schedule your block club, after-school program, mom's group, film class or book club for a one time or recurring session at Collinwood. Just reach out to Blair by phone at 216-658-1360, or by email, blair@neighborhoodleadership.org.

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by Carly Lovely

Dream of having a place where you can live and create art? If so, you need a state of the art live/work space! Join a community of artists at this renovated residence. Artist tenants will receive the opportunity to rent, earn equity and display their work all in the same building, thanks to the local non-profit company Northeast Shores Development Corporation, in a partnership

Community

What's Cooking in Collinwood: Cooking with Cops Recap



Cleaning with Cops 2017 Group photo



Silverware Station



Fall Sugar Cookie Station



5th District Commander Sammy Morris and Cooking with Cops 2017 participants



Vegetarian Meatball Station

by Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation

When it comes to improving community and police relations "Cooking with Cops" was a recipe for success. Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corp in partnership with St. Clair Superior Development Corp hosted Cooking with Cops on Thursday November 16, 2017 at Five Pointe Community Center. Participants included local residents, students from Job Corp, volunteers from

Cleveland Clinic and officers from Cleveland Police 5th District. We had a diverse group of participants of all ages; everyone was a part of making our full course meal.

"Community building through service" "Cooking with Cops kicks off with a full house of chefs. Nothing brings people together like cooking and eating together!" says Jamar Doyle, managing Director of Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corp

The full course meal included a salad filled

with healthy veggies, mashed potatoes, sweet corn, rotisserie chicken, and fall sugar cookies. We also included a vegetarian option which was vegetarian meatballs. We set the room up in cooking stations and each station was in charge of cooking a specific dish.

We prepped together, cooked together, served together, and ate together. We also had a turkey coloring contest for the kids and a 50/50 raffle as we continue our ongoing efforts to help the victims of Hurricane Maria

in Puerto Rico. Lastly, we raffled off a turkey to a family to eat for Thanksgiving. This event was a true success. Everyone had a good time and definitely made a bond with our 5th District Police officers.

Cooking with Cops was supported by Ward 8 Councilman Michael Polensek, Cuyahoga County Councilman Anthony Hairston, Cleveland Police 5th District, City of Cleveland Community Relations Board and Cleveland Neighborhood Progress.

We Made a Difference: Cleaning with Cops Recap



Cleaning with Cops 2017 Group photo



Volunteers picking up trash along E. 152nd Street

by Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation

"The leaves are falling and the trash was calling." Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corp in partnership with St. Clair Superior Development Corp hosted "Cleaning with Cops" on Saturday October 28, 2017 at Five Pointe Community Center. Local residents, students, vol-

unteers, and 5th District Lieut. Montanaro, Sergeant McCauley and Officer Hampton worked together in teams to clean along E. 152nd Street. We even had volunteers can make out from Cleveland Clinic to help us clean our neighborhood.

"This is a great opportunity to work with the residents in the community. "People get to see us in a new light" explains 5th

District Sergeant McCauley "My hope is, this clean-up teaches the participants of being mindful about loitering and how much cleaning your neighborhood can make a difference" says Kristian Hunter, AmeriCorps VISTA for Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corp

Although it was a rainy day, we worked together and picked up over 25 bags of trash

and recycle. At the end of the clean up, participants had lunch and some participants won prizes. Prizes winners received two tickets to a Cavs game, two tickets to a Browns game, movie gift cards, \$25 Visa gift card, and candy baskets. The clean up was a success. We were determined to truly make a difference especially on National Make a Difference Day.

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Aladdin Cast Delivers Magical Performance



This year's OLL Parish production of Aladdin was a huge success, with XXX people enjoying three shows on stage at Shore Cultural Centre. Under the guidance of Youth Minister Rita Testa, a dedicated crew of



parent volunteers, a skilled directing team and a talented cast of more than 50 youth came together and made theater magic. Congratulations – your production was a hit!



OLL Students Get Real-Life Lessons in STEM Program



Each year, Our Lady of the Lake School features a STEM program, thanks to generous support from the Dominion Foundation. This year our theme was Celebrating Green Space, and what a wonderful theme it was! Thanks to the leadership of 7th grade teacher, Mrs. Jenny Millett, and 2nd grade teacher, Miss Lauren Zbiegien, the students were able to participate in events and field trips throughout the year, including a trip to an aquaponics farm, visits from county representatives who taught about recycling and composting (and students even built their own compost bins!), and participation in

the Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch. Classes visited the West Side Market, learned about local foods and created displays to share knowledge on a range of STEM topics. This all culminated in a showcase at the end of STEM week, attended by family, friends, and parishioners. The students had a wonderful time – and they had invaluable opportunities to apply their learning in real-life settings. STEM week at OLL School is a great example of how we take learning outside the classroom, with innovative curriculum and a creative teaching team.



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December 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 9:00am, 7:00pm
December 24: 9:00am, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, Midnight
December 25: 10:00am
December 30: 4:00pm
December 31: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm
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Celebrating Fall!



October 28th was a day of fun for the whole family as children from St. Jerome School and parish gathered with their parents for an evening of food, games, treats and prizes. The evening was sponsored by St. Jerome Respect for Life.

SEW much fun!



Brianna enjoyed learning how to use a sewing machine.



Allison concentrates on keeping the seam straight and even.

Advent and Christmas Services



by Adele Markert
Come celebrate His birth!
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Friday, December 1st
9am

Advent Vesper Service
Monday, December 4th 7pm

City Music Cleveland Chamber Orchestra
Concert
Wednesday, December 6th 7:30pm

Immaculate Conception
Vigil: Thursday, December 7th 7pm
Mass: Friday, December 8th 8:30am

Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 24th
4pm & 10 pm

Christmas
Monday, December 25th, 10am

Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God
Monday, January 1st 8:30am



Kyra and Qiaja pick out fabric for their projects.



Yahzmeen learned how important it is to cut your pattern pieces out carefully.

by Adele Markert

Our students are learning to sew thanks to Kathy Payerchin and her new after school Sewing Club. Students learn how to cut out pieces from a pattern and how to use and care for a sewing machine. Their first proj-

New clubs start every few months. This fall there was a book club, music club, and a math club which attracted a lot of students for number fun and skill building. The ever popular LEGO club will be back soon!

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Class Dojo Winners



Enjoy your pumpkin! Thaa Class Dojo Winners nk you Ms. Johnson for carving the pumpkins for the pumpkin raffle!

Thankful Thanksgiving



Teachers had some friendly competition during their "Thanksgiving Throwdown". Let the games begin!



Thank you to all the donations in our canned food drive. Here was our graph displaying our progress as we "Stuffed the Turkey".



What cute Kindergarten turkeys!



Time for some turkey hats!

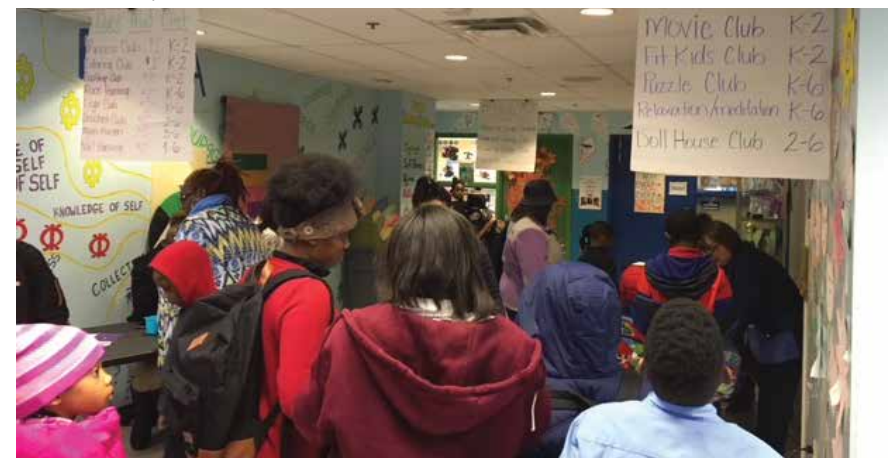
Thanksgiving fun was seen throughout the school. First grade had a feast, we stuffed the "turkey", and many other projects are featured in the photos. On the professional development day before Thanksgiving



4th graders added soil and watered a pumpkin in the science experiment to watch it grow right from the shell!

Break the teachers started off the day with a fun "Thanksgiving Throwdown" competition! Thank you to all the parents, students, and staff that make Imagine Bella such a special place.

Friday Clubs



Buzzing excitement as students signed up for Friday clubs!

Imagine Bella Annual Costume Parade



On October 31st, Imagine Bella held it's annual costume parade. It was made possible through family donations of candy and helpers that passed out candy at different stations in the school building. Since it was chilly, the parade stayed indoors as

students walked the hallways to pick up treats as the music was blasting through the hallways. Check out some of the photos and thanks again for the awesome parent volunteers and donations!



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VASJ students collect items for homeless

by Madison Ledyard-King '18

With the Christmas season approaching, VASJ's Christian Leadership class has decided to put together care packages to donate to The City Mission in Cleveland, Ohio.

The City Mission is a non-profit organization that provides shelter for the homeless. Knowing that the homeless don't have easy and reliable access to certain items, the Christian Leadership students want to provide them with the necessities they would need for winter.

The Christian Leadership students put together posters, formulated announcements, and created a slide show, which was played at the school's Thanksgiving Prayer Service, to promote the drive.

Through December 14, VASJ students, faculty and staff, and the entire Viking community are encouraged to participate.

In addition to the personal care items listed below, monetary donations in any amount will also be accepted. Donations can be brought to the school's main office.

The goal is to generate enough items to make over 100 care packages to be donated to homeless people in Cleveland. Any support is appreciated.

Items being collected include: socks, hats, gloves, toothbrushes, toothpaste, chapstick, lotion, feminine products, deodorant, brushes, combs, soap, wipes, water bottles, food, tissues, shampoo, conditioner, etc.



Students in VASJ's Christian Leadership Class are undertaking a collection of personal care items during the month of December to donate to The City Mission of Cleveland.

Vance Marbury named VASJ's new Director of Athletics



Vance Marbury has been named the new Athletic Director at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School. The announcement was made on November 20 by VASJ Principal David Csanik and President Bill Cervenik '72.

With a masters degree in Sports Management and experience working in various athletic departments, Marbury is more than qualified.

"The search process was very thorough and we examined dozens of qualified candidates," Csanik says. "Vance's experiences running a variety of youth athletic programs, budgeting, and fundraising made him stand out from all others."

Marbury's time spent mentoring and coaching youth in his current

role at the Boys and Girls Club and other capacities, make him an ideal candidate for the job.

"During the interview, it was clear Vance understood that in addition to being the Athletic Director, he has a responsibility to serve as a role model and to ensure that academic success remains a priority for all student-athletes," Cervenik says.

Marbury officially started in his new position at VASJ on November 27.

"I'm excited to work at VASJ because of the rich tradition the school has," Marbury says. "We want to be one of the best athletic schools in the state, so we will work hard towards that goal."

Marbury will be replacing Nate Zavorek '94 who recently announced his family is moving out of state.

"We want to thank Nate for his dedication to VASJ and all he has done for not only Viking athletics, but the entire Viking Village," Csanik says. "We wish him all the best as he begins this next chapter in his life."

The search committee is confident they have found the ideal replacement to continue Nate's great work at VASJ.

"We are grateful to Nate for all he accomplished during his five years at VASJ and we are sad to see him go," Cervenik says. "We are thankful to have found Vance who has the vision needed to continue the strong tradition and history of Viking Athletics."

Save the date for VASJ's Continue the Dream gala on Feb. 17

VASJ will be holding a benefit gala in 2018, but this year with a few exciting changes.

The February 17 event will take place at La Malfa Center in Mentor with a Mardi Gras theme.

Retired Fox 8 sportscaster Mark

Schroeder will serve as the live auctioneer.

As always, there will be a strong presence of VASJ students so guests can hear directly the positive impact our school has on the lives of our students.

Performances by the men's and women's choirs will be a highlight of the event.

Sponsorships and advertisement spots can be secured at any time and auction item donations are being accepted now. Full sponsorship,

advertisement and auction donation information can be found on the event web page at vasj.com/continuedream.

Registration will officially open on Friday, January 5. We hope you are able to join us.



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Cuyahoga Council ten cent fee for plastic bags is a bad idea.



Where can I recycle my plastics?

by Jeanne Coppola

The new Ordinance introduced by Cuyahoga Council members Sunny Simon and Dale Miller to charge ten cents for every paper and plastic carry out bag at retail stores is a bad idea. The plastic bags are a convenience and service provided to the customers for their purchases. (Isn't the cost already included in the purchase?) Will the fee make people pay twice?

Simon has said that plastics are polluting Lake Erie. But she has not said if plastic bags are causing the plastic pollution in Lake Erie, or what she will do about other sources of plastic pollution in Lake Erie (like plastic bottles.)

The ten cent fee is a huge markup for a

one cent bag. That is like paying a ten dollar fee for a one dollar item. In the Ordinance, the Cuyahoga Council calls it a fee. If they called it a tax, would it be illegal?

Simon has said that 319 million plastic bags are used each year, and the ten cent fee is to deter their use. If the County expects less plastic bags use, why is the County planning to create an Environmental Remedial Fund to collect the fees from the bag sales? If the fee does not deter plastic bag use, and if sales stay the same, this could amount \$31,900,000 in revenue to be divided between the County and the grocers. (319,000,000 million bags times x .10 = \$31,900,000.)

That is a lot of money!

From each ten cents collected, the County receives six cents and the retailers keep four cents.

The County will get \$19,140,000 (319,000,000 million bags x .06 = \$19,140,000), and the grocers will get \$12,760,000 (319 million bags x .04 cents = \$12,760,000.)

Plastic bags are made in the USA! The County will be making money off of the workers who manufacture these plastic bags!

People reuse them for household purposes, and plastic bags can be recycled at the grocery store.

How will the County use the nineteen million dollars to clean up Lake Erie?

Simon has stated that there are microplastics in Lake Erie, and people are drinking the small particles of plastic. But, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, a lot of microplastics come from toothpastes, facial scrubs, and fibers that are shed from synthetic fabrics in the laundry, not from plastic bags. Microplastics also come from agricultural runoff. What will Simon do about this problem?

If Simon is concerned about plastic pollution in Lake Erie, what is she doing about plastic bottles that are a major source of pollution? The plastic bottle pollution seems to be worse than the plastic bag problem, because there is a huge floating plastic bottle island in Lake Erie. It is called "the Lake Erie garbage patch."

How is Simon planning to help people who want to recycle, but can't, because they live in apartments, and cities in Cuyahoga

County only provide recycling containers to private homes. What is she doing about the public recycling containers that were removed by the city of Cleveland, because people polluted them with trash? The offenders were not stopped, and the people who want to recycle, can't.

Why doesn't the County take over this problem, and provide at least a few locations where people can recycle their plastic milk jugs, plastic water bottles, and plastic pop bottles?

Where can residents in Cuyahoga County recycle? Where can people who have lots of plastic bottles take them?

Why doesn't the County provide a pick-up service? If they did, I would sign up immediately, because I want to also recycle my glass, cardboard, metal food cans, aluminum cans, mail, magazines, newspapers, and plastic bottles: milk jugs, orange juice bottles, pop bottles, yogurt cups, ketchup bottles, and mustard bottles!

Why doesn't the County provide at least a few localities to recycle plastic, even if it is only once a month? Why can't fire stations or churches or community centers have a plastic collection day?

Why aren't there any places where residents can recycle their plastic bottles that they use at home?

Stop the bag fee, and provide places to recycle.

A solution to the plastic bag problem would be to have retailers use biodegradable plastic bags, and not for the County to make money from plastic bag sales!

Progress at Northeast Shores....

(continued from front page)

ize the tax-credit funding we received.

Because of this big push to complete the LaSalle renovation, Northeast Shores is going to start working on a big opening party that will take place in the spring. In the future we anticipate hosting community meetings at the LaSalle. We are seeking an event coordinator, who very soon will be able to discuss booking community events, arts programming, performing acts, weddings and family reunions beginning in the spring of 2018.

Currently we have storefront spaces available at the LaSalle and will soon be scheduling apartment tour dates for the available units above the LaSalle.

Because we are all very excited about the grand opening of the newly renovated LaSalle Theater, Northeast Shores will be taking a break from the annual Taste of the Neighborhood this year. Instead we ask that you please be on the lookout for upcoming events hosted at the LaSalle that will celebrate the neighborhood and greater community.

We are still doing the annual Santa breakfast on Saturday, December 9, in collaboration with the Salvation Army, at their new facility on Groveswood from 10 to noon, with the help and support of Gus's Diner and VASJ.

Also please note that Northeast Shores will be moving our offices to the Hospice of the Western Reserve on E 185th during the first couple weeks of December. The office will shut-down for the holidays from Monday, December 18- January 2 and re-open at our new location on Wednesday, January 3. But staff will be checking voicemails and emails.

And please plan on attending the annual meeting on January 16th where we will elect new board members and ask the membership to vote on organizational by-law updates. If you are not yet a member of Northeast Shores Development Corporation, we ask that you join before the end of the year and get involved. The organization is only as strong as its membership.



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A Guide to Grieving During the Holidays

by By Diane Snyder Cowan, MA, MT-BC, CHPCA - Director, Western Reserve Grief Services Hospice of the Western Reserve
Many people think about making resolutions in the New Year. Lose weight, eat better, exercise more and spend less are common examples of resolutions long forgotten by the first of February. For those grieving a death, resolutions may be the farthest thing from the mind. But perhaps your resolution might be mindfully adjusting to

the absence of your loved one. Adjusting to the loss includes making meaning of the life changes brought on by the death. Here are some things to consider:

- Be honest with your feelings. Others might expect you to be "over it" at three or six months post death, but there is no calendar for grief. Find a place, a way, or a person with whom you can express your grief feelings.
- Do something that feels good. This can be

spending time with people you like, finding a hobby that provides an outlet for your creative energy, or an escape from the day-to-day. Doing something often builds self-esteem through a sense of accomplishment.

- Take a walk or hike, make art, journal, listen to music, be with others.
- Talk about your deceased loved one. Say his or her name out loud. Find ways to honor or include him or her at holidays and special occasions. Create a remembrance

project such as a scrapbook, photo album or a collection of recipes or letters.

Give yourself permission to change. Life is different now. Consider what you have lost, what you have left and what you are going to do now. What is becoming of the person you used to be and who are you now? What lessons or self-discoveries have you learned?

- Continue your loved one's legacy. Think about what was important to the person who died. There are ways you can transform your grief into a legacy of love. Share stories about your beloved with children. Contribute to a charity or attend an event in honor of your special person. Bake or cook those special recipes. Listen to their favorite music.

As you search to find meaning in loss and adjust to changes in your life, you may start to make some sense of what has happened. You may find a bridge that connects the past with the future in a way you can accept. Take the first step anytime. You don't have to wait until December 31 to begin to heal.





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Bob’s Corner



by Bob Payne
What do you bring into the world?
In an age of frustrated instant gratification where you can immediately post your discontented and demeaning thoughts online for the world to see, and at a time when people are so easily offended by anything that does not go along with their way of thinking, there is anger in America.

All too often we see this anger being inappropriately expressed through violence. From road rage, to physical assaults, to shootings, viciousness is becoming the way some people choose to handle their difficulties and frustrations.

Today, the news carried another story of violence. Because it happens somewhere else, or to somebody else, we are able to simply observe it and go about our life as usual. Though we may think that it is awful, it doesn't really seem to impact us. We are rarely affected, and not especially offended. It has become so commonplace that we are becoming numb to it.

But, make no mistake about it – violence breeds violence. Hatred, bitterness and division will always follow in its wake. It is a cycle that keeps repeating as more and more people become involved. But, it is a cycle that you can do something about because, at the core, the real enemy is something very personal. It is any thought or belief that devalues, disrespects and discards the importance of another life. It is seeing someone as less than a living, breathing, feeling human being, and believing that they, specifically, are the cause of your own problems. It's making someone into a villain with no redeeming qualities. This thinking leads to division and promotes a Me against You, or Us vs Them, mentality. In the end, it creates continuing problems and solves absolutely nothing. As Martin Luther King Jr. said, “Ultimately, destructive means cannot bring about constructive ends.”

Want the madness to stop? Be accountable for your own thinking, your beliefs, your words and your actions. Take ownership for your behavior with mindful choices. If you have been the victim of violence, do not let the pain turn you into someone you are not. Don't perpetuate the cycle. While violence sows seeds of anger and division, peacefulness sows seeds of kindness and mutual understanding. As Gandhi said, “Be the change you want to see in the world.”

Bob Payne, Manager

Euclid Senior Center

All the programs listed are available at Euclid Lakefront Community Center
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Breakfast with Bob



Breakfast with Bob will be on Thursday, December 14th, 8:30 AM at Adam's Place. You must have your OWN transportation



BINGO

Tuesday, December 5th, 1:00 -2:00PM
Speed Bingo, all Fill-ups for Prizes. Sponsored by Manor Care. FREE
Thursday, December 14th, 1:00 – 2:00PM
Bingo sponsored by Slovene Home.

Breakfast with Grande Pointe
Wednesday, December 13th, 9:30AM
Join us for muffins or bagels, fresh fruit, coffee and tea. Please sign-up at the front desk by December 11th.



BIRTHDAY DAY

Wednesday, December 20th
Cupcakes sponsored by Capital.



Foodies

Thursday, December 21st -10:30AM
Join us in the Library for Fun For Foodies. All participants please bring your favorite dish. Sign-up at the front desk.

It's a Christmas Party!
Friday, December 22nd, 10:45AM
Cupcakes will be sponsored by Gateway/Braeview. Possible surprise guest. Are you naughty or nice?

Game Day
Thursday, December 28th, 1:00PM
Fun and games and snacks provided by Gateway. So please stay and play.

TRIPS:



Grande Pointe Fun Bingo
Tuesday, December 19th
Leave the Senior Center at 1:15PM returning around 3:00PM. FREE Register at the front desk.

Brookdale
Thursday, December 7th, 1:30PM Games as well as a talk on Fall Prevention. Leave the Center at 1:15. Return at 3:00PM. Register at the front desk.

SPEAKERS

Grande Pointe
Wednesday, December 6th, 11:00AM.
Grande Pointe will be here to share on how to have a Healthy Holiday.

Kemper House
Friday, December 8th, 11:00AM Leading a heart healthy lifestyle.

Senior Veterans Administration
Monday, December 11th, 11:00AM Aid and assistance for veterans and their surviving spouses.

Hillside Plaza
Thursday, December 14th, 11:00AM What to expect from a Skilled Nursing Facility.

Community Police Talk
Thursday, December 14th
“Cop –a- Question” – Immediately after lunch. Members from our Police Department update us monthly and 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.

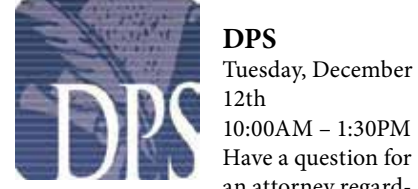
Grief Support Group
Thursday, December 14th, 12:45 PM
The Grief Support Group is for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one; whether it was a spouse, child, parent, sibling or friend. Provided by Euclid Senior Programs & Hospice of the Western Reserve.

Enhanced
Monday, December 18th, 11:00AM
Enhanced will be on site to help us to understand “What to expect in while we are in the hospital”.

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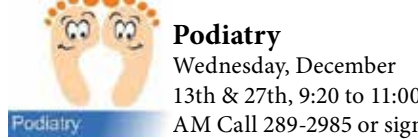
Lisa Lee's Reflexology
Friday, December 1st and Friday, December 15th, 10AM - 12:00PM Reflexology techniques are relaxing to the mind and body. Along with the sounds of artistic music and aroma to soothe your soul, reflexology allows you to escape into the healing mode to help ground and nourish you. 10 minutes for \$10.00 Sign-up at the front desk.



DPS
Tuesday, December 12th
10:00AM – 1:30PM
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FREE FRESH PRODUCE

Euclid Senior Programs
Monday, December 12th, 12:30PM – 2:30PM (or until all produce is gone) First Come First Serve Please bring your ID You must be a member of Euclid Senior Programs to Participate.



Podiatry
Wednesday, December 13th & 27th, 9:20 to 11:00 AM Call 289-2985 or sign

up at the front desk for an appointment. Fee - \$20.00, with current membership.

Euclid High School Choir
Friday, December 15th, 10:30AM

BENEFITS CHECK-UP
Monday, December 18th
9:00AM – 1:00PM
Benefits Check – Up is a program to screen adults 60+ for over 70 money-saving programs: prescription drug assistance, help paying Medicare premiums, help with heating bills, phone discounts, and much more. FREE Call 216-289-2985 or sign up at the front desk.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

Chair Yoga –Monday at 10:00 AM
AC \$ 3.00 per class.
No Class on December 25th.

Yoga – Thursday at 9:00 AM
Annex Room \$ 3.00 per class.

Tai-Chi – Tuesday at 3:30 PM
Six week series - \$24, Drop-ins \$6.00 per class. No Tai Chi Class on December 26th.

Billie Exercise Class – (Chair)
Tuesday & Thursday 10:00AM in the Computer Room

Line Dance – Thursday, 1:00PM

Ballroom Dancing – Monday & Wednesday, 1:00PM

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

Chair Exercise to Music – Wednesday, 11:00AM DRA

Silver Sneakers Class –
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
10:00 – 10:50AM – Dining Room Annex
Free with Silver Sneakers membership. No Silver S. on Monday, December 25th.

FUN AND GAMES

BEADING CLASS:

1st Monday of the Month.- 10:30AM. to Noon. FREE to members

Quilting Class – 2nd & 3rd Thursday, – 12:30PM-2:30PM

Pinochle Tournament– Friday – 1:00PM. Computer Room.

Open Card Play–Wednesday at 1:00 PM. Card games, Pinochle, Bridge & Rummy.

Bingo –Monday,Wednesday & Friday
12:45PM – Dining Room. No Bingo on December 25th

Pool Tournament – Friday, December 15th, 9:20AM November winner –Bob Payne

Crochet– Tuesday, 10:00AM AC
No Class on December 26th.

Adult Coloring – Tuesday, 1:00PM, AC
No Class on December 26th

EDUCATION – SOCIALIZATION

Bible Study – The group meets Tuesday, 10:00AM– Library. No Bible Study on December 26th.

Arts & Crafts – Wednesday, 10:00AM – AC

Sewing – Thursday, 10:00AM, AC

Art with Jack – Tuesday, 12:45PM
No Class on December 26th.

AARP Meeting
Monday, December 4th, 1:00PM

Book Discussion
Monday, January 8th
1:15PM in the Senior Center Library. Jennifer, from the Euclid Public Library, will lead the discussion on the book, “Vintage” by Susan Gloss.

Nutritional Programs
Euclid Senior Center offers a lunch program Monday through Friday at Noon. We serve a nutritious meal that supplies 1/3 of your daily nutrition requirements. Our menus are written by a licensed dietitian to ensure you receive a healthy lunch. The suggested donation is only \$1.00. Reservations are to be made Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, BY NOON for the following week. When reserving, please be conscientious and look ahead to make sure you reserve lunch for the days you know you will be here. We now have to report the number of no-shows and seconds. Please help us to lessen the no shows/seconds. You can help to make a difference. Thank you!

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Let’s Sit for Kids



Sherrie Zagorc's "Sit - Please and Thank You" Chair and Carole Mozeleski's "Giraffe" Chair for Kiddie City's "I Sit for Kids" Chair a T Auction.

by Sherrie Zagorc
We’ve been asked to stand for a variety of causes in the past several years. In 2018 I propose that we SIT for our children. Adult lives are so busy – running from place to

place – that sitting down with the children in our lives has literally taken a back seat to our daily schedules. Consider sitting with children – face to face – in close proximity – to eat a meal, play a game, help with

homework and talk about the day. Imagine how this simple, inexpensive habit of sitting down with a child could improve our valuable adult/child relationships! Moms and dads, grandparents, friends and mentors – this act can work wonders. By sitting down and concentrating on the child before you, you are validating that child and mentoring behaviors that will go a long way to teach important life skills that can last a lifetime.

At Kiddie City Child Care Community, we are working to create a Parents' Center dedicated to the teaching and promoting of good parenting practices in our center families and in our community. To introduce this initiative, I am asking adults to make a commitment to “Sit for Kids” and to help both causes – the Parenting Center and a reminder to adults – I am creating a Kiddie City Chair a T Auction on the “Bidding for Good” website beginning in January. I’m gathering “lonely” wooden chairs, painting them black, and asking community members to contribute their flair and creativity to decorate the chairs that will

be auctioned. We will auction one chair a month with the highest bidder receiving their chair to be placed in the kitchen, family room or wherever a reminder is needed for adults to SIT with the children in the household. A t-shirt with the “I Sit for Kids” reminder will be given to the artist and the buyer. Kiddie City will receive the proceeds from the sale to create and maintain the Parenting Center.

If you would like to join me in “Sitting with Kids” here are some ways that you can help. Do you have a wooden chair that you donate for use in the auction or would you like to paint a chair to be auctioned off? Email me at kiddiecityeuclid@att.net or call me at 216-798-7089. Do you need a beautiful wooden chair to remind you to sit with the children you love? Check out the Kiddie City Chair a T Auction site and bid on a one of a kind creation. In the new year, let's take a stand for the children in our lives by embracing the motto “I Sit for Kids”.



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