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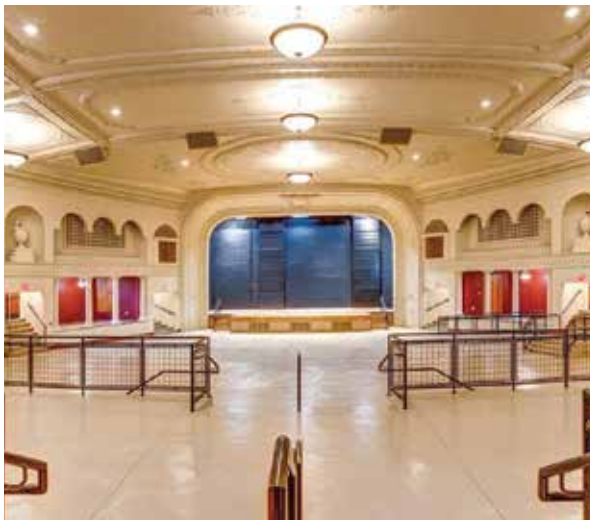
April 2018

## Now Showing: the Suites at the LaSalle!



by Vilija Nasvytis Klimas

Drum roll, please! Northeast Shores Development Corporation is proud to present the long awaited Suites at the LaSalle, five



beautifully renovated and updated suites which are now available to rent! Urban chic plus vintage details grace the three 1-bedroom and two 2-bedroom units varying in



size from 438 to 700 square feet, with rents ranging between \$500-\$635 (residents pay gas and electricity). Camille Maxwell, Executive Director of Northeast Shores

Development Corporation, explains; "The LaSalle complex, incorporating the venue space, retail and residential units is a jewel, and is bound to become an amazing

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## CNVDC Partnering Up to Serve You Better



Jungle Terry visits The Five Pointe Community Center during Christmas Break

by Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation

Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation (CNVDC) is

growing to better serve you. CNVDC is now partnered with the Five Pointe Community Center (FPCC) to expand the services throughout the southern part of Col-

linwood. CNVDC has been long geared toward serving residents with housing and safety issues. With the addition of the staff at the FPCC we will be expanding our outreach services into the community.

FPCC houses a senior meal program that offers seniors meals on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday every week. Seniors must be pre-registered before attending meals and can come to the center to sign up. During the summer season and during school breaks FPCC works with other community partners to help provide meals and activities to serve the children in the neighborhood.

The Cleveland Food Bank partners with FPCC to provide a free produce distribution at the center from March – November on the second Wednesday of the month from 2-5 p.m. We encourage people to bring their own bags to the distribution to take items home. Pantry items are distributed to community members once a month usually on the last Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Both of these events are free

of charge, registration happens the day of distribution and supplies are limited on a first come-first served basis. A current ID is required.

Other programs that are available through FPCC include a Medicare specialist who works with individuals to make certain that they are getting the most out of their benefits. Walk-ins are welcome on Thursday afternoons and other times are available by appointment. We also work with the Cleveland Catholic Diocese Workforce Development Program at St Philip Neri to help build job skills. Everything from resume' writing to assessment testing are available. We are continually changing and adding programs to better serve the community. You can keep up to date on all activities by connecting with us on Facebook at either Collinwood & Nottingham Villages or Five Pointe Community Center. You can also reach Five Pointe Community Center at 216.268.2138.

## The Art of Nature at Collinwood Friends Garden

by Brittainy Quinn

**What:**

The Collinwood Friends Garden, established 2011, is a green space in the city of Cleveland where community members are able to garden for free. There is a lot of maintenance and education involved in reducing ones' carbon footprint. In 2017, they were able to pay students to learn, help out and even create public art while doing it thanks to a grant from the Cleveland Climate Action Fund. We hope to use our successes from last year as a jumping off point to an even bigger and better summer program for 2018.

**Who:**

Brittainy Quinn, Interdisciplinary Arts Program Coordinator at Cleveland School of the Arts and garden co-founder, will lead

the program. Eight students from Cleveland School of the Arts will be paid to be apart of the program, and will mentor eight neighborhood youth. Ohio State University Extension will supply vegetable plants, seeds, and science education. Brittainy will provide art education.

\*If you are interested in signing your student up to join, please contact brittainyquinn@gmail.com. Ages 8-13 welcome!\*

**Where:**

The Collinwood Friends Garden is located at 257 East 156th street. Part of our funding will go towards securing and renovating a vacant store front across the street from the garden to provide a safe, sheltered classroom space.

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Students upcycled baskets into flowers to brighten our entrance way!







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Now Showing: the Suites at the LaSalle!

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institution!” Residents will enjoy the view from above the historic marquee, as well as the carefree lifestyle which comes with the meticulous rehab... Beautiful original hardwood flooring and spectacular woodwork highlight the original features – but everything else is brand new – heating, A/C, windows, kitchen, bathroom, appliances... And- there’s more – the third floor holds a common area with on-site laundry, a perfect spot for relaxing and overlooking the streetscape in a setting accented with exposed brickwork and recreated leaded-glass windows - designed and created by local Azure Stained Glass Studios!

Location, location, location! The LaSalle is in the corridor of activity – the E 185th independent bistros and cool eateries are a stone’s throw away... and so close to Metroparks, Lake Erie, freeways, transportation, bike trails, medical, Waterloo Arts District, 15 minutes from downtown or University Circle. There is sooo much to love about this area!

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Guess what time it is!

by Erin Randel

How do you know it's Springtime in Collinwood? Red-winged blackbirds are calling from the trees. Ladies with solo cups of wine are strolling our lakefront parks in the chilly sunshine, and we're calling out for content for the Scoop on Summer. What's the Scoop? It's a calendar that rounds up all the events, programs, arts & eateries around our community.

But the Scoop is not the Scoop without you. Your events, programs, and financial support are what have made this grassroots project possible, showcasing our gritty little slice of heaven for residents and visitors far and wide--now for the 12th year.

Submit your events & more online at collinwoodcoop.org. All listings are free.

- Eateries can verify their info on the website and submit changes by email to hello@collinwoodcoop.org.
- Block Clubs & Community Builders should check that their listings are correct, and send any updates by email.
- Events and Youth Programs should submit via the website.

Not sure where your content belongs? Want to volunteer to edit, proofread, or help with distribution? Touch base with project organizer Erin Randel by phone at (216) 235-5009 or email.

All listings are free thanks to the generosity of our sponsors. Many hands make light work, please consider serving as a sponsor at the \$500, \$250 or \$100 level, or contributing to our community-match crowdfunding campaign hosted by ioby.

You can show your support through a community match campaign, just visit collinwoodcoop.org/sponsor for the link to the crowdfunding page. Big sponsors want to see that residents and small donors value the project, so even a donation of \$5 helps us out.

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Register today for the ‘Big Clean 2018’ on Saturday, April 21



by Allison Lukacsy-Love

It is finally spring! The days are longer, perennial flowers emerge from the formerly frozen ground, and birds chirp away in the trees. However, amidst all this natural beauty, grocery bags and candy wrappers swirl in the wind. What can YOU do to help keep Euclid Beautiful this spring?

Join hundreds of volunteers for a city-wide cleanup on Saturday, April 21st, 2018. The second annual "Big Clean" kicks off at 9 am at Villa Angela-St. Joseph (VASJ) School at 18491 Lakeshore Boulevard. Any volunteer can stop by to pick up free cleanup supplies including trash bags and gloves. After a few hours of cleaning your neighborhood, return back to VASJ to celebrate with free food, music, raffle prizes and more.

"The Big Clean 2018" revives a competition between Euclid and Collinwood to see which community collects the most bags of trash (Euclid won by a longshot last year!) Building off the success of last year's inaugural event, Keep Euclid Beautiful and Euclid Beach Adopt-A-Beach groups are teaming up with the Cleveland-based Litterbugz to make this year's cleanup even bigger and empower even more folks to take action to improve our neighborhoods and our Great Lake!

How to get involved:

1. Register at [www.thelitterbugz.org/events/big-clean-2018](http://www.thelitterbugz.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!
2. Pick up supplies at the volunteer check-in location at VASJ on Saturday, April 21st between 9-9:30am.
3. Pick up trash within an assigned cleanup area. (Pick a favorite/preferred area when you register, or ask to be assigned where help is most needed.)
4. Celebrate! All volunteers are invited to a post clean-up celebration from noon to 1:30pm.

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 [itsthebigclean@gmail.com](mailto:itsthebigclean@gmail.com) or call 216-571-0685

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Round Robin Summer Arts Camp



by Morgan Wood

This summer, local non-profit Waterloo Arts will be bringing back last year's Round Robin summer arts camp. Waterloo Arts' Board President Danielle Uva enrolled her two boys, 10 and 7 at the time, in the camp last summer. Her children went to several camps that summer, but Round Robin was "by far their favorite camp." They found the time spent with professional artists in their own spaces, the galleries and studios around Waterloo where the camp is held, to be intimate and therefore more engaging. The setup of the camp is such that students learn from professional artists about a new medium each day, such as ceramics or printing, and make a small project in the day's medium

Waterloo Arts itself is a community



space, and the organization encourages a culture where the students to feel ownership over the space and freedom to experiment. The instruction and setting made the students feel like they were part of something bigger than themselves, and a year later, Uva's children still talk about what they did at Waterloo. For instance, the students screen printed t-shirts last year, and the boys take great pride in wearing something that they conceived and made. Not only do they still wear the shirts though, they even reflect on what they would change about their design. They felt empowered to make something completely their own, and they self-reflect on the process.

There was one day of the camp last year when the students focused on fiber art and were taught at Praxis how to dye fabric and



how to felt. Praxis is a nonprofit organization that functions as a cooperative textile studio, offering classes, studio space, and communal space for all fiber arts processes such as weaving, fabric design, and spinning yarn. Jessica Pinsky, the Executive Director, expects students this year to focus on felting. Pinsky's goal for the students is explicitly to get them thinking about where the fabric comes from and how it is made—how their blanket started out as fiber which was turned into cloth and then eventually a blanket their parents bought at a store. Pinsky hopes that students feel empowered by being able to create something. The process of having an idea and following it through the process of execution to create a tangible item gives people of any age the feeling of ownership. Also, even though

the kids focus on fiber and fabric for only a brief amount of time, the kids are exposed to new ways of thinking about the fabric in their lives, from their clothes to their bedding, and to new mediums and methods of art creation.

This year, the two-week long camp will run twice, July 9-20 and July 23-August 3, on weekdays from 9 to noon. It is open to children ages 6-13. This year's iteration of the camp will be similar to last year's: students will be taught daily by professional artists who specialize in fiber arts, ceramics, printing, street art, and more. Each day of the camp focuses in on one of these specialties, and the students get to know and use the different maker-spaces and galleries on Waterloo. For more information and to register for the camp, visit [waterlooarts.org](http://waterlooarts.org).

Steve Cup: Breaking Point



Maria Neil @ Waterloo Arts  
April 6, 2018 – May 13, 2018  
Opening Reception:  
Waterloo Arts Gallery  
Friday, April 6, 2018  
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Cleveland, OH – The Maria Neil Art Project marks their return to the Cleveland gallery scene with a provocative and compelling exhibition by New York based artist Steve Cup.

'Breaking Point', opening on Friday, April 6 at Waterloo Arts in Collinwood, is one artists' visual response to the first year of the Trump presidency. In this body of work Steve Cup explores what he – and perhaps others - see as a rapidly deteriorating sense of community as the country reaches all-time levels of divisiveness. Spanning

personal works, private commissions and commercial work, each piece represents an immediate, often emotional reaction to the violently changing social tide in America including themes of gun violence, migration, racism and Trump himself.

The exhibition, curated by John Farina and Adam Tully, marks the Maria Neil Art Project's return to the art scene after closing their Waterloo gallery last year. "We are so excited to get back into doing what we love – exhibiting incredible, thought provoking artwork," says Tully, "This exhibition will not disappoint. Some may take offense to the material and find it 'in -your-face' and others will find it bold and an accurate reflection of the current social and political situation today."

Timothy Callaghan: “A Lovely Tremble” a Maria Neil Pop-Up Exhibition



Maria Neil @ The LaSalle  
April 20, 2018 – April 22, 2018  
Opening Reception:  
LaSalle Arts & Media Center  
Friday, April 20, 2018  
5:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Cleveland, OH – The Maria Neil Art Project presents their first 'pop-up' temporary exhibition in the storefronts of the new LaSalle Arts & Media Center in Collinwood.

The exhibition features the latest new work by local Cleveland artist Timothy Callaghan. Proceeds from the exhibition will be donated to the revitalization of the

LaSalle Arts & Media Center.

'A Lovely Tremble' is a body of work featuring the scenery that is the East 185th Street neighborhood of Collinwood. "In the later half of 2016 I began a body of work with the intention of limiting myself to what could be found as source material on E. 185 Street, the street I live off of in Cleveland, Ohio," says artist Timothy Callaghan. The process began with the artist working 'en plein air' or, painting outdoors, in a large format sketchbook with walnut ink observing the landscapes he could walk to from his home. After the intimal ink

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April Showers Springs up New Programs



by Kiaira Jefferson

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**This Month's Program Highlights features:**  
**Common Sense Legal @ Collinwood Branch**

Cleveland Public Library is changing to meet the needs of our patrons by building partnerships and collaborating with other organizations to increase access to resources and services that improve their quality of life. On, Wednesday, March 14th, the Collinwood Branch was one of four branches that brought a new, FREE, resource to our community - Common Sense Legal. The online tools available at [www.ohiolegahelp.org](http://www.ohiolegahelp.org)

(and coming soon to [www.lasclev.org](http://www.lasclev.org)) allow people to answer common sense questions about their situation and create legal documents at the end of the "interview." People can prepare legal documents to apply to seal a criminal record, to answer an eviction, and to apply for a simple divorce when they do not have minor children, as well as others. During the workshops, Legal Aid and Case Western Reserve Law Students assisted patrons in using these online tools that are available to the public anytime. Participants were very pleased with the workshop Ericka Smith, from the staff, reported that "One of the people who participated ask me if "there would be additional workshops in the future and if she needed some help would I be available to assist with completing the legal forms with her." Others stated to the manager, Caroline Peak that they were very happy that a



program of this nature was provided in the community instead of them having to commute downtown and having to pay bus fare. Cleveland Legal Aid will continue working to improve the tools and expand their use through its partnership with Cleveland Public Library.

Take a look at what else we've got coming up for you in April:

**Cleveland Museum of Art-In Your Neighborhood – Art Club!**  
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. The FINAL session is Thursday, April 12th at 4:30pm

**Pick Your Poetry**  
April is National Poetry Month! We're digging DEEP this time, looking into the various types of poems and what makes each style unique. Kids can create their own poems from their favorite style and we'll bring everything together by creating the Branch's first ever book of poetry! Thursday, April 19th 4:30pm

**Kids Café – After School Meal Program**  
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by New Praise Ministries  
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## “Two Faiths-One Spirit” a Review



Julia Wallace, music director at St. Jerome was delighted to meet renowned accordion virtuoso and composer, Merima Kljuèo after the performance.



Lydia & Jude Troha and Dan Postotnik agreed they had never heard accordian playing like this before.

by Julia and Lawrence Wallace

Transported by the music, the audience of Thursday's concert at St. Jerome Church explored the preservation of cultural histories through the tragedies and perseverance that surround warfare and persecution. Conductor Avner Dorman, CityMusic Cleveland and the selected composers gave us an opportunity to suffer with, pray with and celebrate with life stories surrounding the Sarajevo Haggadah (one of the oldest illustrated manuscripts of the Jewish text used during Passover Seder) and the Timbuktu Manuscripts (collected documents from the Golden Age of Mali). Highlights of the evening included the guest performance of composer and accordionist Merima Kljuèo (b. 1973) and specialty Moroccan instrumentation for Tom Cohen's (b. 1983) Warzazat. Every moment of this concert invited the audience to counter such adversities through upholding commonalities over differences.

From the program notes by Dr. Richard Rodda: “A powerful and enduring force for good, on the other hand, is the striving to live by the tenets that unite the great religions rather than exploiting their differences to promote disharmony.”

The music gave us an opportunity to do just that.

A world renowned virtuoso and composer, Merima Kljuèo breaks so many boundaries in her performance on the accordion that the instrument might not even be identifiable to first-time listeners. Her virtuosic playing stems from a deeply rooted response to the story of her composition, visible in her expression as she plays and audible in the experimental techniques she uses to portray the emotions of the heart. Swaying passionately in her seat as she smacked the keys, evoking sounds of gunshots and war, and furrowing her brow in a tenuous suspense, eliciting the ominous threat and penetrating fear as she

## St. Jerome Students Develop Necessary Academic Skills

by Phillip Dank

St. Jerome School continues to offer a program which tutors students in the academic areas of Reading and Math. Students are recommended to this program based on their scores from the state's standardized tests.

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Before tutoring begins we consider each student's current knowledge in the academic area(s) that that may be struggling with. It's not that the subjects are too difficult—it's that these skills build upon one another and can at times become challenging.

How do we commence? After revealing the student's current knowledge, we establish learning goals. While it is important for students to fulfill their full potential, it is relevant to set realistic goals. We set individual goals because if goals too high, a student may begin to lose self-esteem. Short-term goals work best as a starting point. Later goals are re-visited and modified to cater towards the student's accomplishments.

Once initial goals are established the student's academic plan starts to take action. As an educator, I prefer to view “tutoring time” is only for schooling. Concentrating on improving academic skills will help students to overcome learning obstacle. I remain persistent, attempting to set a good example and show how learning is vital.

Our tutoring program is useful because monitoring student's learning allows student growth in academic areas.



Merima Kljuèo and City Music Cleveland thrilled the audience with their presentation of her composition “Sarajevo Haggadah” at St. Jerome Church. City Music will return on May 16th at 7:30 for another amazing, free concert.



Mary Ruffing, Rhonda Franklin and Phil von Bethmann-Hollweg enjoy conversation at intermission.

droned with the bass and layered in chilling trebles. The added beauty of her orchestration augmented the accordion greatly, creating a greater disparity between the depths of the thundering timpani and the shrills of violin harmonics. Glowing with admiration as I was, meeting Merima afterward set me beaming. This tremendously esteemed musician humbly initiated a hug! It's precious to experience music as it takes us in full circles from human interaction which inspires art, back to

human interaction which receives art and resonates with the inspiration. The humility of the musicians of CityMusic Cleveland, who bring such refinement into our community freely shared, demonstrates beautifully the sentiment stated above: to promote unity and harmony by recognizing the things we all share, and to share openly with all. Thank you CityMusic, Merima Kljuèo, and all the staff at St. Jerome Church who made this experience possible.

## A Year to Remember 1919 - 2019



by Adele Markert

St. Jerome Centennial Celebration  
Beginning on the Feast of St. Jerome, Sunday, September 30th 2018 and lasting until Sunday

September 29th 2019 we have a full year of events planned to commemorate our 100th year.

We need your help to get the word out and to help plan the various activities. Committees are being formed and you can sign up using the bottom half of this form if you would like to be involved. The calendar of events follows:

**Sunday, September 30, 2018** Mass with The Most Reverend Roger Gries at 10am | Coffee and donuts following Mass | Clam/Steak Bake served from 1-4pm.

**October 2018:** City Music Cleveland Chamber Orchestra concert TBA

**Sunday, November 4, 2018** Reunion Classes of 1922-1959 | 10am Mass with School Tour to follow. What else might you like to do?

**December 2018,** City Music Cleveland Chamber Orchestra concert TBA

**Sunday, January 27, 2019** Catholic Schools Week begins | Reunion for classes of 2000-2018 | School open house following 10am Mass | What else would you like to do?

**Friday, February 1, 2019:** St. Jerome School Reverse Raffle Tizzano's Party Center.

**March 2019:** City Music Cleveland Chamber Orchestra concert TBA

**Saturday, April 27, 2019:** Reunion Classes of 1960-1979 | 4pm Mass followed by school

tour | What else would you like to do?

**May 2019** City Music Cleveland Chamber Orchestra concert TBA, this will be a Sunday 4pm concert

**Sunday, June 30, 2019:** Annual Parish Picnic and Raffle 12pm-5pm

**Sunday July 21, 2019:** 10am Mass with The Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez | Gala Brunch 11:30am to 4pm at Tizzano's Party Center

**Saturday, August 24, 2019:** Reunion Classes of 1980 to 1999 | 4pm Mass followed by school tour | What else would you like to do?

**Sunday, September 29, 2019:** Annual Clam/Steak Bake | 10am Mass followed by coffee and donuts | Clam Bake served from 1-4pm

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Rock Star Students shine in First Grade with these Positive Office Referrals!

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Congrats to these Secret Student winners!

some first graders who won "Secret Student" or "Positive Office Referral" awards.

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Ms. Figueroa presents awards to our writing winners!

Each year, Imagine Bella students in grades 3-6 participate in the National Imagine Character Essay contest. Students craft essays in response to provided maxims with a focus on character. The essays are edited by peers and final drafts are typed to send for



Time for a sweet treat for our Character Essay Winners!

the national contest. Our school level winners were honored during a special awards assembly where students were able to invite family and one fellow student. We are so proud of our students for their excellence in writing and positive character!

## Snow Much Fun!



Students enjoying some winter fun outside!

## Puppet Show



Kindergarten students created their own puppets in Art.

Kindergarten students at Imagine Bella created puppets during their Art classes with Art Teacher Mrs. Heston. After their puppets are done it's time to put them to



Time for the Puppet Show!

good use. Students performed puppet shows using their own creations! Check out these photos from the Art Room Puppet Theater.

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# Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

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## Drama Club performs “Arsenic and Old Lace”

by Anna Radachy '19

The cast and crew of VASJ's Drama Club gave three great performances of Joseph Kesselring's *Arsenic and Old Lace*.

With an amazing cast, drop-dead comedy, and an impressive set, *Arsenic and Old Lace* was a hit with the huge crowd that attended. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many saying it was the best play VASJ has put on in years, bolstering the cast's amazing efforts.

For three months, the cast and crew worked non-stop to make this play the sensational success that it was.

Junior Khalid Mitcham played Mortimer Brewster, the oblivious nephew of the murderous Brewster sisters. His performance was unforgettable, with his excellent one-liners and his amazing acting.

"There has been blood, sweat, and tears, but in the end it was all worth it," says Khalid.

Many of his castmates felt the same. Michael Doss, a senior who



After months of hard work, members of the cast and crew of VASJ's Drama Club, under the direction of Molly Lorek, gave three great performances of Joseph Kesselring's *Arsenic and Old Lace*. From an impressive set to an amazing cast, the play was a huge success.

portrayed Dr. Herman Einstein with a hilarious accent and amazing sight gags, had similar feelings. He summed it up in one word: Fantastic.

Director Molly Lorek, who has been involved with Drama Club for the

past three years, was also pleased with the outcome.

"We had a talented group of students this year," Lorek says.

"Everyone worked really well together and everyone helped to create an

amazing play."

For now, the Drama Club will rest and relish in the success of the play. Soon they will begin planning for next year's fall performances as well as plan the club's fundraising events.

## Over 125 seventh-grade students attend Future Viking Day

by Hailey Barnett '18



Over 125 seventh-grade students from 28 middle schools in Northeast Ohio visited VASJ for the annual 7th Grade Future Viking Day.

It was the largest crowd VASJ has had yet with a 40% increase compared to last year's attendance.

"This is the third year we've had Future Viking Day and each year it continues to grow," says Admissions Coordinator Molly Lorek.

The day began with a tour around the campus, guided by VASJ Student Ambassadors, as well as sitting in on a

high school class, giving the seventh-grade students an opportunity to get the high school experience and learn what VASJ is all about.

The students were then given a sneak peek of the Drama Club's spring production as well as time to create a craft with a photo taken in VASJ's bookstore as a keepsake.

"You could feel the energy in the gym as the students were arriving in the morning," Lorek says. "We cannot wait to have them as official Vikings in the fall of 2019."

The event ended with lunch featuring a crowd-pleasing taco bar.

## Registration is now open for Escape on the Lake 5K Run

Spring is here which means summer is right around the corner. Registration is now open for VASJ's seventh annual Escape on the Lake 5K run and 1-mile walk.

The race will start at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School and end at the Lake Erie shoreline, on the beautiful grounds of the David Simpson Hospice House.

All participants are invited to stick around for hot dogs and drinks with music, frisbees and of course, race results. This is a rain-or-shine event!

All pre-registered participants are guaranteed a t-shirt and awards will be given to the top three male and female runners in the following age groups: 9 & Under, 10-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70 & over.

Register by Monday, April 30, to save \$5. Beginning May 1, registration will be \$25. For more info visit [vasj.com/escapeonthelake](http://vasj.com/escapeonthelake).



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## Lowdown at Lakeshore Intergenerational School



"Brain breaks" are always better outside!



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Spring weather means we can do SSR outside!



Primary Cluster created "Fox Puppets" as part of their "Read Across America" activities.



Mrs. Evans art students at Waterloo Arts.



Our students beautiful DayGlo Creations.

by Shawn Hollowell

Our students and staff enjoyed their Spring Break the week of March 5th-9th. While the month was shorter, that didn't mean less learning and fun for the students of Lakeshore Intergenerational School!

Within our classrooms the students engaged in a variety of interactive learning activities. Junior Cluster students created

"face posters." They selected, researched, designed and presented an African American figure of their choice. Others participated in a heritage project, where they interviewed and compared their life to that of an elder. Our Black History Month Speaker Series continued with Dr. Woods. Dr. Woods, the Choir/Music Department Chair at the Cleveland School of the Arts, shared advice

and stories with our students. In May, he will return to Lakeshore with his choir to perform for the school community! In science class, our Junior Cluster students got to dissect owl pellets as a way to enhance their learning on life cycles, food chains and food webs. Our Primary Cluster students created their own Dr. Seuss "Fox puppets" as part of their Read Across America activities. As Spring has officially sprung the Primary Cluster students also created and shared their own Spring Stories!

Our students got to participate in a lot of fun activities this March too. Mrs. Witt announced our Spring Musical. This year we will perform Aladdin. We want to thank all of those over at LaSalle Theatre as they've graciously partnered with us as the host for this year's musical! Our Primary Cluster students and the elders at Lakeshore Rose Center connect with each other through characters and songs of the classical musical, Peter Pan. Our Junior Cluster students

had two unique art activities. The first was via GroundWorks Dance Theatre who lead a dance/movement workshop for 30 of our students. In two weeks our students will attend an interactive performance/demonstration at the Breen Center for the Arts. Our students also got to visit Waterloo Arts. While there they learned about and got to create their very own DayGlo creations!

The fun continues next month (even as State Testing begins) as we have a field trip to the Great Lakes Science Center as well as a Family Skate Night planned.

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.

Interested in attending Lakeshore Intergenerational School? Our spots for next school year are filling up fast. Please contact Mr. Hollowell with any questions/comments/concerns regarding enrollment.

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## Meet the Candidates

## Early Voting Will Soon be Underway for the May 8, 2018 Primary Election

by Mike West

(Cleveland) – Vote by mail and early voting for the May 8th Primary Election opens on April 10th at the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

Elections elsewhere in the country have seen higher than normal turnout this year. In similar primary elections 23% turnout would be considered normal. "I am projecting 30% voter turnout with close to 80,000 people voting early or by mail and 180,000 voters are expected on Election Day for a total of and 260,000 ballots cast," said Pat McDonald, Director of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

The Primary winners will advance to the November General Election. "I want to

remind people that your vote matters and to stand up and be counted in the most exciting mid-term primary election in over a decade," said Pat McDonald.

There are 213 candidates running for 71 offices and judicial seats with 37 contested races. "Both major parties are holding contested races for Governor and the Republicans have a contested race for the US Senate. These important ballot decisions could, and should drive more voters to the polls, even those who tend to sit out primaries," said McDonald.

In addition, there is a statewide issue that would change the method Ohio lawmakers use to determine political boundaries and nearly a thousand Democrats are running

for County Central Committee seats.

Voters are encouraged to submit their vote by mail ballot applications as soon as possible. To request a ballot application visit: [www.443vote.com](http://www.443vote.com), or call 216-443-VOTE (8683). They are also available at all public libraries. The Board will begin mailing ballots to voters on April 10th.

The Board of Elections is open for early voting on the following dates at these times:

**Weekdays: April 10 to April 27**

8:00 AM 5:00 PM

**Weekdays: April 30 to May 4**

8:00 AM 7:00 PM

**Saturday, May 05** 8:00 AM 4:00 PM

**Sunday, May 06** 1:00 PM 5:00 PM

**Monday, May 07** 8:00 AM 2:00 PM  
 The Board of Elections is located at 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland.

**Voter Registration Deadline:**

The voter registration and change of address deadline for the May 8th Primary Election is Monday, April 9th, at 9:00 p.m. Voters who have not registered, moved, or have changed their name, must complete and return a voter registration card on, or before the deadline. Voters also have the option of registering online at: [www.443vote.com](http://www.443vote.com)

## Danielle Shepard



by Danielle Shepard  
 Shepherd received her bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Akron in 2009, her master's

degree in law from Champlain College in 2012, and her Ph.D. in leadership/business

psychology from the Chicago Professional School of Psychology in 2016. Shepherd has a certification in cross-cultural management. Shepherd's professional experience includes owning two small businesses: Nicroix Consulting and Property Management and Gecon Supply Company LLC. She has also worked as the vice president of G.E. Construction Company. She was a student affiliate of the American Psychological Association and a committee member of the Advisory Board of the African American Community Chamber of Commerce.

## Kyle B. Earley



by Stephanie Pope-Earley  
 Meet the Candidate: House District 10 State Representative Name: Kyle B. Earley Age: 38

Who is Kyle Earley? Kyle Earley is a Pastor, Activist and Leader, raised in Cleveland, Ohio.

Foundation: Speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves "Proverbs 31:8-9"

Raised in Cleveland, Ohio in the Collinwood - Glenville area, Earley is no stranger to the community. His work and activism has taken him across the state of Ohio and the Greater Cleveland area as an Advocate for Justice.

Organizing and Advocacy Background: 2006 - Advocated for One Church One Child - Foster Care and Adoption 2008 - Progress Ohio - for tougher background checks on the purchase of guns and assault rifles

2009 - Organized the Cleveland Voter Coalition to address the need to increase voter turnout, by voter education and engagement

2011 - Organized to fight SB5 - a bill created to attack and dismantle our labor movement which protects the rights and wages of workers

2012 - Organized to fight HB 194 - a voter suppression bill

2014 - Political Director for Senator Nina Turner, state wide Ohio Secretary of State Campaign

2015 - Established the Youth Empowerment League for 5th and 6th grade students 2016 - 2017 - Spokesperson and Com-

munity Outreach Director for Raise Up Cleveland - Raising the Minimum Wage in Cleveland

2017 - Fought against tax payer money for the transformation of the Quicken Loans Arena Serving the Community:

Pastor Earley has been a mentor for over 10 years, working with young men to become responsible men in their communities. Due to his endless service to the community and passion for social justice, Pastor Kyle Earley received the Martin Luther King Jr. Social Justice award from the State of Ohio, Who's Who in Black Cleveland Top 50 Influential Leaders, Cleveland Cavaliers Black Heritage Celebration Award, One Church One Child Community Leadership Award, Christian Community Beacon of Hope Award, and the Heart Feeders Social Justice Award.

Why This Election Is So Important:

House District 10 covers parts of the following Wards 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 and 15. This is one of the most diverse House Districts in the State. For too long only part of the district has had any representation. Earley intends to represent the entire district. One of the ways he will accomplish this is by having 2 offices, one east and one west. His unique proposal of having regular town halls will help identify issues that each community is dealing with and will keep our residents and businesses informed regarding policies and legislation taking place in Columbus.

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## Terrence Upchurch



My name is Terrence Upchurch and I am a candidate for Ohio House District 10. I am a lifelong Democrat, who was born and

raised in the greater Collinwood and Glenville communities. I am a proud graduate of St. Peter Chanel High School. I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Cleveland State University and I am pursuing a Master's of Public Administration Degree from Villanova University. Most recently, I served as a special assistant to Cleveland City Council and previously worked alongside Cuyahoga County Councilman Anthony Hairston. From these experiences, I have learned and developed a keen understanding of the nuances of gov-

ernment which I plan to take to the State House.

I understand the importance of having partnerships at the State House and will use this office as a platform to fight for working class families. In District 10 and all across Ohio, we have felt the impact of a state legislature that continues to cut resources. In Cuyahoga County alone, over 100 million dollars has been stripped from our local governments at the hands of the state, making it more difficult for municipalities to meet the basic needs of the people and provide simple services such as: Police and Fire.

I look forward to being a true and trusted ally in the State House and fighting for resources that District 10 so desperately needs. I am the endorsed Democrat in this race and have received support from Congresswoman Marcia Fudge. I have also received endorsements from the following members of Cleveland City Council: Kerry McCormack, Blaine A. Griffin, and Anthony T. Hairston

## Aanand Mehta



by Aanand Mehta  
 My name is Aanand Mehta and I am running to represent District 10. I was born in this District. I live in this Dis-

trict. I work in this District. I am confident that I am the most qualified candidate for this position because of my professional experience, my personal background and my community service.

My experience of 5+ years as a transactional attorney at Jones Day has prepared me to be an effective legislator. The position that I am running for is a lawmaking position and I am the only practicing lawyer in this race. I have been trained to understand the law and to interpret the law. Every day, I draft complex legal documents, which is an essential role of a legislator. Understanding the intricacies of the law will strengthen any legislation I hope to pass. Furthermore, urban interests are at a severe disadvantage in Columbus; District 10 must have a skilled negotiator to fight on its behalf. I negotiate on behalf of my clients against some of the largest financial institutions on a daily basis and I fully in-

tend to employ those skills to get the most effective laws and increased funding for our region.

Additionally, my personal background uniquely qualifies me to represent District 10. District 10 is the most diverse district in Ohio, as it includes Glenville, Collinwood, Bratenahl, Downtown, and Clark-Fulton, amongst other neighborhoods. While I am an attorney integrated into Cleveland's business community, as the son of Indian immigrants, I understand the importance of strong neighborhoods. I believe that I can bridge the "two Clevelands" to present a united platform in the Statehouse. For example, my platform includes offering tax credits to businesses that train underemployed, unemployed and disabled members of our community, seniors and veterans for specific vacant positions.

Moreover, I have a track record of service to the community. At the University of Pennsylvania Law School, I earned distinction for my pro bono service, which largely comprised of filing tax returns for lower income families. I have also co-founded the Brain Gain Cleveland Project, a non-profit aimed at retaining talented Clevelanders in the city. Through Jones Day, I participated in Clemency Project 2014 and represented an incarcerated client pro bono to reduce his sentence. Ultimately, for the reasons above, I am the best choice to represent District 10.



Community

## Collinwood Area Faith Based Groups Meet to Discuss Safety

by Sr. Madeline Muller

On January 31 the Collinwood Neighborhood Catholic Ministries along with Councilman Michael Polensek, 5th District Police Safety Liaison Greg Pollard and the Collinwood Pastoral Association met to discuss the recent upsurge of violent shootings and murders that have occurred in the area within the past six months.

As a result of the presentation and discussion, they adopted a plan of action and have scheduled another meeting for Wednesday, February 28th from 2:30 – 4:00 at Saint Mary's Slovenian Room.

The Action Plan is only the beginning of a commitment to work together as a positive manifestation of light and wholeness while continuing to be a blessing and a sign of God's presence in this area.

1. We each promised to pray with our congregations, constituents and neighbors for a non-violent end to this violence.
2. The Salvation Army will host a monthly prayer hour for Collinwood and our neighboring municipalities.
3. We will talk about ways to curb violence with our clients and congregations.

4 We will flood the City of Cleveland and neighboring municipalities with letters asking for more support for our citizens safety.

5. We will meet again on February 28th from 2:30 – 4:00 at St. Mary's 15519 Holmes. All interested parties are invited.

6 We will plan a future meeting with City officials to discuss our safety concerns and ways we can request more assistance from the city of Cleveland and other municipalities.

The group met again on February 28th. At that time, attendees heard from Hank Davis who has worked with gangs to stem violence and brainstormed ways to help make Collinwood a safer community.

During the March 21st meeting the group decided to focus on youth. The following action steps were adopted:

- Put together a panel on juvenile justice for next meeting.
- Contact Boys and Girls Clubs regarding the possibility of collaboration
- Collaborate with MyCom
- Participate in the Walk for Safety on March 30th

## Don't Be a Litter Butt!



by Claire Posius

Why is Litter a Problem?

When trash (plastic bags, bottles, cigarette butts, plastic cigar tips, etc.) is discarded onto the ground, it washes into storm drains and directly into our waterways untreated. Trash negatively impacts wildlife and migratory birds, poses hazards for fisherman and boaters, and is an eyesore along streets, parks, and waterways in our community.

**Litter Facts / Did You Know?**

- Plastic pieces, cigar tips and cigarette filters are continually at the top of the list of trash found at beach cleanups locally and worldwide (Ocean Conservancy).
- More plastic cigar tips are found on Cleveland beaches than in any of the other Great Lakes Beach Cleanups (Alliance for the Great Lakes).
- Cigarette filters/butts are NOT biodegradable. The acetate filters take years to decompose, and the toxic chemicals trapped in the filters can leak into aquatic ecosystems, threatening our water resources.
- Plastics break down into tiny pieces called microplastics in water, then release toxic chemicals swallowed by fish, birds, snakes, and other wildlife.

- It can take 600 years for plastic monofilament fishing line to decompose.

**What You Can Do:**

- Do Not Litter! Lake Erie is our source of drinking water, so we need to do our part to clean up pollution and to educate others not to litter.
- Follow the 3R's—Reduce, Reuse and Recycle wherever possible (Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District is the local recycling resource).
- Use reusable shopping bags instead of single-use plastic bags at the store and recycle bags if the service is available at your grocery store.
- Don't overfill trash cans as litter can blow into the street on windy days.
- If you see illegal dumping, alert the City's Service or Police Department.
- Organize a storm drain stenciling activity in your neighborhood to educate people that Only Rain goes Down the Storm Drain.
- Volunteer at a local stream, beach or park cleanup event.

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School

## 'Black Lightning' creator talks diversity with East Clark students



by CMSD News Bureau

Tony Isabella, the man behind the DC Comics superhero "Black Lightning," has held tight to his Cleveland roots since he created the character in the 1970s.

Decades later, Isabella visited East Clark School in Collinwood and shared the stories and inspiration behind DC's first African-American superhero with the youngest generation of Cleveland children. He spoke with fifth- through eighth-graders about how growing up reading comics with a diverse group of friends motivated him to create "Black Lightning," a schoolteacher who acquires electrical superpowers that he uses to fight crime in his crime-ridden neighborhood.

"When I was growing up, there weren't a lot of black characters in comics, but everybody wants to see themselves in the fiction they enjoy," Isabella said while visiting the

school on March 22. "Black Lightning" was something I created for my black friends."

Isabella grew up on the West Side of Cleveland and currently lives in Medina when he's not traveling to conventions or other events.

The CW television network's prime-time series version of "Black Lightning," premiered in January. Meanwhile, Isabella is writing the six-issue DC Comics miniseries "Return of Black Lightning." The third issue is on the stands, and the story is set in Cleveland.

Some of the plot and settings that appear in the comics are inspired by the city. The climactic battle in the final issues takes place in an abandoned U.S. Coast Guard station on Whiskey Island (In the comic book, it's called Scotch Island). The cover of third issue, showing two frightened children, references a story informed by the November 2014 shooting of 12-year-old Tamir Rice.

The appearance at East Clark was Isabella's first visit to a CMSD school in recent memory. It was the result of a letter written by East Clark curriculum and instruction specialist Tara Roberson, who read a Plain Dealer article about Isabella in January and thought he would be a strong role model for her students.

"It's important for students to see professionals of a different type," Roberson said. "They've met attorneys and doctors on career day, but I thought it also would be beneficial to introduce them to someone from Cleveland who's made a career out of his creative talents."

The East Clark students, who completed art projects related to "Black Lightning" before Isabella's visit, were impressed and, in some cases, starstruck. Kimberly, a fifth-grader, said she enjoyed learning the backstory of the groundbreaking comic-book character.

"This is my first time ever hearing about a black superhero, and it's inspirational to let black people know that they can be anything they want and that superheroes can be any race," Kimberly said.

Isabella said he hopes to encourage kids in Cleveland that comics is a welcoming field for people of all backgrounds.

"I want to let them know that comics really is a colorblind field," he said. "If you can write or draw well, people will read your comic books."

## Collinwood Village Academy Buddy Program



by Bethany Scott

At Collinwood Village Academy our Kindergarten students are assigned to a sixth grade student based on their personalities and teacher recommendations at the beginning of the year. The students then meet to complete projects and activities together a few times per month. The Big Buddies, or sixth graders, benefit from helping teach and reinforce reading skills, writing, math and more. The students quickly become friends. The little buddies benefit from having someone help with activities to build confidence and skills needed to be



## Hannah Gibbons preschool receives top rating

by CMSD News Bureau

The preschool at Hannah Gibbons School, 1401 Larchmont Road, has received the state's top rating for quality.

The score helps the Cleveland Metropolitan School District move closer to its goal of having all of the District's 61 preschool

sites earn high ratings for quality.

Five other preschool sites – Case, Mary M. Bethune, Nathan Hale and Patrick Henry schools and Douglas MacArthur Girls' Leadership Academy – also recently received the maximum five stars from Ohio's voluntary Step Up to Quality program.

All of CMSD's 45 rated sites have earned five stars, and the rest are going or will go through the evaluation process.

The age when children attend preschool is a critical period in brain formation and the development of skills like communication and teamwork. PRE4CLE, a partnership between the District and private providers, is working to make high-quality preschool available to as many District children as possible.

The initiative is part of The Cleveland Plan, a blueprint for education reform in the city.





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