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Children's Garden is Planted & Ready to Water at Memorial Nottingham Library!



Painted Rain Barrel is filled by the library staff for easy access to water - We Need Your Help: Bring the Kids & Water!! Photo by Linda Zolten Wood

by Linda Wood

Children's Garden is Planted & Ready to Water at Memorial Nottingham Library!

HELP is NEEDED to water the garden a few days a week, using the buckets to be filled in the corner by the full rain barrel (past the bike racks).

Herbs are ready to cut small pieces from and added to your recipes! The larger collard and leek leaves are ready to be harvested - - - CUT - Please don't pull up the plant, THANK YOU!!

The companion game that goes with the

Garden, Operation: Vegetables: The Giant Board Game of Yummy Health! Is permanently in place in the Children's area:

Don't forget to Reserve your game day NOW: FREE at Memorial Nottingham Library, 216 623-7039 for Inside play any time! 2 to 6 children recommended, ages 7-12: Adult supervision is required. Please remove shoes on the game board. Readers are needed to help the Learning-to-Readers! Typical game takes 30 minutes.

This game and garden was designed and copyrighted by Linda Zolten Wood, direc-



Play the Operation: Vegetables! The Giant Board Game of Yummy Health! Any time the children's area is FREE: Reserve your spot for FREE with the Children's Librarian or the front desk. Photo by Linda Zolten Wood

tor of The Collinwood Painted Rain Barrel Project, whose idea was voted YES by the community through the Ballot Box Project in 2016 to create this fun way for kids to learn about nutrition in active play. This season's garden is supported by Neighborhood Connections and The Collinwood Painted Rain Barrel Project.

Since this pilot project was launched, she has created games for Grovewood Salvation Army, Five Pointe Community Center, Carnegie West Branch Library, along with a tabletop version for Collinwood Branch

Library, and a game is being created for Sterling Branch Library this summer, sponsored by Center for Arts-Inspired Learning.

Contact zoltenwooddesign@aol.com to inquire about creating a painted rain barrel, painting workshop or game for your group!

See Operation: Vegetables: The Giant Board Game of Yummy Health! on Facebook for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/Operation-Vegetables-The-Giant-Board-Game-of-Yummy-Health-548242505300448/>

GreenFest! Sunday, July 15th at Coit Road Farmer's Market



Rain Barrel Painting Workshop by Collinwood Painted Rain Barrel



Painted rain barrel donated to Coit Road Farmer's Market will be installed in a Demo at GreenFest!

by William McCulloch

GreenFest! Painted Rain Barrel & Bee Keeping Festival Workshops Sunday July 15, 11am-4pm - Coit Road Farmer's Market 15000 Woodworth Rd, East Cleveland, Ohio 44112

Free General Admission and Parking: Painting workshop fee listed below:

Spend a whole day sharing healthy food, learning how to keep bees, raise chickens, sheep, bunnies, paint rain barrels & how to keep your garden THRIVING.

* Beekeeping Workshop by Ann Cicarella, Founder and CEO at Cleveland Pollinator and Native Plant Symposium.

* Collinwood Painted Rain Barrel director, Linda Zolten Wood will guide participants in sanding, priming, designing & painting their rain barrels: - Workshop size limit 10, 1st come, 1st served - register at zoltenwooddesign@aol.com (Bring your barrel & a plastic tarp - \$25 donation and potluck

dish to share - scholarships are available for volunteers).

Fresh recipes to taste & meals to purchase:

- * Personal Chef Lisa Pucci DelGado - A regular on The Food Network
- * Kevin Scheuring - The SpiceHound will teach how to use spices!
- * Blue Pike Farm - Talk on Mushroom Growing (kits available for sale).
- * Painted Rain Barrel Installation Demo for the Market Vendor's future use.
- * Karen Papaleo Shumakers' Bunnies: Pat them and purchase them!
- * Susan Gaydos' Acupressure - Traditional Thai/Ashiatsu will be offering \$1 a minute massages with ALL proceeds going to Coit Market's Manager Fund!
- * Zack from Two One Fix Bicycle offering bike tune-ups for a low rate from 2-4pm, with a possible raffle item - proceeds to Coit's Manager Fund and free tune-up in-

struction!

* Local Urban Farmers & Bakers booths will be open for business.

* Live Music will help us dance through the day, Including Doug Wood, of Cellocentric and Ryann Anderson of Martini Five-O.

* Sustainable Artists' work for sale including Pottery, Plush Ornaments, Wearables & Jewelry.

We need each other now, more than ever, to be eating and playing green & building community together in a clean, safe environment recipes in a celebration of Sustainability!

This Festival is partially grant funded, through local donations to lobby with matching funds by Cleveland Climate Action Fund. A portion of this grant will be donated to Coit Road Farmer's Market for repairs. Tax-Deductible Donations are still being accepted! Thank you and see you there!

Let's eat!!! Join your neighbors at the Collinwood Community Potluck

by Allison Lukacsy-Love

Please join us on Sunday, August 5th from 4-7pm at the Euclid Beach Park pavilion for the second (and best ever) Collinwood Community Potluck!

Thanks to a grant from Neighborhood Connections and a thoughtful group of community stakeholders, the popular Potluck is back.

Celebrate great food with great people on a Great Lake. People from across the neighborhood are invited to prepare a dish using ingredients from their garden, a family recipe, or a favorite summertime delight. Swing by the pavilion at Euclid Beach

Park anytime between 4 to 7pm and dine with fellow neighbors while enjoying cooking demonstrations from Coit Road Market, yard games and the local, live music of Phatbone Productions.

This is a Zero Waste event, meaning all flatware, plates, cups and more will be composted by the local company 'Rust Belt Riders'. Information to help event attendees reduce waste will be provided by Sustainable Cleveland. Other community organizations with a health, nutrition and environment focus will provide giveaways.

Bring an appetizer, salad, entrée or dessert and we will have place cards available

for you to indicate if it's vegan, gluten-free, etc. Can't bring a dish to share? No worries, bring yourself and be prepared to feast - no one will be turned away.

Ways to participate:

- 1) Bring a food dish (in a reusable container with your name clearly marked, please)!
- 2) Bring canned goods or non-perishable items which will be donated to the Greater Cleveland Food Bank as well as neighborhood food pantries and Give Box Cleveland Collinwood locations.
- 3) Bring gently used books to help neighbors build their home libraries as we head

into a new school year.

4) Volunteer to set-up, clean-up or work the event - especially if you are a student in need of community service hours.

This event is supported by a grant through Neighborhood Connections and in-kind support from our partners at Villa Angela - St. Joseph High School, Cleveland Public Library, Cleveland Metroparks, Waterloo Arts, Collinwood Nottingham Development Corporation and many restaurant, community organizations and individual residents.

Please RSVP to the Facebook event: <https://tinyurl.com/y9nf9ggr>

Community

Councilman's Corner



by Michael D.
Polensek

Since my last community update, a lot has transpired in the community. First, I want to thank all the residents and visitors

who have attended the Friday Night Concert Series at Euclid Beach Park. There has been a great turn-out and I hope it continues throughout the summer. I don't have to tell anyone that having an eastside music venue was very important to our community and this councilman. MetroParks had originally only planned for the Edgewater LIVE Series on Thursday nights on the westside and, I was insistent that there be an eastside venue as well. Euclid Beach fit the bill perfectly. Therefore, I want to thank MetroParks and continue to show them that they made the right decision and that our events are well attended and enjoyed by all. Don't forget the concerts start at 6:00 PM every Friday evening until August 3. Hope to see you there.

One of the ongoing problems we have experiencing this early summer has been the issue with high grass and unattended properties. If there is a home, vacant or occupied, or a vacant lot on your street where the grass hasn't been cut, please call the Mayor's Action Center at (216) 664-2900. Part of the challenge we are facing city-wide is that the City implemented a 7-week grass cutting rotation. What that means is, if city crews cut the grass today at a vacant property they will not be back until seven weeks later (late July/early August). I know you are thinking that this does not make any sense based on the fact that most of us cut our grass every week or every other week. However, that is the policy; I don't agree with this but we all must live with it. If a property is occupied then the owner is cited by Environmental Health, if they still do not cut the grass then they are processed in Cleveland Housing Court. On that note, I want to thank those adjacent neighbors who have taken it upon themselves to cut the grass on abandoned homes and lots next to them. I cannot begin to tell you how that helps to make our community look better.

As I reported in June, Northeast Regional Sewer District (NEORS) and the Division of Water Pollution Control (WPC) have been working diligently to address the ongoing basement flooding problems we have been experiencing during heavy downpours in the Lakeshore Boulevard corridor, East 185th Street area and beyond. They are presently working on some potential solutions and we will know sometime soon as to when the new Lakeshore Boulevard sewer and the Euclid Creek Tunnel project will be put online. Let's hope that NEORS has worked out all the bugs and

challenges they have experienced specifically with regard to the new pump house under construction in Bratenahl, which has severely impacted these projects. Stay tuned for future updates.

Another major issue that I have been working very diligently on has been crime and public safety and how it impacts, not only our community, but the entire 5th District and beyond. As a result of what we had experienced in our community in 2017, with an uptick in violent crimes, I contacted US Marshall, Peter Elliott, of the Northern Ohio District, and laid out how that violent crime has affected our community and the families living in it. As a result of that initial discussion, the U.S. Marshal brought to the table, along with this councilman, the Cuyahoga County Prosecutors Office, the FBI, the U.S. Attorney's office, Ohio State Patrol, U.S. Marshal Service, Cleveland Police and other law enforcement agencies, who put together a game plan which blossomed into the "We-R-CLE 2018" operation. The plan was to go after individuals with outstanding felony warrants, sex offenders, street gangs, parole violators and anyone that was identified by law enforcement as being involved in violent street crime, including carjackings.

As a result of this initial action, which actually started in April, 300 arrests were made, primarily on Cleveland's eastside and \$271,000 in cash was seized along with 10 lbs. of heroin, 132 lbs. of cocaine, 100 grams of fentanyl, 4 lbs. of crystal meth and 1500 fentanyl pills. In addition, numerous firearms were taken including assault rifles, tactical shot guns, long rifles and numerous semi-automatic pistols. To say the least, I was astonished as to what this coordinated effort brought about. As shocking as the statistics are, it should only reinforce to all, what we are dealing with on our streets throughout Cuyahoga County. According to the U.S. Marshal, this is only the beginning of this expanded and coordinated effort among law enforcement agencies and City and County government. I wish to thank Pete Elliott personally, for sitting down with me and hearing me out in order to coordinate such a strategic approach for dealing with violent criminals. I look to working with him and his team in the future as we continue our own attack on violent criminals in the 5th District.

I am determined, through our Ward 8 "Misery Index" initiative, to make life absolutely miserable for anyone engaged in violent crime in our ward. That includes slum landlords, who can care less who they rent to, and their renters, who disrespect our community.

A frequent question asked at community meetings is "how can we, as an individual, help?" My response is always the same, – "if you see something - say something; and if you hear something – do something; and if you know something about individuals involved in illegal activity – please let the Police and my office know."

The neighborhoods in the city which are the safest are where neighbors look out for one another and where they are not afraid to call it as they see it. The communities which are unsafe and crime ridden are where no one hears, sees, or says anything, and in many cases do not control their own children or grandchildren. I, like the majority of you, hope, choose not to live in a neighborhood like that. That is what people refer to as "the hood." I choose to

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

COLLINWOOD HOMEOWNERS MEETING

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

MyCOM MEETING

1st Thursday of the Month
5:30 PM
Salvation Army Temple Corp
17625 Groveside 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
PRESIDENT: Councilman Polensek

FRIENDS OF COLLINWOOD RECREATION

2nd Thursday of the Month
6:15 PM
Collinwood Recreation Center
16300 Lakeshore Boulevard

5th DISTRICT COMMUNITY RELATIONS MEETING

3rd Wednesday of the month
6:00 PM
Collinwood Five Points Community Center
East 152 Street except for:
May (Murtis Taylor),
July (St Clair Superior Dev Corp),
October (Cleveland Job Corps Annual Dinner),
November (Glenville Rec Ctr.)

EAST 156th STREET NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

3rd Thursday of the month
6:00 PM
Collinwood Recreation Center
16300 Lakeshore Boulevard

EAST 140TH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

4TH Wednesday of the Month
(March to November)
6:00 PM
Collinwood Five Points Community Center
East 152 Street

CLEVELAND CITY COUNCIL

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

Any questions about these meetings
please feel free to call
Mary Louise Jesek Daley,
Councilman Polensek's office, (216) 664-4236

live in a NEIGHBORHOOD; that being Collinwood, where people care about one another. Let's set the tone and not accept the "hood" mentality. I ask you to join me in making sure that "Collinwood" remains a viable and productive Neighborhood.

I am urging all residents to become more proactive than ever before. Please use this summer to pay more attention to your street and immediate area, if we all do our part we can continue to have a community with the lowest crime rate on the eastside. I, nor the Police, can do this job alone; it is a partnership. By all of us working together, we can and will make our ward the best it can be.

I may always be reached in my office at (216) 664-4236 or via email at mpolensek@clevelandcitycouncil.org. Always leave your name and phone number so that, if I miss your call or email, I can get back to you. I always prefer the old fashioned way.

Sincerely yours,
Michael D. Polensek

Community

The Cleveland Tomato Festival, Don't Miss It



by Janeen Hoggett

If you missed last years Tomato Festival at Cavotta's Garden Center, be sure to mark your calendars and get your tickets for this years festival on Sunday, August 19, 2018 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Local chefs will be

preparing fabulous dishes using Cavotta's Heirloom Tomatoes, as well as tomato cocktails. Local vendors, live music, raffles and much more! The event is at Cavotta's Garden Center 19603 Nottingham Rd. Cleveland, OH. Tickets are \$50 a person

and are advance sale only. Call 440-897-1497 to get your tickets before they run out. I can tell you that this is an event you don't want to miss out on. The food and drinks will be amazing as they have in years past. You can dine and listen to music while sur-

rounded by Cavotta's beautiful gardens. Buy your tickets now and enjoy a summer day surrounded by flowers and eating heirloom tomatoes.



To submit a story, go to www.collinwoodobserver.com, click on Member Center, sign in, click on Submit Story, and start writing.

Next deadline: July 25, 2018

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Learn to Fix Computers for FREE!

by Gary Minadeo

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3-5pm through August 24th the Collinwood Recreation Center is hosting a free hands on experience where high school students can learn to rebuild computers. Industry needs computer technicians who understand how to maintain systems and the non-profit organization, Classrooms to Corporations, is conducting the FREE technology workshop for up to 12 high

school students. While the initial goal is to teach students how to refurbish computers, the long-term goal is to see which students have the aptitude, desire, and discipline to enter a more formalized FREE licensing process which can lead to internships and future employment. Come check us out and bring a friend. Wanna rule the world? Learning about computers is a good start! For more information call Gary Minadeo, 440-840-6164.

Collinwood High School Summer Recreation Program

by Sharon Kidd-Lewis

The Neighborhood Leadership Institute (NLI) is currently running their Schools as Neighborhood Resources (SNR) summer recreation program. This opportunity is possible through a partnership between Neighborhood Leadership Institute, Cleveland Metropolitan School District and the City of Cleveland.

The program runs from June 4th – August 3rd, 2018. The program operates from

12:00-4:00pm. The program currently offers open gym basketball, weight room access and arts and crafts. Tai chi is offered Monday & Wednesday from 3:00-4:00pm. Free lunch is provided to all participants under the age of 18 years old.

All attendees should use the side entrance located near the gym doors to gain access to the program.

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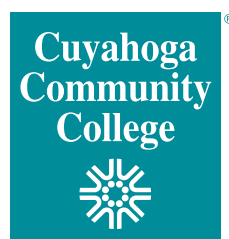
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Library

Ready, Set, Summer! Gear Up for Programs at Collinwood Library

by Kiara Jefferson

Ready, Set, Summer! Gear Up for Programs at Collinwood Library
856 East 152nd St, Cleveland, OH 44110
Manager, Caroline Peak
216-623-6934 cpl-livd@cpl.org

This Month's Program Highlights features:
Girls STEM Camp @ Collinwood Branch



"Awe, I don't want this to end" was a comment made by one of the campers attending the Girls STEM Camp that was held during the week of June 18th. Girls participated in hands on engineering activities building levers, simple machines and amusement parks rides (ferris wheels) using Ko'nex; online coding to program robots on a board creating a story line around books. Special thanks go out to the National Congress of Black Women and Innovative Thinkers founder, Arliea Marshall for their sponsorship of the program.

July's Summer Lit League Program Dates:

Week Five: Travel to East Asia

Pop art is everywhere in East Asia. This week we'll create a fun mural...with sticky notes!

Tuesday, July 3rd – 1:00pm

Week Six: Journey through the Middle East

Our journey continues into the a-maze-ing Middle Eastern culture. Learn how to make your own labyrinth! Tuesday, July 10th – 1:00pm

Week Seven: Tour South Asia

Stop in the country of Laos to learn about their diverse culture. Make (and take) fun recycled paper creations. Tuesday, July 17th – 1:00pm

Week Eight: Sail to Central & South America.

Our final stop is in Guatemala where we will learn about worry dolls that can make all of our troubles go away. Tuesday, July 24th – 1:00pm

Week Nine: Summer Finale Party

End the summer in style by looking at the world we live in, while seeing that so much of the world is already here in CLE ("surprises!"). Tuesday, July 31st – 1:00pm

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

Music Heard 'Round the World

See, Hear, and Create your own unique musical instruments from countries around the world. Learn about different cultures through the music they play! Tuesday, July 10th – 4:30pm

Punch & Sew

Learn how to make fun clothing items from recycled fabrics and create your own fashion masterpiece. Fashion designer Dru Christine will help you turn something drab into FAB! Punch will be provided.

Wednesday, July 18th – 1:00pm

Punch & Paint

Children ages 8 and up will enjoy some punch while they paint a large masterpiece with September Shy of Colorful Mess Studios. Thursday, July 19th – 1:30pm

Know Your Neighborhood Sponsored by Cleveland Public Library's History & Geography Department

Explore the history of your community by using historic maps and photographs from the Center for Local and Global History. Children can learn about the past, present, and future of their city. Wednesday, July 26th – 1:00-2:30pm

Summer Lunch Meal Program

In collaboration with the Cleveland Food Bank, Summer Lunch is being served! Monday – Friday—11:30am-12:30pm

Adult Programs

Adult Summer Book Lit League Make the Most of Your World –June 5-23, 2018 Sign up at your local CPL branch or register online at cpl.beanstack.org. Submit 5 book reviews or video book talks for a chance to win a Kindle Fire! Submit 5 more book reviews or video book talks for an additional chance to win.

Free Computer Classes – Microsoft Word I, II, III, & IV Learn the basics of Microsoft Word including how to enter and edit text, open, save, print, create tables, tabs and bullets, format text and paragraphs, and add headers and footers. Fridays, July 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th – 11:15am-12:45pm

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Cleveland Schools

CMSD CEO Gordon to Public: Demand OFCC, Legislators, Governor restored building equity

by the Neighborhood & Community Media Association of Greater Cleveland

A special report by The Neighborhood & Community Media Association of Greater Cleveland

"I need your help. I know it's my job to get this stuff done. I can't get this one done on my own." This plea from Cleveland Metropolitan School District CEO Eric Gordon concluded a press conference with Cleveland's small newspapers in early June (convened by the Neighborhood & Community Media Association of Greater Cleveland). He's referring to his two-year, behind-the-scenes fight with the state for equal school facilities in Cleveland.

Gordon is holding a series of public meetings to update our Cleveland communities on his School Facilities Plan (funded in 2014 by Cleveland voter support of State Issue Four) and to raise awareness of his negotiations with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC). The OFCC owns the State of Ohio's site-dollars that are matched with our local, Cleveland dollars to build CMSD school buildings.

"The way schools are built, for us, where we need the matching dollars [from the state], we have to follow something called the Ohio Design Manual," Gordon explained. "It's a manual that says what the state is willing to pay for. For example, in our K-8 schools, the design manual would pay for a vinyl gym floor. For a K-8 school, we think students should have a wood gym floor (like most schools), and so we pay local dollars to have wood floors." Our schools don't receive matching construction funds for a school auditorium. Gordon said,

At the heart of Gordon's ongoing ne-

gotiation is a two-year old change in the state's funding formula, originally devised to offset higher building costs in cities to result in equal quality school facilities in Cleveland.

"From the very beginning of the construction program, in 2002, Ohio has recognized that Cleveland as a city is a more expensive place to build than most places in Ohio. When you're building in Ohio, in schools inside of cities, you typically have to go up—you don't have a lot of ability to go out; going higher costs more money, as an example. Construction costs in cities are more expensive...moving freight around...all of those kinds of things."

In 2002, Ohio decided on a specific formula to avoid unequal school facilities in areas like Cleveland. "...since 2002, the state has created a 'market condition adjustment' for Cleveland, and that's been about 12 to 16 percent, so every building we've built, we've paid one third of that extra cost; the state has paid two-thirds of that extra cost," Gordon said.

But in 2016, Gordon explained, the average for 14 years of a 12-16 percent market condition adjustment in the state's school funding formula recently changed to seven percent, and more recently changed again to .007 percent without explanation. So, the issue is this: the state contributes 68 percent of the cost of new construction, but after 14 years decided to stop making allowances for Cleveland's higher construction costs and no longer include those in the equation.

According to Gordon, "That's really kind of the crux of the matter because now the state has decided that they are no longer willing to recognize that it costs more to build in

Cleveland." He continued, "...the crux of our argument, essentially, is a crux of 'equality or equity.' The state's position is 'equal is equal is equal, and too bad, Cleveland, that it costs more to build in Cleveland.'"

Gordon stated, "My position is that we're the single highest childhood poverty city in this state—second in the country—and that the state has a responsibility to honor what they have done for 14 years."

The most recent study by the National Center for Children in Poverty (NCCP) reflected a 54.4 percent child poverty rate in Cleveland as compared to the highest national rate, in Detroit, MI, of 58.6 percent. Buffalo, NY, comes in third at 50.6 percent (Child Poverty Pervasive in Large American Cities, New Census Data Show, NCCP, 2013).

A Plain Dealer story reported on June 11 that the State says they are giving CMSD 7 percent, and CMSD has submitted a formal public records request to the State to acquire any documentation to support this statement. If true, it appears "market adjustment" would still matter to the tune of \$22 million, \$10 million in additional costs for segment 7, and \$12 million in additional costs for segments 8-9. If this is the case, the difference between a 7 percent State adjustment and a .007 percent State adjustment is the difference between leaving CMSD responsible for \$22 million or \$34 million, respectively. With time ticking, Gordon is moving forward with the public awareness campaign.

"The fundamental thing I hope for is...to communicate. Let people know we have a problem. Let them know to come to our meetings so that they can learn about it. Direct them to the website, where they can

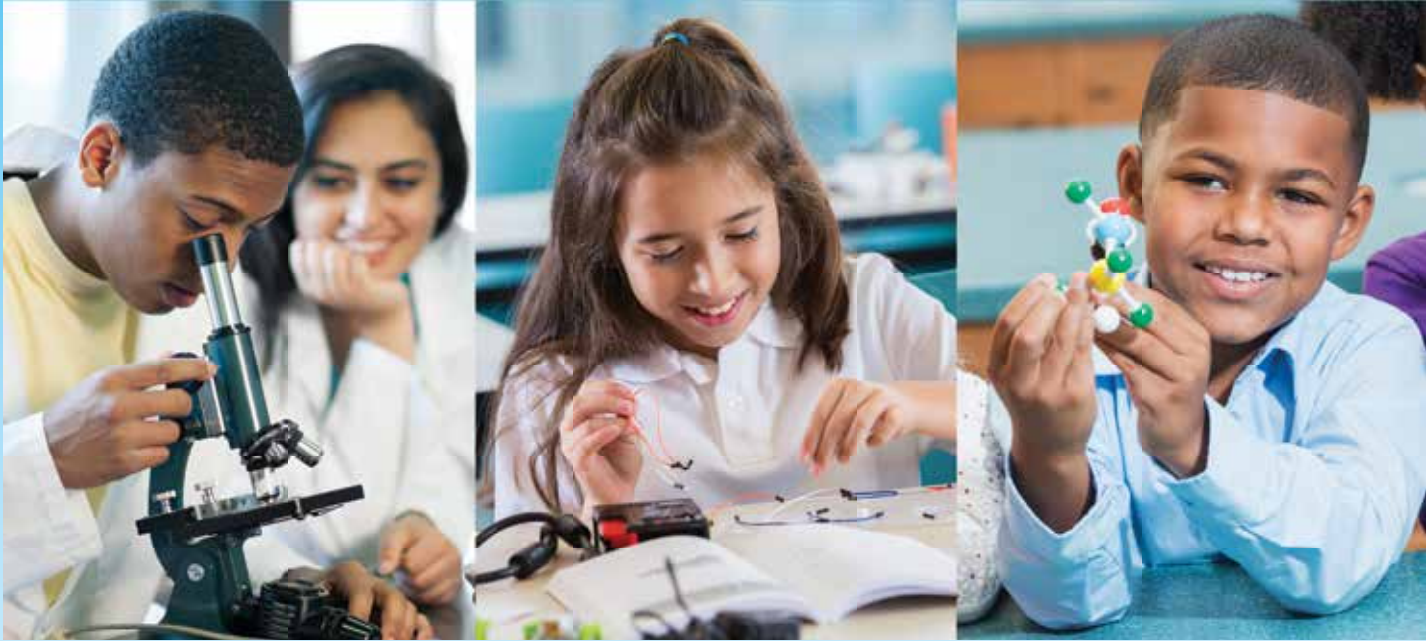
learn about it. We have had to stop the construction program and are coming to the public to share this concern...and [will] continue to negotiate with OFCC and, also, ask for advocacy from our community to be treated fairly."

Gordon and his team have made it easy for those interested in advocating on behalf of restoring state adjustment levels to account for higher Cleveland construction costs. "If you wish to advocate, go to the website (ClevelandMetroSchools.org/BuildingPlan)," Gordon said. "There are sample letters; it tells you who you can advocate to." He specified, "It's three: it's the [OFCC] Commission; it's our legislators; and it's our Governor. Right? It's the three powers that be."

To wrap up the meeting, Gordon explained why he's reaching out to the public in general and to small papers specifically: "I'm finishing my seventh year in this role—11th in the district, which is hard to believe. I am very careful not to ask for help until I need it so that I have not...overspent, right? First of all, I appreciate that you're here—but the fact that I've asked you to come...I need your help. I know it's my job to get this stuff done. I can't get this one done on my own. I am very sensitive to when and how I ask for help because I know that it is...something you do judiciously. This one, I need your help. We're not going to get what our kids and our taxpayers deserve if it's left fully in my hands."

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OLL in the Community



Pope Francis urges all Catholics to be a church that goes forth, joyously -- and the parishioners at Our Lady of the Lake are happy to heed the call. Parish volunteers enjoy going out into the community, greeting friends, meeting neighbors and helping to make this corner of the world a more welcoming place. Recently, parish volunteers had a great time at the E. 200th St. Stroll and Walk & Roll E. 185, two community events that have come together to happen on the same day, to encourage people to come out and enjoy our walkable community. With plenty of popcorn, face painting, balloons, chalk art and games, everyone had a great time.



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Deacon Pete enjoyed the afternoon along with Jim and Linda Peters. It was a perfect day to relax and enjoy the time together.




Little Betty had a great time chasing down a ball with some new friends.



Fr. Bill and Maryanne thought the weather was perfect, and so was the company!

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April 27, 2019: Reunion Classes of 1960-1979 |
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May 19, 2019: City Music Cleveland Orchestra Concert
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The Uzomah, Lashley and Hayes families thought it was a marvelous day for a picnic!



"I sure hope this is the winning ticket!" After a day of food, family and friends there were prizes! A Chinese Auction with fabulous items to choose from and the annual Raffle.



Burgers, dogs, pot-luck sides and desserts, what more could you ask for?

by Adele Markert
Stop by St. Jerome Church office or go online to order your St. Jerome Centennial T-shirt! Only \$12 the shirt lists all the dates for the full year's worth of events being planned. Available in Adult sizes Small to 2XL.





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Party in the Park



Imagine Bella students wore their house shirts to show their Imagine Bella Pride!

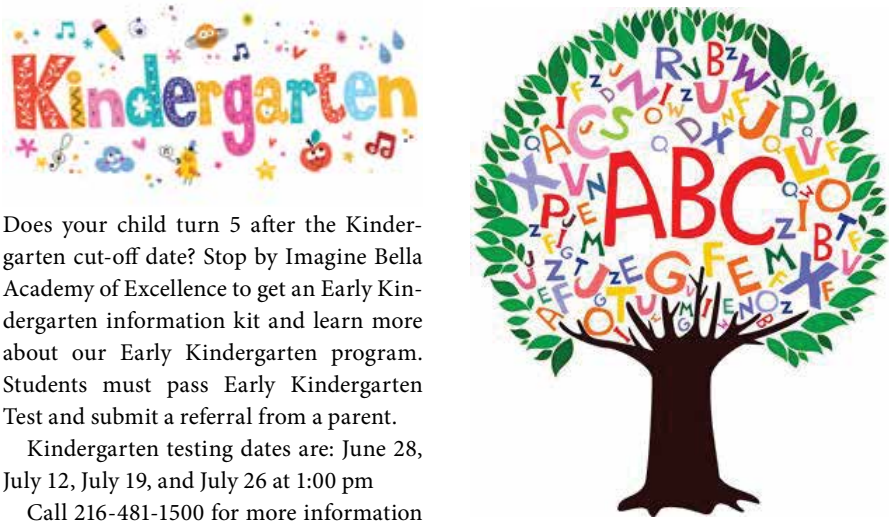
Imagine Bella Families came to Party in the Park at Neff Park on Friday, June 15th. Teachers came to pass out popsicles, juice, and water. Teachers and students had fun



Ms. Davis and Mr. W helped pass out popsicles, water, and juice. They joined in the outdoor games too!

with bubbles, chalk, and other outdoor games. Imagine Families should stay posted to Dojo for future events throughout the summer. Hope to see you there next time!

Early Kindergarten and Enrollment for Next Year!



Does your child turn 5 after the Kindergarten cut-off date? Stop by Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence to get an Early Kindergarten information kit and learn more about our Early Kindergarten program. Students must pass Early Kindergarten Test and submit a referral from a parent. Kindergarten testing dates are: June 28, July 12, July 19, and July 26 at 1:00 pm Call 216-481-1500 for more information or stop by the school.

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Website currently under construction!

Imagine Bella's website is getting an update over the summer. We can't wait for you to see it! You can still go to the same address- www.imaginebellaacademy.org. Enrolling

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Back To School Charity Fashion And Talent Auditions

by Donesha Jones
“Got Knack?”, is a back to school community event that will showcase talent and style of the youth in the community, while supplying guests and participants with backpacks with school supplies and goodies, prizes and much more ! Founded by Donesha Jones, Collinwood Alumni, The “Got Knack?” mission is to have youth Ex-

plore their talents, discover their passions, and use them towards their purpose.” This will be a positive event for the youth to enjoy, experience and connect with their community. On August 3, 2018 at Collinwood Recreation Center from 6pm-8pm. This is a free event but donations are expected! All proceeds will go to youth who are aging out of foster care.

Highlights from Listen. Act. Win. Action!



11th grade students from New Tech Collinwood, Charles Enoch and Cache' Stewart.

by Donesha Jones
Sharon Kidd-Lewis
On Tuesday evening Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC) held a highly successful 185-person, packed-house for the Listen-Act-Win education action at New Tech Collinwood school with CMSD CEO Eric Gordon.

One of the big highlights from the action was that it was co-chaired with great skill by two 11th grade students from New Tech Collinwood, Charles Enoch and Cache' Stewart. This was the first time GCC have had young people fully lead a major action. There was also spoken word and rap performances from the students of New Tech Collinwood.

Mr. Gordon committed to work with

GCC on several important issues at New Tech Collinwood:
* Help to beautify the school building by engaging corporate partners to paint the school. Also, create a new mural and make other needed spot-changes to the building, such as the bathrooms.
* Increase access to healthy food options throughout the day, such as a fruit cart, and create a salad bar-like options in the cafeteria.
* Connect New Tech students to the CMSD summer paid apprenticeship program and year-round job opportunities.
We would like to thank the our scholars, GCC and CEO Gordon for their support of New Tech Collinwood!

Congratulations New Tech Collinwood Class of 2018!

by Sharon Kidd-Lewis
Congratulations to the very first graduating class of New Tech Collinwood! You all are members of the class who refused to just accept the status quo, and you are destined to make a difference! We would like to thank Judge Dawson for delivering our Keynote speech at New Tech Collinwood's 125th Commencement ceremony. Judge William L. Dawson is an author, motivational speaker and the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the East Cleveland Municipal Court.
Special congratulations to our 2018 Valedictorian, Taylor Benford and Salutatorian, Georgia Toomer.

Bob's Corner

by Bob Payne
We were shopping in the grocery store when a middle-aged man ran into my wife with a shopping cart. Ouch! I'm sure it was accidental, but he bumped her pretty hard. He looked up, then proceeded to walk away without saying a word. I said something to him about it, and his response was to snidely look at her and say, "Excuse me." And with that, he walked on.
In life you don't always get the response you expect from others, and one of the hardest things for people to say is, "I'm sorry".
People don't say I'm sorry for a wide variety of reasons. They may genuinely feel that they didn't do anything wrong, that their actions were not intended to cause you harm, or they may believe they had valid reasons for acting the way they did. There are also people who are insecure perfectionists. They don't understand that you can make mistakes and still be a worthwhile human being, so there is no way they are going to say I'm sorry because it would cause serious damage to their own self-esteem.
Then, there are those individuals that lack empathy; the ability to understand another's point of view.
People can be hurtful. They can be mean. Most often, they are insensitive. I am not making excuses for them. I am more concerned about you. Receiving an apology can restore dignity and the feeling of being esteemed. Not getting an "I'm sorry" means that the other person never acknowledged your feelings; your hurt, your pain. So, what do you do when someone owes you an apology, but it is never given?
In talking with friends about this subject I

found a wide variety of responses. For the most part, they felt that it depended on the harm done and the relationship (or lack of relationship) you have with the offending person. But, absolutely everyone had a story to tell. They all experienced being hurt by someone and not getting a needed apology. Each person recalled an incident, in detail, and many relived all of the feelings and emotions. It is clear that we all have wounds. And while some have been caused by strangers, the deepest seem to come from family or people who were once dear friends.

In the end, it all comes down to what you are willing to tolerate. You can nurse a grudge, silently or otherwise. You can try to forgive and forget, remembering that forgiveness is not a onetime thing but an ongoing process. You can work on rebuilding what was lost, if the other person is amiable. Or, you can cut off communication altogether and only focus on healthy relationships (needed when the person does not care about your feelings or the offense is unforgivable). This is where you get to choose. You have the power. You get to decide.
In the grocery store we call life, people are going to run into you with their carts and not say they are sorry. You don't have any control over them, but the one thing you always have control over is how you respond. It's up to you.
Just don't let someone else's unfeeling actions turn you into someone you are not.

Bob Payne, Manager
Bob also has a personal blog you can find at www.siftedsoul.com.

Have the Talk

by ginny calvey
Chas is the breadwinner and patriarch of the family. He made the money, pays the bills, invests and manages all finances for the household. What happens when he becomes incapacitated or passes? Sara would be overwhelmed and probably turn to her children for help. Have you had the talk with your kids?
One of the biggest expenses for a couple retiring at age 65 is Healthcare. In a study by Nationwide Retirement Institute, a couple can expect to spend, on average, \$260,000 on medical expenses over approximately 20 years which doesn't even include any nursing care costs. 45% of individuals polled, like Chas have never even discussed these expenses with anyone.
In 2016, Nationwide polled 1316 Americans over the age of 50. Of those who had the talk, half discussed with a spouse, 43% talked about retirement medical costs with their financial advisor and only 19% with their descendants. This is problematic because it suggests retirees aren't preparing for higher medical costs.
Retirees cite privacy issues as the primary cause for avoiding these discussions. More than half don't want to "worry" their loved ones and concerned their healthcare costs would reduce the assets they had intended for their offspring. The reality is, it is a family concern. In an effort to reduce costs, many seniors are taking drastic steps: trimming grocery spending, skipping wellness visits and even halving medications to make them last longer.
Sixty percent of those polled were not aware how much Healthcare would cost for each year in retirement. 75% could not estimate long term care costs. 33% of the seniors polled would not be able to pay unplanned expenses as low as \$500. That's frightening.
Have the talk with your spouse, children or beneficiary. It doesn't have to be awkward. Where do you plan to live in retirement? How do you plan for it? How can you structure your estate to pay for it? HAVE THE TALK.

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