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Actress Quvenzhané Wallis brings message to Euclid Park



by Thomas Ott

A 14-year-old actress brought star power and an important message about reading to the girls of Euclid Park School on Feb. 20.

Quvenzhané Wallis, who played the title role in the 2014 movie musical “Annie,” visited the school as part of a local and national initiative geared toward inspiring girls to follow their dreams. The “Cupcakes and Conversation” event was hosted by the Euclid Park student group Lady Bound, the Atlanta-based nonprofit Saving Our Daughters and MyCom.

Wallis may be the youngest actress ever to receive a nomination for the Academy Award for best actress and an Oscar in general, but she spoke to the more than 50 girls in the audience as their peer.

“I’m very similar to all of you,” Wallis

said in her opening remarks. “I have to deal with teachers and other students and homework -- lots of it.”

Wallis described the journey that led her to a love of reading, which began when she was 5 years old and preparing for her first movie, “Beasts of the Southern Wild.” She recalled working with a tutor to memorize lines from her script while learning to read.

Fast-forward to today, when Wallis has come to value reading and has even published three children’s books, including a chapter book “Shai & Emmie Star in Dancy Pants!” Each girl went home with a signed copy of that book.

She also told how she overcomes the feeling of failure by seeking support from her friends and family when she is turned down for an acting role.

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Bunny Breakfast in Collinwood

by Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation

Ward 10 Councilman Anthony Hairston and Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation welcome residents to attend The 1st Annual Bunny Breakfast. The event will be held on Saturday March 31, 2018 from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Breakfast will be served promptly at 9:30am. Each family participating will receive a free picture with the Easter Bunny. There will be small crafts available for children two years and older, such as

egg decorating, make your own bunny ears and much more. There will also be chances to win prizes through the Easter Coloring Contest and the Golden Egg Hunt. This is a family fun event that you don’t want to miss. Each family member must be pre-registered. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please register at: <https://bunnybreakfast2018.eventbrite.com> Registration is required, space is limited. If you need assistance with registration contact Kristian Hunter, 216-268-2138



DayGloSho Draws Record Numbers to Waterloo Arts Gallery



6th annual DayGloSho opening at Waterloo Arts

Photo by Bridget Caswell

by Morgan Wood

On Friday February 2, the Waterloo Arts gallery hosted a blacklight Mardi Glo party to show off the sixth annual DayGloSho exhibition. The exhibition featured work made by forty-two local artists all using the famous fluorescent paint donated by Cleveland’s own DayGlo Color Corp. Thus the exhibition displayed work throughout the space under blacklight, even spilling over into the next-door, adjoining space Callaloo Café. The

Creative Space classroom was used as a craft area for both children and adults, and some goers were even dressed in the Mardi Gras theme, wearing masks made with DayGlo paint. The Executive Director of the arts nonprofit, Amy Callahan, chose the artists using a combination of a formal application, as well as cultivating local talent by reaching out to new artists, so that the show stays innovative and full of fresh talent from year to year. DayGlo was also generous to sponsor prizes for

six different artists, with Douglas Max Utter taking home the first-place prize. The winners were chosen by members of Waterloo’s gallery committee, Robert Thurmer, Director at the Cleveland State University Art Gallery and Nancy Prudic, Associate Professor of Visual Arts at Lake Erie College.

Originally the show was initiated by local artist John Sailes who was experimenting with DayGlo back in 2011. He had a show at Doubting Thomas, a gallery on the West Side, which is how he met the director of that gallery, Dr. Theresa Boyd. Sailes had put on what he described as a really small installation of DayGlo work in a blacklit room, a prototype of the current show. Dr. Boyd enjoyed the innovative way that the paint manipulated light and asked Sailes to curate a larger show by inviting artists to participate in the show and distributing paint. After a few years, Sailes found that he wanted to make the show more sustainable by passing off the idea and responsibilities to an organization, rather than keeping the obligations confined to one individual.

Thus, Sailes and another artist, Joanie Deveney, approached Waterloo with the possibility of Waterloo taking over the show.

Today, DayGlo art has an element of playfulness and of craft and, when displayed under the unusual blacklight ambience, feels experimental and fresh. Thus the exhibit is a great way to draw in people who would not normally go out of their way to see fine art in a traditional setting, who find the white walls and bright lights of a contemporary gallery to be intimidating or boring. Both children and adults love the magical environment created by the paint that, as Callahan put it, “makes visible something that isn’t normally visible to the eye.” It is exciting to be able to see in a whole new way.

While the DayGlo aspect absorbs families and new demographics, the artists involved face significant challenges. Specifically, Sailes, a painter, pointed out that the paint makes colors appear differently; some colors “come forward at a faster rate than others and others regress [backward].” It can be tough for an artist new to the medium to adapt to how the colors project. Additionally, artists face the challenge of knowing their work will be displayed under blacklight at the DayGlo exhibition, but art purchased for a home will likely be displayed in daylight. Of course, though the pigments can be challenging, clever

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Community

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Councilman's Corner



by Michael D. Polensek

I, like many of you cannot wait till Spring. What a winter! Having grown up in Collinwood, I can't even recall when we had such swings in weather. Nonetheless, it is what it is and as a result of the "freeze and thaw" cycle, I don't have to tell anyone about the number of potholes and ruts which have taken over our neighborhood streets. If you have a pothole or road issue, please call (216) 664-2510 to report it. Don't assume someone else called it in. Be proactive.

Another weather related problem is with street lights burnt out. Believe it or not, salt spray from the roads can and will corrode what is referred to as the "cobra head" of the streetlight or even affect the transformers. If you have a streetlight out please call (216) 621-5486. If the cobra head is wrapped with black tape that is an indication that CPP crews have been out and that the entire head must be replaced.

If there is a car that hasn't moved on your street for whatever reason, please call the 5th District Police at (216) 623-5505. Let them know the address in front of which the car is parked along with the make and model and license plate number or temporary tag if possible.

The Cleveland Division of Water reported that in January alone that they had over 500 serious breaks and leaks throughout the system as a result of the cold. If water is running on your street from a valve, crack or depression please call the Division of Water at (216) 664-3060.

As always, our residents are the eyes and ears for service related issues. I cannot emphasize the importance of being proactive. We have over 250 streets in Ward 8 and obviously City crews, inspectors and your councilman cannot be everywhere. So, your help is always greatly appreciated in helping to maintain our community.

Since my last report, City Council has gone into budget hearings to discuss and review the Mayor's 2018 Estimated \$1.7 Billion budget. Obviously, as I indicated to the Mayor during his time at the Table to present his "Letter of Transmittal" to Council on Tuesday, February 19, the two greatest concerns I am confronted with daily in Ward 8 are the issues of Building & Housing Code enforcement and public safety. He indicated that more inspectors will be coming on board. That is good to hear. However, what we would like to see in our community is greater follow-up and prosecution of absentee and delinquent landlords who have, for far too long "thumbed" their noses at the community and the city. We hope to see a more aggressive posture coming out of B&H to deal with these individuals and the problems they create.

With regard to Public Safety, the Mayor indicated that his Administration was going to try to put on four to five police classes

this year totaling 150 new officers this year and an additional 100 in the first quarter of 2019. As I indicated to the Mayor, I don't know if that number will even break even with the number of officers we have already lost in 2016-2017 due to attrition and retirement plus the officers who we will lose this year due to the same. At the end of the day – it is clear to all of us on the northeast side, especially in the 5th District, that we do not have enough police officers patrolling our neighborhoods day in and day out. The greatest deterrent to criminal activity besides an engaged community are the "Men and Women in Blue" patrolling our streets. On that note, we also need a police department that reflects the community they serve. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Cleveland Police Department should go to the City of Cleveland's website www.cityofcleveland.org or www.NEO.gov and sign up for further information or call the Police Recruitment Number at (216) 623-5233. We need more Cleveland residents in blue than ever before patrolling Cleveland's streets.

Work continues on the historic LaSalle Theatre project and you can really see the new O. H. Perry Elementary School super structure going up above the East 185th Street skyline.

I wish to congratulate our new Cuyahoga County Council member, Mr. Michael Houser, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of the Honorable Anthony Hairston, who was elected as the new Ward 10 Councilman. I look forward to working with Michael and Anthony on those issues of common concerns effecting the northeast side. Ward 8 and Ward 10 are partners on many initiatives and projects and we would like to see that grow.

Another big development has been the border expansion of the Collinwood Nottingham Villages Development Corporation. Their Board voted to incorporate all of the Collinwood Nottingham SPA (Statistical Planning area) as well as that of the Euclid-Green SPA along Euclid Avenue. They will also take over the operation of the Five Pointes Community Center located at 813 East 152 Street giving them two locations in the community to provide services. This is good news for our community for now the areas of responsibilities for our community development corporations are much clearer and concise. Northeast Shores takes in all of our community north of I-90 while CNVDC takes in all of that south of I-90. Before this, the St Clair Superior Dev. Corp. was managing a large part of the southern portion of Ward 8 and Ward 10.

Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSO) and the City's Division of Water Pollution Control (WPC) are continuing to explore and investigate remedies to the ongoing basement flooding we have experienced along the residential streets off the East 185th Street corridor and north of Lakeshore Boulevard. We are hoping to hear shortly what those suggested remedies will be and how to fund them. I am determined to get to the bottom of these ongoing flooding issues. It is troubling after spend-

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St Mary Church
15519 Holmes Avenue

MyCOM MEETING
1st Thursday of the Month
5:30 PM
Salvation Army Temple Corp
17625 Groveswood 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
(September to June)
6:30 PM
Collinwood Slovenian Home
15810 Holmes Avenue
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FRIENDS OF COLLINWOOD RECREATION
2nd Thursday of the Month
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Collinwood Recreation Center
16300 Lakeshore Boulevard

5th DISTRICT COMMUNITY RELATIONS MEETING
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Collinwood Five Points Community Center
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ing millions of dollars on sewer projects in our community that we are still having these types of problems. We need to resolve these issues this year and going into 2019.

As always, any business or resident wishing to become a stakeholder in the community, should get involved with either development corporation. NSDC can be reached at (216) 481-7660 and CNVDC can be reached at (216) 383-9772.

I look forward to see our residents at the numerous meetings and events in the community. As always I may be reached at my office at (216) 664-4236 or via email at mpolensek@clevelandcitycouncil.org.

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Art

Waterloo Arts Pairs String Quartet with DayGlo Paintings



Amphion's String Quartet

by Nan Kennedy

Music for Miles Presents Amphion's String Quartet Sunday March 11, 4 pm

The seventh season of Music for Miles concerts opens on March 11, with Amphion's String Quartet – who delighted us in 2012, when we were getting started. It's

a great pleasure to welcome them back. Michael Houff on violin is accompanied by Amber Dimoff (violin), Liesl Langmack (viola) and Derek Snyder (cello).

Amphion and Zethus, in Greek mythology, were the twin sons of Zeus by Antiope. When children, they were left to die

on Mount Cithaeron but were found and brought up by a shepherd. Amphion became a great singer and musician, Zethus a hunter and herdsman. (In Euripides' lost Antiope the two young men debate which has more advantages, the quiet or the active life; the passage is often mentioned in ancient literature.) After rejoining their mother, they built and fortified Thebes, huge blocks of stone forming themselves into walls at the sound of Amphion's lyre. Amphion later married Niobe and killed himself after the loss of his wife and children.

The concert, as always, will be at 4 pm on Sunday afternoon (March 11), in the Waterloo Arts Center; the gallery will have the DayGloSho on display, and the Callaloo will have wine, refreshments and the possibility of a Jamaican Sunday dinner afterward.

The concerts continue to be small, informal and chatty – arrive late, leave early if you must, ask questions and enjoy the atmosphere. And they're free.

For the rest of the year?
On April 8 we'll host Cleveland's new music group No Exit – as we did in 2011,

with local resident Nicholas Underhill; they'll open our ears to what young composers are doing in Cleveland and around the world. On May 13 percussionist Mell Csicsila and friends will expand our ears some more by making music with everything but the kitchen sink – bring your children!

On July 8 we're doing an extra concert, outdoors, with Waterloo's notorious tower as the stage; Bill Meyer's Silver Keys Clarinet Quartet will celebrate with patriotic music.

The Fall season starts with the irrepressible Mary Beth Ions and the Amethyst String Quartet, on September 9. African-American soprano Pat Harris will take us down a different road on October 14. And for November 11, I have my heart set on a brass band – more later.

These concerts are presented with the support of Local 4 Music Fund, the Music Performance Trust Fund, Cuyahoga Arts and Culture, Ohio Arts Council, and the friends and donors of Waterloo Arts. Waterloo Arts, 15605 Waterloo Road Cleveland 44110, 216-692-9500, waterlooarts.org.

DayGloSho Draws Record Numbers to Waterloo Arts Gallery (continued from front page)

artists make the medium into an opportunity. Mike Lombardy, a printer, mentioned explicitly that his work tends to be monochromatic, so working with the color scheme of DayGlo paint, in all its "psychedelic" glory was a point of exploration and artistic freedom for him. The annual exhibition allows artists, especially multidisciplinary artists like Lombardy who use the paint as ink, dye, etc., to develop and refine their use of the medium from year to year. The people who come to the exhibition get to see a different side of local artists.

Finally, an aspect of Dayglo that really excites the participants and the organizers is the paint's connection to Cleveland. Sailes, a

native Clevelander, enjoys using a "locally-based product that is...known around the world and developed and produced in [his] city which...is important to us who live here." Lombardy similarly sees using the product as a way to advocate for the city; that the paint helps more people understand Cleveland's often overlooked history and resources. As Sailes said, DayGlo is a company with a hugely well-known and internationally used product. The company began back in the 1930s when two brothers, Bob and Joe Switzer were experimenting with producing colors that seemed brighter than normal. The colors were used as special effects and to promote

movies early on. During World War II, the colors took on a new purpose: DayGlo developed fluorescent fabric panels bright enough to signal airplanes from the ground. Also, out on water, buoys covered in the paint marked areas of water with debris, mines, and explosives. After the war, the company continued to find innovative uses for the colors, branching out of advertising and safety. Now, in a Warhol-esque turn of events, it is exciting to see artists use the industrial pigment in their practice.

The show, a huge success judging by how packed and excited the crowd was at the opening, pays off to everyone involved. Day-

Glo Color Corp. gets to support the local arts and see the creative ways their product is used. The artists get the chance to work with a new, puzzling but ultimately magical and stimulating material which, by its very production, supports Cleveland and a historical Cleveland company. Of course, visitors get a new magical experience, enjoying a newly illuminated perspective on industrial paint, color, and Cleveland.

DayGloSho 6 is up through March 30 and the gallery is open every Wednesday, 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM and Saturday 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM or by contacting Amy Callahan at info@waterlooarts.org.

Accordions All Day at the Super Button Box Bash, Sunday, April 8

by Joe Valencic

Enjoy accordions all day long at the 36th annual Super Button Box Bash on Sunday, April 8, 2018. Join the Button Box Band of the Year, Patty C and the Guys, and Ron Likovic, the Button Box Artist of the Year, plus Polka Hall of Famer Kathy Hlad and ten of your favorite bands for a non-stop polka-thon in two halls. The National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame once again teams with the Slovenian Society Home on Recher Avenue in Euclid, Ohio, to host Cleveland's biggest squeezebox event with fifty accordions from 1:00 to 9:00.

Were you a member of the Slovenian Junior Chorus, SNPJ Circle No. 22? This year marks the 80th anniversary of children's group and performers from around the country are invited to reunite and celebrate in song. Long-time musical director Cecilia Dolgan returns to give the downbeat for a short program at 3:00. If you sang in the circle and played in the button box band with Kathy Hlad, you're invited to join your friends on this special day. Get in touch with Director Kathleen Trebets for details: kat21_2@hotmail.com.

Dance to these accordion greats at the Super Button Box Bash: The Fairport Jammers, the Magic City Button Boxers, Patty C & The

Guys, the Summit Jammers, the Hoboes, Magic Buttons, Anthony Culkar, Squeeze Play, the Sumrada Brothers, the Polka Pirates, the Button Box Divas and more.

Bring your box and jam with your friends. Indulge in nationality treats. Check out CDs and Slovenian- and polka-themed tee-shirts at the Polka Hall of Fame Pop-up Shop. Admission: \$8 for adults, 18 and under free. Dance and play at the Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Avenue, Euclid, Ohio, off East 200th Street, just north of the I-90 exit. Contact the Polka Hall of Fame for ticket information, (216) 261-3263 or polkashop@aol.com. ###



Collinwood resident Kathy Hlad, recent Polka Hall of Fame inductee, appears at the 36th annual Super Button Box Bash, Sunday, April 8, at the Slovenian Society Home in Euclid, Ohio.

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School

Oliver H. Perry School to follow new learning model



by CMSD News Bureau

With a variety of high-quality, innovative high school models in place across the city, CMSD’s team of academic specialists is turning its attention to PreK-8 schools, and they are doing so with the help of families and community stakeholders.

Oliver H. Perry School is among 13 District PreK-8 schools that are to be redesigned in ways that will dramatically improve school culture, modernize education and prepare students to succeed in high school and beyond. This initiative is part of The Cleveland Plan’s promise to transform public education and grow the number of excellent schools in Cleveland.

Each school has a redesign team that chose from three different learning models:

- Inquiry-based learning: Students explore content by posing, investigating and answering questions. They are then able to present their findings in a credible and persuasive manner.
- Youth leadership development: Students are prepared to meet the challenges of adolescence and adulthood through activities and experiences that develop social, ethical, emotional, physical and cognitive competencies. Teachers and students measure and track progress toward self-identified student achievement goals and schoolwide goal achievement.

- Personalized learning using technology: This involves flexible, self-directed learning where teachers use project-based or competency-based learning paths to boost student achievement.

Oliver H. Perry will follow the inquiry-based learning model. Principal Britanni Irvin said the school’s redesign team adopted the approach with the goal of helping students to become “creative thinkers, future innovators and caring citizens.”

“Students will be guided through an inquiry learning experience to collaborate, research, present and reflect,” she said. “They will walk away with a portfolio of skills related to these experiences and experiences provided by community-based partners.”

Unlike traditional school turnaround projects that tend to be top-down and compliance-driven, this school reform effort engages the school teams in the redesign.

For the past year, the teams have been crafting new visions for their schools and neighborhoods. Each redesign team consists of the principal, two teachers, at least one parent and at least one community partner.

Oliver H. Perry’s redesign team includes the school’s leadership, grades 4-5 ELA/social studies teacher Marlene Stoneman, 6-8 math teacher Gloria Allen, community

member Channell Boyd and Emma Parker from the Center for Arts-Inspired Learning, a community partner.

CMSD Executive Director of Portfolio Engagement Angee Shaker says the process has been empowering and reinvigorating for educators.

“Our principals and teachers are exploring and choosing among research-based, proven instructional models that are engaging and meaningful for students,” Shaker said. “There will always be a need for direct teaching, but overusing this or any one instructional approach causes students to tune out. We know we can accomplish deeper levels of learning through multiple, interactive learning approaches that build on student strengths and passions.”

The schools are getting a similar treatment to some of the District high schools that were redesigned in the past several years -- minus the focus on specific career pathways. Like the new and redesigned high schools, the PreK-8 design plan emphasizes positive youth development, community connections and a culture that is embodied in all aspects of the school.

Joseph Micheller, CMSD’s executive director of new school development, worked on both the high school and PreK-8 planning. He said the PreK-8 initiative is about helping students in preschool through eighth grade to gain life skills such as teamwork, inquiry and problem solving that will help them to transition seamlessly into one of CMSD’s high schools.

“We want good schools with good teaching and learning based on contemporary standards to prepare our kids for those ninth-grade choices,” Micheller said.

He also said that new research on the importance of social and emotional learning -- teaching students to manage their emo-

tions, make responsible decisions and form healthy relationships -- calls for a second look at how traditional public schools operate.

“In today’s world, you cannot separate social and emotional learning from academic learning,” Micheller said. “The new designs each take on a model that looks at the child as a whole.”

The schools will implement their new framework over a four-year period that will include extensive professional development for the teaching staff, adjustment of policies and procedures and forging connections with community agencies.

Nearly half the schools on the list, including Oliver H. Perry, are set to move into new buildings amid this transformation, which Shaker says will complement the introduction of a new philosophy. Several of the other schools being redesigned will undergo renovation and facility updates.

After the design teams chose their models, they traveled to cities, including Philadelphia, Rochester, Atlanta and New Orleans, to see schools that were successfully using their chosen model.

District administrators said an excellent example of the planning process was right here in Cleveland at Campus International K-8 School. That school opened in 2010 as a partnership between Cleveland State University and CMSD and recently moved to a new, state-of-the-art building on the CSU campus.

“Campus International started in this very same way, with a vision and a mission,” said CMSD Chief Portfolio Officer Christine Fowler-Mack. “We later defined roles, built relationships and added partners, but at the heart of it was an exciting and clear vision of teaching and learning.”

Actress Quvenzhane Wallis brings message to Euclid Park

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“Everyone’s going to fail,” she said. “You have to use all the classes you have and all the teachers you have to further your education to help you achieve your dreams and be successful. If you don’t use what you have, you’re not going to get where you want to be. It’s hard to do it by yourself.”

After the speech and a question-and-answer session that ranged from serious to silly, Euclid Park sixth-grader Danielle said she liked that Wallis was down-to-earth and honest.

“It makes me happy because even though she’s famous, she compares herself to me and said we’re not that different from her,”

Danielle said.

Euclid Park teacher Tequila Pennington-Calwise founded the nonprofit Lady Bound 10 years ago to help girls to create and maintain a healthy lifestyle. She works with sixth- through eighth-grade girls at Euclid Park and girls at Brush High School in South Euclid, teaching violence prevention, drug and alcohol prevention, anti-gang affiliation, self-esteem, college and career readiness, positive decision making, healthy relationship building and community service.

The Euclid Park group meets weekly and attends events outside school. Their

next trip will be to the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit.

Pennington-Calwise said she encourages the Lady Bound girls to read books that strengthen their social and emotional health and have relatable characters. Wallis is an ideal role model for the girls because she loves to read and shares similarities with many of her students.

“I want them to be able to make the connection that they can achieve anything they want in life,” Pennington-Calwise said. “And that people who do great things come back into the community.”

Many of the students’ mothers attended the “Cupcakes and Conversations” event to share the experience with their daughters. Shakira Bentley said she hopes her sixth-grade daughter was inspired by Wallis and that she sees the actress as a role model.

Bentley said Lady Bound has helped her daughter navigate adolescence and taught her valuable lessons about respect and confidence.

“I’m teaching her female stuff and they’re teaching her female stuff, and it all goes back to the idea that it takes a village to raise a kid,” Bentley said.

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Community

You’re invited—2018 Community Builders Conference



by Erin Randel

Registration is now open for Cleveland’s Community Builders Conference—One Cleveland, Many Stories which will be held Saturday, March 24th.

This free event is a chance for Cleveland residents to learn and share about how to build healthy block clubs and other grass-roots groups, and make a difference in their neighborhoods. It’s presented by the Cleveland Community Relations Board and Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, and is hosted by Cleveland Metropolitan School District at their East Professional Center, a conference center in the former East High at 79th and Superior.

Hundreds of neighborhood leaders and activists from across the city are expected to come together for a powerful morning of peer-to-peer learning, story-sharing, workshops and networking. Get the inside story on how to navigate some of the complex systems that shape our community, and the fundamentals of bringing people together to build and sustain a block club or other collaborative effort.

Planned sessions include organizing with schools, navigating the CPD, how to welcome and be inclusive, and working with and through community development corporations. There will also be op-

portunities to engage in dialogue about best practices and hear what’s working in other neighborhood and how these initiatives have come together and taken off.

At last year’s conference, which was not well-publicized, the opening plenary was a short but inspiring lecture by a Case Western Reserve professor about the power of mapping our assets. Don’t get to chapped by that jargon—mapping assets is where a group of people look at a geographic area and map out all the institutions, associations, and individuals who do good in one way or another for the community. That might seem basic or trivial, but it’s the exact model that was used to power the start-up of the Scoop on Summer in 2007, and the Collinwood Observer in 2009. Mapping assets can be fundamental to building good things in a neighborhood, especially in the face of relentless messages focusing on the negative, and what we lack.

This is your chance to check out the great things happening in other neighborhoods, maybe learn from some of their mistakes, recharge, get some perspective, and get inspired.

Space is limited, register today by visiting www.bit.ly/CBCcleveland2018.

What to expect...

- Networking, resource fair and continental breakfast start at 8 AM
- Plenary session
- Learning sessions
- Best practice sharing
- Lunch and caucus with district commanders
- Post-event networking

Collinwood Business Association is BACK!

by Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation

Do you own a business in Collinwood or are you interested in starting a business in the Collinwood Area? Please join us at The Collinwood Business Association Meeting on Monday, March 26 6:30 PM at the Five Pointe Community Center, 813 E. 152nd St. Cleveland Ohio, 44110. The Collinwood Business Association is an opportunity for

business owners in the Collinwood community to come together. They will also have the chance to discuss ways to market their businesses to the community and gain a variety of resources. We will host presenters from both the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. We look forward to seeing you there. For more information contact Terrence Upchurch at 216-268-2138.

Bakers Chocolate Whips and Humphrey Popcorn for Easter



by Michael Prokop

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Keys to the Streets

by Ephraim Abdullah

“Knowledge is Power” is the joy today, for our youth. Everything around you is information. Most parents wondered “why do the past 3 generations cling to their phones?” The cellphones today referred to as “Smartphones” are just that. Connectivity to the whole world via the web.

The youth today are becoming addicted to more information. Where there used to be barriers and obstructions, we now have unlimited access to, on our devices. YouTube is showing us how to, Google is the modern day encyclopedias and dictionaries, etc. Youth today are learning information that parents once avoided the questions to. Today, the youth are becoming smarter than their parents with access to unlimited information. Don’t get it twisted, respect for authority and the structure of the family is and always will be the foundation of success. With both family and knowledge, our youth will rise to leadership.

The era of Hustlers is in. Today is the optimum day of Entrepreneurship. The family business. Connecting the blessings of knowledge and family culture to manage and build wealth. The ability to know “who” in your family structure has good vision. The true visionary is the lifeline to the success of doing good business for generations to come. Your team is your family, in other words, who you hustle with. That is the protection and the life. With that being said, each person has to learn through experience, how to be a good team player?

In Collinwood, Cleveland Rise has organized with St Clair City, to help youth navigate their talents and find their teams to advocate building wealth for their families. We have the “Keys to the Streets.” School PTO’s and local Community Street Clubs are our targets for community engagement and conversations.

St Clair City is a grassroots organization co-founded by Candice Woodland. Candice is known as Melan Azure, Radio Host, and Personality on Voice It Radio. Melan Azure is a young adult who aged out of Foster Care. She went to school for media broadcasting and does public speaking, raising awareness for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care. She has reached out to Cleve-

land Entertainment Professionals and is hosting Artist Development Classes and workshops for youth interested in becoming paid professionals in the Music and Entertainment Industry.

We like to look at crime prevention as the first step towards more college and trade school participation oppose adding youth to the growing prison population in Ohio. Professional mentoring and guidance from leaders and productive people in our own communities. Education is the core to giving youth and young adults the support and freedom permission to do their best. We realized during our Y.O.U.T.H Opportunities Unlimited training we hosted in 2017

<https://youtu.be/5cWmqVjrdOs>
How important it is that students are given the life-changing information that connects their education to practices, in business and life, promoting leadership. The capacity to give support and development to improve persons who have natural talent, this education model is similar to the Neighborhood Leadership Development Program (NLDP) led by Mayor Micheal R White, which helped Founder Ephraim Abdullah understand his leadership characteristics.

St Clair City and Cleveland Rise collaboration are looking for relationships with businesses, organizations, and youth in the Collinwood, East Cleveland, and Glenville area from age 12 up to 34 to connect leadership, workforce hustling, entrepreneurship opportunities. We help college graduates who have earned degrees understand clear options and professional considerations in business that put their degrees to proper use. We align students who haven’t choose the college approach, to learn entrepreneurship through trades and family experiences, learn to sew, become a culinary cook, organize your hood to wealth, truck driving, landscaping, music, etc. We have business consultants to assist in many directions, teaching youth about Young Professionals Organizations, to help engage Clevelanders. You can reach us by email StClairCity148@gmail.com or calling our office at 216-352-3938

Opinion

The Hayes chronicles by Damien Hayes

- by Damien Hayes
The Hayes Chronicles
1. One of my favorites is: Think before you act. You must not act from emotion, or impulse. Think out your plan clearly. Think of the consequences and possible outcomes before acting on your decisions.
 2. The art of the focus, having a goal and the why's and your what's and what I mean by that is why are you doing what your doing and what are you doing it this thought process will help you focus on the task and goals
 3. Be careful and do your research first when it comes to giving your all to help someone whom you think may need help. In reality when they don't want to be helped you can lose, and waste a lot of time and money helping someone who doesn't want your assistance.
 4. By all means watch the ones you help get ahead. People can be very clever and tricky. You can do a lot to help someone get on their feet or get ahead, and that won't mean shit to them. They will still backstab you, befriend you, even end up fatal.
 5. If you don't want to start a war think on how to make peace.
 6. Keep your thoughts positive, always think and speak positive.
 7. Build your life for the future. Maintain and plan your present life but build for the future and learn from the past.
 8. Don't spread your business unless you're making a profit or you don't mind everyone knowing it.
 9. Build your blueprint, build from the foundation up.
 10. Be yourself you don't have to be anyone else but who you are .
 11. Never shoot down others ideas or visions, encourage them to strive for it.
 12. Never let others make you change your character and morals.
 13. The only person who can defeat you is you.
 14. Ask yourself how bad do you want it.
 15. Who said it was going to be easy??
 16. Life's too short to be playing games with your life.
 17. Sometimes to excel in life you must learn to separate yourself from the negative people and cut loose the people holding you back.
 18. Learn the difference between friends and associates. You will learn who's your real friends and the others that are just around temporarily (everybody's not your friend).
 19. Watch the people who are weak minded and are easily influenced, and dangerous. They will often hurt you in the long run .
 20. Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone.
 21. Learn how to study people. Listen to how they talk, and carry themselves. You can learn a lot from a person just by listening to them talk.
 22. If someone talks badly about people or down on others, (especially if they're supposed to be friends with the ones they talking about) distance yourself from those kind of people, plus they're most likely talking about you also.
 23. Never let others detour you, or talk you out of seeing your vision or following your dreams by talking negative about it

- to you.
24. Choose your team (friends) wisely. There's always a person praying for your downfall watch who you choose to bring in your circle .
 25. Watch out for the people who are miserable in life, and the world. (they'll do and say things bad about you to make themselves feel better)
 26. Opportunity knocks twice. If you missed the 1st knock hopefully you'll when the 2nd knock comes back around take an advantage.
 27. If you're given a 2nd chance at life take advantage of it.
 28. Never underestimate people
 29. Don't get mad just get great. Always remember: Living well is the best revenge!
 30. Strive to own your own. Owning your own will make it difficult for others to control what you own or have.
 31. There comes a time in your life when you have to put negative dead weight to the side.
 32. Fight to get in a better position.
 33. Change your bad habits right now to get a head start on bettering yourself for the future.
 34. One step to becoming great is knowing when to make the right decision at the right time.
 35. Never fall into the life of gossiping it will bring your character down.
 36. Don't be afraid to fail , failure will make you stronger as a person .
 37. Don't be afraid to take risks.
 38. When your back is against the wall is the times you will come up with the best ideas.
 39. Never be afraid of the challenge. Plan your strategy ahead of time.
 40. Time waits for no one. Don't hold off make your move now.
 41. Watch the jealous ones. (they will try to do everything in their power to bring you down including bringing themselves down in the process.)
 42. My grandmother used to tell me that common sense isn't so common when dealing with people
 43. Don't waste your time and energy wondering what others are doing, spend that valuable time thinking about what you're going to do yourself.
 44. Don't ever get too comfortable with anything. Sudden changes can be your downfall.
 45. Stay ahead of the game. There's always someone hungry and trying to work harder than you.
 46. You can accomplish a lot in life just have a strong drive and a plan.
 47. Never burn your bridges with people who helped you.
 48. Always stay humble, hungry, and honest.
 49. It's hard to make the right choices, but it's easy to make the wrong choices.
 50. Never give your competition the chance to catch up with you.
- By Damien Hayes

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The Big Clean 2018 is Saturday April 21st- Register Today!



by Stephen Love

Save-the-date for “The Big Clean 2018” on Saturday, April 21st, a community-wide clean up pitting Collinwood and Euclid in a competition to see which community collects the most trash. Building off the success of last year's inaugural event, we are teaming up with the Litterbugz to make “The Big Clean 2018” even bigger and empower even more folks to take action to improve our neighborhoods and our Great Lake!

The fun begins at 9 am at Villa Angela-St. Joseph (VASJ) School, 18491 Lakeshore Boulevard, to pick up free cleanup supplies. Afterwards, celebrate all volunteers' efforts with free food, music, raffle prizes and more at VASJ. Best of all, we are bringing back a competition between Euclid and Collinwood to see which community collects the most bags of trash (Euclid won by a longshot last year so let's show them up this time)!

Get involved by registering at www.the-litterbugz.org/events/big-clean-2018 as an individual or as a team leader for a group. Your block club, church congregation, and coworkers make for great groups! All registered volunteers will receive updates as we get closer to the cleanup event.

The Big Clean 2018 is a partnership between Keep Euclid Beautiful, The Euclid Beach Adopt-A-Beach Team, and the Litterbugz. Thanks to our generous event partners and sponsors, free supplies (trash bags, gloves, pickers), t-shirts, and refreshments will be provided to all volunteers! For more information, visit the Big Clean 2018 facebook event, email itssthebigclean@gmail.com or call 216-571-0685

Can't get enough cleanups? Not to worry because there's never been a better time to get outside, tidy up the neighborhood and help protect our Great Lake! The Euclid Beach Adopt-A-Beach Team is gearing up for another year of monthly cleanups. Check our upcoming event schedule below, give us a like on Facebook (facebook.com/adopteuclidbeach), and contact us anytime at adopt.euclidbeach@gmail.com!

March 24th Street Cleanup Details

Volunteers will meet outside the Collinwood Recreation Center (16300 Lakeshore Blvd.) in the parking lot at 11:00 AM for registration. Cleanup teams will pick up litter along Lakeshore Boulevard. Gloves, bags, rakes and trash pickers will be provided. However, you are welcome to bring your own. We will have coffee and other refreshments. Volunteers under 18 are required to have a parent or guardian complete the sign in registration and volunteers under 13 are required to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information, visit – goo.gl/5K1EFR

Need motivation?

All volunteers will receive a coupon good for one half off the purchase of a drink and meal item from Chili Peppers Restaurant (869 East 185th Street). Please be sure to thank owner Steve Newman when you stop in!

2018 CLEANUP SCHEDULE

March 24th 11:00 AM - Street Cleanup at Collinwood Rec Center
April 21st – THE BIG CLEAN 2018
May 19th – Euclid Beach Cleanup
August 18th - Street Cleanup
September 15th - Euclid Beach Cleanup for International Coastal Cleanup Day
October 27th – Halloween Street Cleanup

New Lap Sit Program & Teen Circle



So Come On and Let Us Know Should it Stay or Should it Go?



by Amy Callahan

Join us on March 11 from 1- 3 pm at the Beachland Ballroom for a community meeting to talk about the fate of the Gold Building on Waterloo Rd. We will talk about what is at stake and what the options are and then we want to hear your thoughts.

Community Meeting
Sunday, March 11, 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Beachland Ballroom & Tavern
15711 Waterloo Rd

GardenWalk Cleveland 2018 returns to North Collinwood



by Teri Dew

The 2018 GardenWalk Cleveland Tour will take place on July 7 and 8 from 10-5pm. It is a free, self guided tour of many private and community gardens in the City of Cleveland. North Collinwood will once again be a featured neighborhood. The committee is in the process of considering a few changes to the format this year. At this point there will be four areas: West Park, Detroit Shoreway, North Collinwood, and Little Italy for the first time. It is possible that rather than two days for all four, each neighborhood would be assigned one of the two days. This would allow all who volunteer their gardens a day to visit some of the others.

The mission of GardenWalk is to build community, beautify neighborhoods, and encourage civic pride. This once a year event is organized by volunteers from the city of Cleveland and surrounding communities. GardenWalk Cleveland is made possible due to the generous sponsorship of organizations and individuals committed to connecting people with each other and with nature in our beautiful neighborhoods. Visitors can tour at their own pace on foot or a bike and will get a unique opportunity to meet and learn from gardeners in a large variety of gardens and farms in our community. The focus continues to be on native plants that attract wildlife and pollinators and thrive under natural condition.

The response from both the visitors and the thirty generous gardeners last year was unanimously positive. All who participated are invited to return, and I welcome interested newcomers. It helps to have several gardens in “clusters,” or in close proximity, especially for visitors in cars. Please note this is not a “curated” tour, it is open to anyone willing to share, and even show off, your gardening efforts.

Feel free to contact me at: dewteri@yahoo.com for more information or to sign up.

New Programs Have Sprung Up @ Collinwood Library



Staff from the Cleveland Museum of Art will be joining here at Collinwood Branch for a fun and exciting art club. The theme for this programming will be about 'A Room'. This will be an open ended workshop style class where the students will get to work and create their own art piece. Sessions are on Thursday's at 4:30pm - March 8th, & April 12th

Coding a LEGO Maze

Take a step back from the PC to learn how to create simple, step-by-step instructions for your first ever coding program! With the help of LEGO's – and a little bit of brain power – you will be on your way to mastering the latest technology craze.

Thursday, March 15th 4:30pm

Kids Café – After School Meal Program

In collaboration with the Cleveland Food Bank, Kids' Café is being served!

Monday – Friday--3:30pm-4:30pm

FREE Tutoring in All subjects: Grades K – 8 –one-on-one and/or group tutoring and homework help offered in partnership with Cleveland State University's America Reads tutoring services. Monday – Thursday--3:00pm – 6:00pm

ADULT PROGRAMS:

Common Sense Legal – A Free workshop hosted by The Legal Aid Society will be offered on Wednesday, March 14th from 12:20-3:30pm. Please bring relevant papers with you to learn how to complete your legal documents. Go to www.lasclev.org/ March 2018CommonsenseLegal for a list of helpful documents.

Take a look at what else we've got coming up for you in March:
Cleveland Museum of Art-In Your Neighborhood – Art Club!



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OLL Welcomes Visitor From Ghana



Thomas Awiapo speaking with OLL congregation

On Friday, February 23 and again on Sunday, February 25, Our Lady of the Lake was blessed to have in our presence Mr. Thomas Awiapo from Ghana. Mr Awiapo is on a 10-week tour of the United States in support of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), especially the Rice Bowl campaign for Lent, which began at OLL on Ash Wednesday.

Mr. Awiapo shared his story with the OLL school students in Grades 6 – 8 on Friday, February 23, as well as the students in grades K-8 in PSR on Sunday morning.

His is a story of survival which includes the painful loss of his two younger brothers through sickness and death, while also being abandoned by an older brother whom he has not seen in 40 years. However, due to the food provided for students at a CRS-sponsored school, Mr. Awiapo was eventually able to go from the brink of sickness and death due to hunger to achieve his Masters Degree in Public Administration. The students also had ample time to ask him questions about his family, his country



Thomas Awiapo (holding white sign) with 6- 8 grade students at OLL School

and his experience of living and traveling in the USA. In addition to the students, Mr. Awiapo addressed the parish congregation on Sunday morning and met with interested parishioners after Mass as well.

Started as an ecumenical effort in the diocese of Allentown, PA, in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl soon spread across the country as it called on Catholics to perform a simple act of Lenten sacrifice – substitute a low-cost meatless meal for more expensive dining once a week during Lent and put the money

saved in a cardboard rice bowl.

Funds collected in the rice bowls, which are turned in at the end of Lent, are distributed both around the world and in local communities to combat hunger – 75 percent of every donation goes to CRS programming in targeted countries worldwide while 25 percent remains in the local diocese from which the donation came, supporting initiatives that help alleviate poverty.

Preparing for Baptism at OLL



Families from OLL visited the Cathedral and met the Bishop as they prepared for baptism.

On Sunday, February 18, two children from Our Lady of the Lake School, along with their parents and families, traveled to St. John Cathedral for the “Rite of Election of Catechumens.” This trip followed the “Rite of Sending” at Our Lady of the Lake, where Fr. Joe Fortuna, Pastor, and the entire congregation prayed over and blessed them as they approached this step toward baptism.

At the Cathedral, Bishop Nelson Perez, Bishop of Cleveland, personally greeted each, along with the OLL catechumens, Ava Kless and Aiden Doyle. Bishop Perez also spoke to the dozens of catechumens gathered in the Cathedral using these words, ““We’ve been praying for you and

will be walking with you.” He also assured them as they approach baptism that, ““The Holy Father tells us the Lord is already there, waiting for us with open arms. How blessed we are,”

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the preparation process for Baptism, as well as Confirmation and Eucharist, for those who desire to become Catholic. All are welcome to join OLL for the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 31, at 8:00 pm, when Aiden and Ava will be baptized, confirmed and receive their first Eucharist (First Communion), thus completing the “sacraments of initiation.”

OLL Named Organization of the Year



Our Lady of the Lake has been named Organization of the Year by the Euclid Chamber of Commerce, in its annual business awards. “We are excited to celebrate Our Lady of the Lake Parish as a 2017 Award Winner,” said Chamber Director Sheila Gibbons. “Our Lady of the Lake created a new path for small business owners to grow and prosper in our community and we are proud to partner with them.”

Gibbons refers to the new Micro-Lending Program launched by Fr. Joe Fortuna at Our Lady of the Lake, a groundbreaking social justice program the parish has pio-



neered that provides access to lending options for start-ups and small businesses in the Euclid and North Collinwood communities. The program has funded five loans, achieved a 100% online repayment rate thus far, and helped to develop a new network of loan recipients and engaged parishioners who work together to build capacity and increase access to resources and opportunities for success. For more information about OLL’s award-winning program, visit www.OLLEuclid.org, or email Joe@OLLEuclid.org.

Living Stations Tradition at OLL




Living Stations of the Cross has been a cherished tradition at Our Lady of the Lake for many years. We invite all of our friends and neighbors to join us for this very special experience. All are welcome!

Friday, March 28

8:00pm


For more information, visit our website at www.OLLEuclid.org, or email Rita Testa, Youth Minister -- Rita@OLLEuclid.org.



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A Concert, A Day of Recollection, Nite-at-the-Races, and Divine Mercy



by Adele Markert

On Thursday, March 15th come hear the internationally known Bosnian composer and accordionist Merima Ključević. She will perform “Sarajevo Haggadah: Music of the Book” from “TWO FAITHS: ONE SPIRIT” which she composed. The work was inspired by the story of breathtakingly illustrated Jewish manuscript created in the 15th century and saved from the Nazis in Sarajevo by a Muslim Imam during WWII.

Ranjbaran: Seven Passages, and Cohen: Warzazat will complete the program. Avner Dorman will conduct.

Doors open at 7pm and as always the concert is free and family friendly! Don’t miss this amazing musical experience!

On Sunday, March 18th following 10am Mass St. Jerome Altar & Rosary Society will

sponsor a Day of Recollection with Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour in church followed by light refreshments. All are welcome even if you can only attend a portion of the Holy Hour.

Saturday, April 7th at 6pm, Nite-at-the-Races returns to St. Jerome sponsored by St. Jerome Respect for Life. Grab your racing forms and come on down for an exciting evening of racing and winning!

Sunday, April 8th stay after 10am Mass to recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with us on this Divine Mercy Sunday. Go to our website www.stjeromecleveland.org for information on praying the Novena to Divine Mercy beginning on Good Friday. We also recite the Chaplet after 8:30am Mass on the first Friday of each month.

Art Club



by Kathy Morrissey

Teaching has always been a passion of mine. My name is Mrs. Morrissey and I teach seven graders at St. Jerome school. During the day I am busy with seventh graders teaching English, Reading, Science and Spelling. I also teach eighth graders English and Reading. But once a week after school I am in charge of the craft club.

All the teachers in the school are responsible for a club. The clubs this year have included Puzzle club, Book club, Computer club and Lego club. Each club runs for 6 weeks and there are three or four clubs running at a time. Students may sign up for as many clubs as they like, giving them a large variety of choices. The Craft club includes students from first grade through sixth grade. Some of the projects we have completed include necklaces and bracelets, painted clay pots with tissue paper flowers



and a stained glass project. A few of the seventh graders help during craft club. The younger kids really enjoy the help from the “big kids”. The seventh graders feel pride in a job well done and are developing leadership skills. While the club is a fun activity, the students are also learning essential life skills such as cooperation, hand-eye coordination and promoting creativity.

This session of clubs started mid-January and will wrap up the end of February. By the time the club is over the rest of the school year will fly by as the seventh graders are looking forward to a field trip, a visit to Villa Angela St Joseph high school, a middle school field trip with the sixth, seventh and eighth grade and many end of the year activities. These bright and promising students are sure to grow into fine young men and women and I cannot wait to see what the future holds for them!

Stations of the Cross

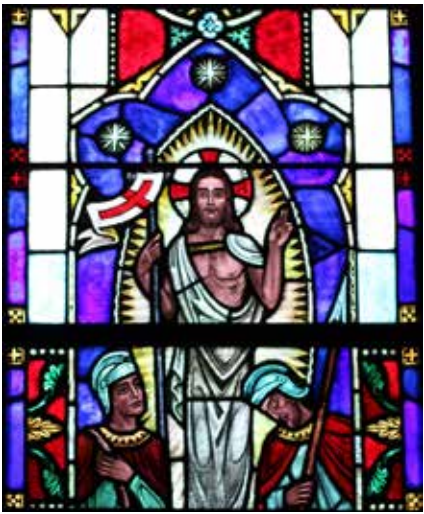


St. Jerome seventh & eighth grade students take turns leading the Stations of the Cross. On Holy Thursday (March 29th) the student body will gather and students will re-enact the “Living Stations of the Cross.”



Every Friday in Lent, groups of students of St. Jerome School gather in church for Stations of the Cross. This seasonal devotion recalls Christ’s Passion and Death.

Journey Toward Easter Joy!



by Adele Markert

We invite you to join in our Lenten and Holy Week Services.

Stations of the Cross ~ 2pm & 7pm ~ Fridays, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays from 2:45pm ~ 3:30pm at St. Jerome

Collinwood Cluster Masses
Monday, March 5th ~ 7pm
St. Jerome

Monday, March 12th ~ 7pm
Holy Redeemer, 15712 Kipling

Cluster Communal Penance Service
Monday, March 19th ~ 7pm
St. Casimir, 18022 Neff Rd

Holy Week Schedule

Tenebrae Service
Wednesday, March 28th ~ 7 pm

Holy Thursday
March 29th ~ No 8:30am Mass
Living Stations of the Cross ~9:30am
Holy Thursday Mass ~ 7 pm

Good Friday
March 30th ~ No 8:30am Mass
Good Friday Service ~ 3pm
Stations of the Cross ~ 7pm

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 1st ~ 10 am

Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday, April 8th, Chaplet of Divine Mercy recited following 10am Mass

Join OLL for Easter!

Our Lady of the Lake is a welcoming Catholic Community. Come and see!

Living Stations of the Cross : March 23 at 8:00pm

Community Stations of the Cross: March 30 at Noon

Tenebrae : March 28 at 7:00pm

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper : March 29 at 7:00pm

Good Friday Celebration of the Passion of the Lord : March 30 at 7:00pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil : March 31 at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday Mass : April 1 at 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

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Black History Month



Black History Month Live Wax Museum pictures 1960's #Diana Ross



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Zoo Field Trip



First Grade and Fifth Grade had trips to the Zoo this month! Even in colder weather students can visit many of the indoor exhibits including the Rainforest. They had an awesome time!

First grade had an awesome time at the zoo! Clear skies and big smiles!

PTO Fundraiser

The Imagine Bella PTO kicked off their Candy Bar Fundraiser in February. It was a great success! Thank you to all the families that helped to raise funds to support the school. Sellers had the chance to win tickets to Kalahari, dress down passes, and much more! Thank you Imagine Bella PTO!



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Black History Month Live Wax Museum



Our first Black History Live Wax Museum was a success! Can't wait for next year!

Imagine Bella held a Black History Month Live Wax Museum on Thursday, February 15th. The school-wide event honored figures from the past and the present. Each grade level had a different decade or time period as their focus. Students worked in their classroom researching their persons life and legacy. Research helped the students in preparing speeches, posters, and

selecting the best attire for the Live Wax Museum. There was amazing support from families for this special event. Thank you to all of our families who came and showed support and/or helped their child prepare for the Black History Month Wax Museum! Your presence means a lot to us and our students. We hope you had a blast and can't wait until next year!

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Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

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VASJ's annual gala raises over \$200,000

Over 250 people attended Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School's annual Continue the Dream Gala on Saturday, February 17. The event raised over \$200,000, VASJ President Bill Cervenik '72 announced.

In addition to ticket sales, sponsorships (listed below), and advertisements, the school received generous donations prior to the event in support of the overall fundraising goal. One such gift was a \$50,000 donation from 1969 alumnus Vince White-Petteruti and his wife, Marylouise (aka Duck). The gift was made to create The Kay and Vince Petteruti Scholarship Fund, in honor of his parents.

"We are very thankful for the support we receive from alums like Vince," Cervenik says. "Our alums who have remained involved in our school, or who have recently re-engaged, are helping us to ensure that VASJ continues to thrive."

This year's Continue the Dream event was held off-site for the first time since its inception, a decision made by the event committee in order to keep the event new and exciting. The Mardi Gras-themed event, held at Mentor's elegant venue, LaMalfa, had a fun yet sophisticated vibe.

"Those in attendance really enjoyed the festivities and raved about the food and vibrant atmosphere," Cervenik says. "And, of course, the students were at their best."

The record-number of current VASJ students in attendance really added to the impact of the event. Students greeted guests at registration, escorted them to their tables, and sold tickets for the various raffles. The



The Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School Student Ambassadors take a break from their responsibilities to pose for a quick picture at the Mardi Gras photo booth. The presence of so many students at the event truly made the night extra special.

evening also featured performances by the Men's and Women's Choirs.

"The students really made the event," says Christopher McGrath '69. "They are great."

The silent auction table featured items ranging from a timeshare in Florida to beautiful diamond earrings, Cavs tickets, and everything in between. Guests were able to purchase tickets for various raffles such as a lottery gift basket and a mystery suitcase which at the end of the night was revealed to contain a new iPad.

The evening took a more serious note when a video was shared featuring stories about several current students and what they have gained during their time at VASJ. The video, donated by Neil McCormick '70 and Cinecraft Productions, set the tone for the live auction in which bidders raised their paddles to make monetary donations to the school in support of both scholarships and general operating.

At the end of the live auction, a one-of-a-kind piece of artwork, hand painted by VASJ senior Mary Furlan,

was auctioned off. Bidders had the chance to claim the piece for \$100 with a catch: They had to be the final bidder in order to win. What turned into a fun and friendly bidding war ended up raising over \$6,000 for the school and was a moment that Mary will not soon forget. The winning bidder donated the painting back to the school for all to enjoy for years to come.

Although it will be hard to top, plans are already underway for next year's Continue the Dream Gala. Details will be forthcoming.

VASJ's Lady Vikings Choir performs Valentine's Day tour



VASJ's Lady Vikings Choir, led by religion teacher Brianna Wilson, spent February 13 traveling to different nursing homes to spread the love in honor of Valentine's Day.

By Hailey Barnett '18

On February 13, Valentine's Day arrived a day early for nursing home residents. The Lady Vikings Choir once again went on tour to perform love songs to the elderly and others.

The Lady Vikings Choir visited and performed at Braeview, Brookdale, Highland Pointe, Hilltop Village, and the Hospice of the Western Reserve.

"They selected the repertoire, learned the melodies, developed their own harmonies, and worked with one another to create an expressive, full sound for performances," says Lady Vikings Choir Director Brianna Wilson.

After their performances, the Lady Vikings took time to celebrate February birthdays by singing "Happy Birthday to You" then socialized with

the residents.

"These ladies have truly put their hearts into their music," says Director Brianna Wilson. "It was amazing to see how they brought joy to the residents both through their music and their conversation."

"I'm proud of us as a group for making our performances something to remember," says Nova Jolly.

The time that the Lady Vikings spent together not only strengthened their confidence in singing as a group but the relationship they have with one another.

Though the Lady Vikings Choir may be small in numbers, it is grand in volume. Their voices and love were shared with many and they plan to share with more in the future. They also performed at VASJ's Continue the Dream event on February 17.

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The Lowdown at Lakeshore Intergenerational School



Our Junior Cluster students visiting the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.



Our students and IG partners studied and created poetry based on African American poets.



Dr. Woods and Mr. Bozeman kicked off our first ever Black History Month Speaker Series.

by Shawn Hallowell

"You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right" –Rosa Parks

February is Black History Month and our students and staff had opportunities to experience events and activities revolving around African American culture and icons. Some examples of studies include an Intergenerational Poetry Program, where our students, mentors, and Intergenerational Partners studied African American Poets. These poets inspired the participants to create their own poetry; stay tuned as these creations will be on display at an event in May. Ms. Margaret of the Salvation Army joined our Primary Students as a "Mystery Reader." She read various texts around African American history. "I Dream a World," "Dream Keeper," "We March," and "Jazz Makes Me Sing" are some examples of texts read. There was much discussion and even dancing during her presentation! Mr. Clarence Bozeman helped us start a Black History Month Speaker Series for our Junior Cluster students. Our first guest was Dr. William Woods. Dr. Woods currently works in the Choir/Music Department at Cleveland School of the Arts and directs many choir and jazz programs throughout the city. His choirs earned many recognitions both nationally and internationally. To achieve success, Dr. Woods offered the following words of wisdom for those in attendance "Good is not good enough, I want it better than good."

Our Junior Cluster students (GLE 3-5) went to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. They learned about sound and various instruments through the live demonstration "Meet the Instruments" program. They were also able to tour and check out the numerous Rock Hall exhibits. Another

exciting program, the creative processes of dance, will begin in March. Thanks to GroundWorks Dance Theatre, 30 of our students will get to learn from, participate in, and view a live performance of professionals in the field of creative dance.

Our monthly intergenerational visits with our friends at local rehabilitation and residential facilities had many astonishing activities. Our friends at ManorCare, Lakeshore Rose Center, Slovene Home, and Mount Saint Joseph participated in our Intergenerational Poetry Program. Our students and residents at AlterCare created colorful placemats. "I love you to pieces" hearts were created with the elders at Governors Village. Valentine's Day readings and crafts occurred with our friends at BraeView and Gateway Family House. We are very excited to announce that we will be returning to Lakeshore Rose Center to participate in our second "Kids Love Musical" of the year. Together our students and friends at Rose Center will put on an intergenerational version of Peter Pan!

A special shout out to our Family Group. They helped organize a family movie night. Our families, students, and staff gathered for a fun evening filled with popcorns, conversation, and Cars 3!

Don't delay, now is the time! Our spots for next school year are filling up fast. Are you, or do you know, a family looking for a quality school for the 2018-19 school year? If so, please attend one of our information sessions. Principal Bartley will explain all things school related (curriculum, grading, school culture, communication, typical day, etc.) and Mr. Hallowell will be on hand to assist with any enrollment questions.

Remember that you can always stay informed and learn more about us by visiting us on social media. We are on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.



Ms. Margaret served as a "Mystery Reader" for our Primary classes. They enjoyed her energy!



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2nd Annual Keys to Housing Resource Fair



by Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation
Mark your calendars today. You don't want to miss out on the largest housing event on the eastside of Cleveland! Organized by the Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation, the 2nd Annual Keys to Housing Resource Fair will feature information for first-time homebuyers, existing homeowners, tenants and landlords. For more information contact, Kristian Hunter 216-268-2138.

Adventures in Storm Cleanup: Devlin Chambers' update



Downing a tree in Florida. Devlin is third from left.



The team ready to set out in Palos Verde. Devlin is fourth from the left.

by Louise Foresman

Intrepid Euclid resident Devlin Chambers has been busy since reaching his Americorps NCCC assignment in Sacramento, CA last October. As you may remember, Chambers is taking a year before entering college to participate in the National Service Corps Americorps NCCC program that places young adults, aged 18-24, in service projects throughout the United States.

Due to the large number of severe storms in various areas of the US last fall, Chambers recent service assignments have included traveling to Clay County in northern Florida, where following Hurricane Irma, his 10-member team spent four weeks assisting 234 People. They did 164 Damage Assessments, and 207 Wellness Checks. Assistance included the removal of many downed trees, tree damage being the primary destruction in the wake of Hurricane Irma. "We worked with a tenant family who had had a tree fall through their roof," said Chambers. "That meant the rain that kept falling spoiled their children's clothes, making it hard for them to go to school."

After a break at Christmas, the team

returned to California and embarked on a four-week assignment in the Palos Verde Peninsula Land Conservancy just south of Los Angeles. They did habitat restoration, removing invasive, non-native plants, an effort that will benefit endangered species in the area and preserve the land for future generations.

Starting the week of February 12, Devlin's team arrived to do cleanup from Hurricane Maria for elderly homeowners in the southwestern area of Puerto Rico. "The work is hard," says Chambers, "but the local people are great and are feeding us. I can see we are making a difference." Much of the work involves scrubbing the mostly concrete houses that not only flooded with sea water but sustained damage from the backed up local sewage plant.

Chambers' assignment concludes at the end of July, when he will return to Euclid in preparation for starting college. His parents, Euclid residents, Dan Chambers and Louise Foresman, are, of course, proud that he has taken on a year of helping people and look forward to continuing to hear about all that Devlin is learning.

Signs of the Time



by Philip Hrvatin

December 28, 2017 – Today we are able to see part of the transformation of the historic LaSalle Theatre on East 185th Street. Earlier this year workers removed the marquee for a full restoration. The reinstallation of the marquee is a symbol of the community's

effort to revitalize North Collinwood. We are now one step closer to lighting up our cherished neighborhood.
Philip Hrvatin
President – Slovene Home for the Aged
18621 Neff Road Cleveland, Ohio 44119

Euclid Police Partners with Moore Counseling & Mediation Services, Inc. in Response to the Opiate Epidemic in Cuyahoga County



by Veronica McGraw

The Euclid Police Department and Moore Counseling & Mediation Services, Inc. (MCMS) announces their new partnership to launch the "Safe Passages" initiative in response to the opiate epidemic in Cuyahoga County. Safe passages is also referred to as The Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI).

Safe passages initiative is a pre-arrest referral program designed to assist individuals experiencing opioid disorders. This initiative provides intervention, assessment, referral and treatment services for individuals presenting at participating law enforcement agencies and seeking assistance for opioid addiction.

The Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County provided the funding for this initiative and chose MCMS as the referring agency.

An individual can walk into the Euclid police department and request treatment services. Upon referral from the police department, a MCMS counselor will travel to the police station to conduct an on-site clinical assessment within one hour of referral. Depending on the individual's diagnosis, the client will be immediately

referred for ongoing treatment services. MCMS counselors will remain engaged with the client throughout the treatment process to ensure the client is provided with all the necessary resources. This initiative is restricted to individuals diagnosed with an opioid disorder.

All Euclid police officers received thorough training by MCMS counselors.

John Carroll University students and faculty will develop a data collection instrument to collect client-level data including demographic information, ongoing treatment outcome data. Client-level data will be collected at initial point of contact, admission to treatment, continued stay and discharge. The data will later be shared with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to measure the outcome of the program.

MCMS is also the safe passages referring agency for the Highland Heights, Lyndhurst, Richmond Heights, Mayfield Heights and Mayfield Village police departments in the Hillcrest area.

The Euclid Police Department and MCMS will launch the safe passages initiative on March 5, 2018.

Call 216-508-6633 to learn more about the initiative.

Jeremy A Peak Promoted to Warrant Officer

by Caroline J. Peak

On February 1, 2018, local resident and Son of Caroline J Peak and the late Gregory Peak, Jeremy A Peak was promoted to Warrant Officer for the United States Marines at Quantico, Virginia. Jeremy is a 2000 graduate of Collinwood High School and began his military career in the U. S. Marine Corp immediately after. He is scheduled to graduate from Officer's school in May of this year.



Collinwood Area Safety Meeting

by Sr. Madeline Muller

On January 31st The Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries (CNCM) and the Collinwood Area Pastoral Association (CAPA) sponsored a meeting to ask for assistance in creating a safer neighborhood for our residents. Approximately 20 people gathered in the Saint Mary Slovenian Room. As a result of the presentations offered by Ward 8 Councilman Michael Polensek and the 5th District Safety Liaison Greg Pollard, the group decided on the following action steps:

- A prayer walk for safety in our city, sponsored by the Salvation Army, to be held on Saturday, February 24th from 10:00 – 11:00. It will begin at the Salva-

tion Army located on Grovedown. All are encouraged to participate • A letter-writing campaign to Mayor Jackson requesting more police protection. A sub-committee drafted a sample letter which was sent to meeting participants, CAPA members and the CNCM Team. They are asked to make copies available to their congregations and constituents. • Another meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28th from 2:30 – 4:00. It will be held in the Saint Mary Slovenian Room on Holmes. • Encourage congregations and constituents to pray for peace and a de-escalation of violence in the neighborhood. • Ask congregations to encourage younger members to consider law enforcement as a possible career

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Intergenerational Programs at Lakeshore Rose Center!



by Ashlee Williman

Lakeshore Rose Center for Aging well participants enjoyed a fun poetry program with the Junior Cluster students from Lakeshore Intergenerational School. The seniors

and students shared childhood memories, and created beautiful poetry in the process. We are excited to continue working with Lakeshore Intergenerational School to offer programming and activities!

Eligible customers can save money on their sewer bills

by Jennifer Elting

Any time you flush the toilet or send water down the drain, that dirty water is sent to the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, where it is cleaned and returned to either Lake Erie or the Cuyahoga River. The bills you receive each month help support this and all other clean water investment in the region.

Did you know the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District offers four cost-saving programs that can help eligible customers pay a reduced rate?

- **Homestead Program:** Available to customers aged 65 or older (or customers under 65 who are totally disabled), this program offers a 40 percent discount. Total household income must not exceed \$33,500 in 2018. The City of Cleveland administers this program and, once applicants are enrolled, they receive an

annual renewal form from Cleveland. Applications are available by calling the Sewer District's Customer Service Department at (216)881-8247.

- **Summer Sprinkling Program:** For some customers, residential water use increases during the summer months because of lawn sprinkling and other seasonal use. But most of this additional water does not return to the sewer system. For this reason, the Sewer District offers the Summer Sprinkling Program, in which summer residential sewer bills are based on either average winter water consumption, or actual summer water consumption, whichever is lower.

- **Wastewater Affordability Program:** A 40 percent discount for customers whose annual income is at or below 200 percent of the federally-established poverty level. Qualifying customers can be enrolled in

Lakeshore Rose Center

The Players



Thursday, March 15 12:30 pm
Join us for a theatrical performance from The Players, a volunteer theatrical group from Greater Cleveland Volunteers. This

talented group will educate and entertain you through original plays that deal with aging related issues including health concerns, crime and safety awareness, medication misuse, and staying active. You won't want to miss this!

Petie's Family Restaurant! Van departs at 10:30am & returns at 1:00pm



The Musical Theater Project
Wednesday, March 7, 21 & April 4 10:30 - 11:30am

Students from Lakeshore Intergenerational School are returning for the Musical Theater Project! During these sessions, participants will connect with each other through characters & songs of the classical musical, Peter Pan!

Celebrate Women's History Month
Thursday, March 22 at 1:00pm

Presentation by Mary Louise Jesek Daley: "Women of the Civil War: Legacy of their Labors"

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March Special Trips
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Tuesday, March 20:
Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a delicious corned beef lunch at

the Homestead Program, or the Wastewater Affordability Program, but not both.

- **Crisis Assistance Program:** Available to customers affected by a major life event such as sudden medical expenses, job loss or divorce. The Program offers financial assistance of 50 percent of sewer bill balance (up to \$300) toward your account.

The Wastewater Affordability and Crisis Assistance Programs are administered by CHN Housing Partners (formerly Cleve-

land Housing Network). CHN can be reached at (216)574-7100.

New wastewater rates went into effect January 1, 2018. For Cleveland residents, the Sewer District charges a monthly base rate of \$4.95 plus \$88.40 for each "MCF" (1000 cubic feet, or 7480 gallons of wastewater) used. A typical household uses 0.6 MCF and an average bill is approximately \$59 monthly.

More information about the Sewer District is available online at www.neorsd.org.

School Crisis Response and Grief Support Program Available to Local Schools



by Laurie Henrichsen

Tragic events such as the recent mass shooting at a Florida high school are difficult for anyone to comprehend and process. Locally and across the country, we collectively mourn the loss of life every time such a senseless tragedy occurs. In addition, our own sorrow, fear and despair can be heightened as we watch and hear about the plight of grieving students, teachers and the affected community on the nightly news.

Following such a crisis, expert on-site support frequently plays an instrumental role in helping faculty, staff members and students navigate the painful experiences of trauma, grief and loss. Locally, the bereavement center at Hospice of the Western Reserve – now called Western Reserve Grief Services - has offered a Crisis Response Program to provide immediate, on-site crisis response to deaths in the school communities of Northern Ohio for more than 15 years.

The program has been utilized by the

Cleveland Metropolitan School District and many others. The services are available to any school system in the nonprofit agency's service area. Trained bereavement professionals are available to provide on-site response. A single phone call from the school is all it takes to mobilize resources. In a typical year, trained grief and trauma support specialists from the organization deliver immediate on-site crisis support to 1,000 students and 250 adults.

"Schools must be prepared to respond to sudden, violent and traumatic deaths, such as car accidents, overdose deaths or shootings and suicides" said Diane Snyder Cowan, director of Western Reserve Grief Services. "Our partnership with schools allows them to more effectively address mental and emotional distress, reduce the likelihood of high-risk student behavior and return more quickly to productive teaching and learning.

"School personnel spend a good amount of time with the children, so in some respects, they become a second family," Snyder Cowan said. "Their response in times of grief and loss can be extremely comforting and helpful to students. It is not unusual for students to approach teachers, coaches, school counselors and others in the school community about topics that are too painful for them to discuss at home."

In coordination with the school, trained and experienced bereavement professionals are available to lead classroom, small

or large group student discussions, hold informational meetings with parents, provide individualized sessions during a crisis response and offer guidance to teachers and staff. Follow-up services such as memorial activities, small support group interventions and educational programs are available as needed. Proactive services are also offered, including crisis response planning.

The program is one of the ways the nonprofit agency extends its expertise in end-of-life care and bereavement support to the community at large. Hospice of the West-

ern Reserve is grateful for the financial support of individuals and other organizations, such as the Ridgecliff Foundation, for making the Grief Services for Schools Program possible. For more information on how you can ensure these important services are available for students, teachers, parents and school staff, contact Bonnie Robbins at 216.383.5258 or BRobbins@hospicewr.org. School administrators interested learning more are encouraged to visit the website: hospicewr.org/griefandloss, or call 216.486.6287.



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