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Collinwood Community Comes Together to Support Local Businesses



by Sarah Gyorki

You may have seen the meme here going around online. We know - it's got a typo in it. But the point is still good! For years and years, our local businesses have been supporting our raffles and fundraisers and community events. They've also hosted our parties and baked our birthday cakes and cleaned our suits and cut our hair and made our wedding flowers and too many other things to even begin to list.

Our small local businesses -- they're our community, just like our neighbors are.

And right now, they're going through a really hard time. Imagine if all the businesses that had to close or cut back for the Coronavirus crisis never came back -- all those services gone for good, and all those jobs with them. We want to do what we can to not let that happen.

So we're doing what Collinwood does, we're coming together as neighbors and helping each other out. Here are some of the ways you can help those local businesses you love, so they'll still be here to teach you yoga or fix your car or print your Tshirts and business cards. Take these as suggestions, use the ones that make sense for you, and come up with your own ideas. But however you can, try now more than ever to be a good neighbor and support our local businesses.

Buy a gift card. Lots of local businesses have started offering gift cards online, so check the website and see if that option is available. You can use it to buy the services you count on when we get back to business as usual. And gift cards also make great



gifts -- if you have a gift-giving event coming up, consider giving local gift cards.

Order to go. Some establishments can still offer take-out, delivery and even curbside pick up. Keep on enjoying your favorite coffee, pizza, breakfast -- whatever. Staying home is more fun with good food. Buy a little extra for a neighbor who's homebound.

Pay it forward by paying for the services you would have used. If you've still got your job and you know your barber doesn't, consider sending a check for the amount you would normally have budgeted for hair

cuts. They'll take good care of you when they get back to work.

Make a donation. Some of the places we love are nonprofits, and most of them can accept donations online. Lots are still working hard to help people suffering from this crisis -- so show them some love. Gifts of any size are appreciated.

Spread the word. Let your neighbors know, share on Facebook, like and follow on social media, post a great review. We know the status of local businesses is changing all the time -- some are still closing, others are adding online options or delivery. Here are some places you can go to get more information.

Gift Bomb Collinwood Businesses - this is a Facebook page set up by residents to support businesses right here in Collinwood. Like and share the page, and check it regularly to get ideas for businesses you can engage with and support right from your home. Check with Greater Collinwood Development Corporation (*cont. page 2*)(*conc-*

Neighborhood Eats

by Erin Randel

Please note: All information is accurate to the best of our knowledge at time of printing. Subject to change without notice. This information courtesy of The Scoop on Collinwood - the Scoop is much more than a round-up of great summer happenings, it's actually an info-packed year-round resource. Get all the latest on COVID-19 resources and much more by visiting www.collinwoodscoop.org.

Adam's Place – Open for takeout, 7 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
681 East 200th St. (216) 531-9681
Breakfast & lunch.

Beach Club Bistro – Open for takeout. Gourmet pizzas & seafood
21939 Lake Shore Blvd., (216) 731-7499
Lunch & dinner.

Beachland Ballroom – Closed until further notice.
Brunch on Saturdays and Sundays, plus late nights during shows.
15711 Waterloo Road, (216) 383-112

Blue Breeze Sports Bar & Grill – Open for takeout.
16826 Lakeshore Blvd., (216) 465-1240
Lunch & dinner 7 days a week.

Buettner's Bakery – Open for takeout. Old-fashioned favorites.
704 E. 185th St. (216) 531-0650
Breakfast & lunch.

Chili Pepper's Fresh Mexican Grill – Closed until further notice.
Burritos and salads made to order.
869 E. 185th St., (216) 531-2300
Lunch & dinner 7 days.

China Sea – Closed until further notice. Chinese and Japanese cuisine.
417 E 200th St., (216) 486-9818
Lunch & dinner 7 days a week.

Citizen Pie – Open for takeout. Wood fired pizza for the people!
15710 Waterloo Road, (216) 417-2742
Open Monday-Saturday, 12-9 pm

Congin's Italian Drive Thru – Open for takeout.
Slices from heaven on St. Clair.
18812 Nottingham Rd., (216) 481-4585
Lunch & dinner.

Dale's Deli & Carryout – Open for takeout.
Deli favorites, delivery available.
627 E 200th St., (216) 531-3354
Lunch & dinner 7 days a week.

Famous Gyro George – Open for takeout 7 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
19019 Euclid Ave., (216) 738-0800
Breakfast/lunch/dinner 7 days.

Fresh Catch Seafood – Open for takeout.
564 E. 185th St., (216) 738-0080
Lunch & dinner 7 day

Gintaras Restaurant
Open Sundays for a Lithuanian buffet from 11:30-1:30 pm.
877 E. 185th St., (216) 531-2131

Great Scott Tavern – Open for takeout.
21801 Lakeshore Boulevard, Euclid • 216-417-301921
Open daily at 4 p.m., Closed Sundays.

Gus's Diner 185 – Open for takeout.
797 E. 185th St., (216) 481-8781
Breakfast & lunch 7 days a week.

Holland's BBQ – Open for takeout. Soul food and barbecue.
772 E 185th St., (216) 531-7427
Lunch & dinner 7 days a week.

Irie Island Jamaican Restaurant – Re-opening takeout "soon" as of March. 27
621 East 185th St., (216) 350-6112
Lunch & Dinner.

Janelle's Restaurant
12508 St. Clair Ave., (216) 249-5959
Breakfast & lunch.

Kim's Wings – Open for takeout. Crispy, mouth-watering wings.
14909 Saint Clair Ave., (216) 681-6644
Lunch & dinner.

Kristy's Tavern & Restaurant – Open for takeout.
Homemade food and a full bar.
434 E. 200th St. (216) 486-4826
Closed Sunday & Monday.

Lady Luck Pub & Eatery – Open for curbside pickup.
19309 Nottingham Rd, (216) 531-8102
Open 11 a.m. – 11 p.m. 7 days a week.

Lucky Restaurant
742 E. 185th St., (216) 486-1222
Breakfast, lunch & dinner 7 days a week.

Ludwig's – Open for takeout 3-7 p.m.
768 East 200th St., (216) 417-4422

Maria's Family Restaurant – Open for takeout.
Open 7 days a week 6 am -3 pm
22578 Lakeshore Blvd. Euclid, (216) 289-6421

Martin's Freeze – Closed for the season.
20321 Euclid Ave., (216) 486-1011

Messina's Pizza & Bakery – Open for takeout.
1071 Ivanhoe Road, (216) 761-7744
Lunch & dinner.

Millard Fillmore Presidential Library – Closed until further notice.
15617 Waterloo Road, (216) 481-WHIG
Bar featuring locally-sourced hot dogs.

Mirabile's
Italian bistro with a full bar.
1025 Ivanhoe Road, (216) 761-8084
Lunch & dinner.

Muldoon's Saloon & Eatery – Closed until further notice.
A cheerful Irish pub with a full menu.
1020 E. 185th St., (216) 531-3130
Lunch & dinner 7 days a week.

Omar's Seafood & Grill – Open for takeout.
12520 Saint Clair Ave. (216) 451-2098
Lunch & dinner.

Open Pitt Bar-B-Que – Open for takeout.
12335 St. Clair Ave., (216) 851-7709
Breakfast, lunch & dinner 7 days a week.

The Original Grill – Open for takeout. Home of Collinwood's Best Polish Boy.
17406 St. Clair Ave., (216) 383-7500
Breakfast, lunch & dinner 7 days a week.

Pacer's Shoreway Bar & Grill – Open for takeout.
19800 S. Waterloo Road, (216) 486-7711
Lunch & dinner 7 days a week.

Papa Joe's Subs & Pasta – Open for takeout.
564 E. 200th St., (216) 692-106
Lunch & dinner 7 days a week.

Paragon – Closed until further notice. Stylish modern bar, classic bistro fare.
21920 Lake Shore Blvd., (216) 731-WINE
Lunch & dinner 7 days a week.

Ritual Juicery – Open for curbside pickup.
15619 Waterloo Road, (216) 217-7485

Sandy's Frozen Whip – Closed; up for sale.
17635 Lake Shore Blvd.
See sales announcement here.

Scotti's Italian Eatery – Open for takeout.
Courtyard dining in fair weather. Accepts cash only.
882 E. 185th St., (216) 481-8995
Open weekdays for lunch & dinner. Dinner, Saturday & Sunday.

Six Shooter Coffee – Open for takeout. Order online & get curbside service.
15613 Waterloo Rd (216) 762-1180
Open daily, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.


The SS&W Boardwalk
Collinwood's greatest cheeseburger, vegetarian friendly too.
16011 Waterloo Road, (216) 481-0077
Lunch & dinner 7 days a week.

The Standard – Closed until further notice.
779 East 185th St. (216) 531-9463
Lunch & dinner 7 days a week.

Stevenson's Bar & Grille – Open for takeout.
800 E. 200th St. (216) 999-7156
Lunch & dinner.

V's Gourmet Chicken Express – Open for takeout.
Best chicken in the neighborhood.
15418 Lake Shore Blvd., (216) 738-7000
Lunch & dinner, Tuesday-Saturday. Sunday & Monday, 1-6 p.m. only.

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compiling complete lists of area businesses and what they're offering during this shut-down. You can visit their website at www.greatercollinwood.org. Subscribe to Nan's Neighborhood Notes -- this weekly newsletter is packed with all kinds of information about what's going on in and around Collinwood, including weekly updates on our local businesses. Sign up by sending an email to nankenedy@yahoo.com.

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We all know what we need to do to stay home and stay healthy. Let's do what we can to keep our neighborhood strong, too.

Councilman Update



by Michael D. Polensek

As the Dean of Cleveland City Council, I thought I had seen it all and experienced it all over the years. I have often said that I have seen the good, the bad and the ugly. It is hard to put in words what we, as Americans, are experiencing with the outbreak of the Covid -19 or coronavirus. I never thought we would see one business after another shut down and schools closed. This is difficult enough, but then to be unable to celebrate everyday events or visit family members in the nursing homes or other care facilities is extremely difficult to comprehend. To not even be able to visit a dying loved one at Hospice or attend their funeral – is nothing shy of unimaginable. Yet, it is the reality today in Cleveland and throughout Ohio.

I am torn between anger and sympathy. My sympathies to those who are sick and infected with the virus and also those who have lost loved ones. I am also extremely angry, though, that in America we were not better prepared for this fight, even when we all saw on TV the medical workers in China in white “space suits” with respirators. Why wasn’t that a wakeup call to our Nation’s leaders? Now, to realize that we are dependent upon Communist China and other countries for basic pharmaceuticals and medical equipment is absolutely outrageous.

I am hoping, like all Americans, that our national leaders in Washington, D.C., and in our statehouses across the country, can come together and put forth whatever action is necessary to get a handle on this deadly outbreak. I am hoping and praying that this is a wake-up call for all Americans. For far too long one presidential administration after another, both Republican and Democrat, have looked the other way or have been a facilitator for American jobs and products to go offshore.

The late great Honorable Louis Stokes told me the day after the NAFTA vote years ago, “Mike, I hope I am wrong, but I believe we are all going to hear the sucking sound of jobs going out of the country, especially manufacturing jobs.” Louis must have had a crystal ball, for what he feared has come true. It is time for us, as a country, to protect our most critical supply chain and to control our borders.

I say the “Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag” everyday – and I recite it with great respect. I expect our leaders to do everything in their power to protect Americans and their children. In these last two weeks I have questioned whether or not that those in charge on the federal level really understand the severity of the problem. The statement has been made that we are at war with an invisible enemy; one that knows no race, ethnicity or creed. Time will tell whether our leaders will have our backs and how we, as a nation, will rebound from this pandemic.

I urge all of you to take the appropriate measures to safeguard yourself and your family. We all know by now what steps to take against this potential killer. In the meantime, I urge and beg all our residents to look out for one another, especially our elderly and most vulnerable citizens. I also urge everyone to write our U.S. Senators Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman, as well as Congresswoman Marcia Fudge to demand that critical products be mandated to be made in America.

It goes without saying, the majority of businesses in our community have been hard hit and/or forced to close. Those which you can patronize, please do so with precautions. Please listen to the continued updates both nationally and locally from TV, radio, Facebook and through robocalls. Please, look out for one another while maintaining social distancing and hope for the best.

I know it is not politically correct, but, as you know, I am not politically correct. I am praying, even though our churches are shuttered, for our community, our country and the world’s community. The power of prayer, I believe, can play a major role in combating this deadly virus. Please support our medical community and our first responders who are on the front lines.

During this time, even though City Hall is closed, we are still working. You can reach my office via phone at (216) 664-4236. Just leave a message and make sure you leave me your name and phone number so we can get back to you. You may also send me an email at mpolensek@clevelandcitycouncil.org or via my Executive Assistant, Mary Louise’s email at mdaley@clevelandcitycouncil.org. We check these often.

Take care and God Bless.

Sincerely yours,
Michael D. Polensek

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 Grovewood 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 (Cle 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

Connecting Collinwood

by Jamar Doyle

During this unprecedented time in our country, state and community, we at Greater Collinwood Development Corporation are seeking ways to connect, support, and serve our community. With shifting requirements and recommended best practices, we will commit to continue serving our mission in a safe and effective way in this era of social distancing. To that end our offices are now closed, but our staff are still working remotely. Please know that while our Five Pointe Community Center is closed to the public, we are still serving the community through our food distribution program. A partnership with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, this program is now offered on a drive thru basis. Visit our

website or Facebook page for upcoming dates and times of the food distribution and stay tuned to www.greatercollinwood.org or our Facebook page for current information regarding Greater Collinwood Development.

- Many of us are feeling unsure what we can do to help our community during this time of social distancing. We have a few suggestions for you.
- Create a phone tree with your neighbors.
- Commit to checking in on each other, particularly with neighbors in need and the elderly.
- Buy a gift certificate from a local business, if you can afford to do so. Commit to supporting local

businesses that offer carry-out or delivery.

- Drop off food for a neighbor in need.
- Continue to stay active and healthy. There are many exercise programs online. GCDC will link any local active living programs on our website.
- Download free conferencing apps and connect with neighbors for virtual social gatherings or meetings.

These are just a few suggestions, there are many others. We would love to hear how you are connecting and supporting the community. We have established a special email for this purpose,

connecting@greatercollinwood.org. Use this email to send us information and resources that you would like to share with your fellow community members, and we will share it on our various platforms.

Together we can support our fellow neighbors and businesses, and together we can get through this moment even stronger.

Please reach out to us and stay safe and healthy.

Jamar Doyle, Executive Director
Greater Collinwood
Development Corporation

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Vote by Mail to be Extended Until April 28 for March 17 Primary

by Alisa Boles



As of this writing, the Ohio General Assembly has extended the Vote-by-Mail deadline for the 2020 primary election until April 28th. This is in response to the closing of the in-person polling locations on March 17th due to concerns about the worldwide coronavirus disease outbreak. Registered voters who haven’t voted already can request a Vote-by-Mail application online. Here is the link for Cuyahoga County residents: <https://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/VoteByMail.aspx>

Those with access to a printer, can download a form from the website.

Cuyahoga County voters may also call their local Board of Elections at (216) 443-8683 or write the following information on a blank sheet of paper and mail it to their BOE:

- full name
- date of birth
- full registration address including county address where ballot should be mailed if different from your registration address
- one of the these: Ohio driver’s license number, last four of your Social Security number or include a copy of an acceptable form of ID
- State that “I’m requesting an absentee ballot for the March 17th Ohio Primary”

indicate if you want a: Democratic, Republican, Libertarian or Issues only ballot (choose only one)

- sign it
- today’s date
- phone number (optional, but suggested)
- email address (optional but suggested)

If you had already sent your ballot in, do not vote again. Your ballot is being held and will be counted with the others on April 28th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Because all ballots postmarked by April 27th will be counted, officials will not have a count available until May 8, 2020.

There will be no in-person voting at any of the local precincts, but in-person voting will be available on April 28th at the BOE at the below address in downtown Cleveland for

Cuyahoga County voters who do not have a home mailing address and for persons with disabilities. Those who qualify for ADA accommodations can contact their BOE for absentee voting accommodations as well, or apply online for remote ballot-marking system access: <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/11-g/>

Contact info for Cuyahoga County BOE:

2925 Euclid Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44115
Telephone: (216) 443-8683
Fax: (216) 443-6633
E-mail:electioninfo@cuyahogacounty.us
Website:boe.cuyahogacounty.us

For additional election information, access the Secretary of State’s website at:

CDC Housing Team is Here for You

by Candy Lovely



The Greater Collinwood Development Corporation housing team covers a lot of territory and watches over thousands of structures from lake shore houses to large warehouses from by-gone industries to your part of the neighborhood. Daily our team works to ensure that the housing stock adds value to where we live. But during these trying times we are here to be your resource.

Currently all utilities have suspended the disruption of service. If you have had a recent disconnection you are eligible, most likely, to be reconnected. Please contact individual providers if you are experiencing a difficulty to have them assist you.

Cleveland Water
216.664.3100

Cleveland Public Power
216.664.4600

Dominion/East Ohio Gas
877.542.2630

First Energy/Illuminating Company
800.589.3101

Currently all city trash collection and recycling will go on as scheduled. PLEASE NOTE: There will be no bulk pick up in April. Can may not be placed out before noon the day prior to pick up and must be removed by noon the next day. Garbage cans must be placed further back than the porch and they may not rest against a neighboring structure for health reasons. Please be considerate of your neighbors and make certain that all cans have their lids down to keep debris from flying down the street.

Cleveland Housing Court has issued a suspension on evictions. HUD has stopped

all evictions as well. No new cases will be filed in the next two months. Additionally, all criminal and civil cases will be re-scheduled into April. Parties will be served new summons to appear in the mail. If you have specific questions please call the Cleveland Municipal Court, Housing Division at 216.664.4295.

Many lenders will be allowing loan modifications under guidelines that will be coming from the federal government.

In the coming weeks we will be compiling resources to help households impacted by this crisis. The first step will be to call your lender and see what they can do to help you.

If you are currently on a payment plan for taxes with Cuyahoga County and you have been impacted they want to hear from you. Please reach out to the Fiscal Office 216.443.7400 to talk to someone about your situation. The county has suspended all owner occupant foreclosures for the next couple of months. County staff can give you the most current information on your property and point you in the direction of help. You may be eligible to enter into a new payment plan.

Our team will be continuing their search for vacant and neglected properties. We work closely with Cleveland Building and Housing to make certain that homes and properties that need attention are getting it. If you have problem vacant property near you and you want to make certain that we are aware of it you may call our staff. While our team is working remotely during this emergency time we are picking up our calls. You may reach out to us at 216.383.9772. If you are a Ward 8 resident (Councilman Polensek) call Julia Roberts ext 211. If you live in Ward 10 (Councilman Hairston) call Aja Aaron-Chappell ext 205. They are your resource for complaints in the neighborhood and can help you get the answers that you need.

If we can be of assistance please contact us. We are here to help you find the resources to meet your needs.

Shop Collinwood

by Carly Lovely

Collinwood businesses have gotten creative about retail experiences in the recent weeks! These are just a few that have shaken up how they do business...

BLUE ARROW RECORDS
Offering a newly expanded online inventory on 4 different platforms, Blue Arrow Records keeps the tunes spinning in Collinwood. Browse the Blue Arrow Records Etsy for the record shop’s largest collection or head over to <https://bluearrowrecords.bandcamp.com/> to stream albums from the record label in real time. You can also purchase albums via Blue Arrow Discogs and the shop’s website: <https://www.bluearrowrecords.com/>.

NO PROBLEM PRINTING
Offering full-service design and printing in the heart of Waterloo, No Problem Printing closed its storefront temporarily but is directing orders to be placed online. Delivery has always been free, and the team is ready to handle all of your design and printing needs. Browse design samples and print inventory online at No Problem Printing.

POP LIFE
Recently putting together and distributing care packages for the Collinwood Community, Pop Life on Waterloo is currently closed but would like to publish classes on social media and to continue supporting the community. To do that, the wellness studio is accepting donation via Pop Life website. You can also purchase gift certificates here.

NULIFE FITNESS CAMP
Currently offering online subscriptions for virtual fitness group classes via NuLifeTv, NuLife Fitness Camp encourages active lifestyles to boost the immune system and promote mental health through fitness. Subscribe for monthly or weekly unlimited virtual classes on the web or call 1-844-NULIFE-1 to purchase a digital gift card.

BEACHLAND BALLROOM
Though the physical Beachland Ballroom is temporarily closed, the venue is working fast and furiously to open a Beachland Online Store! Purchase Brunch Gift Certificates, Live Music Gift Certificates, Beachland Ballroom merch and stickers. Watch for announcements from Beachland Ballroom concerning carryout towards the middle of April!

GET HEP SWING
Offering one-on-one and small group swing lessons from the 1920s through the 1950s, Get Hep Swing is now offering gift certificates on their website. Though the monthly dances at The Lithuanian Club on E. 185th have been temporarily postponed, the business is encouraging those interested in swing dances to visit Get Hep Swing website and to contact info@gethepswing.com for pricing.



WATERLOO ARTS
Though current programming has been postponed and the gallery closed to the public, Waterloo Arts regularly offers high-quality programming for the Collinwood community. Explore the website here and watch for updates via Waterloo Arts Facebook.

STAR POP VINTAGE + MODERN
Buying and selling a wide array of new and old toys, classic video games, select vintage clothing, records, comics and more, Star Pop Vintage + Modern, located in the heart of Waterloo, is now offering digital gift cards that can be redeemed once the physical location reopens its doors. The gift cards can be purchased for yourself or sent to any email address as a gift! Check out Star Pop Vintage + Modern’s Facebook for updates, and purchase the digital gift cards here.

MASTER COLLECTIVE
Recently re-calibrating their focus to include a larger online presence, Master Collective continues their vision of creating better communities with creativity and gaming culture via Master Collective Patreon. Offering tiered subscription levels with plenty of perks, the collective seeks to provide workshops, audio/visual media and events that are affordable or free for Collinwood! Master Collective is also helping small businesses improve their online presence and designing apparel & merchandise and more at the Master Collective Website. Feel free to contact the Master Collective team here to request more info!

PRETTY THINGS CLEVELAND

Pretty Things Cleveland, a hip hair salon located on E. 185th, is currently closed but is keeping clients up to date on the Pretty Things Instagram Page. Pretty Things is also offering a 30% off first-time client code for Hairstory Products. Check out their website here: <https://www.prettythingscleveland.com/>.

If you’re a business not mentioned here that would like a spotlight, please email ksierra@greatercollinwood.org to be added!

Five Point Community Center Continues Food Distribution

Five Pointe Community Center plans to continue two regularly scheduled food distribution days in partnership with EBC Ferry. Produce giveaway occurs the second Wednesday of every month, from March -

November. Please bring your own bags and a current ID. Food bag giveaway occurs the last Thursday of every month, for those 18 years of age and older at 813 E. 152nd Street. Please call 216-268-2138 for info.

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Nan’s Notes: Waterloo in the Time of Coronavirus



by Nan Kennedy

This issue is a bit ragged round the edges, things change faster than I can edit. I’m assuming nobody cares much.

Quiet, is what Waterloo is. But its inhabitants are working hard to stay in business and stay in touch. For businesses that couldn’t stay open, consider buying a gift card – the business gets income now, you get a prepaid treat later. Or you can order food to be delivered to someone who has trouble making three meals a day at home. Or fill your gift list ahead of time.

Shop & Eat Local

Citizen Pie is closed, but Messina’s Pizza and Bakery on Ivanhoe is open for carry out with their full menu (excellent bread, rolls, pizzas, cookies – I particularly love their white pizza with peppers). And they have gift certificates. (Messina’s is also a blast from the past – a real neighborhood store. Check out the little black cat living outside the back door.) Six Shooter is doing curbside delivery (cash only, order on line); CLE Biscuitheads daily as well piping hot sandwiches to go, and vegan pastry and milk available. And coffee, of course. And they have gift cards, in the shop and on line.



Ritual Juicery (ritualjuicery.com) is launching a delivery service; check out website.

The Beachland has shut down for a couple weeks to reassess carry-out possibilities in early to mid April.

Further afield, Scotti’s, Beach Club Bistro and Great Scott are all offering curbside pick-up – also DoorDash at Great Scott. Scotti’s, Great Scott and the Bistro have gift certificates.

Greg Lawrence (Lakeshore Coffee House) told me Lake Shore Coffeehouse is OPEN for CARRY OUT and curbside pickup at the front door only. Call or text 216-970-5527

Social distancing:
Taking very long walks with friends, 6-feet apart.

Some Things You Should Probably Not Worry About: The WHO says not to worry about infected mail, newspapers and such. (No, not the Who; the WHO.) Soft surfaces like paper and cardboard are less friendly climates for viruses.

Same with food in general, and raw veg in particular – not a friendly surface for viruses. The experience of SARS, and of COVID

outbreaks to date, have found no transmission through food. What about romaine? you will say. That isn’t surface contamination, that’s because e.coli crept in through the water/soil – a sewage leak, maybe; it’s not on the surface and washing doesn’t help.

Not a virus issue, this one, but I’d been wondering whether Cleveland water contains PFAS, those nasty manufactured chemicals that are soaking the earth and never break down. The response from Chuck Smith at Cle Water, “In a nutshell, Cleveland Water is in great shape with regards to PFCs (or PFAS).”

The background to his response, “PFAS comprises at least 5,000 chemicals used in products every day. You are exposed to these chemicals constantly (Scotch Guard), Teflon cookware, Teflon tape, dental floss, clothing and boot waterproofing, granite counter top sealants, carpeting, stain-proof baby clothes, car seats and fabric, plastic toys, make-up, food containers like pizza boxes, Chinese to-go containers, waxy sandwich wrappers, waxy paper cups, etc.) There are thousands of ways to come in contact with PFAS containing products).

“As a Cleveland Water customer, I am pleased to tell you our water is NOT one of those routes of exposure. (Which made me think I should be worrying about other things than water.) “We have tested for the 5 main PFAS chemicals both in our raw water (Lake Erie) and our treated finished water as it leaves the plants numerous times and we have yet to have a single qualified detection for any of these chemicals. This was done four times in 2013 under the federally-mandated UCMR3 monitoring requirements, plus, since 2016, we have done three additional rounds of raw, finished, and most recently 8 distribution sites. Again, we have not had a single detection in over 190 individual test results.

“We do not anticipate seeing any level of PFAS, and if for some reason we do get a detection, it will likely be very very low. Please keep in mind, we are talking about parts per trillion in measurements. For comparison: One part per trillion is equivalent to dumping 2-1/2 blue rainbarrels (the ones you might find attached to your roof gutter downspout) into ALL of Lake Erie.

“The media and environmental groups are doing a very poor job of explaining this and the typical relative risk of water versus the many other routes of exposure we all face. Granted, there are some locations where the water supply does have PFAS issues, but these are almost exclusively ground water sources (Cleveland uses a surface water source).

“I would speculate most Lake Erie water systems will not have a problem unless they are located closer to shore and have potential influence from rivers which have wastewater treatment plants located on them. Cleveland Water intakes are so far out and in such deep water that we have virtually no influence from any river or land-based runoff. We are unique in that regard.”

And of Course, You’re Washing Your Hands

Ignaz Philipp Semmelweis was a Hungarian physician and scientist, now known as an early pioneer of antiseptic procedures. Described as the “saviour of mothers”, Semmelweis discovered that the incidence of puerperal fever could be drastically cut by the use of hand disinfection in obstetrical clinics.

The Many Ways to Help

Jergens, a South Waterloo manufacturer, innovator and leader in community development (and sometime Waterloo Arts booster), shifted gears Monday to begin 24-7 production of screwdrivers necessary to build medical devices and ventilators. There are ways to help one hasn’t thought of.



Things To Look Forward To

At Praxis: Tali Weinberg “Weathering” April 3 - May 24. Opening reception: April 3, 6 - 9pm; Artist talk at 7:30 pm

Tali will exhibit weavings that intertwine 124 years of annual average temperature for places she once called home, with 138 years of annual average temperature for the world’s oceans, and memories of that home’s landscape. Drawings that evoke the flexibility of cloth and build on the mathematical patterning of weaving, while also undermining the logic of weaving, will round out the show. These drawings, recordings of a specific place and time, were created while listening to news of the hurricanes, floods, and fires from August-October 2017.

Stitch Shibori With Indigo: May 2nd 10 - 4 Discover the ancient practice of Shibori using natural and synthetic indigo. Shibori is a Japanese technique to bind, tie and stitch fabric to create different resisted marks and patterns. This workshop focuses on stitch resist. The natural indigo is grown in our very own dye garden here in Cleveland. All materials included, beginners welcome. Instructor: Sandy Shelenberger \$115 per person. register online.

Walk All Over Waterloo Again: Maybe - May 1

Framed Gallery Tiffani Glenn: Opening Reception Femininity. I challenge you to produce anything better suited to that title. 6 to 9pm

Matt Shiffler Photography New work and a beautifully renovated gallery.

The Magic of DayGlo at Waterloo Arts 6 - 10 The gallery will be dark and the art will be aglow. On April 3rd, the 8th annual DayGlo Show will open at Waterloo Arts in black light to reveal new work made by over 40 artists using the fluorescent paint of DayGlo Color Corp.

This year’s exhibit stretches beyond the borders of Cleveland to include a few select artists from around the world. Bring your honey, bring the neighbors, bring the kids and grandparents ...this show is a blast for everyone!

Photocentric: Lori Kella’s new exhibition “Vanishing Shoreline” this week at Photocentric. If May 1 is still sequestered, a virtual video opening of the exhibition on the website. Stay tuned.

And if you’d like to help Photocentric stay in business, consider purchasing an exhibition catalog through their website (www.photocentricgallery.com).

Secondly, please encourage your photographer friends to enter their summer Waterloo Photography Invitational, scheduled for June during the festival; all the entry money will be used to support artist awards for the exhibition. Renowned curator Lisa Kurzner, (FRONT International- 2018), has agreed to be the juror. Michael is considering extending the application deadline to May 1st.

Lastly, if you’d like to make a direct donation to the gallery, the address is 15515 Waterloo Rd., Cleveland, OH 44110. Michael will make a note to offer you credit on your next purchase for the amount of your donation.

These ideas, of course, apply to all the Waterloo galleries and shops, not just the food places. Art from Framed, Photocentric, Matt Shiffler Photography, Praxis, Article and BRICK makes great holiday/birthday gifts. And music, from Blue Arrow.

Waterloo Photography Invitational 2020

Photocentric, Cleveland’s premier contemporary photography gallery invites photographers nationwide to submit their best work for entry into the Waterloo Photography Invitational 2020 exhibition opening June 5th - June 27th, 2020. (We hope.) All photographic processes are considered including but not limited to digital prints, film photographs, photograms, alternative processes, etc., however we cannot accept video submissions for this exhibition.

“Area Photographers, are you getting your submission together for our summer Waterloo Photography Invitational? There’s significant award money, and a chance for a solo or two-person exhibition at Photocentric Gallery.

“REQUIREMENTS: Media

Images - Minimum: 1, Maximum: 3Total Media - Minimum: 1, Maximum: 3 “Entry Fee (Photocentric Gallery): \$25.00.”

Photocentric is a newly-renovated gallery in the heart of the Waterloo Arts District of Cleveland, Ohio. We have 1200 square feet of exhibition space, high ceilings, state-of-the-art lighting, and hardwood floors. The exhibition coincides with the Waterloo Arts Festival, a two-block celebration of the arts featuring street vendors, food and music held on Saturday, June 27th, 2020. Photocentric presents exhibitions of the finest contemporary photographic practice, a mix of both solo and group exhibitions by both emerging and established artists. We are a commercial gallery and ask that all works entered be for sale, we take a 40% commission on all sales.

One photographer will be chosen for a solo or two-person exhibition at Photocentric in 2021. \$1000.00 offered in total awards. \$500 Curator’s Choice. \$300 Director’s Choice. \$100 Honorable Mentions.

Framing Guidelines: Presentation is critical to both viewing and potential sales of photographs. All works must be framed with plexiglass using either white, black or metal frames, dry-mounted prints and/or white mats only. Please no works larger than 36” on longest side. Shipped works must arrive in a sturdy, reusable shipping carton and include return shipping label for UPS. Please

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Nan’s Notes, continued.

contact Photocentric if you have any questions regarding these requirements at (216) 219-7568. 15515 Waterloo Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44110

Around The Neighborhood

At the Market

Coit Road market house is extremely well ventilated, and never crowded. It had, last eye steak, ground pork, cheese, eggs, mushrooms, cabbage, shallots, onions, cookies, brownies, coffee, pickles, honey, and gluten-free everything. (If you’re not a fan of gluten-free bread, try Chandra’s oat bread.) Plus the market is practically open-air, and not crowded – you can distance very socially . . .or socialize very



distantly. Plus everything is brought in by the organic farmers who grew it - no multi-handler supply chain.

Annual French Toast Breakfast Fundraiser
April 4 (maybe)

With local farm eggs, northeast Ohio maple syrup, local butter, apple cider or fresh-brewed Crooked River Coffee, all for \$6. \$10 includes 3 slices of French toast, buckboard bacon or chicken sausage. Yum!

In a word, “The market will be open Saturdays year-round, 8:00am to 1:00pm, with eggs, vegetables, greens, grass-fed cheese and meat, baked goods, maple syrup, honey, spices and plenty more from our local farmers and vendors.” And Wednesdays April to October. Usually. Stay tuned.

Hunger Center Temporarily Closed

Rev. Ron Rollins
The CCC3 Hunger Center located in Collinwood and managed by St. John Nottingham Lutheran Church is temporarily closed. However, the needs of families has not ceased.

If you are a resident of the community and in need of food/meals please contact St. John Lutheran Church via email. We will do our best to find a way to help! Contact us at: churchoffice@stjohnnottingham.org

May God bless you and keep you during this time of pestilence!

Collinwood Grocers

from Carly Lovely
We rounded up details about grocers doing business right here in Collinwood! Please call ahead to confirm hours/days and availability.

RADDELL’S SLOVENIAN SAUSAGE SHOP
Proud Cleveland staple serving the Collinwood community for over 4 generations, specializing in homemade Slovenian smoked sausage and other European-style meats.
Butcher shop located at 478 E. 152nd
Offers early bird specials via Facebook
Hours: 8AM - 5PM, Monday-Saturday
Phone: 216-486-1944

DAVE’S SUPERMARKET
Offering newly modified hours and early bird hours for senior citizen shopping.

Supermarket located at
15900 Lakeshore Blvd
Newly Modified Hours: 7AM - 8PM
Phone: 216-486-6458

NEW EASTSIDE MARKET
Neighborhood indoor fresh market offering fresh, healthy, organic, and locally-grown produce, fresh meats, fish, prepped meals and other specialty foods and beverage items.
Market located at 10505 St. Clair Avenue
Hours: 8AM - 8PM, Monday - Saturday, and 9AM - 6PM Sundays
Phone: 216-331-6099

R&D SAUSAGE
Butcher shop located on Waterloo, specializing in Croatia and Slovenian sausage, bacons, hams, and smoked & cured meats, Imports, and breads.

R&D cont. Location: 15714 Waterloo Rd
Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 8AM - 5PM
Phone: 216-692-1832

COIT ROAD FARMERS’ MARKET

Committed to growing the legacy of Cleveland’s oldest farmers’ market, The Coit Road Farmers’ Market has long been a leader in engaging the community in local-food options. Situated at the heart of one of Cleveland’s most challenged areas, the Market offers an oasis of green, fresh and nutritious foods, from produce to baked goods, local cheeses to free-range meats. See Coit Road Farmers’ Market current e-news letter here.
Location: 15000 Woodsworth Rd
Hours: Saturdays 8AM - 1PM, and Wednesdays starting in June
Phone: 216-249-5455

Senior Shopping Hours – as of March 20th, 2020
Compiled by the Cleveland Department of Aging

In order to protect those most vulnerable against COVID-19, some businesses have implemented periods of time exclusively for senior shoppers. The list is growing and will be updated as more stores enact such policies. Currently, stores and hours include:

- Dollar General – the first hour of operation each day
- Dave’s Supermarket – 7:00 A.M. - 8:00 A.M. every day
- Giant Eagle – 6:00 A.M. – 7:00 A.M., Monday – Wednesday
- Heinen’s – 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. every day
- Target – the first hour the store is open each Wednesday (for most Target locations, 8:00 A.M., but check your local Target to verify)
- Walmart – one hour before the store opens each Tuesday (for most Walmart locations, 6:00 A.M. - 7:00 A.M., but check your local Walmart to verify)
- Whole Foods – 7:30 A.M. - 8:00 A.M. every day at the Rocky River and University Heights locations

HFLA Offers COVID-19 Emergency Loans to Individuals

Hebrew Free Loan Association announced early last week that the organization would be providing emergency loans to individuals, interest-free, due to Covid-19 related needs. HFLA is offering up to \$1,500 to individuals affected by Ohio school closures, lost wages due to being unable to work, and those experiencing Covid-19 related medical costs. Established in 1904, HFLA mission is to provide interest-free loans to address the financial challenges of Northeast Ohio residents who lack access to traditional lending sources. For more information, please visit <https://interestfree.org>

Hire Collinwood

Amid mandatory business closures and massive layoffs, the following employers are reaching out to the public for on-the-spot interviews and immediate hiring.

GOJO INDUSTRIES
Gojo Industries, the company that makes Purell, is currently looking for 800 workers to ramp up production to 24 hours per day. They are offering 40-60 hours per week, at \$15-\$18 per hour. Gojo is located at 3901 Lippman Pkwy, Cuyahoga Falls. Call (330) 255-6500 or visit <https://www.gojo.com/careers>.

MARC’S
Grocery chain is hiring at all locations across Ohio. For more information, please visit <https://www.marcs.com/Employment-Opportunities>.

DISCOUNT DRUG MART
Grocery chain is accepting applications at stores throughout Northeast Ohio. For more information, please visit <https://discount-drugmart.com/careers/>.

AMAZON
Plans to hire 4,600 new workers in Ohio to fill jobs that include warehouse and delivery positions. For Amazon listings in Cleveland, please see <https://www.indeed.com/q-Amazon-l-Cleveland,-OH-jobs.html>.

OHIO LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION
Announced more than 40 contractors across Ohio are hiring workers laid off during coronavirus pandemic. For more information, please see <https://www.ohio-landscapers.org/keepohioworking.html>.

THRIVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER
A mental health and addiction services provider in Northeast Ohio is adding new workers. Free training and certification is offered. For more information, please see <https://thrivebh.com/careers/>.

PARISCO
Hospital linen laundering facility in the Ravenna area is hiring full-time positions. For more information, please see <https://www2.appone.com/Search/Search.aspx?ServerVar=pariscleanersinc.appone.com>.

ATLANTIS SECURITY AND QUOTA CONTRACT CLEANING
Hiring for all shifts of positions in Cuyahoga, Summit, Stark, Lake and Lorain counties. For more information, visit <http://quotacleaning.com/employment>.

ROSE-MARY
Looking to hire individuals to help chil-

dren and adults with disabilities with locations throughout Northeast Ohio. For more information, please see <http://www.rose-marycenter.com/employment>.

ALDI
Temporarily hiring at all Northeast Ohio locations. Please note on application that it is for temporary positions. Visit <https://careers.aldi.us/>.

VSRS SERVICES
Emergency Covid-19 testers needed nation-wide. For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/2QA8XRL>.

If you are a business with immediate openings due to Covid-19 related demand, email ksierra@greatercollinwood.org.



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US Census Bureau Responds to COVID-19

by Greater Collinwood Development Corporation Staff

The US Census Bureau issued a statement, March 15, 2020, in response to Covid-19 and data collection. According to the statement, the Census is adjusting operations with two key principles in mind: protecting public health and safety of staff and the public, and fulfilling its statutory requirement to deliver the 2020 Census counts to the President on schedule.

US Census Bureau states that the planned completion date of data collection can and will be adjusted if necessary as the situation evolves in order to achieve a complete and accurate count. Planned completion date of data collection is July 31, 2020.

US Census Bureau is encouraging response by phone, by mail or online. Households began receiving invitations to complete the 2020 Census March 12 - March 20. Additional reminders will be mailed throughout the month. Census Takers are currently slated to follow up in person from May - June to households that do not respond to 2020 Census invitations.

The Census Bureau is adjusting operations to make sure college students are counted at correct place of residence,



working with group quarters administrators who have requested in-person visits (such as nursing homes, college dorms, prisons, and other institutional living facilities), and working with service providers at emergency and transitional shelters, soup kitchens and mobile food vans to provide paper Census forms.

US Census Bureau is also delaying the start of a Mobile Questionnaire Assistance program to April 13th, and delaying the start of Early Non Response Follow Up operation to April 23rd.

For details about the US Census Bureau response to Covid-19 and for the most current news, please visit US Census press release site at: <https://www.census.gov>

Ohio Department of Commerce Announces Liquor Buy Back

Ohio Department of Commerce, Liquor Control Division, announced a buyback program March 16 to ease business impact of bar and restaurant closures due to Covid-19 outbreak.

Businesses will have the option to return unopened high-proof liquor products purchased in the last 30 days and is also open to any businesses that secured a temporary

F-2 permit for an event scheduled between March 12 - April 6 that has been canceled, with possible consideration closer to April 6 if necessary.

For more information regarding the Liquor Buyback Program, please contact LESC at 877-812-0013, visit <https://com.ohio.gov/liqr/> or email: OhioLiquorInfo@com.ohio.gov

NEOCH & Cleveland Recovers Bridge Gaps in Need

Recently launched NEOCH Mutual Aid Fund and Cleveland Recovers community hub help to bridge gaps in need for Clevelanders affected by Covid-19 outbreak. The NEOCH fund aims to assist individuals facilitating mutual aid projects with micro-grants of \$500, while the Cleveland Recovers hub connects individuals seeking assistance with those able to provide assistance.

NEOCH's mission for the Mutual Aid Fund is to provide rapid response assistance to people who need it without relying on large systems that can be slow to respond. The fund aims to empower individuals and small groups to take responsibility for one

another's safety and wellbeing.

Cleveland Recovers is designed to facilitate community preparedness and recovery. Individuals can request help at the community hub or sign up to donate or volunteer. Local organizations can also sign up to provide donations or volunteer service via hub portal.

Both approaches offer a grassroots response to needs-exchange that empowers and builds leadership at the ground level for Cleveland communities.

For more info, visit: www.neoch.org/cleveland-homeless-blog/mutualaidfund

Upstage Players Frozen Jr. Postponed, Not Canceled

by Kurt Steigerwald

While the show didn't go on, it must at some point.

UpStage Players, a local performing arts group with an all children cast, was preparing for a weekend of performances of Frozen Jr in late March when the Covid-19 crisis caused them to shut down the show. Postponement is the most likely scenario according to Bernadette Walsh, Executive Director, who said that without the ticket revenue, the group would be facing a huge deficit.

"We were all ready to go when we had to pull the plug," said Walsh. For 25 consecutive years the non-profit group has put on performances featuring 50-80 children. UpStage Players has always kept the show going regardless of the personal challenges, including the death of close family members of staff. Unfortunately, the coronavirus crisis took matters to another level.

Having already paid for the rights to perform the show, the group is looking at options for performing at a later time. Originally scheduled in the Nottingham Branch of the Cleveland Public Library, UpStage

will have to look at all options once an opportunity arises to perform the show.

In the meantime, performers uploaded scenes onto the UpStage Players Facebook for people to enjoy. With young actors performing in small groups in front of family or friends, they were at least able to get a short moment of stage time – if in a controlled environment. Fans can view some performances online to see some of the highlights.

Walsh commented that the group has been very conservative with their spending, so they are able to manage in the short term. They purchased the rights to the show from a theater company that is also dealing with the realities of delayed payments and the financial impact of the shutdown. "They've been absolutely great. Very understanding of our situation. Normally, our rights to do the show would have expired, but they are giving us an extension," said Walsh. She left no doubt about the future of the performance. "We will return."



In a final dress rehearsal, actors honed their performance of Frozen Jr just days before Covid-19 shut down the show.

GDC Invites Collinwood to Take Listening Survey

by Greater Collinwood Development Corporation Staff

Greater Collinwood Development Corporation invites Collinwood neighbors and stakeholders to participate in a Community Listening Survey online. The survey seeks input from members of the Collinwood community regarding the community's thoughts and ideas for neighborhood growth.

The Community Listening Survey asks members within GDCD geographic footprint to share their thoughts and ideas. These areas include: Collinwood Village, Euclid Green, Glenville-East, Northshore and Nottingham Village.

Answers will be reported out anonymously and collectively. GDCD is asking that neighbors share the online survey digitally with Collinwood neighborhood groups and associations.

Please respond to the following survey by Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 5:00PM. GDCD thanks you for your input in advance. Find GDCD Community Listening Survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JS29XB3>.

Changes to Unemployment in Response to COVID-19

Recent updates to Ohio unemployment benefits reflect a growing need amidst massive layoffs across Ohio due to mandated Covid-19 related closures.

Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services has temporarily increased staff to process unemployment benefit applications and has issued a WARN processing number to expedite processing of applications related to the Coronavirus outbreak.

The wait time for applying for unemployment benefits over the phone is approximately 53 minutes at present. The wait time for applying for unemployment benefits online is approximately 13

minutes. The state is also waving the usual one-week waiting period to start receiving benefits after you apply. State officials have not said whether the Coronavirus outbreak will speed the process.

Unemployment benefits will be available for eligible individuals who are requested by a medical professional, local health authority, or employer to be isolated or quarantined as a result of Covid-19, even if they aren't actually diagnosed.

For the most current updates related to Ohio unemployment benefits and to apply, please visit: <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ouio/CoronavirusAndUI.stm>



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Collinwood Friends Garden Hosts Free Distribution by Mail

by Brittainy Quinn

Well, there is no better time to plant your own victory garden than the present! Gardening is relaxing, rewarding and helps save on food costs. This season, the community garden has to make some changes and get creative about how we operate. Normally, we would hold a seed distribution day in April and a sprout distribution in June. In order to make this resource accessible at this time, we have created an online seed request. Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/CollinwoodGarden> and complete the form. We will do our best to accommodate your request based on availability and your order will be delivered. We expect to have carrots, lettuce, green beans, cucumber, and much more- the complete list will be available at the link above by April 11th.

The community garden is located at 257 East 156th street. We are excited to



A. Hoen & Co., 1917, U.S. Department of Agriculture

announce that with the city’s support we are expanding and doubling the size of the community garden. You can sign up for a plot on the form if you are interested in a 4 x 8 garden bed. We are currently planning garden policies to ensure the health and safety of our gardeners- you can keep up to date at facebook.com/CollinwoodFriends-Garden.

The Collinwood Friends Garden is one of 170 community gardens in Cuyahoga county that participate in the Summer Sprout program from the Ohio State University Extension. Summer Sprout gardens are eligible for soil testing, soil amendments, tilling services, plants, seeds, materials for raised beds (if eligible), technical assistance and education. For more information on the Summer Sprout program, call 330-559-7736 or visit the Ohio State University Extension website.



Herbert Bayer, 1943, NYC WPA War Services



James Montgomery Flagg, 1918, National War Garden Commission

Five Points Intersection to Receive \$50,000 Investmant

by Carly Lovely

The Five Pointes intersection will receive a \$50,000 investment in streetscaping, thanks to a grant awarded to Greater Collinwood Development Corporation from the Cuyahoga County Community Development Supplemental Grant program. The Five Pointes Streetscape Project will implement recommendations from the September 24, 2018 Saint Clair Avenue Corridor Study. The St. Clair Avenue Corridor Study identified beautification, bike and pedestrian friendly amenities, and healthy lifestyle amenities as key needs. To address these needs, the Five Pointes Streetscape Project will provide ladder style crosswalks, decorative place making banners, street trees, and bike racks.

Increased foot traffic, enhanced resident and visitor satisfaction, transportation equity by providing access to bike racks in an area previously having none, pedestrian safety, and an enhanced sense of place for the Five Pointes Intersection will benefit the Collinwood community as a result of this project. Five Pointes is a vibrant intersection, home to Collinwood High School, the Cleveland Public Library Collinwood Branch and the Five Pointes Retail District. We additionally thank Councilman Anthony Hairston for his thought leadership and support on this project. Greater Collinwood Development Corporation will keep the community informed and involved as this project progresses.



Charity Foundation Announces Bartender Emergency Assistance Grant Program

USBG National Charity Foundation announced the Bartender Emergency Assistance Program early last week. The grant program aims to relieve economic hardship in the industry due to Covid-19 related business closures and enmass layoffs.

In order to qualify for grant assistance, the applicant must satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Be a bartender or the spouse of a bartender or a child of a bartender. BEAP defines “bartender” as an individual employed in serving beverages or otherwise engaged in the production, promotion, or distribution of alcoholic beverages. An individual is considered “employed” as a bartender if the individual performed bartending services on a regular full-time or part-time basis, for not less than one year prior to the application, and if the catastrophic event or emergency hardship giving rise to the application prevents the individual from performing such services.

2. Experience a catastrophic event or emergency hardship that is:
 - Identifiable and describable in detail in the application;
 - Damaging to the person or property;
 - Sudden and precipitous rather than gradual or progressive;
 - Unexpected, unanticipated, unforeseen, unintended, or unplanned; and
 - Unusual and not normally occurring in the ordinary course of day-to-day living.
 3. Lack the necessities of life, including financial, physical, mental, or emotional wellbeing as a result of the catastrophic event or emergency hardship.
 4. Provide tangible documentation of the catastrophic event or emergency handship.
- For more information about the Bartender Emergency Assistance Program and how to apply, please visit <https://www.usbgfoundation.org/beap>



Wipes Clog Pipes

by Jennifer Elting

As packages of toilet paper are filling carts and Cleveland is left with empty shelves, many Americans are also stockpiling disposable wipes. The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District is reminding customers and others throughout Northeast Ohio that although the packaging might say “flushable,” wipes should never be flushed down the toilet.

“Flushable wipes are not truly flushable,” said Jim Bunsey, Chief Operating Officer. “They might go down the drain, but they do not break up like regular toilet paper.”

In addition, paper towels, facial tissues and disinfecting wipes are also no-nos. Dispose of these items in the garbage can

and save your drains.

Large wastewater treatment plants such as the three owned and operated by the Sewer District have a better ability to handle wipes and other debris, but they are screened out early in the treatment process. That’s if they even make it to the treatment plant.

“Collectively, our three treatment plants treat more than 200 million gallons of wastewater every single day, but if wipes even make it to us, they are still trucked off to a landfill,” said Bunsey.

Wipes like to bind with fats, oils and grease and can wreak havoc on smaller wastewater treatment facilities, clog local sewer systems and harm your home’s plumbing.



Big Clean Postponed: Social Distancing Clean-ups Encouraged

by Allison Lukacsy-Love

To prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), the Big Clean originally scheduled for Saturday, April 25th will be postponed.

We are following directives from Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, the Ohio Department of Public Health and the CDC. We are working to identify a new date in the Fall for this popular annual event, so please stay tuned!

In the meantime, there are actions you can take as an individual to remain a good steward of our environment.

Next time you walk the dog or venture to a local park for some fresh air, grab a trash bag and gloves and pick up any litter along the way. Be vigilant in washing your hands before and after!

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Cleveland’s Influenza Pandemic of 1918



“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”
- George Santayana, 1905

by William McCulloch

Though there have been pandemics in recent past, most have had little effect in the United States. The last one to have had a major impact as far as Cleveland is concerned was the influenza of 1918-1919, also known as the Spanish Flu, carried back from Europe by the Doughboys of World War I.

The nations fighting feared the effect on morale and censured any reporting of the disease. The year prior the Russian people revolted against their government, greatly due to the hardships brought on by the war forcing the Tsar to abdicate and form a new government and sign a separate peace. Since Spain was neutral during the war, reporters were allowed to cover the disease's impact there.

Here's are a few references I found.

- American troop deaths from combat: 53,402. American troop deaths from influenza: 45,000.

- In Cleveland between late September and the end of 1918, 23,644 fell ill from the disease, with 1,600 developing pneumonia.
- In Cleveland 3,600 died of influenza or pneumonia that autumn.
- An additional 800 deaths occurred in January and February of 1919.
- Over those five months, 3.5% of the city's population (26,236) came down with the influenza or pneumonia, and of those 16% passed away (1 in 6).
- The result in Cleveland was a total excess death rate of 474 per 100,000. The highest rate in Ohio, and worse than either New York City or Chicago.
- Cleveland's population in 1910 was 560,663. By 1920 it was 796,841, fifth largest city in the United States.
- With a population of roughly 749,605 in 1918, total Cleveland deaths over the five month period was around 4,400 people or 0.6%.
- Today Cleveland's population is roughly 383,793. So 0.6% of the current population would represent 2,303 people.
- In the United States an estimate 25 million fell ill and close to 600,000 died.
- It's been said one fifth to a quarter of the world was infected and numbers between 17.4 and 50 million died.
- By comparison World War I claimed a total 20 million lives.
- World population in 1918 was around 1.8 billion. Today population is close to 8 billion.

RTA & Ohio’s Stay-at-Home Order

Governor Mike DeWine issued a Stay-At-Home order, Sunday March 22, 2020. The order, that all persons stay at home unless engaged in essential work or activity, is in effect March 23 at, 11:59pm through April 6, 11:59pm. Here's what you need to know about how the Stay-At-Home affects public transportation:

Only essential travel and essential activities are permitted. Essential travel and activities are defined as: for health and safety; for necessary supplies and services; for outdoor activities (provided individuals comply with Social Distancing Requirements); to perform work providing essential products and services at Essential Businesses or Operations; and to care for family member, friend or pet in another household and to transport family members, friends or pets as allowed by the order

People riding on public transit must comply with Social Distancing Requirements to the greatest extent feasible.

The order allows travel into or out of the State to maintain Essential Businesses and Operations and Minimum Basic Operations.

Social Distancing Requirements includes maintaining at least six-foot social distancing from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs and sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.

- RTA has taken the following measures to reduce the transmission of Covid-19:
- Enhanced cleaning protocol for all buses, trains, paratransit and non-revenue vehicles that began March 5th.
 - RTA staff are cleaning all touchable surfaces on board its vehicles with cleaning agent recommended by the Center of Disease Control every 24 hours. This includes non-revenue and Transit Police vehicles, all Transit Centers and all RTA public facilities, bus districts and office buildings.
 - Bus and rail operators and other staff have been provided with disinfectant wipes to clean their work areas routinely throughout the day.
 - Effective March 24: RTA is suspending Park-N-Ride and Downtown Trolley bus service due to the Governor's Stay-At-Home order for Ohioans.
- For current updates about RTA service, please visit: <http://www.riderta.com/coronavirus>



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Due to the COVID-19 outbreak and the closing of all of Cleveland Public Library branches, all programming has been canceled until further notice.

Until then please take a look at our book recommendations, educational mobile apps, and websites for juveniles and young adults.

Collinwood Library's App Picks

For Teens and Adults

Apps for Ages 13-18

- NeuroNation Brain Training** – Give your brain a boost with this brain training app! NeuroNation helps with memory and concentration with just 15 minutes per day. Keep a little bit of science right in your pocket!
- Khan Academy**: SAT, ACT, or AP exam coming up? Don't worry! Khan Academy is here to save the day with practice tests, quizzes, and exams to help you prepare. Follow along with school or learn something on your own with this completely FREE app!
- Math Master** – Here's a mathematical mind game that helps you solve math problems quickly in your mind and develop math skills. Sharpen your intellect and improve your logical thinking with this app!

Apps for Adults

- Waze Navigation** – Always know what's going on with live traffic updates. Waze, Traffic, Construction, crashes, and police are all avoided as Waze provides a quicker route to get to your destination faster!
- Cleveland Historical** - Cleveland history at your fingertips! Find interesting people, places and events in Cleveland history, and take curated historical tours of the city.
- LinkedIn**: Jobs, Business News, & Social Networking – Need help networking? Then you'll love the LinkedIn app. Create your own profile, search and recruit for jobs, and follow opportunities to see if companies you may be interested in are hiring.

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Collinwood Library's App Picks

For Early Learners & Kids

Apps for Ages 0-5

- Duck Duck Moose Reading** – This interactive reading app is based off of Common Core State Standards and helps children piece together words letter by letter, and feed animals, too!
- Shapes & Colors by Bimiboo** – Perfect for preschoolers and Kindergartners! These baby games will allow boys and girls to develop logic, memory, attention, visual perception, fine motor skills and creativity in an entertaining way.
- Bouncy the People Trainer** - Bouncy is a three-legged dog who models strength, humor and resilience in the face of challenges. Kids learn from Bouncy that if they care enough, believe in themselves, and try hard, they can learn to read and count, and so much more!

Apps for Ages 6-12

- PBS KIDS Games** – With over 100 free learning games with your favorite PBS KIDS characters, kids can play and explore learning anytime, anywhere!
- NASA Visualization Explorer** - NASA SCIENCE: REVEALED! This is the coolest way to get stories about space, the stars, spaceships and more delivered right to your phone.
- Sight Words: Learning Games & Flash Cards** - This reading app is designed to help children learn and practice reading the most common sight words. Perfect for beginning readers!

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HIGH SCHOOL

24 VASJ students inducted into National Honor Society

by Kristen Mott '09

Twenty-four VASJ students were inducted into the National Honor Society on Wednesday, March 4. These students were recognized for their commitment to the values of scholarship, service, leadership and character.

The ceremony included the presentation of medals and the lighting of candles in honor of the four pillars of the National Honor Society. Jakki Nance, president of Philanthropic Solutions, Ltd. and a national board member of Autism Speaks, as well as an advisory board member of VASJ, served as guest speaker.

Congratulations to the following students on being new inductees:

Seniors:

Jay'Mai Chatman
John Parker
Nneka Scott
Leah Stanoch

Juniors:

Kay Besa
Ashley Holbrook
Ashanti Johnson
Natavia Johnson
Clarke Moore
Jasmine Riddle
Faith Thompson
Paul Wise

Sophomores:

Kelsey Armen
Melana Blase
Abigail Buzdon
Lewis Davis
Josephine DiDona
Jaylen Felder
Joshua Hatcher
Thomas Kelsey
BK Kwasniak
Paul Paciorek
Emily Reichert
Zac Tizzano



VASJ students compete in Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition



by Kristen Mott '09

Eight students at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School competed in the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition on Saturday, March 7.

Congratulations to the following students:

Margaret Radachy
Amara Hill
Yzabella Estacio
Alexandria Parker

Hannah Brown
Lucia Vidmar
Emmy Rowell
Erin Haley

The Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition, now in its 50th year, is dedicated to the educational and artistic advancement of talented young people in the state of Ohio. The exhibition is open to all of Ohio's 1,112 high schools, both public and private.

Continue the Dream gala postponed

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School, in cooperation with the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, is closely monitoring updates on COVID-19.

The health and safety of our community members and supporters is our top priority. As such, Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School's Continue the Dream gala scheduled for Saturday, May 16 has been postponed. The event will be rescheduled for a date later in the year. We will communicate when a



new date has been identified.

We greatly appreciate the support of the gala thus far. Please join us in praying for the health and safety of all our community members during this time.

VASJ Academic Decathlon team finishes second in small school division

by Kristen Mott '09

The VASJ Academic Decathlon Team competed in the state finals the weekend of March 6 and finished second in the Small School Division. The team accumulated 34 medals: 12 gold, 12 silver and 10 bronze. The medal count included two in speech, two in interview, two in literature, two in science, three in essay, three in art, four in music, four in social science, five in economics and seven in mathematics.

The team swept the mathematics category with four gold medals and three silver medals.

Team members were seniors Davante Callahan, Devon Crosby,



John Parker and John Michalski; juniors Mark Ballard, Autumn Redd, Michael Strother, Clarke Moore and Matthew Ballard; and freshman Roland Ivy Jr.



Fr. Joe’s Weekly Video Nurtures the Spirit

by Bev Caldwell

Our Lady of the Lake, like other parishes in Ohio, heeded the order of the Ohio Bishops in response to the Corona Virus to cancel all Masses and prayer gatherings to align with the Governor’s directive. However, Fr. Joe found a way to reach the faithful via a weekly video to nurture the spirit.

“With Fr. Joe at the Table of the Word” is a weekly video that includes a reading of the upcoming Sunday gospel, a homiletic commentary, prayers of the faithful and any pertinent announcements. Slated for a weekly 4pm Saturday time slot on the parish website, olleuclid.org, the new video is distributed through several media platforms with links to the site that are easily accessible.

In his first video, Fr. Joe talked about the table where the word is read and reflected upon. “This table belongs to my family and was given to me to use here in the rectory dining room.” Next to him sat his family portrait and he shared that his family had many a happy gathering at that table, including his late father. He spoke about the fact that since the table has been in the rectory, staff and parishioners alike have gathered around that table for many fun and meaningful meetings. So he thought it was appropriate to reach out to his “family”, his parishioners, from that family table.

The first video aired on Saturday, March 21st and celebrated the Fourth Sunday of Lent with a focus on the gospel of the blind man who encounters Je“sus. “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” The second video aired on Saturday, March 28th and celebrated the Fifth Sunday of Lent and the raising of Lazarus from the dead. “Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?” Fr. Joe provided inciteful homiletic responses to both gospels with compassionate subtle references to the current situation during this time of isolation.

Response to the videos has been inspiring. With times so bleak, people just needed a spiritual pick me up and the videos provide just that.

“We watched your video (at the table) this Sunday morning. We really enjoyed it and found it very comforting. We miss our church community but this really helps.”

“Hi Fr. Joe, Just wanted to say that you will never know how much it meant to me to hear and see your homily today! Not going to get” mushy” but it made me feel much more at ease. Thanks for the GOOD NEWS!! Oh and tell Melissa it was great to hear her voice too!”

“Thank you for your insight and interpretation of today’s gospel. In its own way the virus is helping people communicate more often. My brothers and I have a daily texting now... The world is smaller than we think. As someone I know said ‘the virus is like gods way of telling us to stop fighting like children, go to our rooms and work for a common cause in unity.’ Enjoy the sunshine today.”



Hope it can continue Thank you Father Joe. Peace and health be with you.”

“Thanks for all you have done to make this happen. It was quite a true support and blessing! Thank you, for those of us (like me) who do not have a Facebook account.”

“Thank you so much for the gospel and stations of the cross videos. These are very much appreciated at this time.”

“Thanks for putting these videos on the website. They are very uplifting and prayerful for me. Hope you are all well. God bless, Thanks for sharing.. Thank you so much. Thank you for this. I am grateful to receive this.”

Our Lady of the Lake Parish is celebrating it’s 10 year anniversary this year and embraces the phrase “All Are Welcome” which reflects the philosophy of the parish that is known for reaching out to the community and embracing all who come through its doors.

“I just wanted to thank you for the video gospel and homily. It is very helpful to see you and hear your thoughts in these troubling times. I find your hopefulness and honesty refreshing.”

“This was wonderful! Looking forward to this each week - stay well”

“Thank you..... It’s good to be home”

“Thank you Father Joe for uniting us in scripture and prayer. We really need this right now”

“Thoughtful and encouraging. Thanks Fr. Joe! “

“Grateful, he is a wonderful human being”

“Thank you! I love this idea — it helps fill the gap in my weekend created by not being able to go to Mass. This is a great idea for “meeting the needs of parishioners who cannot attend mass.

New Ways to Connect During Stay at Home Directive

These resources are intended to support and nourish you and your family during these challenging times. Please go to olleuclid.org and look for links to the videos and bulletin.

Weekly Video - With Fr. Joe at the Table of the Word - Each Saturday at 4pm but can be viewed anytime during the week. Videos scheduled to celebrate Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Daily Video - Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine - Each Weekday at 3pm but can be viewed anytime.

Parish Bulletin - Posted on the parish website and now emailed to parishioners and those who request being added to the email list.

Blessed Palms - We are currently investigating ways to get blessed palms to folks while being respectful of social distancing and the Governor’s directives. We will keep you posted.

Prayers - Fr. Joe and staff are praying for the parish and school families and community. Although our parish office is temporarily closed, we continue to check our messages. God Bless Everyone!

A Heartfelt Gesture: Stations of the Cross Video at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine

by Bev Caldwell

Our Lady of the Lake School has an engaged administrative team: Principal, Jenny Millett, and Assistant Principal, Lauren Zbiegien. These two are known for putting their heads together to think outside of the box and at this unusual time - they did just that.

The two thoughtful administrators, decided to make a video tour of the Stations of the Cross by walking the stations at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Euclid with a camera to video tape the stations for those students and adults who cannot get there themselves. When the order came to stay at home, the video took on a new significance.

“I guess the idea came from the fact that we are a Catholic school and during Lent, we focus on the Stations of the Cross. We knew there had to be a way to still share this experience with our students, so we

decided to visit Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine and take some videos”, Lauren Zbiegien explained. Ms. Zbiegien continued, “Mrs Millett and I really wanted our school community to stay connected and have faith filled opportunities.”

Adding Catholic Online reflections to each station and music from Melissa Gali-Bird and the OLL Music Ministries, the video takes the viewer each weekday on a virtual tour of the next station of the cross reflection (14 stations plus 2 extra videos) up to Good Friday, ending with the image of the Resurrection Statue, as we look collectively toward the celebration of Easter. OLL’s talented video editor, Nicole Hufford ties all the elements together, resulting in a Station of the Cross video released each weekday at 3pm. Nicole is also the video editor working behind the scenes of Fr. Joe’s weekly videos.



The arch of the Stations of the Cross at Our Lady



Video editor Nicole Hufford working from home.


Donate to OLL School Walkathon

by Bev Caldwell

You can make a difference to support the OLL School Walkathon that was originally scheduled for Wed. May 6th. As the students are now at home, online donations

are still a valid way to cheer the students and faculty on as their aim is to raise money for the school! The monies raised are to help purchase much needed items for the school.

To donate to your favorite student or to the school in general, go to the website olleuclid.weshare.org. Every dollar makes a difference!




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To All Our Parishioners and Friends

Dear Friends,

Decisions made this past week concerning the COVID-19 Virus have affected all of us personally and as a church. So we feel it important to tell you how this affects St. Jerome Parish.

First of all it's good to report that Fr. Bill Jerse is doing much better now and will be moved soon to a rehab facility. We will keep you informed about his progress, so keep the prayers going!

St. Jerome School is closed for the next three weeks and all school activities have been cancelled. The school office number is 216-486-3587 and the website is stjeromecleveland.org/school/

The Bishops of Ohio have dispensed Catholics from the obligation to participate in Mass on Sundays and have suspended all publicly celebrated liturgies at least through Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020.

Sunday remains a Holy Day and we are encouraged to pray privately in our homes using the Word Among Us, The Little Black Book, the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Stations of the Cross. On

Sundays, Mass can be viewed on Fox 8 at 11:30 am, on EWTN at 8 am or Cox 45 at 11:30 am. Several parishes are livestreaming Mass on their websites or Facebook.

St. Jerome church building will be closed for the immediate future. The Rectory office will be open only on Monday and Thursday mornings from 9-12. We will check phone messages and email at jeromeclev@dioceseofcleveland.org. We will make updates available on our webpage at www.stjeromecleveland.org.

Regarding the sacraments:

Funerals will be celebrated with the Rite of Committal at the cemetery with only immediate family members attending. A Memorial Mass will then be scheduled after the crisis has passed.

Anointing of the Sick & Confessions will be celebrated only if the person is in danger of death.

Baptisms will be postponed indefinitely unless a child is seriously ill.

Weddings should be rescheduled, if at all possible, after the crisis has passed.

First Communion is postponed and religious education classes are suspended.

Communion calls to homes are suspended. Eucharistic Ministers are not permitted to bring communion to the sick or to hospital patients.

If you have questions about the sacraments, please call the Rectory at 216-481-8200.

Our parish priests will offer private Masses for the intentions listed in the parish bulletin. Let us pray for those who have the virus, their families, and those who have died.

Finally, Catholics have always joined together in prayer during times of crisis throughout the ages. We have ministered to the sick, attended to the dying and buried the dead. May this unprecedented time in our history be a time we remember who we are, disciples of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen.

May we continue to demonstrate the love of God and our neighbor. In addition, may we remember to pray for everyone involved as we weather the storm.

As Pope Francis reminds us, we should be reaching out to our communities and praying in solidarity with the Church around the world. He offered this prayer to Mary, mother of Jesus: O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the People, know what we need and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father, and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

May the Lord bless and guide us in these difficult times.

Fr. Bill Jerse & Fr. Francis Walsh

The Learning Continues

by Marguerite DiPenti

No matter what else is going on in the world, children are still children. Curious, imaginative, creative and always learning.

Below are some samples of what our 5th grade students have been doing.

In the midst of the current crisis, we invite you to take a minute and join in imagining what snowmen do at night.



The Link Between Your Child's Teacher and a Tutor

by Phillip Dank

Three people play integral roles in your child's education: teachers, tutors, and you.

As the parent, you are the most important player. Many students at St. Jerome School are being tutored because the help which tutors provide support the academic content which is being taught in a classroom.

This support can sometimes enlighten a student's understanding. Tutors provide this attention, helping students accomplish their academic goals, based upon the grade level's expectations. Planning is based on the curriculum that will be covered over the whole year.

This is an important component between the classroom teacher and the tutor.

Approaches in student's work habits vary. By working with an in-school tutoring program the tutors get some insight on how each child learns. Classroom teacher are also gaining this insight as they work with students.

Once a tutor receives insight on how each child learns, the lessons are modified to meet the needs of individual student. Each child has his or her own learning style, and I as a tutor can tap into it. This helps to know what teaching techniques individual children responds to best.

As tutoring sessions continue, it's important that I monitor student's academic progress. Ongoing communication between the classroom teacher and the tutor include discussions about student's individual progress.

If at any time a student's progress becomes limited, I identify the problem and make the appropriate adjustments based upon the student's abilities. As goals are reached we continue to practice those skills as well as tackle other academic goals.

Occasionally revising the goals if necessary. Revision of a goal is a stepping stone which allows the tutor to assist students who are now moving closer to mastering the specific academic skills. At this point the students are showing the classroom teacher how much they have gained by working with a tutor.

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Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Mrs. Davis on Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence’s Teacher of the Year for the 2019-2020 school year!

She was recognized as the regional teacher of the year for all Imagine Schools in Akron, Cleveland, and Toledo.

We are so proud to have Mrs. Davis as part of our team with experience and high expectations for students.

Congrats Mrs. Davis!



March Moments: Special memories and looking ahead to spring!



Reading leaders take time to read to our first grade readers!

Virtual Learning

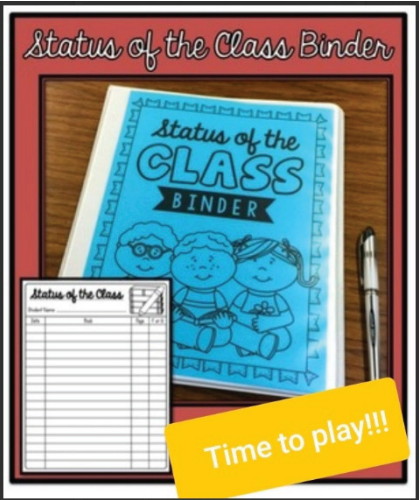
Teachers are posting instruction and many more resources to Class Dojo. Printed packets of student work are available at the school during pickup and drop-off hours. Connect with your teacher on ClassDojo for more details!



Fifth graders did a buddy reading time with first grade students!



Mrs. Nie’s class enjoying a sunny day while working on Science!



Mrs. Davis is keeping her competition going with “Status of the Class” to track reading!

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Kindergarten puppet show gives us a chance to use the puppets we made in Art class!



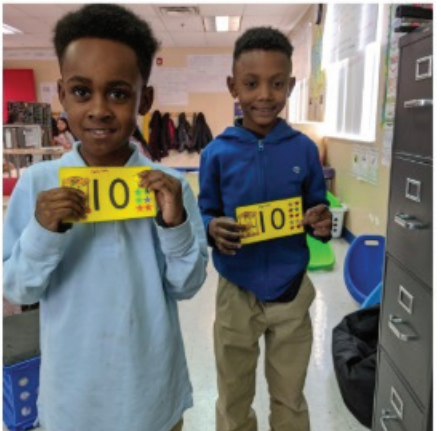
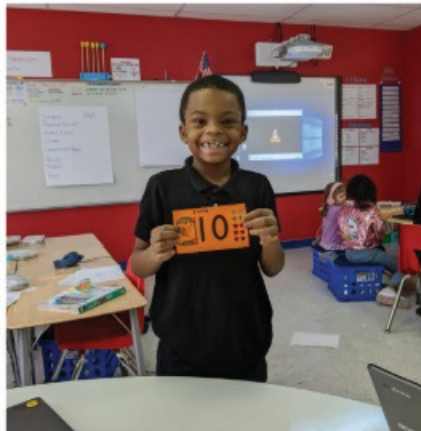
Spring art of bird printmaking and crayon rubbing leaves!

Spring Dance

Imagine Bella was able to hold our first spring dance in early March. The dance was held as a fundraiser for future student activities and field trips. Staff transformed the cafeteria into our dance hall and students had fun dressing up for the fun!



We are dressed to impress!



Moving up the Super Improver Wall. Way to go Mr. W’s second graders!



St. John Nottingham Lutheran School exists to equip the children of the Greater Cleveland and surrounding area with integrity, creativity, academics, compassion, and spiritual maturity in a diverse, interconnected, and ever-changing world.

SJN Kids Love Theater!

by David Peck
St. John Nottingham's Kindergarten through Third grade classes had the opportunity to invite "Kids Love Musicals!" to visit us recently. Kids Love Musicals is a theatrical group that supports the State of Ohio K-5 curriculum standards in Language Arts, Music, Drama, Dance and Physical Education. This is a hands-on 2 day classroom residency program that brings American Musicals into the classroom. Our students have experienced "Your a Good Man Charlie Brown", "Cinderella," "Jungle Book", "The Wizard of Oz"



and this year "Jungle Book". This was a hands on classroom experience that my 3rd graders thoroughly enjoyed. Kids Love Musicals brought the theatrical material, music, costumes to make this experience complete. Observing my students work together enjoying music, simple dance steps, dressing up along with learning about musical history was a complete success. My students enjoyed this experience and asked for a continued experience which led the teachers to proceed to Playhouse Square to enjoy Eric Carl's "The Very Hungry Caterpillar".



Hail to the Chief

by David Peck
Since August, St. John-Nottingham's 5th Grade Social Studies class has been learning about two US Presidents a week, from Washington to Trump. Students have read small biographies, learned a few interesting facts, and worked hard to memorize a list of the president's names in chronological order. All in preparation for memory test on all 45 Commanders-in-Chief. Mr. Lawlor, St. John-Nottingham's History and Humanities Instructor, decided to make the test a bit more interesting and offered that any student who was able to achieve a perfect score



would be rewarded with a candy bar. Challenge accepted! Never far from her small stack of well-worn flash cards, Aniya began studying back in September. Brooklyn, pictured in the middle, appears without a candy bar, "I gave up candy for Lent." she reminded Mr. Lawlor. Brooklyn was quite pleased with the peanut butter filled pretzels she received in lieu of sweets. "Once you get presidents one through thirty, it becomes easy." Stated the ever modest Jay'veon Levitt. Jay'veon, not only listed all 45 presidents in perfect order but, was also able to answer a series of bonus questions including, "Name all Eight Presidents from Ohio." and, "Who was the first president to live in the White House?" No, it isn't George Washington. How about it, do you know? Are you smarter than a 5th Grader?

Students Lend a Helping Hand

by David Peck
The ancient Greek, Dionysius of Syracuse, once recounted of how plain and unseasoned the food of the Spartans was compared to the food found in other of the Greek city-states. He would go on to explain that the Spartans required no seasoning for their food, often pain broth and porridge, because they would work so hard during the day and always push themselves to the limit with "hard-hunting, labor, sprinting, and sweating" that they would build up such a hunger and thirst, so any food would taste like a banquet. Unlike the ancient Spartans, we don't push our students to hunger and thirst however, we do encourage a strong sense of responsibility and work-ethic.

"Hard work can be a virtue unto itself" stated Mr. Alec Lawlor, SJN's History and Humanities teacher and the organizer of the weekend service project. "We want our students to learn that problem solving, and 'stick-to-itiveness' are helpful skills in coping with and overcoming each challenge they may face in life."

Students were invited to the school on a Friday off to help teachers clean-out classrooms and move materials to get ready for the 4th and Final Quarter of the school year. This involved hauling boxes and books and tossing out some old and broken school equipment from years past. "I enjoy helping.

Working hard to achieve something feels good and I'm proud to help others" mused Bishop Elie – 6th Grade Student, when asked how felt about giving up a day off.

"Selfless actions, like this, show that their hearts are truly in the spirit of what we do at SJN." observed Kaitlin Streb, SJN's Science and Art instructor. "Our students could be doing a billion other things at home and yet they came here to help their teachers. That speaks volumes about their character and who they want to be."



6th-grader Bishop Elie and 7th-grader Joshua Robinson take a break with Gershwin, the school dog.

The volunteers were rewarded for their hard work with pizza and some fun play time in the gym with Gershwin, SJN's unofficial School Dog. (There was even word of one teacher handing out Homework passes to the volunteers. "Not that the volunteers need them. Because they don't" the Anonymous teacher was reported in saying.

When asked what lessons can be learned by moving boxes around, Mr. Lawlor commented, "Vocation is central to what I was taught while being brought-up in a Lutheran School." He went on to explain, "It's [vocation] the idea that we, as Christians, best serve God by serving our neighbor. By serving the world."

Martin Luther's Doctrine of Vocation, to love and serve our neighbors, has been central to Luther teachings for the past 500 years. It is central to what we teach and instill in our students at SJN. The concept of vocation or service is important in teaching skills that help students, not only learn, but to resist narcissism and selfishness. Vocation is also important in teaching students empathy and kindness. Or, as Theologian Uwe Siemon-Netto put it, "The doctrine of vocation endeavors to turn the human mind away from the self and toward the neighbor."

SJN Takes Second in State Finals

by David Peck
Under the leadership of Coach DePriest, the St. John Nottingham 7-8th Grade Boys Basketball team took 2nd Place in the All-Ohio Tournament this year. The boys worked very hard to earn this! If it wasn't for the fact that it was unfortunately cancelled due to the current health crisis, the next step would have been the National Tournament in Valparaiso, Indiana, where we are sure they would have done us proud!

Congratulations to Jayden Ferguson, Ari Jones, Evan Murphy, Jaylin Reid, Joshua Robinson, Dennis Tripp, Londen Dukes, Matt Gary, Dominis Scott, Andre Spinks, Andrew Spinks, and, of course, Coach DePriest and his staff!



GCDC Hosts Hiring Event In Partnership With Us Census Bureau

by Greater Collinwood Development Corporation Staff

Greater Collinwood Development Corporation hosted its first US Census Bureau Hiring Event, Wednesday Feb. 5th at Five Pointe Community Center. Attendees received information about and assistance in applying for the US Census Bureau Enumerator position. Cleveland Industrial Innovation Center was also in attendance to provide information about and to recruit for a General Labor position, which they are currently seeking to fill.

FIBERWORX uses recycled plastic materials to create a clean and lightweight synthetic fiber used in numerous commercial applications, such as padding, linings, insulation and industrial filters. Fiberworx currently focuses on automotive applications and supplies material to 1st tier customers for both thermal and acoustic products. The company operates multiple lines including thermally bonded PET, toll compounding, as well as other secondary processes.

Fiberworx is seeking to fill a General Labor position at their facility on St. Clair Ave. The position requires High School

Diploma or equivalent, at least 3 years' experience operating manual machinery in a production-based environment, mechanical proficiency, attention to detail, ability to perform basic arithmetic (including reading a tape measure), and complete drug test and background check. Extrusion experience is highly desirable; Quality experience is highly desirable. Responsibilities include: setting up and operating a wide range of nonwoven processing equipment, partake in the process of manufacturing thermal, acoustic and filtration products, set up fiber formulas, utilize hand tools and measuring devices, troubleshoot and repair issue with machines, confer with engineering, supervisory or manufacturing personnel to exchange technical information, and comply with all safety rules and company policies. Pay for this position is \$12.00/hr - \$13.00/hr, day shift with full benefits, PTO and 401K.

Interested applicants for Fiberworx should contact David Laggan at CiC: 216-767-4483. For information about the US Census Bureau Enumerator position, visit 2020census.gov/jobs or call 1-855-JOB-2020.

Playwrights Local Announces King of Cage Street: April 24

Playwrights Local announces "The King of Cage Street," a new urban drama written and directed by award-winning Cleveland playwright Michael Oatman. This regional premiere runs April 24 through May 9 at the Creative Space at Waterloo Arts in Cleveland. The production is presented by Playwrights Local, Northeast Ohio's only theater devoted to locally written works. A full description can be found at www.playwrightslocal.org/kingofcagestreet.

The new drama "The King of Cage Street" by Michael Oatman is, in a sense, a love story: a character study of three broken people against a backdrop of urban decay. These three dispirited souls — D-Bear, a reformed thug; Skully, an alcoholic handy man; and Dime, a transgendered sex worker — have created a space for themselves and their makeshift family. They have survived in the worst part of the worst ghetto in Ohio, thriving in what D-Bear calls "the end of the world." This is where we find the trio when D-Bear receives news that a vicious enemy from his past has been released and is returning soon. As this showdown plays out, the fragile bonds that hold the trio together are strained to the point of rupture.

Playwright and director Michael Oatman is the former Playwright in Residence at Karamu House, the oldest African American theater in the country. He is only the second person to hold this honor, with the first being Langston Hughes. He currently serves as a Stage and Screen mentor at University of Nebraska at Omaha and as an instructor at Kent State University. In 2011, he won the CPAC Workforce Fellowship; in 2010, he received the Cleveland Arts Prize for Best Emerging Artist and the Lantern Award for Best Play. In 2010, seven of his plays were produced: Black Nativity, War paint, Eclipse: The War Between Pac and B.I.G., Course of Action, My Africa, A Solitary Voice, Not a Uterus in Sight, and Hitler and Gandhi. He earned an English Degree from Cleveland State University in 2004 and completed his MFA in theater



from the Northeast Ohio Master of Fine Arts consortium in 2008.

"The King of Cage Street" runs Friday, April 24 through Saturday, May 9, 2020, with performances Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. All shows will be at the Creative Space at Waterloo Arts (397 E. 156th Street, Cleveland, OH 44110). Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and groups, and \$12 for students. Group packages can be arranged by contacting Playwrights Local at info@playwrightslocal.org (216) 302-8856. For complete information, visit www.playwrightslocal.org.

"The King of Cage Street" is presented thanks to the generous support of Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, The Cyrus Eaton Foundation, and The Paul M. Angell Family Foundation. Additional funding for the company is provided by The AHS Foundation, The Char and Chuck Fowler Family Foundation, The Cleveland Foundation, Dramatists Guild Foundation, The George Gund Foundation, and The Ohio Arts Council, as well as private donors listed at www.playwrightslocal.org/sup-porters/.

GCDC To Host Manufacturing Training Pilot Information Session

by Greater Collinwood Development Corporation Staff

Greater Collinwood Development Corporation will host an information session with Towards Employment about the workforce organization's pilot manufacturing training program, March 10th at Five Pointe Community Center. The session will spotlight manufacturing as a family-sustaining career and provide interested candidates with information about the 4-week TE training course.

The pilot aims to revitalize the talent

pool in manufacturing in Greater Cleveland, with a current focus on reentry citizens. Collinwood manufacturers, among others, have designed the training course and have committed to swift onboarding of those who successfully meet course requirements and score 9 or better on WorkKeys assessment. The 4-week pilot course will accept 15 students beginning March 30th.

To RSVP for the information session at Five Pointe, please call Towards Employment at 216-696-5750.

Join Our Team: Workforce Development AmeriCorps VISTA



by Collinwood & Nottingham Villages Development Corporation

Greater Collinwood Development Corporation is proud to announce we were awarded an AmeriCorps VISTA through Ohio CDC Association (OCDCA) AmeriCorps program. We are seeking an ambitious AmeriCorps VISTA to assist in the development of a workforce development program for Northshore Collinwood, Collinwood Nottingham Villages, Euclid Green and Glenville East. This position will be one-year of service, the service year will begin June 8, 2020 and end June 7, 2021.

The VISTA duties will include:

- accessing businesses' needs towards resi-

dent employability in target Collinwood districts.

- applying local strategies to regional and global strategies.
- securing partnerships with support service agencies to assist in overcoming barriers to employment.
- planning of youth internship/training leadership program with area schools and experts.
- assisting GCDC in 2nd Annual Employment and Training Resource Fair.

Applicants should be professional and should possess excellent research and verbal/written communication skills. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Kristian Hunter 216-268-2138 or email: khunter@greatercollinwood.org. Please visit www.greatercollinwood.org and go to About GCDC and click on Join Our Team tab.

Burnt Toast Makes You Pretty

by Mary McElrath

Wonder Bread was the only 'store bought' bread in our house. It was primarily for my dad's lunches at the steel foundry. My sister and I sometimes made toast with this bread. There were times that we would unintentionally leave the toast under the broiler too long. We would unsuccessfully try to scrape all the burn off as best that we could. We knew that it was our fault but we would ask for additional slices. Only the very burned slices were thrown away.

Our mom would monitor the remaining slices needed for our dad's lunches. Sometimes she would say "yes" and sometimes

she would say "no". When the answer was "no" we would hear: "A little burn won't hurt you! Anyway, burnt toast will make you pretty."

We figured, well she is our mother. She must know what she is talking about. So we would eat our scraped toast and kept on moving.

Over the years I considered this childhood memory - a life lesson. When your life toast gets burned and it is your fault, scrape off as much burn as you can. Then keep on moving.

Just remember what my mom would say: Burnt Toast Makes You Pretty!

A Spiritual Journey to Awakening

Annette Tabar

Greetings in this time of AWAKENING!

YES. We are being called upon to identify our priorities. In the quiet of your mind, reflect upon what is vital and what isn't. We are guided to avoid large groups, wash our hands frequently and get plenty of rest. Eating healthy is a given. Keeping active, mentally and physically can be a challenge when routines are interrupted and time seems plentiful, almost too plentiful some would say.

Examine all thoughts, feelings and actions. Are you staying positive and proactive using this opportunity to start or finish projects you have ignored. Have you stayed in touch with friends and loved ones via a phone call, email or by writing

a caring note? Are you awakening to a habitual thought on lack or limitation? You can change today. The choice is yours to make. Life gives us a banquet if we stay positive and thankful for what we are given.

Using your God given creative energy, awaken a revitalized Spirit to become mindfully conscious of all that you are. Attract joy by being joyful. Attract peace by radiating inner calm and trust that all is well. Attract perfect health by harmonizing mind, body and Spirit to become fully conscious of all that you are. Move through thoughts of survival to embracing a new beginning...with inner strength shining outward...creating the life you deserve.

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Newly Passed FFCRA Bill Seeks to Address Growing Unemployment

by Greater Collinwood Development Corporation Staff

The newly-passed Families First Coronavirus Response Act seeks to address growing needs due to Covid-19 pandemic closures and mass layoffs.

FFCRA was signed by President Trump Wednesday March 18 and provides paid leave benefits and additional unemployment benefits for U.S. workers. The bill covers all companies with up to 500 employees, and individuals who are self-employed may see some benefits.

The following are six qualifications for coverage under the new bill:

1. The employee is subject to federal, state or local quarantine or isolation order due to Covid-19.
2. The employee has been advised by a healthcare provider to self-quarantine due to concerns related to Covid-19.
3. The employee is experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 and seeking medical diagnosis.
4. The employee is caring for an individual who is subject to a federal, state or local order, or the individual has been advised to self-quarantine due to concerns related to Covid-19.
5. The employee is caring for the employee's son or daughter, if the child's school or childcare facility has been closed or the child's care provider is unavailable due to Covid-19 precautions.
6. The employee is experiencing any other substantially similar condition specified by the Health and Human Services in consultation with the Department of the

Treasury or the Department of Labor. Employees can expect the following benefits:

Normal FMLA is unpaid, but under the FFCRA, employees who are on sick leave because they are sick can receive their full pay, up to \$511 per day.

Leave taken to care for children whose schools or daycare facilities have closed is paid at two-thirds the employee's regular rate of pay, with a maximum of \$200 per day.

Employers cannot force you to use vacation or sick time before receiving this benefit.

There is a 10-day waiting period before this benefit applies. Employees can use existing sick or vacation time to cover these days.

Employers can expect the following benefits:

Employers will receive tax credits for 100% of what they pay out to employees, within noted limitations.

For healthcare providers such as hospitals and nursing homes, and for employers with 50 or fewer employees, the Secretary of Labor can exempt the business from these requirements.

Employers with fewer than 25 employees do not have to restore employees to their previous positions.

The bill will go into effect in 15 days. For more information about the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, please visit: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6201>

Spring into Ohio's First Native Plant Month

by Kelly Parker

Along with a state bird, flower, tree, fruit, Ohio now has its first native plant month! What's even better, is that it is here. That's right, April has now been officially designated as Ohio Native Plant Month.

On June 27, 2019 Governor Mike DeWine signed Ohio House Bill 59 into law, which designates April as "Ohio Native Plant Month." This is due in large part to efforts made by Former First Lady of Ohio, Hope Taft and Horticulturist, Nancy Linz. This law has been enacted to increase the awareness of Ohio's native plants and the benefits they provide to our health, wildlife, environment, and economy. Plants, even small ones, have large impacts regarding stormwater, pollination of plants and crops, honey, carbon uptake, oxygen output, pollution reduction, food and shelter for wildlife, landscaping/aesthetics, and soil health. Ohio is one of the first states in the country to dedicate an entire month to its native plants.

On March 31st look for our announcement on Ohio Native Plant Month and the importance of these plants. Then starting on April 1st Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District's (SWCD) facebook page and other members of the Lake Erie Allegheny Partnership (LEAP) will promote a different native plant each day.



Each post will feature photos and a LEAP fact sheet for that specific plant.

If you would like to help celebrate Ohio Native Plant month by creating habitat in your own yard, April is the perfect time to do this and Cuyahoga SWCD is here to help you out. You can purchase native plant seed kits for all types of environments on our website. We've got it all from sunny to shady areas, dry to wet soil, etc. and you can order them all year long, not just in April.

You don't have to have a yard to have native plants either. Check out some native plant sales or nurseries and try potting them on your porch, balcony, or deck.

Happy 1st Ohio Native Plant Month.

Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District staff work to implement programs and practices that protect and restore healthy soil and water resources. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram: at "cuyahogawcd" and on YouTube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCWvI3DtNisjhJ64jKiS9Cg



My native plant porch garden experiment. Photo Credit: Kelly Parker

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Individual Acts of Conservation

by Jared Bartley

We may be keeping away from each other, but TOGETHER we can still make a difference for our local soil, water, wildlife and neighborhoods.

Individually, you can pick up litter in your neighborhood or nearby stream. But TOGETHER, we can stop plastic pollution in Lake Erie.

Individually, you can plant native plants and shrink your lawn. But TOGETHER, we can give pollinators a place to thrive.

Individually, you can install a rain garden or rain barrel. But TOGETHER, we can eliminate stormwater pollution in our rivers and streams.

Individually, you can plant a tree. But TOGETHER we can make Cleveland and Cuyahoga County the Forest City once more.

Even though we are living apart for a little while, TOGETHER through our Individual Acts of Conservation we can change the world.

Join us and let us know about your Individual Act of Conservation. Our form is available online at <https://www.cuyahogawcd.org/programs/individual-acts-of-conservation>

Please fill out our form to tell us about your Individual Act of Conservation. We'll share it so that we can all see how we are changing Cuyahoga County and the world for the better - TOGETHER.



Legal Aid Society to Host Trainings

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland will host a series of trainings throughout 2020 to educate local social service providers on a variety of legal topics. The trainings will illuminate common problems our clients face and provide guidance for helping people avoid or navigate legal proceedings. Training topics, dates, and locations are listed below. Please visit tinyurl.com/2020Trainings to RSVP for the trainings online.

The 2020 Partner Trainings will be held on Friday mornings and will include a light breakfast. Free continuing education credits will also be available (applications pending). Please share this news with your networks; Legal Aid looks forward to welcoming members of both existing and new partner organizations at these events!

If you have any questions, please do not



hesitate to contact Anne Sweeney (Anne.Sweeney@lasclev.org) or Chloé Sudduth (Chloe.Sudduth@lasclev.org).

Legal Aid's 2020 Partner Trainings:

- May 15th:** Family Law at Kent State Ashtabula Campus
September 11th: Housing Law at Tri-C
November 6th: Employment Law at Lakeland Community College

Visit www.lasclev.org for more information on our work to extend justice throughout Northeast Ohio.

Operation Project Learn

by Robert Williams

Operation Project Learn (OPL) is a non-profit community-based organization that teaches adults and older out-of-school youths basic reading and writing skills. OPL works with the lowest level reader on a one-on-one basis or in a small group classroom setting. In this environment the students will receive the individual attention needed to be successful first in this setting and then moved on to a GED setting when ready. In order to be successful in any GED program, one must have a strong reading experience level of at least a 9th grade. OPL is not about reinventing the literacy wheel. But to help better the one that already exists. We do this with a volunteer staff and board that have committed themselves to provide the best possible service we can.

We can continue to do this good work with your help.

- Here's how:
- 1) Complete a one day, 5 hour Volunteer Tutor Training Workshop. No formal teaching experience needed.
 - 2) Commit to five (5) volunteer hours per week.
 - 3) Plan a meeting your student (s) twice a week in a library convenient to both of you.
 - 4) The tutoring sessions are 1.5 hours each, for a total of 3 hours. The two remaining hours are spent in travel time and preparation, for a total of 5 hours per week.

If this doesn't work for you, here's a helpful alternative: aonetray donation will be well appropriated, to help with this cause. Contact: Barbara P. Watson, email operationprojectlearn@yahoo.com Phone: 216-303-5698

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Let Those Bugs Sleep

by Kelly Butauski

Everyone is waiting for good weather to get out and work in the yard. We look longingly out the window only to see rotting leaves, debris, and dead plant stems. It may look unsightly to us but there are hundreds of insects in those leaves and stems. Our yards are their cozy winter beds and nurseries. Unlike us, they cannot come out yet. They have not matured. Most can only start coming out when the weather warms to a consistent 50 degrees. That will not happen until about mid-April. But, why should we care? After all not many people really like bugs. They are annoying, they get into our houses, they eat our plants, and they may even bite us. In reality, insects are critical to the environment, and the environment is critical to us.

Why are insects important? What do bugs do anyway? They do lots of wonderful, important tasks.

They pollinate: Most of us know that pollinators are important for the growth of flowers, vegetables and fruits. We need them for our food supply. Pollinators are more than the bees we see in yards or in large hives. They can be bees, butterflies, ants, moths, beetles, birds and even bats.

They are scavengers: Think of them as ground composters. They are removing dead plant and animal material from the environment preventing a serious mess.

They are food: Insects are a critical food source for birds, frogs, turtles and reptiles. Think spring when birds are searching for bugs in the debris to feed their babies.

Some kill bad bugs: Beneficial insects are critical to growers to fight the bugs that eat crops.

They move seeds: Many plants depend on insects to scatter their seeds so they can disperse and grow.

Without insects, the balance of nature would collapse. Biologists and others are concerned because their numbers are dropping worldwide due to habitat loss.

We can help our insect friends by creating a healthy habitat in our yards. Allow a small patch of “weedy” plants to grow for them to rest and feed. Beneficial insects love herbs that have gone to flower. Grow pollinator friendly native plants in every season. Maintain a brush pile for them to hide and lay eggs. Leave a few areas of bare soil for ground bees to make their homes underground. Put out a shallow dish of water. Let some leaves remain on the ground in the fall along with uncut plant stems for native bee nurseries. Wait until warm weather to clean up. Let some leaves stay in the beds.

In a well-balanced yard, the bugs work out problems among themselves so you will not have to intervene very often. No pesticides needed. Spiders and lightening bugs catch mosquitoes, pollinators help make flowers, pill bugs and wasps eat dead debris. Ladybugs, predatory beetles, and other beneficials kill harmful insects in the vegetable garden. These tiny, mighty creatures need our protection. That means preserving their habitats all year. So let them sleep for now.

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

by Rev. Ron Rollins

As the plague of COVID-19 circulates and man does all he can to slow, stop and develop a ‘cure’, where does our help come from? The Psalmist says: “My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” and also, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” We can know that whatever trials may come our way, God is with us!

In the mid-1330’s, the bubonic plague took the lives of over 25 million people, 1/3 of Europe’s population! In 1527 it resurfaced as it made its way to Wittenburg, Germany - home of Martin Luther. In a letter regarding how people should respond to this epidemic, Luther also addressed what he believed the source of all plagues and pestilence to be: “I am of the opinion that all the epidemics, like any plague, are spread among the people by evil spirits who poison the air or exhale a pestilential breath which puts a deadly poison into the flesh. He is such a bitter, knavish devil that he not only unceasingly tries to slay and kill, but also takes delight in making us deathly afraid, worried, and apprehensive so that we should regard dying as horrible.. and have no rest or peace all through our life. And so the devil would excrete us out of this life as he tries to make us despair of God become unwilling and unprepared to die and, under the stormy and dark sky of fear and anxiety make us forget and lose Christ our light and life. If it be God’s will that evil come upon us and destroy us none of our precautions will help us.”

As St. Paul writes: “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the



cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.” (Ephesians 6:12) As President Trump keeps saying: we are in a war. How true! Living through the Plague and meditating on Psalm 46 Luther wrote the hymn A Mighty Fortress Is Our God sometime between 1527-1529. If you are not familiar with the hymn, check out this wonderful version on Youtube: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Virtual Choir #4)

Luther was led to believe, as millions believe, as we need to believe, that even though we sinners cannot fix things God can and He will.. in His time.. in His way.. according to His will! Let us confess our unbelief, seek the Holy Spirit’s help to repent, and trust in God for all things.. and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, our Lord. God bless you! Be safe and... kepp washing those hands!

If you are concerned or anxious or just need someone to talk to about all of this craziness, give us a call or drop us an email, We wold love to speak with you!

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Ohio Attorney General Releases 2020 Sunshine Law Manual

by Alisa Boles

Ohio’s Open Meetings and Public Records Acts are collectively known as “Sunshine Laws”. The purpose of these laws is to prevent citizens from being kept in the dark about government operations.

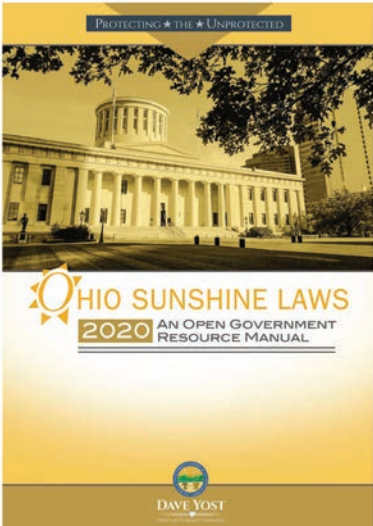
Unless an exception applies, any member of the public has a right to be present at a meeting of a public body where public business is being discussed and to have access to records kept by government entities.

An extensive guide to Ohio’s Sunshine laws is published with annual updates by the Ohio Attorney General’s office (OAG). The guide is nicknamed, the “Yellow Book” and can be accessed online. A paper copy can be requested, limited to one (1) copy per requester. Several informational videos are available in response to frequently asked questions.

Free training sessions are offered by the OAG at various statewide locations throughout the year. Free Online Sunshine Laws Training is also available and has been approved for 3.0 general self-study activity hours of Ohio Attorney Continuing Legal Education.

OAG Sunshine Law training is open to public officials, as well as any individual interested in open government.

In *White v. Clinton County Board of Commissioners*, 76 Ohio St.3d 416 (1996), the Ohio Supreme Court described the historical significance of government transparency to the founders of the United States and the State of Ohio:



“One of the strengths of American government is the right of the public to know and understand the actions of their elected representatives. This includes not merely the right to know a government body’s final decision on a matter, but the ways and means by which those decisions were reached. There is great historical significance to this basic foundation of popular government, and our founding fathers keenly understood this principle.

James Madison clearly laid out this strength of our government when he said that:

‘A popular Government, without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a Prologue to a Farce or a Tragedy; or, perhaps, both. Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; And a people who mean to be their own Governors, must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives.’ The Complete Madison, His Basic Writings (1988) 337 (Letter to W.T. Barry, August 4, 1822).

Thomas Jefferson further expounded on this principle: “The way to prevent [errors of] the people, is to go give them full information of their affairs throu’ the channel of the public papers, and to contrive that those papers should penetrate the whole mass of the people. The basis of our governments being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right * * *’ 11 The Papers of Thomas Jefferson (1955) 49 (Letter to Col. Edward Carrington, January 16, 1787).

Ohio’s own history is replete with rich examples of detailed records dating back to the 1800s. Amicus League of Women Voters of Ohio cites many rich examples of the long and illustrious record-keeping of our forebears. In fact, when the Ohio legislature created the first boards of county commissioners, it included in that creation a requirement that accurate records be kept by the county commissioners. See 2 Ohio Laws 150. In 1804, in “An act establishing boards of commissioners,” the Ohio legislature required:

‘Sec. 9. * * * That the commissioners shall have a just and accurate record kept of all their corporate proceedings, and for that purpose they are hereby empowered to appoint a clerk * * *’ Id. at 153. ...”

Sunshine Week, an initiative of the American Society of News Editors, is celebrated nationwide every March.

A Call to All 40:2

by Lillian J. Anderson

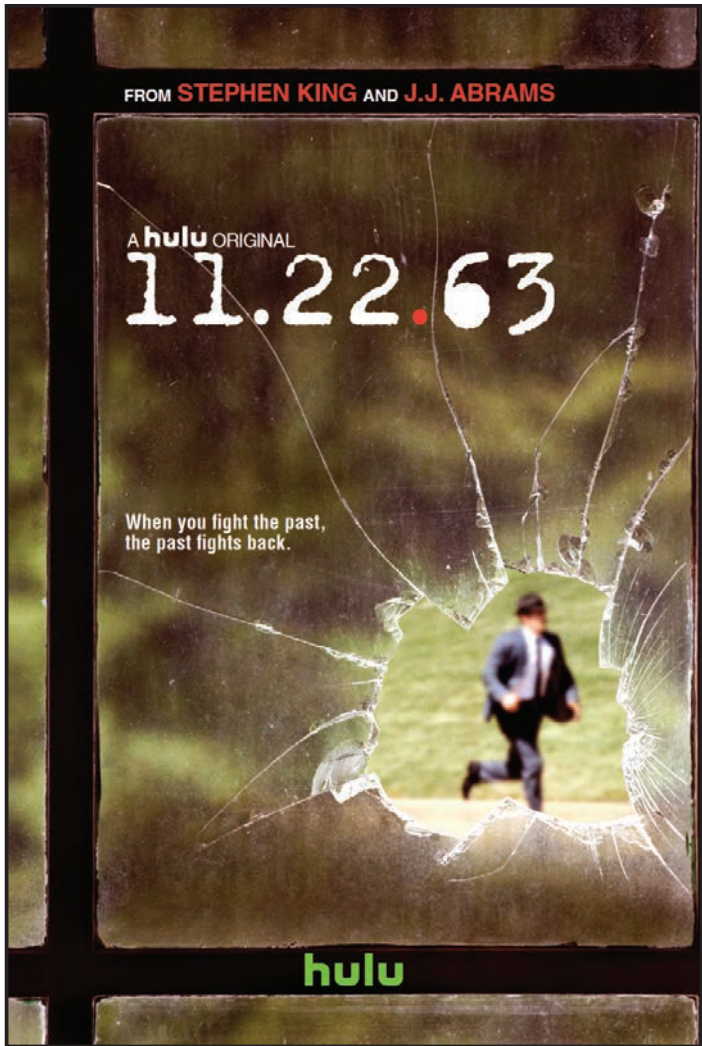
Are these uncertain times? No. We knew these days would come.
Now is an Old Day but a New Day.
A situation that has actually been before.
What’s new? The people.
Yes, there is fear, but be brave. Be bold and courageous. Your purpose is to rise above your circumstances by going back, back to the wisdom from a book centuries old: the Holy Bible.
Is it outdated? No. Has it been forsaken? Yes. We must go back to the Old Landmark. Think back...recall the memories of the stories told to you by your parents, grandparents and great- grandparents. Seize the moments and times spent together learning,

loving, living these treasures. Keep them in your heart and in your mind.
Be strong when the battleground for your mind is in combat mode! Find a solid immovable rock to stand on when the floods come and the storms rage. Cleave to it!
Jesus Is.
My Rock.
Never Forget....
He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire;
He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

Psalm 40:2
The Holy Bible
New International Version (NIV)

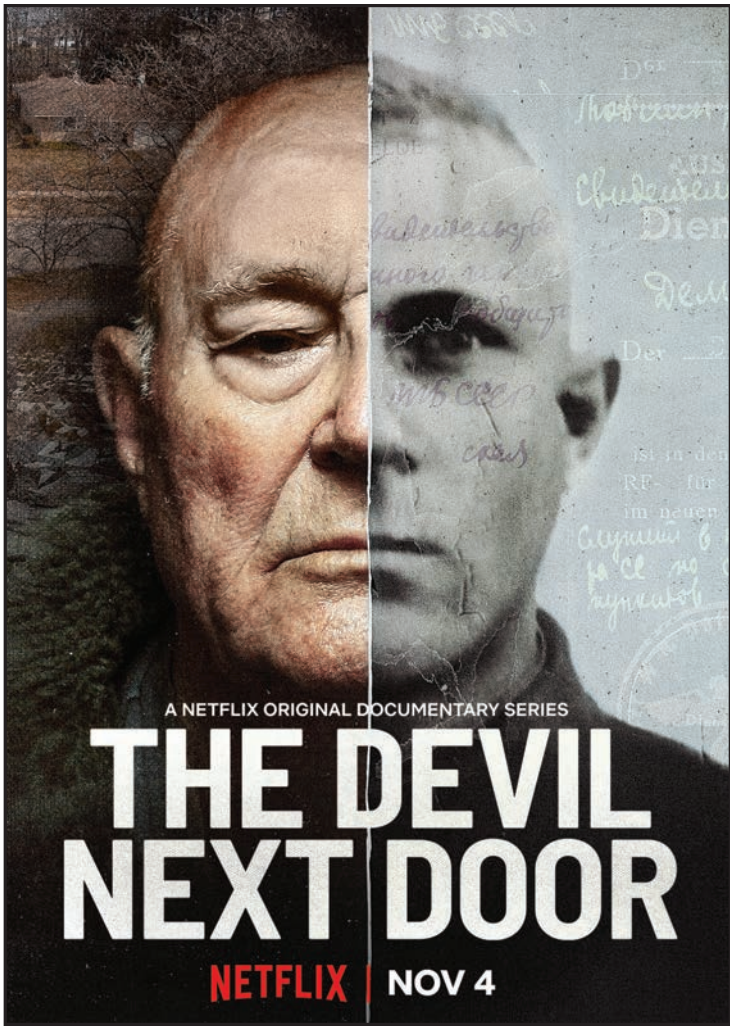
ENTERTAINMENT

11.23.63 Series Review



by Brian Friedman
11.22.63 Series Review - James Franco truly shines in this twisty 8-episode Hulu series. Concept is what if you could go back in time to stop JFK from being assassinated but your time travel device drops you three years early so you have to establish a life in the sixties to pay bills while you plan. Great concept. Well executed adaptation of the Stephen King novel. Grade: A minus

Devil Next Door: Series Review



by Brian Friedman
The Devil Next Door Series Review - This Netflix multi-episode documentary recounts the decades of attempting to convict a Seven Hills auto factory retiree as being a former World War II Nazi extermination guard. I grew up with details of this trial in the background of my life. Seeing it recounted so carefully and balanced was a fascinating adult return to a story heavily debated in my childhood home. In addition, interviews with Channel 5 news-caster Ted Henry also reminded me of days gone by. An important and interesting watch. Grade: A

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An Update From Cheryl L. Stephens County Council

by Cheryl L. Stephens
Cuyahoga County Councilwoman (D-10)

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The Coronavirus COVID-19, has created a variety of serious and stressful issues for individuals and their families. During this difficult time, I want every resident to know that I am advocating for you. In the past few weeks, I have communicated and worked with organizations, residents, and fellow community leaders on new ways to provide as much support as possible under the current circumstances.

Thank you to all of the community volunteers who have stepped up to ensure that our youngest and oldest residents are safe in their homes — whether it’s picking up groceries for a neighbor, volunteering to deliver meals, donating personal protective equipment, sending cards to nursing facilities or making calls to check in with your friends. I am proud to call Northeast Ohio home.

One of the most significant concerns for everyone is food. Do we have enough now and will we have enough in the future? The answer is yes, we have enough, now let me share where to get food if your budget is tight.

Last week, I had the honor to volunteer during the Greater Cleveland Food Bank’s first drive-up food distribution, and I was humbled by the collaboration that took place during this large-scale emergency effort. During the daytime any child in Cleveland can receive meals at Cleveland Metropolitan school locations and a shuttle service is available for those who need it. Visit <https://www.clevelandmetroschools.org/coronavirus> for a complete list of locations and shuttle information.

Tiffany Scruggs, Director of Benefits and Client Services at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, says food availability and pick-up locations will vary week-to-week, though they are trying to do large scale effort each week. The best way to learn where food assistance is available near you is to call the food bank hotline at 216-738-2067 for the most current information.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me for assistance or questions. You can email me at clstephens@cuyahogacounty.us or call (216) 698-2010. We will get through this “Virus Crisis” together. Stay healthy, Cheryl Stephens

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- EXPERIENCED**

 - Incumbent, Cuy. County Council District 10
 - Former Councilmember, Cleveland Hts.
 - Former Mayor, Cleveland Hts.

DEDICATED

 - Establish County Housing Programing
 - Closing The Achievement Gap (CTAG) for our children
 - Working to create a East Cleveland grocery store
 - Cuyahoga County Jail Diversion Program
 - Financing adult guardianship services
 - Protecting services for seniors

COMMITTED

 - Volunteer, Greater Cleveland Foodbank
 - Over 100 constituent mtgs. in 2019
 - Protecting worker rights
 - Reading to children districtwide
 - Protecting funding for safety forces
 - Fighting for veterans
- DEMOCRATS, join us in re-electing Councilwoman Stephens:**

Ohio Legislature

 - Sandra Williams, Senator
 - Janine Boyd, Representative
 - Kent Smith, Representative
 - Juanita Brent, Representative
 - Barbara Boyd, Fmr. Representative

Mayors

 - Jason Stein, Cleveland Hts.
 - Brandon King, East Cleveland
 - Michael Brennan, University Hts.
 - Georgine Welo, South Euclid

Councilmembers

 - Keith Benjamin, Bratenahl Village
 - Michael Polensek, Cle. Ward 8
 - Melody J. Hart, Cleveland Hts.
 - Davida Russell, Cleveland Hts.
 - Nate Martin, East Cle.
 - Sandra Berry, University Hts.
- School District Board Members**

 - Jodi Sourini, CH-UH
 - Dr. Una Keenon, East Cleveland
 - James Posch, CH-UH
 - Beverly Wright, CH-UH
 - Dan Heintz, CH-UH
 - Malia Lewis, CH-UH
 - Dr. Mary E. Rice, East Cleveland

County Council

 - Dan Brady, Council President
 - Pernel Jones, Council VP
 - Dale Miller, Councilmember
 - Yvonne Conwell, Councilmember

Community Leaders

 - Tommy Fello
 - Tony Cuda
 - Gus Kious
 - John Farina
 - Peter Lawson Jones
 - Jan Purdy

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We Endorse Cheryl Stephens



State Senator
Williams



State Rep.
Boyd



State Rep.
Smith



Cleveland
Councilman (W-8)
Polensek



Bratenahl
Councilman
Benjamin

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In The Garden Word Search

BASIL	LILY
BEANS	MINT
BROCCOLI	ONION
CARROT	ORCHID
CELERY	PEAS
CORN	PEONY
CUCUMBER	PEPPER
DAFFODIL	POTATO
DAISY	RADISH
DILL	ROSE
GARLIC	ROSEMARY
GERANIUM	SAGE
GREEN BEAN	SQUASH
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