Sewer Project Brings Relief, Frustration
by Yalinda Moore

Work on the East 185 Street/Marcella Road Relief Sewer Project is moving along as planned, even during the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic. Wastewater construction projects and other utility work are essential services.

This $15 million Relief Sewer Project will reduce basement flooding in homes and businesses in the Ward 8 area after heavy rainfall, with no fees to property owners. Many residents and business owners said they are thrilled about the benefits of the sewer project, but admit their patience is being tested by traffic detours, noise and loss of business.

"Before this project started it was common for our basement to flood," said Koula Makris, who owns Gus’s Diner 185 on East 185 Street with her husband Louie. Makris, recent heavy rains showed no signs of basement flooding, she said.

Makris said she is excited about the new relief sewer, but is nervous about what is next for her business when the intersection in front of her diner closes in a few months to connect local main sewers to the new relief sewer. Gus’s Diner’s business decreased by 30% because of construction, Makris said, and then decreased another 45% because of detours and noise.

"The state is working to have an estimated 1.75 million workers needed to conduct contact tracing by June 1. This will include public health, volunteers and hired workers. Protocols for any business include: required face coverings, daily health assessments, hand washing, social distancing, clean and sanitize workplaces throughout the day and between shifts. Businesses will be allowed a maximum of 50 percent of the fire code capacity and appointments if possible.

On May 1, all health procedures that can be done that do not require an overnight stay in a hospital can resume. Dentist and Veterinarians can resume normal operations. On May 4, manufacturing, distribution, general offices and construction will be permitted to reopen. Six feet must be between each employee. If that can’t be accomplished, install barriers. On May 12, consumer retail and services will be allowed to reopen. All employees and customers should wear face coverings while in the businesses. This will include every retail outlet. The stay-at-home order and mass gathering ban of more than 10 people will remain.

Stop in and see Angela Cavotta at Cavotta’s Garden Center which is now open. She has everything you need for your garden. Stop in and visit with Angela and tell her the Observer sent you.

Cavotta’s Garden Center is Open!
Progress During Pandemic

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While we are all affected by what is going on in the world with the pandemic, we know that it is important for us to continue to work towards a sustainable future for the LaSalle. With guidance from NSDC President, Caroline Peak and Elva Bredick, Secretary, the LaSalle Team - comprised of staff from Greater Collinwood Development Corporation, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, New Village Corporation, and two professional arts and event industry consultants - will be pursuing a visioning process over the next month. That work will include finding ways to reach out to the community to tap ideas for an enhanced use of the event space post-COVID. Despite current cancellations and postponed events, we know there is light at the end of this. With the LaSalle Theatre equipped with its new amenities and clear vision to come, we are confident the Theatre will be ready for the momentum coming our way.

NO COMMUNITY MEETINGS IN MAY

We look forward to meeting with you again soon. However, the community meetings normally scheduled for the month of May have been cancelled. That is Collinwood Homeowners and Tenants’ Association; the East 185th Street Neighborhood Assoc’n; the Ward Club; the East 156th Street and the East 140th Street Neighborhood Association meetings.

I am interested in continuing to connect. Please feel free to call me at the office at (216) 664-4236 or email me at either mpolensek@cleveandcitycouncil.org or mdaley@clevelandcitycouncil.org. Take care and God Bless.

Sincerely yours,
Michael D. Polensek

Councilman Update

by Michael D. Polensek

Dear Residents:

What can I say more than what we are going through as a city, state and country?

None of us, just two months ago could have ever imagined what Covid-19 would do to our country and the world community.

When I wrote my last article in March I could never have imagined what I would be addressing this month. We have all seen the figures and the national death statistics and the number of people infected by this invisible killer. I cannot stress enough how we must all follow the guidelines as outlined by the Departments of Health for the state, county and city.

I want to thank our Governor, Michael DeWine, and his medical staff for their perseverance and their leadership.

This is a disease that each of us could have and not even know it and then carry it to a member of our family, friends or neighbors or even someone working beside us.

Social distancing is paramount; washing your hands and taking proper disinfecting precautions are critical in eradicating this terrible virus.

As you are all aware this has effected the delivery of basic city services. Please watch for future announcements and guidelines as to how these services will be delivered.

Right now, Building and Housing enforcement is at a bare minimum; evictions are on hold along with housing court cases; and, waste collection has had to cut back on personnel which means no bulk pick up.

Speaking of which, there will be no bulk pickup for May just as there was no such pick up this month. The city understands that this is an inconvenience but necessary. Please hold your bulk items in your backyard until pick up is resumed. Please place waste and recycling items in your carts without any extra placed outside the carts.

Your cooperation is invaluable to helping our water collectors and our community.

Further impacts on cut services will be announced by the mayor’s office through city-wide news services. So, please pay special attention.

I hope you have all seen that due to the Covid-19 crisis the return of the 2020 Census forms has also been effected. It is estimated that only 36% of Cleveland residents have returned their forms to date. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO FILL OUT YOUR FORM AND RETURN IT PROMPTLY. I cannot begin to tell you about the impact this will have on the Federal funds that the city, county, and state receives but will also impact Congressional districts, state legislative districts and Ward boundaries for Cleveland City Council. The census comes every ten years by law and the results of this critical census this year will impact our community for the next decade. Once again, please fill out your census online, by phone or by filling it out and mailing it in.

Finally, I really hope and pray that this crisis wakes America up. When we as a Nation, are dependent upon Atheist Communist China for our healthcare, protection gear and pharmaceuticals, something is terribly wrong with that reality. Our new slogan should be “Made in America by Americans.” For far too long one Administration after another, both Republican and Democrat, have wavered our jobs goodbye.

This crisis has exposed all the weaknesses and inadequacies in our health care system and national supply chain. Enough is enough. Bring our jobs back home and protect Americans.

Please stay safe and stay healthy. God bless America.

During this time, I and my Executive Assistant, Mary Louise, are working remotely. If you need help or have a question, please feel free to call me at the office at (216) 664-4236 or email me at either mpolensek@cleveandcitycouncil.org or mdaley@clevelandcitycouncil.org. Take care and God Bless.

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A Heartfelt Thanks

For Every Caregiver & First Responder.
For Everything You Do.

You are our heroes. Whether it's care delivered on the front lines or the behind-the-scenes race to help end the COVID-19 pandemic — our community is made better because of you. No matter the work left to be done, we're in this together.

Find out how to best support our caregivers and see where help is still needed most.

ClevelandClinic.org/COVIDResponse

Thank you

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So many companies in our communities have provided generous support. Our thanks to the following for their recent contributions of vital funds and supplies:

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Nan's Notes: Another Week Another Merganser

By Nan Kennedy

TO DO THIS WEEK

Visit the lakeshore and find some mergansers to write up about what they are doing.

Buy a puzzle from Matt Shiffler Photography and give it to a friend with cabin fever.

Pick up food from Raddell’s Sausage Shop, Six Shooter Coffee, the Ritual Juicery — or any of the neighborhood food/drink places listed in the last two newsletters. (Back issues forwarded upon request.) I’ve run out of things to say about mergansers, so Michael Lederstedt has taken over. Feel free to contribute your own lakeshore thoughts.

In Praise of Mergansers

The mergansers are here, their coquettish style for love. Drakes boat-race each other, hard heads down, feet slap to time such escapades, dipping and bowing, all just discreet.

What lady has not seen such foolishness?

Those rusty hens will dive so deep to say that all men’s nonsense is such crude business and a woman’s hand should lead us some day.

We’ll sleep well tonight while this old house roams across this lake. Eares will croak, bones will ache. Let’s call it to mergansers, their jaunty combs and pray that scyamar to bend, not break.

These plump birds will leave our lake, shed now gone with nests to make before the coming down.

Thoughts on Re-Opening Ohio from State Rep Kent Smith

1. The Governor has already tapped down COVID cases to well under 1,000 new cases a day.

2. The ratio of tests conducted to positive COVID cases is moving in the wrong direction over the last 5 days. It was 1 out of 7 on April 16th, now it’s 1 out of 7. How to see the show:

3. I think “crowd-based” commercial of any sort is a consistent basis that will raise consumer confidence.

April 16th, now it’s 1 out of 7.

COVID cases is moving in the wrong direction.

“The Governor has already tapped down COVID cases to well under 1,000 new cases a day. Thirty artists worked hard to complete their pieces using fluorescent paint courtesy of DayGlo Color Corp but just as the lights were going up in the gallery, the pandemic hit and the black lights never came on. WA hopes to show this work in the gallery come fall but until then, you will see a sneak peek online, giving you the opportunity to support local artists now by purchasing a piece for pick-up later. This exhibit is made possible thanks to support from the DayGlo Color Corp.

They also offer recipes using their products. Here’s a quick video on how to make jamba- lays: https://waterlooarts.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0b592a6ec56e895f25b8a6968&id=534ae07c0d&e=4dabf24f35

Or you might be trying cereal for the first time. (I looked that up for you, along with the oaks; it’s a smoked Slovenian sausage in a large casing, traditionally a mix of pork and bacon, that can be used as a lunch meat, or served as the main entrée.) You want to cover it with water in a pan/pot. Bring to a boil and the oaks; it’s a smoked Slovenian sausage in a large casing, traditionally a mix of pork and bacon, that can be used as a lunch meat, or served as the main entrée. You want to cover it with water in a pan/pot. Bring to a boil and..."
In Ohio and across the nation, all schools were ordered alongside pretty much everything else to close. As teachers, students, staff and families waited to learn when schools would reopen, the announcement came that schools would remain closed for the duration of the school year per our state governor Mike DeWine. Children and families, parents in particular, found themselves at home initially for an indefinite amount of time, some working from home or completely unemployed.

Here are a few suggestions to assist you with home educating your student(s) in the midst of schools remaining closed for the duration of the school year:

1.) Determine when and how you want your school day to go. A schedule is good but as a parent of a child who is old enough to keep track of time (timmer/tell time), give your child the responsibility of keeping track of their work and ensuring they are done. If they have a planner, have them utilize it as part of accountability. Having a reward system in place is something that may prove beneficial and that reward could be fun for you too! Select an activity that you can partake in and enjoy together.

2.) Do not be alarmed or upset if children do not complete all of the work that was sent home. Speaking to the teacher about the support that is needed and realistic school work completion expectations is important. Being sure that children are not feeling punished or become burnt out. The rule of thumb in the field of education is the age of the child is the length of time (on average) for their age. (e.g. a 10-year old can hold attention for about 10 minutes roughly).

3.) Parent time out! Parents do not feel guilty about taking time for yourself. Talking in a walk, journaling, finding online virtual meet-ups, learning how to do something new, a new skill set that you can continue and take next level after the state bans lift maybe be just what you need. It is okay for parents to remain assignments or even be at a crossroad where they need to find themselves especially since being a parent often becomes your existence. Take time for you no matter what and do not feel guilty about it!

4.) Self-Directed Learning and Project Based Learning are two education practices and methods of learning that give full autonomy and responsibility for learning to the student. Adults are guides or facilitators and are present in the manner that they are needed or as children require assistance. Parents provide materials and resources for children and learn from the child. Children can be trusted to learn independently and to teach adults life lessons and new knowledge as well. Let them explore and learn and present their findings to you.

5.) Celebrate small wins! The world can be tough for children and for parents. Celebrate each other small wins and be grateful for the small victories and enjoy the momentary feeling of influence that you might have on your homes or lives.

You Are Not Alone: Phone, Text & Online Crisis Connections

by Alisa Rolis

Coronavirus has many people feeling distressed, which is normal in times of crisis. When Ohio, any person - of any age - who desires help coping with these stressful times can text the keyword “shopes” to 741 741 to be connected to a trained Crisis Counselor. The Crisis Text Line is a free, confidential service available 24/7 via text on mobile devices. Data usage while texting Crisis Text Line is free and the number will not appear on a phone bill with the mobile service carrier.

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) and the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM), in partnership with the Governor’s Office, have developed emergency rules to expand in-person and virtual visits.

Recommendations for coping include:

1. Take breaks from the news stories, including social media.
2. Avoid alcohol and drugs.
3. Make time to unwind. Try to do some other activities you enjoy.
4. Connect with others. Talk to people you trust about your concerns and how you are feeling.
5. Talk with your child about the COVID-19 outbreak. Answer questions and share facts in a way that your child can understand.
6. Reassure your child that they are safe. If they are upset, calm them down and help them cope.
7. Limit your family’s exposure to news coverage of the event, including social media.
8. Children may misinterpret what they hear and can be frightened about something they do not understand.
9. Try to keep up with routines. When schools are closed, create a schedule for learning activities and relaxing or fun activities.
10. Be a role model. Take breaks, get plenty of sleep, exercise, and eat well. Connect with your friends and family members.

Create a menu of personal self-care activities that you enjoy, such as spending time with friends and family, exercising, or reading a book.

Take a break from media coverage of CO-VID-19. Ask for help if you feel overwhelmed or concerned that COVID-19 is affecting your ability to care for your family and patients as you did before the outbreak.

Call 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746 to connect with a trained crisis counselor.

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Kids are Leading the Way in Cleveland for #GivingTuesdayNow
by Rachel Bevel

Many parents have struggled to explain the tragedy of COVID-19 to our children and to keep them busy at home while we do our best to ‘flatten the curve.’ Fortunately, Greater Cleveland Community Shares and WISH Cleveland are coming together to help by co-hosting a day-long virtual event to support families that are always present can be heavy. During #GivingTuesdayNow, though, families can participate in a series of enjoyable challenges designed to uplift their spirits.

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Bike Cleveland Seeks Community Feedback

Bike Cleveland, a regional bicycle advocacy and education organization, is working to improve connectivity and safety across Cleveland and recently announced a Connecting Communities survey. The organization seeks feedback from Cleveland community members to guide their advocacy efforts as streets are repaved, restripped or reconstructed to ensure the safest and best-connected bike network possible.

Jacob VanSickle, Bike Cleveland Executive Director, says “Cleveland’s bike network is building a better bike network, but it’s not just about bikes. It’s about building safe and healthy neighborhoods by: • Narrowing car lanes and reducing vehicular speed to make streets safer for people walking, biking, and driving. • Offering people multiple ways to get where they want to go and a safe, comfortable experience for people of all ages and abilities who don’t have access to a private automobile.

Learn more about the Connecting Communities plan, explore the existing bike network, and share your thoughts by completing the Connecting Communities survey at https://www.bikecleveland.org/ connecting-communities/plan.

Connecting Communities is a vision for making #GivingTuesdayNow, though, families can participate in a series of enjoyable challenges designed to uplift their spirits.

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East Shore Park Club “Save Our Summer” Concerts

by Andy Ulle

I am one of the organizers of the East Shore Park Club’s Summer Concert Series in the beautiful North Collinwood neighborhood of Cleveland, Ohio.

RED ALERT: The COVID-19 pandemic has forced the closure of so many of our sponsors’ businesses that we have lost the largest segment of our basic operational funding.

For over 15 years now, the ESPC has hosted nine concerts for the summer. The total budget for these events is over $11,000 just to pay the musicians, sound crew, and printing costs – no club members are paid for their many hours of work. We are hoping that by our first concert on June 4th, Clevelanders will finally be allowed to gather for outdoor events, but we cannot wait until then to raise funds - the printing of flyers, banners, and programs must be initiated by May 15, so we need cash in hand by then to place those orders and guarantee funds are available to pay our contracted expenses.

By contributing generously to this fund raiser, you can help us bring great music to a quarantine-weary population, one that will be severely in need of these popular free events. You will also be helping many musicians and production techs whose incomes have been lost due to venues being closed for 8 weeks or more. And of course, you will have our undying gratitude for enabling us to go forward with the ESPC 2020 concert season. http://www.facebook.com/ESPCmusic/

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Legal Resources for Issues Arising From Coronavirus

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland has a variety of resources on its web site. While they are not presently doing in-person intake, you can still call during normal business hours and online intake is available 24/7: https://laasclev.org/. In addition to their Tenant Information Line, they now have a Worker Information Line. People with questions about employment rights, benefits or unemployment assistance should call 216-861-5899 in Cuyahoga County or 440-210-4532 from Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake or Lorain Counties.

The Tenant Information Line helps answer questions about housing rights for tenants. Tenants should call 216-861-5955 from Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake or Lorain Counties.

Ohio Legal Help is a relatively new nonprofit organization that was founded in 2018 to help all Ohioans access the civil justice system. On its web site, it provides plain language legal help information, interactive self-help tools and connections to local legal and community resources that can help people resolve their legal issues. https://www.ohiolegalhelp.org/.

They have a page dedicated to COVID-19 as well: https://www.ohiolegalhelp.org/detail/covid19. The page is updated regularly and includes topics such as: the Stay-at-Home order, the election, the Census, the legal system, stimulus money, unemployment, tax-filing extension, paid sick leave, student loans, other public benefits, small business assistance, immigration, evictions & foreclosures, utilities and scams.

Cleveland Public Library Keeping in Touch

by Caroline Peak

Cleveland Public Library is closed to the public during the COVID-19 pandemic, however, our digital and streaming services including Wi-Fi are still available. The Library also offers resources for job seekers, business owners, and the visually impaired. We also have educational services to keep children engaged during their break from school.

VIRTUAL STORYTIME: Cleveland Public Library is bringing Storytime to you. Children can now develop their literacy skills 24-7 on cpl.org, Facebook, and Youtube: Library staff, elected officials, journalists, and other celebrities will read aloud. Children can now develop their literacy skills 24-7 on cpl.org, Facebook, and Youtube: Library staff, elected officials, journalists, and other celebrities will read aloud.

INTERNET ACCESS: No Wi-Fi? No problem! Cleveland Public Library is making sure everyone has access to the internet during our closure. Our Wi-Fi signal is available for use outside Main Library and from the parking lots of our 27 neighborhood branches.

OHIO LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED: For the visually impaired, the Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled (OLBPD), which is operated by Cleveland Public Library, will offer braille and audiobooks for download at cpl.org. Patrons can send reference questions to OLBPD@cpl.org.

DIGITAL RESOURCES: Cleveland Public Library has compiled a list of resources and materials to help job seekers, business owners, and the visually impaired. We also have educational services to keep children engaged during their break from school.

NEED A LIBRARY CARD: Need a library card? Anyone can get one online at cpl.org just click on library card on the homepage.

Sewer Project Brings Relief and Frustration (continued from front page)

60% when the COVID-19 virus hit. “We stayed alive by doing curbside pickup, but even with a parking lot we are going to be hit again.” Makris said she and her husband are still trying to wrap their heads around the logistics that are not presently doing in-person intake. Currently, motorists only can drive northbound on E. 185 Street from East Park Drive to Pawnee Avenue. The through traffic northbound detour route is east onto Neff Road, north onto Lakeshore Boulevard, and then south to return to E. 185 Street. The southbound detour route is south on Lakeshore Boulevard, west onto Neff Road and then north to return to E. 185 Street.

Marcella Road is scheduled to reopen to traffic the week of May 11th. Deconstruction of the micro-tunneling shaft on Marcella Road near East 185 Street is completed. Pavement restoration is in progress. Resurfacing of Marcella Road between East 185 Street and Lakeshore Boulevard is scheduled for late-Spring/Summer of 2020. Currently, one lane is closed at the intersection at East 185 Street and Pawnee Avenue while shafts are deconstructed and the main sewer on Pawnee Avenue is connected to the new relief sewer. The northbound traffic is only open between this point and East Park Drive. Work at this intersection is scheduled to be completed the week of May 5. Full intersection closures will occur at each location as work progresses southward. Each intersection is expected to be completed within three weeks.

- East Park Drive/Sherrils Avenue (early May to early June)
- Mohawk Avenue (early June to late June)
- Minooka Avenue (late June to mid-July)
- Arrowhead Avenue (mid-July to early August)
- Kikker Avenue (early August to late August)
- Chickasaw Avenue (late August to mid-September)
- Kenmore Avenue (mid-September to early October)
- Sheriffs Avenue (early October to late October)
- Neff Road (early November to late November)

Project updates are posted on the WPC Facebook page at @ClevelandWPC and on Twitter at @CWPCC. For more information, visit www.ClevelandSafety.org.
**Hunger Center to Re-open**

by David Peck

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**SJN Now Enrolling for Next School Year**

by David Peck

“Nearly 13 decades ago, St. John Nottingham Lutheran Church established a school for the purposes of providing a distinctively Christian education to the children of the congregation. Every year since then, SJN has continued to offer this same Christ-centered education to all families in the greater Cleveland area seeking a better, faith-filled alternative.

What we offer is a strong foundation in the teachings of Christ alongside solid academics designed to give every child the tools necessary to excel, an environment in which every child is welcomed, safe, and provided the opportunity to learn. We feature small class sizes, highly qualified teachers, a responsive, accessible administration and active participation of our Senior and Associate Pastors.

We HAVE an extended care ministry that operates from 7 AM before school until 6 PM after school, available on an as-needed basis. Additionally, we provide access to the state free and reduced lunch programs for those who qualify. There are no registration fees, and we are fully accredited to process and accept both the Cleveland (Voucher) and EdChoice Scholarships. Our school ministry runs Kindergarten (full-day) through 8th grade, with a departmentalized middle school, and athletics opportunities.

Although we hope to have on-campus instruction for 2020-2021, we are prepared to provide online instruction dynamically if and when the need may arise, or a blended model of on-campus and online instruction, for however long it may be necessary.

We are currently accepting applications for the 2020-21 Academic Year. Call (216) 531-8204 or email dpeck@stjohnnottingham.org today to schedule a consultation with the Principal! Remote consultation via Zoom or phone available.”

**Worship Online or In-Person**

by Rev. Ron Rollins

He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! The tomb is empty… but the sanctuary is not! Over the course of the past two months SJN Church has been focused on the continuing effort of bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to its disciples, the community and the (online) world.

With the Phased “Re-opening of the Economy” the focus continues to be on social distancing. Care has been taken to sanitize the sanctuary every week, and the order of service bulletin is printed in full, including hymns, so that no one needs to open a hymnal, plates are positioned so that attendants may place their offerings at any time so that the plates do not need to be passed, and hand sanitizer is located at each entrance to the Nave.

And beginning on Mother’s Day, we will once again be bringing the Lord’s Supper to those who gather and desire this life-giving and sustaining Sacrament. Special care is being made to ensure there is no cross-contamination by the pastors or those receiving the bread and wine.

**Enrolling at SJN is as easy as 1-2-3!**

1: Call us at (216) 531-8204

2: We will walk you through everything you need, from applications to scholarships to records transfers.

3: Relax! It’s all taken care of! Our Principal will call you to schedule a consultation and answer all of your questions.

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With the Stay-At-Home order in effect since March, the CCC3 Hunger Center in the Collinwood Community has been closed to residents. The impact of this has only increased the needs of struggling families. Governor DeWine announced a “Re-Opening of the Economy” in Phases with the primary focus on the continuation of social distancing. Accordingly, in a meeting with CCC3 Leadership, it was decided to have a “Restricted Re-Opening” sometime in May.

“We have been so very concerned about not being able to provide help to families in need through this important ministry during this time,” said Pastor Walther Marcius of St. John Nottingham. “The Restricted Re-Opening will allow us to rekindle relationships and provide critical supplies. Our volunteer support staff is ready and willing to get back to serving the Collinwood Community.”

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CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Top 10 Things CMSD FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW

1. CMSD is committed to supporting students and families to ensure you have information and access to health, safety and educational resources.

2. Visit ClevelandMetroSchools.org every day for District information and updates. Our website also includes links to local resources for families who need help.

3. Make sure your child’s school has your current contact information so the school and District can reach you by phone, text and email. Call the school to make updates.

4. Help and encourage your children to access learning opportunities material posted on the CMSD website, delivered by mail and updated weekly to keep them engaged and learning every day. Call your school with questions about your child’s education.

5. Take advantage of free breakfast and lunch grab-and-go meals available at 22 CMSD school sites and shuttles that serve many of the sites. More information is available on the CMSD website.

6. Explore your school choices for next school year by visiting ChooseCMSD.org – enroll early for the school of your choice.

7. High school seniors: Complete and submit your college applications, your FAFSA and your Say Yes Scholarship application.

8. Follow official health guidelines to stay at home, maintain safe social distances if you must go out and wash your hands frequently throughout the day.

9. Follow the Cleveland Metropolitan School District for the latest District news.


ClevelandMetroSchools.org

Join the Discussion at: www.collinwoodobserver.com
VASJ bowlers recognized by The News-Herald

by Kristen Mott '09

Congratulations to three Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School bowlers who were recently recognized by The News-Herald!

VASJ sophomore Caroline Monaco was featured in The News-Herald in its list of high school girls bowling all-stars. Caroline was recognized as a lone area individual district qualifier in D-II who rolled a 366 to place 66th at the Nautica District and who placed 4th at the Wickliffe Sectional with a score of 462.

VASJ sophomore Shana Porter was listed on the honor roll for high school girls bowling all-stars, while VASJ senior Aaron Martin made the honor roll list for high school boys bowling all-stars.

Way to go Vikings!

VASJ students win LifeWorks Ohio ‘Respect Life’ contest

by Kristen Mott ’09

Eight Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School students were named winners in the LifeWorks Ohio “Respect Life” Art, Essay and Poetry contest.

The competition was open to students in grades 4-12 and allowed them to express their commitment to God’s gift of life through art, essay and poetry while reflecting on a Biblical theme. The 2020 theme was: “...be of one mind, sympathetic, loving toward one another, compassionate.” 1 Peter 3:8

Students could participate by creating hand-drawn art, digital art, an essay, or a poem. More than 2,000 entries were submitted in this year’s contest.

Congratulations to the following VASJ students who were named winners in the contest!

Art category: Grade 10
1st place: Amya Parker
2nd place: Caroline Monaco
3rd place: Abigail Buzdon

Essay category: Grade 10
2nd place: Kelsey Armen

Poetry category: Grade 10
1st place: Joshua Hatcher

Art category: Grade 12
1st place: Maura Kinsella
2nd place: Dominique Davis

Essay category: Grade 12
2nd place: Aiden Dorazio

6 ways to support Viking-owned businesses

In recognizing the challenges many small businesses are facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is now more important than ever for us to lend our support. Many alumni and Viking families own and operate local businesses that are open and ready to serve their community. Some will need support as they reopen in the coming weeks.

Check out the list of Viking-owned businesses at vasj.com/vikingowned and show some support!

1. Order takeout, curbside pickup or delivery
   Order takeout, curbside pickup or delivery from a restaurant or grocery store. If you are able, consider giving a generous tip for a job well done.

2. Use a service
   For businesses that provide a service, consider them as your first choice or keep them in mind when they are able to reopen.

3. Shop online
   Place an online order from businesses that are conducting e-sales. Some may offer free shipping, delivery or pickup.

4. Purchase a gift card
   Purchasing a gift card not only supports a small business now, but it also gives you something to look forward to when things return back to normal!

5. Write a good review
   Had a good experience with one of the businesses listed? Share the good news! Give a business a good review on Yelp, Google or a food delivery service app.

6. Get social
   Spread the word! Let your social media followers know about Viking-owned businesses or post about the awesome dining or service experience you had.

Ladies Night Out event canceled

The health and safety of our community members and supporters is our top priority. As such, Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School’s Ladies Night Out scheduled for Thursday, May 7 has been canceled. The Ladies Night Out committee hopes to see everyone at next year’s event!
Our Lady of the Lake Staff is Praying for You!

by Bev Caldwell

There is much afoot behind the scenes at Our Lady of the Lake Parish! Despite being closed to the public to adhere to the Ohio Bishops and Governor, the staff has been working to keep parishioners in the loop. Besides meeting virtually as a staff, the bulletin is online and emailed to parishioners. On the OLL website, olleuclid.org are weekly videos from Fr. Joe (At the Table of the Word with Fr. Joe), and a video from the faculty of the school to the students (We Miss You!).

Other ministries are also meeting virtually including the Music Ministry, the Nonviolence Ministry and the school staff.

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 included 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.

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!

Palm Sunday Drive-thru

by Bev Caldwell

Like some other churches in the area, Our Lady of the Lake handed out palms on Palm Sunday, April 5th. Four staff members facilitated the palms pick up maintaining car distancing and placing palms in the trunk or back seat. The staff had masks and gloves as well. More than 220 cars came through in a show of support with a nod to the tradition of having palms in the house despite the solitary circumstances.

It added some sweetness to the bitter reality of staying apart together. One parishioner wrote: “Thanks for giving of your time and braving the cold...to make sure we were able to get palms. In this crazy time, it was nice to be able to keep one tradition”.

School Registration is Now Open

by Bev Caldwell

We are now accepting registrations for Pre-K through 8th grade for next year!

Your child deserves a quality education. We invite you to call us: contact Jenny Millett, Principal at 216-481-6824 or email JMillett@OLLEuclid.org.

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- Technology in every classroom
- STEM programs at all grade levels
- Nationally recognized math curriculum
- Full range of enrichment, including sports, arts and languages
- Flexible full and half-day preschool options
- EdChoice scholarships accepted

OLL School Teachers and Staff Make Video for Students

by Bev Caldwell

Our Lady of the Lake School is striving to stay connected with our students and families. We cannot put into words how much we miss seeing all of the Falcon faces roaming the hallways. Mrs. Millett had the idea to have teachers send "miss you" notes and she compiled them into a "Miss You" video. The feedback has been nothing but positive from both the teachers and families. We miss our Falcon family!

Check out our “We Miss You” video at https://tinyurl.com/ollteachers.

Fr. Joe at the Table of the Word Videos Continue to Inspire

by Bev Caldwell

The videos that began out of necessity are continuing by request. Fr. Joe has produced eight videos to date, beginning during Lent, including the Triduum of Holy Week and each week on Saturday at 4pm since then. The videos have received wonderful positive feedback, enough to have Fr. Joe contemplating a continuation of the format or some variation thereof when and after we get back to weekly Masses. All the “At the Table of the Word” videos are available on demand after the initial 4pm Saturday release date.
Class Dojo Distance Learning

Distance learning is a new challenge for everyone, but our staff at Imagine Bella is doing an exceptional job of keeping our students engaged and learning! Our staff utilizes the Class Dojo app to communicate with students and parents. Teachers use Class Dojo to post videos, lessons, pictures, and assignments for students during our Distance Learning. A great way to do engage students on Class Dojo is to start their day with a Morning Meeting. Morning Meeting gives the students an opportunity to do a journal writing, activity to encourage movement, and an interactive question to share their thoughts. We also use Class Dojo to shout out students for doing outstanding work during the virtual school day!

Mrs. Hoy shouting out her entire class on Dojo!

Imagine Bella, Together Online!

Here we are with the people we are learning with from home!

Showing off our Pj style while learning from home!

Here are our pets keeping us company!

Wacky and Wild Wednesday for Spirit Week

Showing off our Home Pride!

Take it outside Thursday! Enjoying the sun

Taking the outdoors into class!

Join the Discussion at: www.collinwoodobserver.com
An Easter Like No Other

Mass on TV or over the internet, driveway visits with family, Face-time, Duo and Zoom celebrations, all these were part of our reality this Easter. Not nearly as satisfying as Enchanted and the joyful music of Easter services or as heartwarming as visiting with family and friends around the table and the hugs and kisses that go along with that, but a necessary sacrifice of love to protect each other from an illness that none of us are immune to.

So we did what we could, handing out Palm Sunday baskets while social distancing, praying together over the internet and phone. Remembering that not all of our present limitations, Christ has Risen and our Hope is alive. Fr. Walsh wrote the following to encourage us in this difficult time.

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter! Yes, Easter Sunday has passed, but the Easter season is celebrated for 50 days. St. Athanasius wrote “the 50 days from the Resurrection to Pentecost are celebrated as a joyful elevation to one feast day, indeed as one great Sunday. These are the days above all others in which ‘Alleluia’ is sung.” The Easter season celebrates Jesus’ victory over sin and death, a victory we share in by our baptism. St. Paul says, “If we have been united with Him through likeness to his death, so shall we be through a like resurrection.” Romans 6:5.

Fr. Walsh and Deacon Pete blessed the palms in a private Mass.

Let us rejoice in this promise of resurrection. Despite the difficulties and restrictions we live with we have reason to hope because of Christ’s victory and our share in it.

I hope you are doing well and have been staying home these past six weeks. It seems longer than that because our normal get togethers and activities are curtailed. Being able to share Holy Week and Easter Masses and services on TV or by streaming on our computers was helpful.

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We are hopeful that the next school year will begin on time. On that note, we ask our parents to register and make proper plans for the 2020-2021 school year.

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Thanks again and pray for all those on the front lines, and all those infected with the virus and their families.

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Lincoln Electric Donates Face Shields to Front Line Caregivers by Ellie Westerburg

Euclid-based Lincoln Electric Company joined Cleveland Clinic’s COVID-19 Community Response Campaign with a generous donation of 250 face shields for frontline caregivers at Euclid hospital and other Cleveland Clinic hospitals. Cleveland Clinic is thankful for the support of the many companies and organizations like Lincoln Electric contributing funds and personal protective equipment vital to its preparations and response. Since the March 26 launch of Cleveland Clinic’s COVID-19 Community Response Campaign, the Northeast Ohio community’s generosity has been overwhelming and inspiring. Large corporations, small businesses, community groups and individuals have come forward to provide assistance to Cleveland Clinic’s caregivers and help our efforts to prepare for a surge of patients due to COVID-19.

ODJFS Announces PRC Program for COVID-19 Hardship

Ohio Department of Job & Family Services recently opened applications for the Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC) program with Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding due to Covid-19. Individuals meeting eligibility requirements may receive funds to help meet essential needs in the form of a voucher. Limited funding is available. To be eligible for a Covid-19 PRC voucher, the following criteria must be met:

- Must be a Cuyahoga County resident.
- Gross monthly income of the assistance group must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG).
- Liquid assets greater than $1000 must be used to meet current need.
- Must be a family assistance group that includes a minor child, or a pregnant individual, or a non-custodial parent of a minor child receiving Ohio Works First (OWF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and/or Medicaid.
- At least one member of the assistance group must be a U.S. citizen or a qualified alien.
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PRC include:
- Supplemental Food Assistance - Maximum amount based on group size.
- Essential Supplies - Cleaning products, daily care, infant care items, etc. Maximum amount for a family with minor children is $200. Maximum for pregnant woman or non-custodial parent is $150.
- Housing Assistance - Maximum amount is $750.

For more information and to download an application, please visit Covid-19 PRC program at https://cjfs.cuyahogacounty.us/

Thank you from the Slovene Home Skilled Care & Rehab Center by Philip Hrutil

The administration of The Slovene Home - Skilled Care and Rehabilitation would like to extend a heartfelt “Thank You” to our residents and their families and friends. Everyone has been more than understanding and patient during this difficult time dealing with COVID-19. Families feel disconnection and fear for their loved one’s safety.

The fact that we have not been able to allow visitors since mid-March is a great hardship for the residents and their families. But they are very appreciative that the staff has been working so hard to provide quality care and keep their loved ones safe.

Fortunately, in this well-connected world, residents have been able to video-chat with family and the help of staff as well as simply touch base on the phone. We conduct small group activities - as we all try to adjust to a new “normal.” We allow families to drop-off special items and treats for their loved ones to make them feel more close to home. The items are delivered to the recipients by staff members after following careful sanitizing guidelines.

We’d also like to extend a sincere, much deserved “Thank You” to our staff for all their help and dedication during this critical time by keeping the residents (and their fellow staff members) as our number one priority. Aside from the diligent care that the staff provides, they also bring reassurance and comfort to residents by simply sitting with them and saying a prayer or singing a favorite tune.

Our board of trustees is very involved and concerned during this time as well - as they love the home and our residents, too. The volunteer board members hold the Slovene Home near and dear to their hearts. The community-at-large has also jumped in to offer assistance and support in any way they can.

If nothing else, this crisis in the world shows that, in a time of need, everyone steps up to help.

Warmest regards,

Join Our Team: Workforce Development Americorps Vista

by Greater Collinwood Development Corporation

Greater Collinwood Development Corporation is pleased to announce a Workforce Development AmeriCorps VISTA position through Ohio CDC Association. We are seeking an ambitious candidate to assist in the development of a workforce development strategy for Northshore Collinwood, Nottingham Villages, Euclid Green and Glenville East.

This position requires one year of service, commencing June 8, 2020 to June 7, 2021. VISTA duties include: accessing business’ needs towards resident employability in target Collinwood districts, applying local strategies to regional and global scale; 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 the recipients by staff members after following careful sanitizing guidelines.

G CDC in 2nd annual Employment & Training Resource Fair.

Applicants should be professional and should possess excellent research and verbal/written communication skills. Benefits include: living stipend; education award; health insurance; PTO and more.

NOTE: AmeriCorps VISTA is not a wage position. It is a volunteer position with living stipend and benefits included.

For more information about how to apply, please contact Kristian Hunter at 216-268-2138 or visit www.greatercollinwood.org.

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Unleash Your Inner Rain Gardener

by Elizabeth Miser

Growing up, my grandparents were known for having green thumbs, I, however, was not. No matter how easy a plant was to care for, it was destined for the compost bin. I was always fascinated by my grandmother’s window full of cactus and succulents, and we all enjoyed the fresh vegetables, strawberries, and cherries straight from the backyard.

But my own gardening adventures were not so fruitful. Then came Master Rain Gardeners. At the Ohio Stormwater Conference a few years ago I saw a presentation by Susan Bryan called “How to Get 400 Rain Gardens in The Ground Without Lifting a Shovel.” What ensued was a journey in train the trainer that had me building my own rain garden and working with local conservation agencies to bring the Master Rain Gardener program to Northeast Ohio. Now, I have gone from someone who couldn’t tell you the common name of more than a handful of plants, to a person who finds herself referring to plants by their Latin name in grant applications.

The Master Rain Gardener program was originally designed for gardeners, and bringing them into the stormwater solution world, but for me, the opposite occurred. I went from someone teaching others how to maintain green infrastructure, to someone who looks for places in seconds when you are done. If you are plogging in a more crowded area, please consider wearing a mask or form of personal protective equipment.

Need a plogging refresher? Plogging is a fitness and litter cleanup craze from Sweden that is quickly spreading throughout the world and right here in Collinwood. Plogging involves a combination of jogging and picking up trash along your running route using a small bag to collect the litter you find along your route. Plogging is great exercise and a great opportunity to meet new people and make a positive impact on our environment and our neighborhood!

Check-out - City Lab - Pick Up Trash While You Exercise. It’s Called Plogging. https://gogp.io/1RFVvR

Looking ahead, we hope to resume group plogging cleanups in June. Group plogging events will take place the last Wednesday of the month through October starting at 6pm throughout Collinwood. You can check out our 2020 calendar and meetup locations below or on facebook.

Cleveland Plogs 2020 Schedule (tentative):

- June 24th - Waterloo/E 156th - Meet at the Waterloo Tower 15600 Waterloo Rd.
- October 28th - Waterloo/Halloween Themed Plogging - Meet at the Waterloo Tower 15600 Waterloo Rd.
- August 26th - Lakeshore Blvd. - Meet at the Collinwood Rec Center 813 East 152nd.
- September 30th - East 152nd - Meet outside Five Points Community Center - 14002 Lakeshore Blvd.

Cleveland Plogs is Socially Distant in May

by Stephen Love

Hey neighbors!

Out of an abundance of caution, Cleveland Plogs will not meet for our group plogging in May. However, if there’s one lesson quarantine has taught us, it’s that getting out in the fresh air for walks and runs is necessary for our mental and physical health. So all this month, just add a grocery bag or bucket to pick up litter during your next run near your home. Collinwood and go solo plogging! Like Cleveland Plogs on Facebook - facebook.com/cleplogs and post a selfie of yourself solo plogging on facebook or instagram with the hashtag #cleplogsolo. All photos will then be entered into a contest to win a $15 Six Shooter gift card! Cleveland Plogs will draw the winning selfie on May 31st. May the best solo plogger win!

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- June 24th - Waterloo/E 156th - Meet at the Waterloo Tower 15600 Waterloo Rd.
- (Thursday) July 30th - Special edition plogging in partnership with Clean Up Drink Up along East 185th Street - Meeting location TBD

Post a selfie of yourself solo plogging on facebook or Instagram with the hashtag #cleplogsolo for a chance to win a $15 Six Shooter gift card! Cleveland Plogs will draw the winning selfie on May 31st. May the best solo plogger win!

Collinwood’s Professional Boxing Past

by William McCulloch

For someone who enjoys history, Collinwood has a rich past. On and off now in my spare time I’ve been researching it’s boxing legacy for roughly the last 10 years. Some facts have come easy, others have come in small bits that you have to put together as a puzzle. And just as you think you’ve got it pretty well down, you find something else.

So at this point I thought I’d share a listing of the professional boxers who had a connection with Collinwood, whether having lived, schooled, or trained. This is just a part of the whole story, but in the attempt to get back some local feedback, I thought share this with readers.

- Eddie Bojack: 1929-1933 (16-6-0)
- Louis DeSalvio: 1929-1934 (22-2-3)
- Frankie Bauer: 1929-1936 (23-24-3)
- Frankie Wallace: 1930-1941 (55-59-11)
- Midge Mangine: 1937-1947 (9-9-1)
- Carmen Barth: 1932-1941 (45-15-4)
- Joe Bauer: 1935-1937 (4-6-2)
- Al Sivillo: 1937-1940 (1-1-0)
- Frank Bojack: 1938 (1-0-0)

Crowd welcoming home Joey Maxim outside Terminal Tower station after winning World Light Heavyweight Championship in London in 1950.

- Vic ‘Tad’ Judrich: 1943-1947 (10-42-0)
- Chuck Hunter: 1943-1953 (45-26-1)
- Lou Dell: 1944 (0-3-1)
- Tony Brush: 1944-1947 (10-3-0)
- Mickey Mars: 1950-1955 (17-7-0)
- Frank Collica: 1955-1956 (6-2-0)
- Tony Hughes: 1956-1963 (26-4-0)
- Larry Wanger: 1956 (6-0-0)
- Billy Wagner: 1968-1976 (34-9-2)
- Terry Daniels: 1969-1981 (35-30-1)
- Phil Bourret: 1977 (0-2-1)
- John Zefe: 1982-1994 (5-0-1)

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The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland Calls for Pro Bono Help Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland is calling on attorneys, paralegals, law students, and law graduates to use their expertise to support the many people made vulnerable by the COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to COVID-19, due to limited resources, Legal Aid had to turn away nearly half of the people who sought help. As the need in the community skyrockets, additional resources are more critical than ever.

Legal Aid remains open and fully operational to represent clients, empower individuals with information and expert guidance, and advocate for justice at the policy level. While all four physical offices are closed, Legal Aid’s entire staff is working from home. Online intake is open 24/7 and phone intake is available during select business hours. Even so, Legal Aid will not be able to meet the needs of a growing client population without pro bono assistance from Northeast Ohio’s legal community.

Due to the pandemic, Legal Aid expects an increase in cases related to debt and bankruptcy, employment law and unemployment compensation, wage theft, housing stability, and domestic violence. Legal professionals can help those struggling with these issues in a variety of ways, at various levels of time commitment. Opportunities include: taking on a case; providing brief advice over the phone; participate in a “virtual” advice clinic, and helping Legal Aid with a project. Attorneys can register to volunteer at: lascle.org/volunteer/covid19. Law students, paralegals, and law graduates can register at: lascle.org/tol-free-number 888-417-3777.

Together, with your help, we can preserve those who are most in need through these times and extend justice throughout our community: visit www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill6201. You can always contact Legal Aid at lascle.org/contact, or by calling Legal Aid’s toll-free number 888-417-3777.

PCS for People Provides Low-Cost Computers to Cleveland Families

PCS for People, a nonprofit organization providing low-cost computers to low-income households, are continuing to bridge the digital divide in Cleveland. The organization is committed to servicing the Greater Cleveland community from the PCS for People location on St. Clair Ave.

According to a statement on the organization’s website, PCS for People is experiencing high demand, as expected, due to the COVID-19 crisis. The organization asks households that are seeking low-cost computers to remain patient amid high call volume and email. PCS for People is working to keep operations at full capacity to keep up with demand.

Low-cost computers are now available to college students who are affected by closures and virtual learning who can provide Pell Grant documentation.


NEOCH Launches Mutual Aid Fund

The Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH) launched a Mutual Aid Fund to provide support for grassroots, community-based responses to the COVID-19 crisis. NEOCH was inspired by Cleveland Pandemic Response (CPR), a group of local organizers and volunteers who launched a community hub, to directly match people in need with neighbors offering support. Knowing that large systems can be slow to respond, CPR uses a mutual aid disaster response model.

Shakur did mutual aid disaster response after Hurricane Katrina and Superstorm Sandy. He has also been continuing that effort in his home community. "I had already been feeding people in my community," says Shakur. "I got continued support from Food Not Bombs and others, and just had to add on my Katrina experience to build a supply line to a underserved community." Shakur said he was called a “hope dealer,” used his micro-grant funds to provide toilet paper, hygiene supplies, cleaning products, and food to his neighbors.

Scholly, a tech-based education app, announced a relief campaign for students experiencing hardship due to Covid-19 pandemic. The app company aims to provide essential financial help in the form of $200 cash assistance for groceries, health supplies, and other necessities to students, parents with students, and graduates.

Applications for the $200 assistance are reviewed on a rolling basis. The application takes less than two minutes, according to the website. Families are encouraged to share their stories in 1000 words or less about Covid 19 impact.

Scholly’s mission of Opportunity for All was founded on creator Christopher Gray’s own challenges in finding scholarships for college. You can find the full story at https://myscholly.com/about/ and the application to the Scholly Covid 19 Student Relief Fund at https://myscholly.com/relief/.

Junior Achievement of Greater Cleveland Releases, Free Resource to Help Teens Understand Financial Impact of COVID-19

(Cleveland, OH) - Junior Achievement of Greater Cleveland is releasing a free resource for teens titled Making Sense: Understanding the Financial Impact of COVID-19. The guide is designed to answer teens’ questions about the economic implications of COVID-19, including: "Why are some store shelves empty?", "Why are some people losing their jobs?", and "Are we going into a recession, or even a depression?" The guide is available at JA.org/MakingSense.

"While social distancing is essential to fighting COVID-19, the disease and the steps we must take to address it are having a financial impact. Our goal is to help young people better understand what's happening," said Joe Faulhaber, President of Junior Achievement of Greater Cleveland. "April is Financial Literacy Month, and this is really an important time to be sharing this kind of information."

The guide is written with middle school and high school students in mind. It uses reliable examples to explain what a recession is, how the Federal Reserve works and steps being taken by government and the private sector to deal with the economic impact associated with COVID-19. JA is also offering free resources to teachers and parents who may have students finishing school online this semester. Those resources are available at JA.org/Tommorow.

About Junior Achievement of Greater Cleveland: Junior Achievement of Greater Cleveland builds partnerships with area businesses and education communities to provide curriculum and volunteers who serve as role models to JA students. JA provides programs focused on financial literacy, workforce readiness and entrepreneurship to students K-12th grade which are designed to be incorporated with the social studies curriculum. Junior Achievement of Greater Cleveland will reach approximately 40,000 students annually throughout Cuyahoga, Lorain, Geauga, and Lake Counties. Follow Junior Achievement of Greater Cleveland on Twitter @JA_CLE and Instagram @ja_cleveland. Like us on Facebook at facebook.com/JAOGCleveland. For more information on volunteer opportunities, please visit our website at www.jacleveland.org.
A Spiritual Journey to Being Awakened

by Annette Tabar

WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER... Words that reflect the energy of a one world society created by one infinite Source. The following prayer is offered to support that awareness and serve to help us heal through Divine universal love.

Relieved Inner Christ Self, I call to you, to all the Ascended Beings of Light who are connected with this Planet Earth, to the Christ Selves of all Humanity, and to Universal Divine Mind, God Almighty, in everything, everywhere! Release, release, release, so much power of Light that it will lead all souls to find God both within themselves and without in everything on Earth. Bring them all to the knowledge of their own God Selves. Teach them to show respect to the God within all others as well as all other religions. Use all of this energy, Great Beings of Light, recharge and amplify all of this prayer energy into a Great Power of Light. And use it to harmonize and rectify every negative prophecy and illusion in accordance with the will of God and all the Laws of God for this planet Earth and for all the souls connected with it, including my own. Thank you, Dear God, for we know that you answer every prayer. Amen.

This prayer was written by Dr. Regina Lorr for students at Rishes Institute of Metaphysics, to be shared with others.

Cloth Masks Needed for Visitors and Hospice Home Care Family

by Laurie Henrichsen

Like many healthcare organizations across the country, Hospice of the Western Reserve (HWR) is asking for the community’s support to pitch in and make handmade, fabric face masks. The masks will be distributed to the nonprofit agency’s visitors and home care family members to assist in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

Fabric masks are helpful in blocking droplets that can spread illnesses like COVID-19. Volunteers in the community can assist by using their own materials and the pattern that’s compliant with requirements from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Delivering the Masks

A collection bin is located by the front door of each collection site so that visitors can be buzzed in to drop off the masks in the bin (making sure the bag they were brought in making the delivery process contactless). Please complete this donation form to be dropped off when the masks are delivered: https://www.hospicewr.org/patients-and-caregivers/Documents/ Cloth%20Mask%20Donation%20Form.pdf

These forms may also be taken home to complete and email back to HWR. Site secretaries will have a supply on hand. Questions? Please contact Matt Gosicki, 216.401.2926 or mgosicki@hospicewr.org or Lori Scotese, 216.287.8193.

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OhioGuideStone 360

OhioGuideStone 360 is a federally funded program designed to help young adults 18-24 with paid training programs. All programs offer GED or diploma assistance as well as certifications in in-demand fields. OhioGuideStone 360 anticipates Contrac tion, STNA, Culinary and Customer Service programs to be available beginning in July and August. The organization’s staff is currently working remotely but is more than happy to talk to one-on-one about the program. Paid training programs are slated to begin as follows: Construction (July 6th), STNA (July 20th), Culinary (August 24th), Customer Service/Job Readiness (August 24th). Please contact Jennifer Cholley, Outreach Specialist, by phone at 440-260-6811 or by email at jennifer.cholley@ohioguide stone.org.

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The Boys: Series Review

by Brian Friedman

Amazon Prime released this fantastic, violent, and cynical look at what if the Justice League went corporate and had some significant mental problems. The casting and acting was perfect and I thoroughly enjoyed every episode. Only complaint is that the final episode was a little tight and could have used a ninth episode to breath a little bit. I totally can’t wait for Season Two. Grade: Straight up ‘A.”

100 Humans: Series Review

by Brian Friedman

Over the 8 episodes, “researchers” recreate famous Psychology and Sociology 101 studies in an entertaining fashion. Multiple times, the sample size is suspect but the show remains informative and entertaining throughout. At my home, the whole family was engaged with lots of pausing for discussions, comments, and questions. What more would you need to tune in? Now streaming on Netflix. Grade: B plus.
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