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Cleveland Plogs returns to Lakeshore Boulevard in July



by Stephen Love

Cleveland Plogs had a great but socially distant kick off to the plogging season last month on Waterloo. A small but mighty group of ploggers stayed 6ft apart (which is easy to do when you keep moving!) and wore gloves and masks but didn't let COVID-19 get in the way of keeping or community clean!

Missed out on the fun last month? No worries because the fun continues this month when Cleveland Plogs heads to Lakeshore Blvd on Wednesday July 29th! Ploggers will clean Lakeshore Blvd. and surrounding streets. We will be set up outside the Collinwood Rec Center (16300 Lakeshore Blvd.) with bags, gloves and hand sanitizer. in order for everyone to keep their distance,

small groups will be heading out on different routes. Masks are encouraged when meeting to pick up supplies. Once everyone has picked up trash on their route, we'll meet back at the Rec Center around 730pm for a socially distant but fun plogging photo - and if the concession stand at Wildwood is open, we'll head there afterwards for some Honey Hut ice cream! We hope to see you there!

Please plog responsibly. Wear protective gloves when picking up litter and bring along hand sanitizer. Please wash your hands with soap and water at least 20 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.

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Greater Cleveland Food Bank to Provide Grab & Go Meals for Children at Nearly 60 Sites This Summer

As summer approaches and the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the Greater Cleveland Food Bank is participating in the Summer Food Service Program figuring out how to effectively provide enough meals for the thousands of children and families in Northeast Ohio who need it most. There are approximately 81,000 food insecure children in our six-county service area that rely on school breakfast and lunches during the school year and are often left without enough to eat in the summer and that number is expected to increase during the pandemic.

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank, as well as other area programs, are sponsoring Summer Meals sites in Northeast Ohio to provide grab & go meals to students this summer while school is not in session. Nearly 60 sites will be operated by the Food Bank, including sites at the Cuyahoga County Public Library branches starting in July. Additionally, the Food Bank will utilize its Outreach Truck and Sprinter Van to deliver grab & go meals to underserved areas. All sites will follow safety guidelines including staff wearing masks and gloves when distributing meals as well as social distancing.



Most Summer Meals programs kicked off June 1 and runs through August 7. Through the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, nearly 60 sites will provide breakfast and lunch for children while school is not in session. The Food Bank kitchen will be providing a total of nearly 6,500 meals a day including meals not only for children, but seniors, and others in need in Northeast Ohio.

A complete list of City of Cleveland sites and operating times are below. Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal distribution. Grab & go meal times and locations may change. To find the site closest to you, please call the Food Bank's Help Center at 216.738.7239, text "FOOD" to 877-877, or visit www.GreaterClevelandFoodBank.org/SummerMeals.

Light Up Collinwood for Neighborhood Unity

Sunday, July 5, 2020
9:30 PM

Turn your porch light on to show neighborhood unity and to express our support for racial, social and economic justice for all in the Greater Collinwood community and beyond.

Step outside and say "hello" to your neighbors. It's that simple. It starts with one family. Take photos and share them. The only way we can achieve the betterment of the community is by being united as one. Any further information please feel free to contact Councilman Polensek at (216) 664-4236 or email at mpolensek@clevelandcitycouncil.org

R & D Sausage Co. Celebrates 35 Years

By John Copic

The R & D Sausage Company, owned by Joe Zuzek, is celebrating 35 years of business. Located at 15714 Waterloo, he is open 8:00am to 5 pm, Tuesday through Saturday.


If you like ethnic food and smoked meats this place is a treasure!

All hand crafted and homemade, Joe uses only the freshest ingredients. I have sampled the Klobase, the double smoked bacon, and some hard Croatian sausage and each was a delicious work of art.

Stop in and visit with Joe. He has some great stories and really good Klobase.



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Councilman Update



Dear Friends -

I cannot begin to tell you what a busy month it has been. I received more emails and more phone calls in one month than I have in the preceding two. With that,

despite the Covid-19 restrictions, things are slowly starting to open up including many of our neighborhood businesses. That being said be safe and stay healthy.

I don't have to tell anyone about the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and how it has affected our community and our state. We all know, for the most part, how it is transmitted and what the symptoms are. Please, follow the social distancing guidelines, use hand sanitizer and wear a protective face mask within close proximity of others. Furthermore, by all means, if you do have any symptoms, seek medical attention, immediately. Who would have thought that we would have lost over 120,000 of our fellow citizens to this unseen killer? By all indication, it doesn't seem to be going anywhere soon and we are seeing a second spike in many states that have "re-opened." Please continue to take care of yourself and your families. In the meantime, please support our local businesses whenever you can for, the economic impact has been devastating to them as well. Let's all hope and pray that our Federal researchers and scientists can come up with a vaccine sooner rather than later.

I also want to address the racial and civil unrest that our country has experienced as a result of the brutal and vicious murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer. Cameras do not lie, my brothers and sisters. That is why I advocated for them for years for our CPD. More so, the fact that three other officers stood by and let it happen is inconceivable; to say that this was outrageous is an understatement. The reactions afterwards, the good, the bad and the ugly, are unprecedented.

Most people know that I am pro-law enforcement and respect our officers for the job they have been trained to do. As a young man growing up in Collinwood I saw firsthand the "real bad guys" and what they did to our community. It was then that I decided what side I needed to be on. We, as a community and a country, can never condone brutality, ignorance, racism or the violation of one's civil rights in any form. We MUST demand accountability and professionalism from those individuals sworn to "protect and serve." There come great responsibilities to those who carry a gun and wear a badge.

I say this because I know that the overwhelming number of police officers in our city are dedicated and conscientious men and women who work hard each day to protect us and to assure that our individual rights are upheld. However, we must weed out those who are unfit to serve if we are to have real justice and real peace in our society. In the City of Cleveland, I believe, we have made real progress in police reform as a result of the Department of Justice's engagement in the City and how the police interact with our residents. Is more work needed? Yes. Real community engagement and policing must be the priority in this city.

On May 30, I was invited by Pastor Aaron Phillips, of the Greater Cleveland Clergy Coalition, to join with him and other pastors and congregations in a peaceful protest Downtown beginning at the Free Stamp to express our collective outrage as to what had happened in Minneapolis and elsewhere. I want to tell everyone, because, unfortunately, the news media in this country, all too often, has painted peaceful protesters along with rioters and looters, as one and the same. They are not. Peaceful protesting is a right guaranteed to all; rioting, looting, vandalism and destruction of private and public property is a criminal act.

Having been a part of the protest at the beginning, I can tell you, without any fear of contradiction, it wasn't the members of the Urban League, the NAACP, Black on Black Crime Inc. or any of the members of the congregations that assembled that day, who caused the rioting, destruction and violence that ensued. It was a group of violent individuals who infiltrated the peaceful protest, whose sole intent was to cause mayhem. Innocent men, women and children were put at great risk along with law enforcement personnel, as a result. You should all know that the peaceful protesters' civil rights were violated, in my opinion, by these terrorists who were dressed for the occasion, ready to throw objects at police officers, police horses, and to destroy public and private property in the Downtown area. They could have cared less who George Floyd was and why the peaceful protester had assembled.

You should also be aware, and let there be no confusion, the majority of the individuals who started the rioting were Caucasian young adults, who then linked up with our own homegrown criminals, the same ones causing havoc and crime in our neighborhoods, to cause widespread damage Downtown. Again, I was there, I saw this firsthand.

In addition, I also attended the peaceful march in Hough with many of my colleagues, longtime friends and activists. I found it tell-tale that none of the terrorists

showed up in Hough. I wonder why? Is it because the residents of Hough would have never tolerated these criminals descending upon their neighborhood?

In closing, if the Covid-19 crisis and now the civil and racial unrest hasn't taught us anything, then I don't know what will. We, as Americans, and Clevelanders, in particular, must join together and care about each other more than ever before. Collectively, we MUST address racial and social injustice and the economic disparities that exist throughout our country and especially our eastside.

Do "Black Lives Matter?" You bet they do. So does every other American's life. We are all connected together. That being said, let's all recommit to working together as brothers and sisters. Even though we cannot work "side by side", for the time being due to social distancing concerns, we MUST continue to "work together" to make our community and our city the best it can be. I look forward to continuing to work with each and every one of you for the good of the Greater Collinwood community.

Having said that, we cannot let any one group or individual divide us by race, religion, ethnic origin, or sexual orientation, etc. We know there are political opportunists and "race baiters" out there; in fact, we have a few in our own community. However, they really are a fringe minority, who will ultimately be exposed for who they are and what they stand for; nothing more than hate, ignorance and division. Don't let those with personal or racist agendas divide our community or our city. We all have first amendment rights but we also the responsibility to protect each other's rights, as well.

One last thing, just announced, a movement called, LIGHT UP COLLINWOOD FOR NEIGHBORHOOD UNITY, will take place on Sunday evening, July 5. This has been proposed by Deacon Pete Travalik of St Jerome's Church and I whole-heartedly support the idea. Just turn your porch lights on at 9:30 PM to show unity with and support for one another. Step outside and say hello and wave to your neighbors. It's that simple. Take photos and share them. The only way we can achieve and strive for a better society is by being united and welcoming.

Have a safe, healthy, and fun Summer. God bless. As always, you may reach me at the office at (216) 664-4236 or via email at mpolensek@clevelandcitycouncil.org or mdaley@clevelandcitycouncil.org.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Polensek

Councilman, Ward 8



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New preps are easier to swallow.

You may be concerned about unpleasantness and inconvenience as you prepare for the exam. But it's time to stop worrying – the prep process is much easier these days. It tastes better, you don't have to take as much as you did before, and the timing has also changed to make it easier for patients.

Concerned about coronavirus?

While the coronavirus is still in our communities and is still contagious, Cleveland Clinic is among the safest places in healthcare today.

For your safety and those around you, we have taken the following steps:

- Limited and screened visitors.
- Continued extensive cleaning.
- Required masks for our caregivers.

We ask that you help us maintain a safe environment by:

- Practicing social and physical distancing.
- Wearing a mask while in our facilities.
- Washing and sanitizing your hands properly.

As we welcome all patients back for regular, routine care, we will continue making your safety a top concern.

Learn more about the steps we're taking to keep you safe at ClevelandClinic.org/Coronavirus.

To schedule an appointment at one of our screening locations near you, call 216.444.7000. For more information and a complete list of locations, visit ClevelandClinic.org/Colonoscopy.

Vaccination and screening are key to avoiding cervical cancer.



Stephanie Ricci, MD
Cleveland Clinic
Hillcrest Hospital and main campus

Cervical cancer is one of the most common cancers in women – and one of the most preventable. Early detection and prevention through Pap screening and HPV vaccination have saved many lives.

Stephanie Ricci, MD, a gynecologic oncologist at

Cleveland Clinic Hillcrest Hospital and main campus, encourages every eligible woman to get vaccinated against the human papillomavirus (HPV); it's an important part of cervical cancer prevention.

In addition, Dr. Ricci encourages women to be screened for cervical cancer beginning in their early 20s. "Many women start seeing pre-cancer changes by age 21," she says. "Treating pre-cancers means that these women will not develop cervical cancer."

What if my Pap test is abnormal?

If your Pap smear shows abnormal results, don't panic. Careful evaluation by your doctor

will determine whether there's truly cause for concern. This usually includes colposcopy – a fairly simple procedure that involves closely examining the cervix with high-tech binoculars.

During colposcopy, a vinegar solution is applied to the cervix using large Q-tips. If an area of the cervix turns white, your doctor will take a biopsy (a small piece of the cervix) to send out for testing. Biopsies can pinch, pull, or sometimes cause cramping, but they are quick. If the biopsy causes bleeding, pressure will be applied – and sometimes medication may be necessary – to stop it.

Once the results are in, your doctor will make a plan with you. If the results indicate low-grade changes or less, the plan will likely be to repeat the Pap smear in one year.

For your safety and convenience, we are offering in-person and virtual appointments with a Women's Health specialist. Call 216.444.6601 or visit ClevelandClinic.org/WomensHealth to schedule your appointment today.

Willoughby Hills Family Health Center welcomes new ENT specialist.



Mamie Higgins, MD
Cleveland Clinic
Willoughby Hills Family Health Center and main campus

Mamie Higgins, MD, has joined Cleveland Clinic's Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT / otorhinolaryngology) team. She sees patients at Willoughby Hills Family Health Center and main campus.

Dr. Higgins practices the full spectrum of otorhinolaryngology. Her advanced fellowship training in rhinology includes specialty interests in sinonasal disease and masses, including nasal polyposis, cystic fibrosis, nasal vasculitic disease and aspirin-exacerbated sinus disease.

To make an appointment with Dr. Higgins or another Ear, Nose and Throat specialist, call 216.444.8500.

New gastroenterologist at Cleveland Clinic Willoughby Hills.



Carole Macaron, MD
Cleveland Clinic
Willoughby Hills Family Health Center

Carole Macaron, MD, has joined Cleveland Clinic Digestive Disease Surgery & Surgery Institute's Department of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition. She is seeing patients at Cleveland Clinic Willoughby Hills Family Health Center.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Macaron, call 440.943.2500.

Does your child have a broken bone? New tool for scheduling appointments online.

Broken bones (fractures) need care fast. That's why we're making it easy to schedule an appointment with a pediatric orthopaedic specialist.

If your child has already been evaluated by a medical provider and you have an x-ray showing a fracture, make an appointment at ClevelandClinic.org/PediatricFracture.

Appointments can be scheduled for patients 18 years and younger, with a fracture of the arm, hand, shoulder, foot, hip, or leg.



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Nan’s Notes:



by Nan Kennedy

Swimming!

Metroparks: “We can’t guarantee safe swimming at Villa Angela, because of the underwater erosion and sand loss. So no swimming.”

Councilman Polensek: “Why didn’t you say so? Collinwood needs to swim! I’ll find the funding.”

Metroparks: “Guarded swimming begins at Villa Angela Beach on Thursday, June 25.”Never under-estimate a determined Slovenian.

Lifeguards on duty 11-7, Thursday-Sunday, through second week of August; week-ends only through Labor Day. Wildwood concession stand also open.

Light Up Collinwood Sunday July 5, 9:30

Turn your porch light on to show neighborhood unity and to express our support for racial, social and economic justice for all in the Greater Collinwood community and beyond. Step outside and say “hello” to your neighbors. There’s something about being outside . . .

Drive Thru Food Distribution June 26 at Neon

Hosted by NorthEast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. (NEON) on Friday, June 26, 2:30-4:30 pm. 8300 Hough Ave. Please enter the parking lot across from the main building on the corner of 82nd and Hough. Two boxes per household while supplies last. No lines before 2:30pm. And remember: Safety first. Staff cannot enter your vehicle to load food, and you are At this time we are requiring that you clear the trunk of your vehicle prior to the distribution. For safety reasons, we cannot enter the vehicle to load food. First come, first served. Rain or Shine.

Fireworks Reform

Unless you have earbuds permanently installed, you’ve probably noticed there seem to be an awful lot of fireworks exploding. Residents have been pointing this out to Councilman Polensek – he had more complaints last week than in the entire previous year.

So he is unhappy that the Ohio Senate is considering legalizing fireworks year-round. If that bothers you, too, contact our State Senator Sandra Williams and urge her to vote no; (614) 466-4857; <https://www.ohiosenate.gov/senators/williams/contact>). Just over the weekend a young man on East 143rd of St.Clair almost blew his face off. He is in very bad shape with severe injuries.

Police Reform

Protest marches, especially by angry maskless people shouting, have drawn criticism from those worried about COVID. But the issue of this country’s policies on maintaining public order – specifically the issue of how our police officers are trained to think of themselves – simply cannot be ignored . . . and angry marches have – finally – made authority listen.

So what to do? My best suggestion is to flood your representatives with phone calls, emails, letters – thousands and thousands of messages. I will be asking for the police to be given the training and tools they need to protect and serve, rather than outdated military equipment designed for control and dominate.

Whatever your thoughts, share them with your representatives. The email contacts take you to their sites, they don’t allow for a direct email.

Senator Sherrod Brown (D- OH)
202-224-2315 216-228-6321
<http://www.brown.senate.gov/contact>

Senator Rob Portman (R- OH)
202-224-3353 216-522-7095

<https://www.portman.senate.gov/contact>

Representative Marcia L. Fudge (D - 11)
202-225-7032 216-225-1339
<https://fudgeforms.house.gov/>

The 211 Service

Often, people in need require help getting connected to services, and the need has grown remarkably during COVID.. The 2-1-1 service is particularly important for those most vulnerable in our state who have been hit by COVID-19 the hardest. Dial 2-1-1 or, for Ohioans, 877-721-8476 to get connected to 2-1-1.

ON WATERLOO

Cleveland Rocks Free On-Line Concert July 3

On Friday July 3rd, Cleveland Rocks: PPF will host a FREE ONLINE CONCERT on the CRPPF FB page at 7-9 pm, featuring The Smeltztones, with Shawn and Shelby opening.

The Smeltztones: In 1978, David Smeltz co-founded the first American Reggae band in the state of Ohio. The reggae band, I-Tal, has entertained audiences for over 40 years. David has currently released a 9 song CD entitled “Recovered” on his Smeltz Good Music label. He has most recently formed his 3 piece band

the “Smeltztones” with local veteran musicians, Eva Dilcue (Vocals) and Chris DiSantis (percussion). They are originators of a new genre of music: Reggae-Recovery-Folk-Rock!

Shawn & Shelby: Shawn Brewster and Shelby Lynn Sangdahl make up the intimate duo project Shawn & Shelby with acoustic guitar, cello and vocals. Both of them are in other respective band’s Oldboy and Shelby has her own project Reginleif. Combining songwriting, and arrangements on cello, the band’s intent is to connect with the audience through the music and also in between songs. Original and familiar songs fill out their set list. Along with banter that is meant to lighten the mood after songs that hopefully brings you to a much needed place.



At Pop Life Yoga Classes Resume July 1

Yoga classes in-studio start next Wednesday, July 1st; a selection of classes will be available via live stream as well. A lot of effort has gone into safety: a limited class schedule with smaller classes in the large room; cleaning and sanitizing the rooms between classes as well as nightly; no mats for rent or studio props, so please be sure to bring your own mat. A new waiver will need to be signed the first time you come back for class. You can access the updated class schedule at <https://www.poplifeuniverse.com/schedule>. Pre-registration for all classes is required, as capacity is limited.

Memberships will be reinstated individually per student request. No one should feel pressured to come back until they feel ready. If you would like to resume your membership, please email the studio prior to returning to class at hello@poplifeuniverse.com.

The Pop Life Shop is open M-F from 10a-5p and weekends 10a-2p. Ritual Juicery is open M-F 9a-5p and weekends 10a-2p.

Pop Life Virtual Fundraiser & Yoga Class for the Cleveland Food Bank July 11

Pop Life 11 am – 12 pm

Our neighbor the Cleveland Food Bank uplifts our community; they support food pantries, shelters, elderly programs, and other non-profit agencies around Northeast Ohio. Every dollar raised helps to provide four meals for our neighbors in need. A Zoom yoga class will be donation-based, with an option available to practice outside in person with the Pop Life presenters; more details soon. Donations can be made via this link: http://support.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/site/TR/HarvestforHunger/General?px=2567262&pg=personal&fr_id=1113. Feel free to drop off non-perishable food items during this campaign (6/11-7/11) during Pop Life’s hours of operation. The Food Bank will provide a container in the lobby.

Want to Spend Your Money on Waterloo?

Six Shooter has an array of roasts at the ready for you to order ahead for curbside pickup - sixshootercoffee.com/curbside - or you can always walk in and grab a bag.

The Beachland

Has NEW MERCH to keep you chill as summer heats up. Check out their newest monster rocker, The Creature From The Beachland - he’s got a cold one and is ready to rock. Also added Mermaid t’s & tanks, pint glasses, shot glasses and more. Buy merch from The Beachland Ballroom and Tavern at <https://www.beachlandballroom.com/store/>

Blue Arrow Records

Blue Arrow is now open by appointment, with a new sneeze guard at the cash register, and sanitizer. Bring your own mask. Social distancing will be enforced. You can book appointments on the website on Instagram.

Next Blue Arrow release, “Comedown Lonesome,” with Ethan Daniel Davidson, is already garnering some lovely words from American Songwriter Lee Zimmerman. “The first glimpse at this remarkable new album appears in the form of Davidson’s “Someday I’ll Be Caught,” a lonesome lament & croon of a tune that finds the singer sharing both his remorse & regret... the new album is a timely return, an astute reminder of the roots of America’s folk traditions and a sturdy reminder that past precepts still serve us well in the fractured landscape of today’s troubled times.”



The Juicery

Will host a Vegan Vybez Pop Up June 28, 12 -2; plant-based Caribbean and Latino comfort food.

Framed Gallery

You can spend money on Waterloo without leaving your house, if you go to the Framed Gallery on line. New arrivals by Tony Griffin have been posted, and you can buy them at Framed Gallery on Artsy.net. See them first at framedgallery.net.

Photocentric Gallery



Is holding monthly limited-access openings. For July 3, the would-be Walk All Over date, Michael will be showing “Photos from My Father” by Collinwood resident Bruce Edwards, and “Breathe” by Greg Martin. This exhibition will open to the public on July 3rd, 5-7pm, (again, eight visitors wearing masks at a time in the gallery).

Matt Shiffler Photography will soon begin taking appointments at his gallery.

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AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

At the Market

There might be sweet corn on July 4. Just a thought.



There will surely be tomatoes and strawberries, peas and lettuces, rhubarb, turnips, beets, carrots, arugula, fresh herbs (thyme, cilantro, etc...), salad mix, kale (green curly, baby Russian, Toscano,...), mushrooms (cremini, shiitake) , baby red potatoes, onions , spinach, microgreens (sunflower & corn), and plants, herb plants, flowers, etc... Plus of course eggs cheese meats jams pickles honey baked goods.

And there might be corn.

Volunteer Cleanup at the Market July 11

The market can always do with a little housekeeping, and Food Strong’s Learning Farm, across the road, needs volunteers. Volunteers in June, guided by InSoil Health, built a unique compost system

there, learning in the process what types of materials and how much to use to put together a healthy compost pile. Email info@foodstrong.org or contact Sara at 216-640-0342 with any questions.

The Market Is Looking For A Few Good People

They have opportunities for volunteers interested in serving a community organization dedicated to local food access. Help is most needed with the Market site and with fundraising. Improving the site will help to gain access to additional land for a funded food forest. Fundraising will help repair the fence, upgrade utilities and buy equipment to simplify maintenance. They also need volunteers for events, promotion and community outreach. Contact Kevin or Joe by text/voice at 440-376-9448. Or message them on Facebook.



Cavotta’s under Pavillion June 26

Great local friendly family owned Garden

Center with a Pavilion and small bar in the back with food and drink. Listen to music in Cavotta’s beautiful garden bar. May be canceled if bad weather.

But it’s not just the music: Cavotta’s carries approximately 150 varieties of tomatoes, including many heirloom varieties, plus loads of pottery and statuary, plus beautiful annuals, perennials, vegetable plants, hanging baskets, herbs, succulents, vintage items, fresh produce & lots of other interesting things. www.cavottas.com

OF INTEREST TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD



A Message from Twelve Literary Arts

Thursday July 2, One Mic Open is hosting our second virtual open mic using Zoom. us. The virtual room will be open to the public but for the sake of safety we are treating this as a ticketed event. In order to get your ticket we need some information from you.

BEFORE YOU ANSWER ANYTHING here’s some things you should know:

Participants

Ages: 14-24; Artists of any sort welcome (Poets, MC’s, Comedians, Physical and Visual Artists (must be able to connect video); 1 piece, 5 minute maximum

Audience members of ANY AGE are welcome.

You can connect using the Zoom App or you can call in from your home or mobile device to listen. This link will stop working on Wednesday July 1st at 11:59pm. On July 2nd by 5pm, an email will be sent to the account that you provide below including the following:

The link or phone number for the Zoom Meeting Room, Some basic instructions for Zoom operation, Some rules for being a respectful audience member

“Doors” will open at 5:30pm for some Music and Vibes as well as live help with navigating Zoom if anyone needs it. We’ll get started with the open mic at 6:00pm.

If you have any additional questions or concerns feel free to email
Eric - eodum@twelveliteraryarts.org or
Meech - meechspeaks@gmail.com.

Cleveland Plogs returns to Lakeshore Boulevard in July

(continued from front page)

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://goo.gl/xRFVRc>

You can check out our 2020 schedule and meet up locations below or on facebook.

Cleveland Plogs 2020 Schedule (tentative): July through October the last Wednesdays of the month

August 26th - East 185th Street - Meet at Villa Angela-St Joseph High School - 18491 Lakeshore Blvd.

September 30th - East 152nd - Meet outside Five Points Community Center - 14002 Lakeshore Blvd.

October 28th - Waterloo - Halloween Themed Plogging! - Meet at the Waterloo Tower 15600 Waterloo Rd.

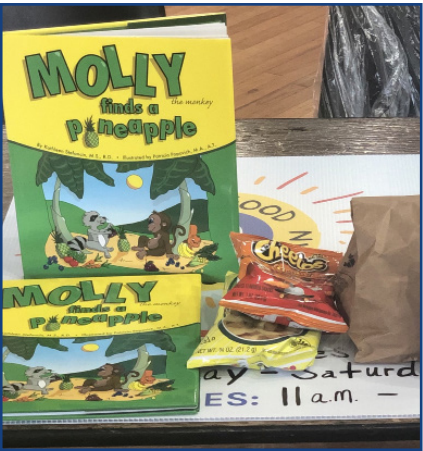
Like Cleveland Plogs on Facebook
facebook.com/cleplogs

Happy plogging!

Free Summer Meals and Treats for Kids

by Annette Gibson

Reliable Hearts is providing free summer meals and treats for youth up to 18 years old in partnership with the Greater Cleveland Foodbank.



Lunch is provided grab-n-go style 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday through Saturday until August 7, 2020. Youth books and games are available on select days thanks to a generous donation from Literacy in the Hood and First Book.

Lunch, treats, games and more!!

Location:

Reliable Hearts

16001 Holmes Ave.

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Walk Up Service and Virtual Programming at Collinwood Library

by Kiaira Jefferson

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Manager, Caroline J Peak
cpl-collwd@cpl.org



Cleveland Public Library is now providing walk-up service at all 27 neighborhood branches including the Collinwood Branch. Patrons can call (216) 623-6934 to reserve for printing, copying and fax services and to reserve items at the Collinwood Branch.

In addition, drive-up and walk-up services are available at the following branches:

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch
Memorial-Nottingham Branch
Rice Branch
Rockport Branch
South Brooklyn Branch
West Park Branch

Headed downtown? Patrons can utilize the Main Library drive-up window or access walk-up service at the Louis Stokes Wing.

All Library visitors are encouraged to

reserve items online at cpl.org or by phone. Patrons will need their library cards to reserve and pick up materials.

“Cleveland Public Library is reopening in phases to protect our staff and patrons. From new cleaning procedures to social distancing guidelines and personal protective equipment for employees, we are taking every precaution,” said Felton

Thomas, Jr., Executive Director and CEO of Cleveland Public Library. “We will continue to evaluate operations and expand services to the public.”

While patrons still can’t enter Library buildings, Cleveland Public Library will be offering walk-up service, reference services by phone, and reference services via ASK CPL, the online chat feature of cpl.org. Patrons can return borrowed materials to the book drops. Library hours have changed until further notice.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday – Thursday

10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Friday

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY VIRTUAL

CPL Announces Virtual Summer Lit League Program For Youth

Cleveland Public Library has announced its Summer Lit League program for youth, now available online. Summer Lit League will offer 8 weeks of enrichment programming starting June 1 through July 20, 2020 and will be completely maintained through the Beanstack website.

CPL has teamed up with Center for the Arts Inspired Learning to engage local artists who will offer the weekly art program “Make a Change Mondays” with step-by-step instructions via Zoom or CPL’s Facebook Live broadcast. The art program will be

offered Mondays 1 PM - 2 PM. Interested participants should pick

up craft items at Memorial-Nottingham branch (17109 Lakeshore Blvd) Monday mornings starting at 10 AM.

CPL will also offer “Tell-A-Tale Tuesdays”, “Read to the Beat Wednesdays”, “Town Hall Thursdays”, and “Free for All Fridays”. More information can be found at the Beanstack website, and a full description of Summer Lit League. Please contact Adam Tully for more information at 216-623-6934.

SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

Summer Lit League! Get Loud, Speak Out!

Join your friends and Cleveland Public Library to make a difference in your community by reading and participating in weekly programs. Earn a chance to win some great prizes along the way! Registration is open! Program runs June 1–July 25, 2020.

MAKE A CHANGE MONDAYS

Get ready to make a change by creating weekly democracy-inspired crafts! This program is in partnership with Center for Arts-Inspired Learning.

TELL-A-TALE TUESDAYS

Virtual Storytime to the rescue! Join our weekly special guests for Tell-a-Tale Tuesdays.

READ TO THE BEAT WEDNESDAYS

Calling all little readers: Explore books and storytelling through music and singing! This program is in partnership with the Music Settlement.

TOWN HALL THURSDAYS

Speak Out, Get Loud! Unite with library friends for moderated discussions, live music, puppet shows, and author visits throughout the summer!

FREE FOR ALL FRIDAYS

Read at least 20 minutes of your favorite books. All Summer Lit League participants will be entered to win a weekly raffle

for a cool prize!

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This is a free program to prepare your child for kindergarten and build support for their first year of school. Through fun activities like reading, writing, talking, singing, and playing together, families will gain valuable skills to help their child succeed in school through kindergarten and beyond.

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Virtual Summer Programming for Kids

Visit our website (www.cpl.org) and click on the Events and Classes tab to sign up virtual children programming including Summer Lit League, Kindergarten Club, and FREE online tutoring (K-12)

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10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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Villa Angela-St. Joseph

HIGH SCHOOL

A message from VASJ interim president Richard Osborne '69

As a newly minted Student Council officer for the following school year, one of my duties was to update the block-letter sign in front of the school over the summer months. The idea was to promote summer activities — things like dances and athletic events.

But in the first week of June 1968, none of those things was on anyone’s mind. Bobby Kennedy had been shot, and nothing else really mattered. Only two months earlier, Martin Luther King was killed and the nation already was distraught. The day after King was murdered, I recall a fellow student crying as he spoke of his anguish to one of his teachers. He despaired that America would never change.

Here’s what I put on the sign:

JFK MLK RFK
GOD HELP AMERICA

Now, 52 years later, as the school’s newly minted interim president, I’m charged with writing my first message to our alums and friends. Until the events that transpired in recent days, I fully expected I would be writing about our summer plans and preparations for the next school year. But there will

be time enough to reflect on all that. The ongoing pain of the global pandemic and recent unrest across the nation have put life at our school in another perspective.

While there is danger in personalizing or even localizing experiences we all share, it occurs to me that the mission of our school is especially relevant and meaningful today. Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School stands as both a safe space and a beacon of hope in our community, a place of healing for students who are hurting, a place where lessons of tolerance, justice, peace and genuine concern for others are not only taught but practiced on a daily basis.

I’ve often encouraged my fellow students of the ’60s to come and visit the school so they can see for themselves the culture of family and friendship that permeates our classrooms and hallways. Our school culture came into full relief a few weeks ago when a young graduate produced a video containing messages of encouragement and support for one of her former classmates now facing health challenges. That one of the girls is black and the other white was of no consequence; the video is filled with heartfelt expressions from students, teachers and coaches who

simply saw someone they love in need and wished to reach out and give her comfort.

Some schools, I have found, have difficulty articulating who they are and why they exist. We have no such difficulty here.

The essence of our school is seen in simple acts of love and kindness. Just as that teacher gave hope and comfort to his anguished student more than a half-century ago, our school remains now what it always has been at VA, St. Joe’s and VASJ: a safe harbor, a guide in troubled waters, a lighthouse on the lake.

Sincerely,

Richard Osborne '69
VASJ interim president



Richard Osborne '69

Laura Stauffer named VASJ women’s varsity basketball head coach

by Kristen Mott '09

The Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School Athletic Department is excited to announce Laura Stauffer has been named the new VASJ women’s varsity basketball head coach.

Stauffer was previously an assistant coach for the women’s basketball team under head coach Tony Redding from 2013 to 2017 and under head coach Rich Newlon during the 2019-20 academic year. She also coached men’s and women’s throws on the VASJ track and field team from 2013 to 2018.

“I truly enjoyed working with this group of girls last year,” Stauffer said. “We had fun and learned a lot, even though it was a difficult season for the team. I believe the girls deserve some continuity in coaches and game play, so I thought it important to step into the head coaching role. I’m looking forward to continuing to show them what teamwork, effort, dedication and loyalty will do for the team in the long run. This is about more than just the game; it’s about making them better prepared for their next steps in life.”

A former basketball player at Euclid High School and Gilmour Academy, Stauffer went on to play at Mercyhurst University and Baldwin



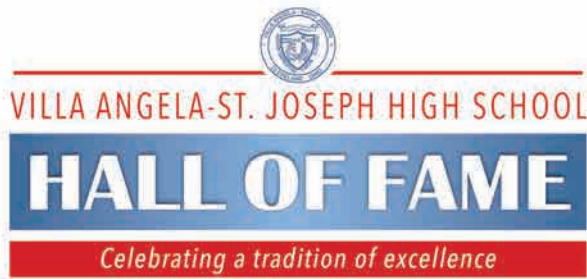
Laura Stauffer

Wallace University. She served as an assistant coach for women’s basketball at Baldwin Wallace, the College of Wooster and Hathaway Brown as well as a coach for volleyball and boys and girls basketball at St. Paschal Baylon from 2005 to 2014.

Stauffer has two sons who attended VASJ. Jacob graduated in 2016 and is a 2020 graduate of West Point, while Adam graduated in 2018 and is currently attending Cleveland State University.

“We are looking forward to having Laura lead our women’s basketball program,” said Elvis Grbac ’88, VASJ athletic director. “She knows the game, she knows the young women on the team, and she knows how to teach, lead and develop them. We cannot wait to see the program grow under her guidance.”

VASJ Hall of Fame seeks nominations



The VASJ Hall of Fame was established to honor alumni, faculty and staff members, and others associated with the Viking community who embody the mission and values of Villa Angela Academy, St. Joseph High School and Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.

Inductees distinguish themselves through their contribution to their profession, the VASJ legacy and outstanding service to their community. These talented and extraordinary individuals serve as leaders among their peers and show our current students the possibilities that come from hard work, service and following one’s passion.

In recognition of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School’s 30th anniversary in 2020, this year the Hall of Fame will induct one individual from Villa Angela Academy, St. Joseph High School and VASJ. These three deserving honorees

will showcase the unique characteristics that each of these schools offer to our combined legacy.

With respect to concerns of large gatherings, this year’s ceremony will be held virtually on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020.

We are currently accepting nominations for inductees to the Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School Hall of Fame. If you know of a deserving alum, faculty or staff member, or individual associated with the Viking community who embodies the mission and values of Villa Angela Academy, St. Joseph High School and Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School, please fill out the form at <https://tinyurl.com/y8n46zgl> to nominate them. Nominations for the 2020 Hall of Fame class will be accepted until Friday, July 31, 2020.

For more information, please visit vasj.com/HOF.

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Fr. Joe Fortuna Named Administrator Pro Tem of St Jerome Parish

by Bev Caldwell

A friend of Fr. Joe's, Fr. Bill Jerse is the Pastor at St Jerome Parish. Since Fr. Bill has been experiencing some health issues, effective June 16, Fr Joe has been asked to step in as Administrator Pro Tem to keep St. Jeromes vibrant while Fr. Bill regains his health. Fr. Joe has met with the wonderful parish staff at St. Jeromes and is busy getting to know the parishioners there.

As he will still remain Pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Fr. Joe will spend some time at both parishes in the near future. Fr. Joe and Fr. Bill were classmates at St. Mary Seminary and both celebrated



Fr. Joe and Fr. Bill serving together at the OLL School Ecumenical Service

their 40th Anniversary of Ordination this year. We wish Fr. Bill Jerse a timely return to good health.

Welcome to Our Lady of the Lake School - Open Enrollment

by Bev Caldwell



OLL School Principal, Jenny Millett welcomes new students to enroll in PreK through Grade 8; Grade 7 is already full.

Mrs. Millett is proud of the fully accredited Catholic Christian school. She explained, "We are strong on academics, faith and community, with a commitment to educating the whole child. Our school offers a quality education with superior academics and faith formation that builds character in a community-based environment.

OLL school faculty and staff encourage self discipline and respect for self and others and this allows the teachers to focus on a curriculum with a gospel influence that becomes a natural extension of the home values parents are eager to have reinforced.

Principal, Jenny Millett remarked that "while we are still waiting on state guidelines on how to open, we have every intention on being back to school come the fall. In addition to our STEM focus, we are excited to announce that our technology is 1:1, meaning that each student will have a laptop or a chromebook, depending on the grade."

To register, please email Jenny Millet at jmillett@olleuclid.org or call the school office at 216-481-6824.



Do You Need A Micro Loan? Our Lady of the Lake Parish Microloan Program Helps Small Businesses in the Community!

by Bev Caldwell

Our Lady of the Lake Parish Microloan program provides recipients with small loans of up to \$2,000 that are repaid in monthly installments over a one-year period. Recipients also work and meet with a cohort of parishioners and other loan recipients who mentor and support them over the period of their loan. The result can be a perfect union for both the recipient and the community as we are all better off supporting small community businesses.

To be Eligible for a Microloan, Applicants must:

- *Be 18 years of age or older
- *Live or do business in Euclid or North Collinwood
- *Have a specific idea for starting or growing a small business
- *Commit to participating in the program, which includes attending monthly cohort meetings.

The Microloan Program began in 2016 with a mission of providing modest financial assistance to people who want to start or grow a small business, but are without traditional sources of capital. Since then, 12 loans have been made to a wide range of businesses. These include retailers, a thrift shop, urban clothier, grocery, heath and beauty store as well as businesses offering varied services such as commercial cleaning, alterations, children's entertainment and parties and hair extensions and wig cleaning.

The Microloan Program of Our Lady of the Lake and Fr. Joe Fortuna won the Harry Fagan Organizational Award from the Catholic Commission of Cuyahoga County and was presented the Award at the Peace and Justice Awards Luncheon on June 13, 2019 for demonstrating a strong and active commitment for social justice and for being a positive force for systematic change in the community.

To learn more about the program or to begin the application process, contact Fr. Joe Fortuna at 216-486-0850 or joe@olleuclid.org.

OLL Nonviolence Ministry Strives for Racial Justice

by Kathy Benda

Our Lady of the Lake's Nonviolence Ministry proudly participated in the Rally for Change on June 11th. The group fully supports the efforts of Faith in the City to stop racism and stands in solidarity with Black Lives Matter.

The Nonviolence Ministry's interest in addressing racism began a year ago. Members wanted to respond to the needs of our neighborhood community in light of our faith. They began by educating themselves about both the church's teaching on racism and racism in general. After reading various documents, articles and books, the group led a parish book discussion of *I'm Still Here* by Austin

Channing Brown. The author's experience of racism as a black women in modern American was eye-opening. Conversations about her book led to a sharing of experiences, attitudes and beliefs, along with a desire to change our personal behavior and to work for structural change.

Moving forward, the Nonviolence Ministry plans to branch out to effect change in the city of Euclid. It hopes to join in future initiatives sponsored by Faith in the City, including voter registration. The Nonviolence Ministry also plans to pursue opportunities for dialog and policy change to ensure racial equity. If you are interested in joining the Nonviolence Ministry in its work, please contact the parish office at 216-486-0850.

Camping With Christ Vacation Bible School

by Bev Caldwell

Designed as a virtual camping adventure that focuses on faith, Camping With Christ offers children and their families the chance to delve into Bible stories that focus on Jesus' love for all of us!

Slated for July release, the virtual program allows children to go at their own pace as they discover Bible Stories, with music and crafts all under the camping motif. The children will be transported to



the campgrounds in the comfort of their own home and can attend the sessions at their convenience.

If you are interested in Camping with Christ, please contact Brianna Wilson at Brianna@olleuclid.org.



Members of the Nonviolence Ministry attend Rally for Change. Pictured below: Parish book discussion book *I'm Still Here* by Austing Channing Brown





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Congratulations 2020 SJN Graduates!

by David Peck
St. John Nottingham would like to congratulate our 2020 grads! This class worked hard and when the Covid-19 shutdown hit, they managed it like champs. They attended classes online, submitted their work, and just rolled with it. SJN commends them on their resilience, fortitude, and perseverance, and we wish them the absolute best! Good luck!



- Antoryia Collins, Valedictorian
Londen Dukes
David Fowlkes
Matthew Gary
Ja'Kyra Jackson
Zion Johnson
Alani Jones, Salutatorian
Toryion Loper, Salutatorian
Meilani Malone
Mary Rice
Dominic Scott
Andre Spinks
Taijahanna Stewart

SJN Prepares for the Fall; Later Start to the School Year

by David Peck
We are certainly living in uncertain times, aren't we? At this point no one really knows what the fall is going to bring. We all want to return to normal as soon as possible, but we also want to ensure the health and safety of our children above all else, so what does that mean for the next school year?

I wish I had solid answers for you, but right now, no one does. I can tell you what SJN is doing to prepare for the Fall. SJN will be deep cleaning our entire facility over the summer break, top to bottom, side to side. Classrooms are being examined and planned for proper distancing, policies are being reviewed to ensure that everything that can be done to ensure the health and safety of students and staff is being done.

If distance learning is required, SJN is ready to proceed using a model that is a close to a normal school experience as possible. Live classes will be taught. Work will be assigned and assessed on a normal schedule. Tests and assessments will be given as appropriate. Help and tutoring will be provided, and students will not be in a "holding pattern," they will be actively advancing their studies.

If a blended model of part-time attendance is required, SJN is ready for that as well. Our class sizes are kept small enough that if this is required of schools by the State, SJN may not need to do it. SJN may be able to open much closer to normal than other schools BECAUSE of our small class sizes.

SJN will open as close to normal as possible, while still maintaining the highest standards and practices for the health and safety of students and staff. One of the things we have done to increase this is our schedule. This year, SJN will be opening for the first day of classes not in the middle of August, but on September 9th. This will give SJN staff additional time to ensure that every single thing has been taken care of to ensure cleanliness and safety. It will also give additional time for the public health situation to further calm down, and for staff to receive more training in safe procedures and practices. SJN believes that this later opening gives us the best chance of beginning the year as nor-

mally as possible, and as safely as possible. If there is an increase in Covid-19 cases at the beginning of the regular school year, SJN will know about it time to prevent spread through the school and shift into alternative learning methods before students are placed at potential risk.

SJN will be following all state-mandated recommendations. If the state requires masks, SJN of course will as well. If the state does not require masks, SJN will still permit them for students who wish to wear them. SJN is committed to not only the educational accomplishments of our students, but to their health and safety as well.

If you would like more information about how St. John Nottingham is preparing for the 2020-2021 school year, or would like to chat with the Principal about enrollment, please call the SJN Office at (216)531-8204, or email us at schooloffice@stjohnnottingham.org. Have a wonderful summer!

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

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The Educational Choice Scholarship (Ed-Choice) Program is a financial assistance program administered and funded by the State of Ohio and provides students from designated public schools the opportunity to attend participating private schools. (The program also provides low-income students who are entering kindergarten through 12th grade scholarship opportunities.)

St. John Nottingham is a fully accredited EdChoice alternative school. Our School Office is ready and waiting to assist you in determining if your child is eligible for an EdChoice Scholarship! Call us at (216) 531-8204 and we will help you through the whole process.

The new application window for Edchoice opens up on July 1, so don't wait! Call today to begin the application process!

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Next Step: United States Marine Corps



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Academic Decathlon Award Winner
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Next Step: Cleveland State University



Kristiane Kindle, Dance
Next Step: Arizona State University
Kanesha Agnew, Vocal Music



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Next Step: Central State University



Sanyale Wright, Visual Arts
Next Step: Columbia College of Chicago
for Communications.



Chardae Anderson, Integrated Arts
Next Step: Central State University



Essence Shy, Theater
Next Steps: Cuyahoga Community
College and Tennessee State University.
Essence is studying to be a Vetinarian.



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CLASS OF 2020

Below are 16 of the 108 CSA graduates who reside in Collinwood and Euclid



Ija Wright, Theater
Next Step: Hampton University



Jon Jones, Band
Next Step: Cuyahoga Community College, pursuing Music.



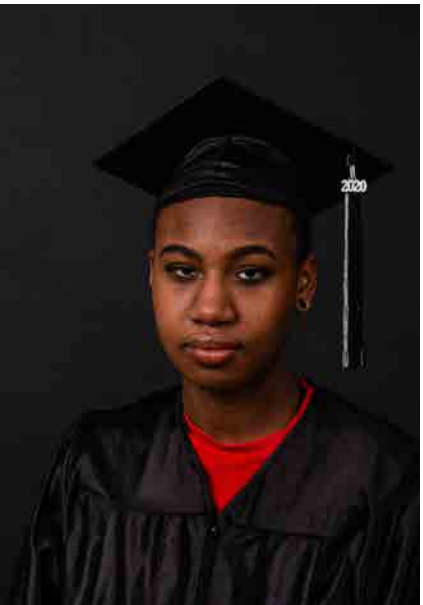
Diamond Carty, Theater
Next Steps: Cleveland State University



Naje Robinson, Visual Art
Naje has earned an Associate of Arts and an Associate of Science Degree at high school graduation.
Next Step: Rochester Institute of Technology on a full scholarship.



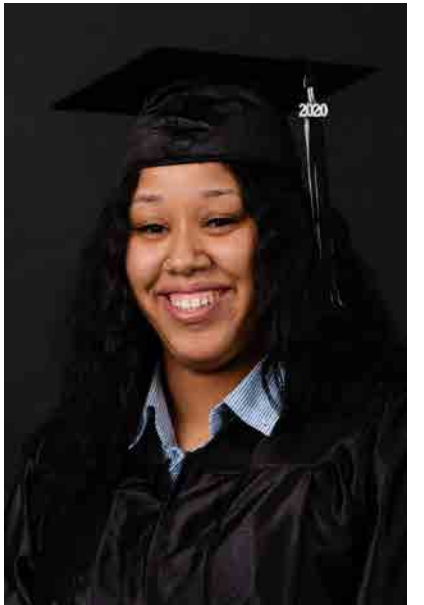
Nia Primm, Vocal Music
Next Step: Spelman



Valentine Ventura, Creative Writing
Next Steps: Cleveland State University



Joy Mason, Visual Art
Next Step: University of Toledo



Anijah Wright, Creative Writing
Student Body Class President, National Honors Society, Next Steps: Hampton University, as well as her first published book releasing in the fall.

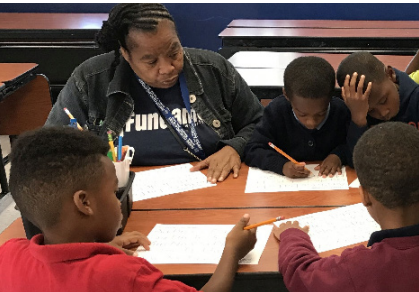




Early Kindergarten and Enrollment for Next Year!

by Sarah Myers

Does your child turn 5 after the Kindergarten cut-off date? Imagine Bella enrolls students in Kindergarten with our regular enrollment process for all children who turn 5 by September 30th. Students who turn 5 by December 31st can test into our Early Kindergarten program. Stop by Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence to get an Early Kindergarten information kit and learn more about our Early Kindergarten program. Students must pass Early Kindergarten Test and submit a referral from a parent. Please



Kindergarten support teacher Ms. Willis works with a small group of students during our "success time".

call ahead to reserve a time for your test.

Kindergarten testing dates are being scheduled for July 14th, July 21st and July 28th from 10 am -1 pm.

Now Enrolling for Kindergarten-Fifth grade!

Call 216-481-1500 for more information or stop by the school.



Kindergarten teacher Ms. Hoy poses with some of her award winners from Quarterly awards assembly!



Our Kindergarten students line up ready to go with Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Jenkins!



Enroll Now!

Imagine Bella is a Kindergarten through 6th grade campus looking for great families to join us! Start the enrollment process today at <http://imaginebellaacademy.org> or call us today at 216-481-1500. We also offer early Kindergarten for students who turn 5 by December 31st.

Get in touch with us today!



Celebrating our students who earned the most points with their house shirts!



Grandparents event at the book fair!



Shout out to our September leaders of the month!



STAY IN TOUCH ON CLASS DOJO!

Imagine Bella will provide important updates to our families through the summer with ClassDojo. Our office will be closed from June 29th-July 8th. Summer office hours will resume on July 9th from 10 am-1 pm. Wishing our families a safe and happy summer! Join the Imagine Bella family! Visit imaginebellaacademy.org or call 216.481.1500.



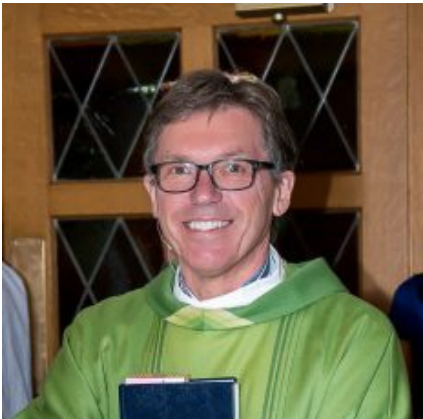
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Welcome Fr. Joe!



St. Jerome Parish is happy to welcome Fr. Joe Fortuna, pastor of Our Lady of the Lake in Euclid, as our new Administrator. He was appointed to this position in June due to Fr. Bill Jerse's continued health concerns. He and Fr. Bill were classmates at St. Mary Seminary and were both celebrated their 40th anniversary of ordination this year, so they are old friends.

Fr. Walsh will stay on and celebrate Mass with us as he has been, but we are very grateful to Fr. Joe for relieving him of the administrative burdens in these very trying times. Fr. Walsh has been the glue that holds us together for so many years. We can not thank him enough.

Rest assured Fr. Bill is continuing to improve, and we have every expectation that he will return as pastor of St. Jerome when his health issues are resolved.

Mass Schedule

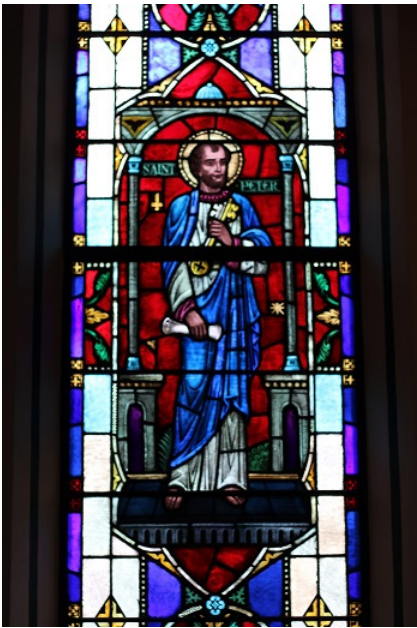
by Adele Market

After much consideration we have established the following schedule for Masses at St. Jerome as well as for the church office

Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30 am, Saturday at 4 pm and Sunday at 10 am. The sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment and you may call the church office to make arrangements at 216-481-8200. The church office will be open from 10 am to 2 pm on Tuesdays. We do check voicemail several times a day as well as email.

St. Jerome's Online Mass

The dispensation from obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been extended indefinitely by the Bishops of Ohio. St. Jerome Mass is livestreamed on Saturday at 4 P.M. on Facebook Live. Access it on either the St. Jerome Facebook page or by clicking on the link on our website. View either live or watch the archived video later at your convenience. stjeromecleveland.org



A Letter from the Bishop Concerning Reopening

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the "Responsible Restart Ohio Plan" is implemented during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, allowing a gradual return to work and lifting of some of the restrictions regarding consumer, retail and services, returning to operation, we your bishops, together with you, are anxious for the safe return to the public celebration of Mass/Liturgy. While making every effort to respect the spirit of the governor's instructions, we want to begin in some way to make the public celebration of Mass/Liturgy available. To that end, we inform you that the bishops of Ohio have agreed that each diocese will determine a soft opening date later in May granting permission for the public celebration of weekday Mass/Liturgy, where it can be achieved safely and where pastorally possible, with less than 50 percent occupancy of the Church building, respecting social distancing. This

plan provides for the possibility of the gradual return to the public celebration of Mass/Liturgy and prepares us for the Solemnity of Pentecost on the weekend of 30/31 May, when Sunday Mass/Liturgy will be publicly celebrated. During the next few weeks, we will be working with our pastors and diocesan pastoral staffs to prepare for a soft opening of public celebration of weekday Mass/Liturgy. To this end, we ask our pastors with their parish staffs to prepare to implement a rigorous effort to fulfill guidelines, which will be forthcoming from each Diocese/Eparchy, to include maintaining social distancing, recommendations to provide a safe environment, and instructions for the distribution of Holy Communion. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass/Liturgy remains in effect. As your bishops, we continue to be cautious and concerned for those who are most at risk, the elderly and those with serious health issues. We also remain

deeply concerned for our priests, many of whom we find in this category. We strongly urge those who are most vulnerable and their caregivers to stay at home, and we implore those who are not feeling well, or who fear that their own health or that of their family may be compromised, to refrain from coming to church at this time. We thank you for your patience, understanding, and cooperation as we implement this gradual return to the public celebration of Mass/Liturgy. Together, we continue to pray for all who are suffering from Covid-19, for all health care workers and first responders, for all the deceased and their families, and for an easing of the anxiety and tension caused by this pandemic. Relying on the Motherly care of Our Lady, Health of the Sick, we unite our sufferings to those of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and we trust in the glorious hope of His Resurrection

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Navigating School Choice in Cleveland: No reason to go it alone

by Cleveland Tranformation Alliance



“We want to meet families wherever they are,” says program coordinator Eli Stacy about the Cleveland Transformation Alliance’s recently re-launched Navigator program. The program is an extension of the Alliance’s commitment to being a partner for Cleveland families choosing from the variety of high-quality options in Cleveland’s public school landscape, which includes both district and charter schools.

With the continued unknowns and challenges caused by COVID-19, this commitment to families will be both figurative and literal. The Transformation Alliance will equip their Navigators with the tools needed

to fully support and inform families at each stage of the decision-making process – from initial inquiries to research and assistance overcoming barriers that can affect a student or family’s access to quality education.

Navigator support can include phone support, in-person meetings, Zoom conferences, and online assistance navigating the tools and resources that are available to help Cleveland families searching for the “right fit” school for their children. With updates to the School Quality Guide (both in print and online), a new Family Resource Center, and a growing School Quality Ambassador program, the Transformation Alliance hopes to connect with and support more families through partnerships and referrals.

This will expand the organization’s services to meet the needs of families who need guidance in navigating the school choice process as well as those with more complicated issues and concerns.

“We want our Navigators to provide a continuation of support for everyone in the CMSD footprint, to be that go-to-resource,” said Stacy. Our goal is to help families work through transportation concerns, language barriers, and IEP issues and collaborate with other organizations in the education landscape to ensure that every student and family feels confident in their educational opportunities.

Maxine Williams, a Cleveland parent who also works at the public library adjacent to CMSD’s Marion Sterling school, helped with the initial pilot program last year in the Central neighborhood. “We did such a good job,” she said, prompting families to stay in touch with her even after the program ended. Williams enjoyed learning more about Cleveland schools alongside the families she served. “I didn’t know that you could go to any school or that schools had specialized programs,” she said. “The Navigator program took me out of the library and gave me a more in-depth connection with the community. I love being able to measure our success.”

While she has always known and helped students in the library, Williams rarely saw any tangible results from efforts like food drives, donations, etc. As a Navigator, though, she has been able to accompany families from beginning to end in their school choice journey, knowing that educational choices and opportunities will benefit those students for years to come.

Wyndi Moore, another Cleveland parent and Navigator who keeps in touch with several families she met during the pilot program, is looking forward to collaborating with Cleveland’s grassroots organizers. Many neighborhood groups have stepped in to meet the needs of their communities since COVID-19. Recently, the Navigator team went to visit Carl Cook, founder of

Project Save, who has been hosting weekly resource “open house” events to provide Ward 5 residents with food delivery, food pantry, hygiene and personal care items, activities/bikes for youth, legal support and economic housing assistance as well as mental health services. We look forward to including school choice and advocacy information as a resource for families who attend the weekly Project Save events.

As the coming school year approaches, Wyndi recognizes that there will be many questions about how to meet children’s academic needs amid the uncertainty of social distance recommendations and remote learning challenges. Being involved in weekly events like those hosted by Project Save is one way Wyndi sees Cleveland Transformation Alliance being able to work with and for families who have questions and concerns about school choice and registration.

To learn more about the Navigator Program, Cleveland Transformation Alliance, and the variety of school choice resources available to Cleveland families, visit myCLEschool.org.

The mission of the Transformation Alliance is to ensure every child in Cleveland attends a quality school and every neighborhood has a multitude of great schools from which families can choose.

Collinwood Dedicated Senior Medical Center Opening in July

Dedicated Senior Medical Services is a new medical center opening up in July at 15105 St Clair Avenue. At Dedicated, we follow a unique model that has transformed the Senior healthcare experience, specializing in compassionate, coordinated care, allowing patients to lead longer, healthier lives. This includes seeing patients monthly or as often as needed to keep them well, to making sure they have the right specialists to treat their conditions. Many of the services we offer on-site include, primary care providers,

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Philanthropy Crucial to Legal Aid’s response to COVID-19 Pandemic, Client Needs

by Danilo Powell-Lima

Last year, The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland helped 16,710 people through 7,297 civil legal cases. Thousands more were helped through outreach and community legal education. This success was not achieved alone. Legal Aid relies on collaboration: with the partner organizations who share Legal Aid materials with their communities; with the volunteer attorneys whose selfless support helps Legal Aid expand its bandwidth; and with the funders whose sponsorship not only maintains Legal Aid’s sustainability, but also fuels innovation as Legal Aid finds new ways to support low-income individuals and families struggling with civil legal challenges.

Innovation has proved essential to Legal Aid’s continuation of services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since March 16th, Legal Aid offices have been virtual, which its four buildings have been closed to the public and attorneys have been working remotely. The O’Neill Foundation, the Ohio Supreme Court, and the Ohio State Bar Foundation helped make this transition possible.

In 2017, a \$60,000 grant from the O’Neill Foundation’s Responsive Grantmaking initiative allowed Legal Aid to upgrade its case management system to LegalServer, a cloud-based case management system that Legal Aid staff use to document and facilitate their casework. This new system has streamlined administrative tasks, allowing more time and resources for legal assistance, outreach, and advocacy.

In, 2018, the Ohio Supreme Court awarded Legal Aid a \$40,000 grant to support the development of a new website to better serve client and improve access to justice. Legal Aid then worked with Recess Creative, a Cleveland-based agency, to completely transform www.lasclev.org. Today, site users can: apply for legal assistance; find answers

to questions about common civil legal issues; download helpful resources; learn how the pandemic that has impacted public benefits, court proceedings, and workers’ rights; and much more. The new site is also ADA and Limited-English-Proficiency (LEP) accessible.

With a \$15,000 grant from the Ohio State Bar Foundation, Legal aid added an online intake portal to its new website. This allows potential clients to get in touch with Legal Aid 24/7. During the pandemic, this feature changed from “convenient” to “essential”.

One client Legal Aid helped recently is Faith. She receives a monthly stipend from Social Security on a Direct Express card due to developmental delays. Unfortunately, Faith became one of the many people impacted by Social Security fraud during COVID-19, and her Direct Express card was frozen. Soon after the freeze, Faith missed a rent payment. She also could not afford food, and received notice that her phone would soon be turned off.

Thankfully, Faith was receiving treatment at St. Vincent, and their Medical-Legal Partnership with Legal Aid connected her with an attorney ready to revive the income to which she was entitled. During a global pandemic, Faith’s attorney was able to compel Social Security to unfreeze her card without anyone stepping foot in a court room.

While all four of its physical offices remain closed, Legal Aid continues to extend justice to people like Faith every day – thanks in large part to the generous support of funders.

Do you need legal help? Thanks to philanthropy, Legal Aid is open 24/7 with online intake at www.lasclev.org. Or, call too apply for Legal Aid weekdays

Where and How are You Worshiping?

by Rev. Ron Rollins

The COVID pandemic has certainly changed many things: how we shop, how we visit/meet, how we recreation, how we learn and even how we worship. At St John Nottingham we had to move very fast when the stay-at-home orders came out of Columbus. In-person worship or none? Go Live Stream or pre-recorded video upload (what do these even mean)? What do we do about the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion)?

After much prayerful consideration, the pastoral team of Dr. Walther Marcis and Rev. Ron Rollins determined that closing our ‘church’ during the pandemic was not something we wanted to do. Martin Luther lived through the time of the Black Plague in Europe and he and other continued to lead worship. In times of strife and anxiety, where do you turn? How do you get through? The SJN pastors decided not to remove the one piece of strength and aid that some disciples desire: gathering for in-person worship.

And so, preparations had to be made on how to do this as safely as possible with consideration made regarding the recommendations by the health department, so as to not deny the opportunity for in-person worship to those compelled to meet.

Having gathered for worship over the first couple of months it was then time to determine how to reinstitute the celebration of the Lord’s Supper. More work went into

working through how best to do this is a safe way. As a result, the Lord’s Supper has returned to its place in the Divine Worship on the second and fourth Sunday’s of the month.

But in the meantime, how were we to continue to minister to those uncomfortable with in-person worship? How could we bring them the all-important Word of God? As a result of this need SJN went to broadcasting its worship service on Facebook Live beginning March 22 with “A Service of Confession and Repentance”. We have not looked back since having broadcasted our worship services, 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony and Vacation Bible School (VBS) July 13-16.

In-Person attendance is slowly coming back. Our Online attendance is growing. But most importantly, the Word of God is reaching in and reaching out. In this time of strife and anxiety the comfort of our Risen and Ascended Lord, Jesus Christ brings a peace which is beyond all understanding.

So, where are you worshiping? Do you have a church home? We invite you to join us every Sunday morning at 9:45am whether In-Person or Live Stream (www.facebook.com/stjohnnottingham).

For more information about SJN, or to grow in the faith, visit the St John Nottingham website at: www.stjohnnottingham.org

SJN Invites Children to Roar VBS

by Rev. Ron Rollins

A summer kids’ event called Roar! VBS will be hosted ONLINE by St John Nottingham from July 13 to 16. At Roar! kids will discover that God is good even when life gets wild! Kids will follow along in the memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Wild Bible Adventures and they’ll make fun crafts - all while in the comfort and safety of their own home.

We realize that an ONLINE VBS program is not ideal but sharing the Word of God and the love of Christ is critical especially in this time of uncertainty and anxiety. Craft projects and other essential items will be provided for use during the at-home program. Registrants’ parents may arrange to pick up these items at the church office (17403 Nottingham Road).

Roar will be Live Streamed on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/stjohnnottingham). Participants will follow along as the explorers take you on Wild Bible Adventures and lead you in God-glorifying songs.

Roar! is designed for kids from ages 5 to



10 and will run from 6pm to 7pmeach day. For more information or to register, contact Mrs. Cindy Reeves: creeves@stjohnnottingham.org



Hunger Center Back In Operation

by Rev. Ron Rollins

The CCC3 Hunger Center on Lakeshore in the Collinwood Community has been slated to re-open July 13.

The process will be completely different with registered local residents not being allowed inside the building. Rather, they will line up outside while maintaining social distancing, come by the main entrance, verify residency and then collect their food. All food items will be prepacked into bags at least 24hours in advance to minimize contamination.

“We are taking the appropriate measures to ensure as safe a distribution as possible, even limiting the number of volunteers inside the facility at any one time. We understand the importance of this ministry. Families remain in need and we want to be able to get back to helping them,” said Pastor Walther Marcis of St. John Nottingham. “Our shelves are fully stocked, and we are ready to once again serve our neighbors.”

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COVID-19 Affects Music Venues

by Conor Morris
Northeast Ohio Journalism Collaborative

Even though Ohio’s restaurants and bars were allowed to fully reopen back in late May after a mandated hiatus due to the coronavirus (COVID-19), some of Cleveland’s most beloved music venues have yet to reopen to audiences.

The question of when – and how – to reopen is consuming many of Cleveland’s brightest minds in the performing arts scene, and there’s no easy answer in sight for venue owners.

Local theaters and opera houses, meanwhile, have pivoted to continue their productions and arts education missions digitally, with the working assumption that the coronavirus is here to stay until a vaccine can be developed.

Karamu House in Cleveland, the oldest African-American theater in the country, will be presenting its first-ever virtual streaming performance in the theater’s 105-year history on June 19th. The production, called “Freedom on Juneteenth,” will commemorate the ending of slavery in the U.S. through performances by local artists and musicians, with an eye keenly focused on current events, said Ann Barnett, Karamu’s director of marketing. The program is being built “from scratch,” Barnett said, in direct response to the huge amount of upheaval in the wake of the killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis Police Department officers. But the production will also be mindful of the pandemic.

“All of the pieces are being constructed so that it does create the six-foot social distancing... actually incorporated into the choreography,” Barnett explained, adding that the musicians will be in an entirely different theater than the performers.

The program will be featured on local TV stations, live-streamed on social media, and will also present an opportunity for watchers to engage digitally afterward with a live panel. Barnett said Karamu will continue hosting digital productions on the topic of social justice each month for the rest of the year, with similar opportunities for people to engage with the artists.

For Cindy Barber, co-owner of Beachland Ballroom & Tavern in Cleveland, and Todd Gauman, marketing director, the pandemic means a complete re-imagining of live performance in Cleveland.

Barber said Beachland along with other Cleveland venues, artists and health officials is part of the national Reopen Every Venue Safely (REVS) pilot project, which has similar task forces in seven other major

music cities in the U.S. She’s also part of the National Independent Venue Association, which is advocating for federal aid for independent venues. Barber said that both the REVS taskforce and NIVA provide a way to communicate with other venue owners about best practices as they look to reopen.

A collaborative approach is needed now, Barber said, because music venues struggled even before the pandemic. Gauman explained that music venues have long dealt with razor-thin profit margins, and there’s a high level of financial risk associated with shows because venues often guarantee a certain pay-out to artists before all the tickets are sold. Things have become even more dicey in recent years as the costs such as insurance, utilities and alcohol continue to increase for hosting touring acts.

During the pandemic, everything is on the table including buying bulk liability insurance for multiple venues, for example, or using a group of venues’ collective buying power for employees’ health insurance, Barber said.

In the meantime, Sean Watterson, co-owner of Happy Dog in Cleveland, said that his business has still been able to host a few talks and artists via live-stream (with donations going to his workers), but that’s not a viable event-hosting model. Watterson – who is another member of the REVS taskforce – wondered how his business, which typically has over 300 live events each year, would be able to continue hosting community events safely with musicians, artists and customers feeling comfortable enough to return.

For the Beachland to reopen safely, it’s “going to be a whole new platform,” Barber said. The bar/restaurant is currently undergoing a large-scale renovation to help it achieve that goal.

Gauman explained that current plans – which are still just that, plans – include several phases over the next few months.

The first? To turn the large 500-capacity ballroom area into a “pop-up restaurant” with socially distanced tables, he said. That’ll be followed by reintegrating live shows with a reduced capacity, hopefully starting in July. Gauman explained that Beachland’s ballroom is thankfully large enough to be able to still accommodate a decent number of customers while keeping them far away from the stage.

Meanwhile, the much-smaller tavern portion of Beachland will also be transformed into a “live-streaming studio” with new equipment and high-speed broadband to showcase local and touring artists.



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“Prior to all this, it was at a 150-cap space, and really, when you look at tables and spacing people out, the max we could get in there was like, 14-16 people,” Gauman explained. “That is not going to be conducive for any type of shows.”

Then, there are plans to transform Beachland’s parking lot into an outdoor venue space. The business has asked the state Division of Liquor Control to expand its liquor license to cover the parking lot as well, Gauman explained. Health experts have said in recent months that people are less likely to contract the coronavirus while outdoors, considering the virus will be diluted by even a light wind (it typically is transmitted by water droplets emitted when one speaks, coughs or sneezes).

For Watterson with Happy Dog, he doesn’t have a decent-sized outdoor space that can be used as a performance space. He said he faces a lot of tough questions when considering how to reopen. The REVS task force helps with that, especially when hearing from venues in other cities that are working to reopen.

“It’s not just about reopening safely but recognizing these venues as neighborhood anchors and culturally important institutions, and trying to figure out how to preserve them,” Watterson explained. “They’ve been at risk even before the coronavirus came around.”

Meanwhile, Megan Thompson, director of education and outreach with Cleveland Opera Theater, said theaters such as hers are keenly aware of the potential for singing to spread the coronavirus. Instead, Cleveland Opera Theater has launched an entirely virtual 2020/2021 season, with live-streamed performances, classes and more.

Thompson explained that an expert panel assembled by The National Association of Teachers of Singing, the American Choral Directors Association and others, said there is “no safe way” for singers to rehearse or perform together until a vaccine is developed, which could be anywhere from six months to two years. That stern warning came after 45 people were infected with the

coronavirus and two died after they met to sing at a choir in Skagit County, Washington in early March.

So, to prevent a local tragedy, performances are going to be all-online for the immediate future, Thompson said, including a weekly “Maestro’s Corner” with the Opera Theater’s Maestro Domenico Boyagian conducting interviews with musicians from around the world.

There’s also plenty of creativity at play as local theaters figure out how to continue their programming while keeping patrons safe. Cleveland Public Theater, for example, is still planning on hosting its annual Station Hope arts festival on June 27, where over 250 artists come together to celebrate Cleveland’s social justice history and future. The main difference this year? The artists will be performing from their own homes, spokesperson Caitlin Lewins said, with work around the theme of envisioning, interrogating and seeking out hope.

“Those are probably going to be some pretty timely conversations,” Lewins said.

Karamu House, CPT, Cleveland Opera Theater and other local theaters are all continuing their education programs digitally, as well, with Karamu House’s Arts Academy Summer Intensives classes continuing digitally this summer (for students grades 7-12).

There are some difficulties in teaching performing arts digitally, however, said Cleveland Play House’s BJ Colangelo, a teaching artist with CPH’s CARE (Compassionate Arts Remaking Education) in-school theater education program. The biggest one is the “digital divide” for some of her students, Colangelo said.

“Some of our students are logging into classes using devices with WiFi from restaurants and stores in their neighborhoods because they don’t have it at home,” she said. “...It really speaks to the resiliency and passion that the youth of Cleveland have that they want to be here. They want to be in their classes. They want to continue their education by any means.”

NEO Music Relief Fund Distributes Over \$23k To Musicians In Need

By Greater Collinwood Development

Corporation NEO Music Relief Fund created by Cleveland Rocks: Past, Present and Future has distributed \$23,200 to 56 local musicians and venue workers in need. The nonprofit has received donations and sponsorships of nearly \$31,000 to provide immediate Covid-19 emergency relief in the amount of up to \$500 grants to those who lost income through cancellations and closures of events.

The nonprofit has received support from 154 donors, which can be viewed at the Cleveland: Past, Present and Future site at <https://clevelandrockssupport.org/>. The fund states:

“The music community is actively raising money for the NEO Music Relief Fund to help local musicians and music venue workers who suddenly lost their livelihood because of the COVID-19 shutdown. We know what we need to do to stay home and stay

healthy, but we’re committed to keeping our music community strong, too.

We know professional musicians and venue workers have few other options when the entertainment industry closes its doors – little or no access to unemployment, few other sources of income, and the prospect of this lasting for months to come. We are working to establish this fund to help the hardest hit in our community survive the current COVID-19 crisis period, and we’re committed to keeping the fund going, so we’re ready for

future challenges.”

For more information, to apply or to donate, please visit NEO Music Relief Fund at <https://clevelandrockssupport.org/>.



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An Ode To Diners

By William McCulloch

Diners are the quintessential American dining experience. Simple good food served quickly and at a fair price without pretensions. Perfect for informal meeting of friends, chance seeing of folks you haven't seen in a while, or catching up on reading of newspapers and magazines over some coffee. Since moving to the neighborhood in 2003, we've lost a number including Fan-ny's and Fotina's on East 156th Street. Now after the Covid 19 pandemic and sewer construction on East 185th Street, Luckys' Barry Dobish has since also thrown in the towel. Which leaves us with Gus's Diner on East 185th and Cherokee Avenue. Gus's has always been a popular venue, especially for weekend brunches. But even with the remodeling while shut down prior, and the taking of all the recommended precautions



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of guards between booths and reduction of the number of tables, they still must deal with road closures at their doorstep. Let's not forget all the businesses along 185th, restaurants, babershops, shops of all kinds that need our support now more than ever. Yet a city neighborhood without a local diner to me anyway is missing the glue that helps ties us all together.

ODJFS Announce 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 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.
- Must be a Cuyahoga County resident.

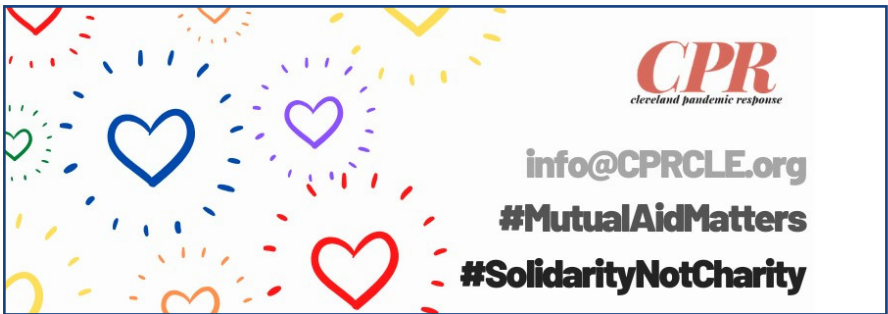
- Gross monthly income of the assistance group must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG).
- Liquid assets greater than \$1000 must be used to meet current need.

Categories of assistance through Covid-19 PRC include:

- Supplemental Food Assistance - Maximum amount based on group size
- Essential Supplies - Cleaning products, daily care, infant care items, ets. 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/en-US/PRC.aspx>.

CPR Launches Cleveland Recovers Community Hub



Cleveland Pandemic Response (CPR) recently launched Cleveland Recovers mutual aid community hub to help to bridge gaps in need for Clevelanders affected by Covid-19 outbreak. The Cleveland Recovers hub connects individuals seeking assistance with those able to provide assistance.

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

CPR formed as a volunteer group of organizers and community members to address the collective needs of the Cleveland community and aims to provide mutual aid and support to Northeast Ohio residents during Covid-19 pandemic. The approach offers a grassroots response to needs-exchange that empowers and builds leadership at the ground level. CPR arises from the idea that

community members and organizations can come together to support each other, with people voluntarily offering and asking for support rather than a top-down charity approach.

CPR's public Facebook page is used to share needs from the community hub, deliver news updates and provide other national and local resources regarding Covid-19. CPR's Instagram page is a space for inspiration and learning with a focus on mutual aid and grassroots theories, as well as positive announcements and requests. CPR's Twitter page serves to share news and information from the Governor, health organizations, community organizations and other mutual aid projects.

For more information about Cleveland Recovers community hub, please visit: <https://cleveland.recovers.org/>.

City of Cleveland Launches Care Call Program for Seniors

City of Cleveland recently launched a Cleveland Care Calls program that aims to keep the city's senior citizens connected while checking in on their wellbeing. Seniors can request a wellbeing call Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

The automated telephone reassurance system is being offered by the Department of Aging and Public Safety to Cleveland seniors 60 and over or adults 18-59 with a disability. To participate, individuals must complete an application found here and submit the request to the Department of Aging.

Once approved, registered citizens will receive an automated call at days and time they request. If the individual does not respond to his/her call, the system will reattempt the call several times in a 30-minute period.

If the individual does not respond within that 30-minute period, the Department of Aging will then contact any person designated as emergency contact by the senior. If the senior or emergency contact cannot be reached, the Department of Public Safety may be asked to make a home check.

For more information, please contact the Cleveland Care Calls Project Director at 216-664-6316 or 216-664-2833. For more information, please visit <http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/node/10955>.



Open for Business! The LaSalle



By Lauren Calevich

BIG NEWS: The LaSalle Theatre to open for business soon! After a significant hiatus due to Covid-19, the LaSalle Theatre will re-open for private event rentals on Saturday, August 1 st ! This first event is a wedding reception - a wonderful commitment of love amidst these chaotic times. The bride and groom, along with their guests, will find an enhanced facility with new amenities, such as an in-house sound system, theatrical lighting, projector and screen, and stage curtains.

While waiting to re-open our doors, the LaSalle team is working diligently to ensure the health and safety of our staff, vendors, clients, and all visitors. The LaSalle will

be following all recommendations of the state of Ohio and the Centers for Disease Control – which includes strict adherence to the “Responsible Restart Ohio – Restaurants, Bars, and Banquet/Catering Facilities Services” restrictions and precautions. See more details at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/responsible-restart-ohio/>. Limiting events to 300 persons or less, increasing cleaning and disinfecting measures, social distancing of guests and seating, and recommending the use of facial coverings are just some of the guidelines the LaSalle will be observing. For more info or to book an event, visit www.lasallecle.com.

Karamu House Kicks Off Virtual Summer Programming For Youth

Karamu House has announced the kick off to its Arts Academy theatre enrichment summer programming, now offered online. Arts Academy will offer classes in vocal performance, dance and drama, and technical theatre studies like short film and costume design for youth entering grades 7-12.

Arts Academy will run in 4-week increments from June 1 - July 27 and will include one-on-one sessions, live classes and interactive activities online. Karamu House President and CEO Tony F. Sias says in a press release:

“Karamu House’s commitment to arts education dates back 105 years. While the pandemic has brought significant challenges and restrictions, Karamu has always adapted and evolved.

Taking our summer arts education experience online is just another way that Karamu is evolving to respond to the times.”

For more information and to enroll, please visit Karamu House Arts Academy site at <https://karamu.coursestorm.com/>.

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ODJFS Announce PRC Program For Covid-19 Hardship

Cleveland Pandemic Response (CPR) seeks volunteer street ambassadors for their outreach program to assist residents in need register for Cleveland Recovers mutual aid hub. Street ambassadors will provide grassroots, on the ground support to individuals in need and connect them to Cleveland Recovers, where volunteers and organizations offer volunteer services, basic-needs items, and resources.

CPR formed as a volunteer group of organizers and community members to address the collective needs of the Cleveland community and aims to provide mutual aid and support to Northeast Ohio residents during Covid-19 pandemic. The approach offers a grassroots response to needs-exchange that empowers and builds leadership at the ground level.

Cleveland Recovers mutual aid hub is designed to facilitate community prepared-

ness and recovery. Individuals can request help or sign up to donate or volunteer. Local organizations can also sign up to provide donations or volunteer service via hub portal.

For more information about the street ambassador program and how to sign up, please email info@CPRCLE.org.



City Announces Residents and Landlords Assistance Program

City of Cleveland Department of Community Development recently announced a residents and landlords assistance program in light of Covid-19 hardship many Clevelanders now face. The program aims to keep residents out of the homeless system, maintain viable tenants in their homes, and help landlords to continue to support themselves, according to a press release statement issued June 2.

City of Cleveland has allocated \$11.3 million to the newly created resident and landlord

assistance program through CARES Act. Low to moderate-income households impacted by Covid-19, experiencing unemployment or a reduction in household income will be eligible to apply. The program commences July 2020.

For more information, interested residents and landlords can email caresapplication@city.cleveland.oh.us or leave a voicemail at 216-664-2169.



\$6.8 Million Rent Relief Program to Support Those Affected by COVID-19

by Miranda Kortan , Communications Specialist, Cuyahoga County Department of Communications

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the financial health of the residents of Cuyahoga County tremendously.

The unemployment rate as of April 2020 was at 23.5 percent, an increase of 18.4 percent since February. Over 21 percent of Ohio residents are currently unable to make their

monthly house payment, according to a U.S. Census Bureau scientific survey. With short-term eviction freezes expiring soon, a new plan was needed to prevent people from losing their homes.

To help combat this, a resolution awarding \$6.8 million for the creation of the Cuyahoga County Rent Relief Fund has been submitted to County Council by County Executive Armond Budish. This Relief Fund, which is being administered by CHN Housing Partners, will provide countywide emergency rental assistance for up to three months to income-eligible tenants unable to pay their full monthly rent due to the economic impact from COVID-19.

The checks will be made to their landlords, which will not only keep people in their homes but should also stem the economic disaster that will hurt building owners—landlords.

Households who are at 120 percent of median income, for example, a family of four with an annual income of around \$90,000, are eligible.

The County worked in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Cities of Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, East Cleveland, Euclid, Lakewood and Parma to direct federal funds to this uniform countywide system for emergency rental assistance to help prevent homelessness.

CHN Housing Partners will be ready for applications on July 1. But anyone who needs assistance now should call 2-1-1.

Summer Sidewalk Sale Fundraiser

by Annette Gibson

Attention neighbors and fellow community members!

Reliable Hearts is having a Summer Sidewalk Sale Fundraiser July 18, 2020 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. to raise money to help support current and future programs for youth and families dealing with and healing from intergenerational trauma.

It's going to be a whole lot of fun! Hot dogs, chips and pop will also be available for purchase.

All shoppers will receive a FREE raffle ticket for a chance to win a cool prize! Winners are drawn every hour!

We have many items, including name brands, that are in very good condition and some still have the store tags on them.

So come on out and have some fun and support a good cause right here in the community.

All items have been cleaned and sterilized to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and tables will be cleaned throughout the sale.

Social Distancing guidelines will be practiced and face masks and hand sanitizer is available for all shoppers.

Reliable Hearts

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Kids' Free Summer Mobile Meals!

Summer's here, and that means many children won't be receiving daily meals from their schools. If you know a child in need of free summer meals, come to one of our mobile Summer Meal sites listed below. Parents, Food Bank staff is available at each site to help you apply for SNAP and other critical benefits!

Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority:

Bellaire: 12502 Bellaire Road: Mondays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Riverside Park Community Center: 17800 Parkmount Avenue: Mondays 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Springbrook Apartments: 1675 Ansel Road: Mondays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Willson Family: 1919 East 55th Street: Mondays 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Cleveland Public Library:

Fleet: 7224 Broadway Avenue: Thursdays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Fulton: 3545 Fulton Road: Thursdays 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Sterling: 2200 East 30th Street: Thursdays 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
Walz: 7910 Detroit Avenue: Thursdays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Dudley Triangle Park:

West 73rd Street & Elton Avenue: Fridays 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm **No food trucks/meals on July 3**

First Draft Barber Shop:

11337 Superior Avenue: Fridays 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm **No food trucks/meals on July 3**

Garfield Heights Middle School:

12000 Maple Leaf Drive: Wednesdays 10:30 am - 12 pm and 12:30 pm - 2 pm

Garfield Middle School (Lakewood):

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Shore Cultural Centre:

291 222nd Street: Tuesdays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm and 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

St. Clair Superior Development Corporation:

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Lovebirds Movie Review



by Brian Friedman
This romantic comedy follows a couple through multiple mishaps as they try to solve a murder they witnessed. Beautifully shot in great New Orleans locales but that ends my praise. Plot is too predictable and the actors (that are fantastic in everything else they are in) have little chemistry and stiffly deliver their lines and jokes. Streaming on Netflix and should be renamed “Cardboard”. Grade - D

Space Force Series Review



by Brian Friedman
This 10 episode original series is streaming on Netflix and is anchored by Steve Carrell and John Malkovich. It takes a couple of episodes to buy into Carrell as a four star general but that is not his fault. It is just a natural audience response to ongoing The Office reruns. After getting over that hiccup, the series has some decent laughs and is pretty well written and compelling. Unfortunately, the series starts spending too much time on a poorly directed, possibly miscast daughter. Then the season ends pretty abruptly with (not one but) two totally preposterous cliffhangers that soured the whole experience. Grade? Should have been a B but that finale results in an overall C minus.

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