

# Old Brooklyn News

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## American Indian Education Center programs serve both Native and non-Native Americans

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Native Americans currently make up about 7000 of Northeast Ohio's population. There are forty-four tribes/nations in Cuyahoga County and about fifty-five tribes/nations in Ohio. Ohio as a whole has a total of ninety-nine tribes.

Several decades ago there were only a few native nations in this area. Then the United States government began relocating Native Americans to Northeast Ohio -- and other states where there were no reservations -- so that they could be assimilated into modern American life. (Some people believe that the government also was wanting access to the natural resources on the land where the Indians were living.)

Since 1992 The American Indian Education Center (AIEC), 1314 Denison Ave. in the Brooklyn Centre neighborhood, has been working to help alleviate the suffering of Native Americans who have been relocated to Northeast Ohio. The organization's Executive Director, Robert Roche (Chiracaua Apache), has actually been working with the Indian community since 1969, though. He was originally with the Cleveland American Indian Center which was at 5500 Lorain Ave. from 1969-1985.

With its wide variety of educational and social service programs, the eleven people on the staff of the AIEC strive to help the Native Americans in our community reach their potential in the areas of employment, education, youth programs, referrals, self-sufficiency and self-respect.

AIEC has also been working to keep

communication lines open between the Native community and the non-Native community they strive to educate. One of the participants in their most recent series of classes said,

*"As I watched Loretta make fry bread, I thought to myself, 'How could I go all my life*

*one priority for my family and me. We were going to be educated as to who the real Americans were. I began to notice the impact that the culture class was having on my family. We found ourselves talking in depth about Native Americans as we drove home from what we found to be a spiritual*

*we do to bridge the gap which over time developed between Native Americans and everyone else? They have a part of God's spirituality which we need to be truly human. The only way we can minimize the separation is to learn."*

The free classes AIEC offers in Native American history, family pride and culture are held in the basement of Trinity United Church of Christ, 3525 W. 25th St. (The entrance to their parking lot is off Scranton Rd., opposite MetroHealth's Skilled Nursing Care facility.) Topics covered in past classes include traditional beading, singing, drumming, various forms of dance, and, most recently, preparing "fry bread" and a topping for it.

The next five classes, focusing on "Family Strengthening" (part of the Native Values series) will begin on Thursday, January 17. The following five classes, about the "Navaho Language" (part of the Native Culture series) will begin on Tuesday, February 5. They all run from 6 to 8 p.m., are free, and open to anyone in the community. Food is provided before each session; there is also a raffle for a \$50 gift card each evening. The program is funded by the Administration of Native Americans (our federal tax dollars at work!)

If you would like to learn more about Native Americans and their culture at these classes, contact the American Indian Education Center by telephone at 216-351-4488 or by email at [aieccinc@aol.com](mailto:aieccinc@aol.com) to register. For more information about the organization in general, visit their website at [www.aiecc.net](http://www.aiecc.net).



Photos courtesy of American Indian Center

Participants in the American Indian Education Center's recent Culture cooking class gather round instructor Loretta Brooks in the kitchen at Trinity United Church of Christ, 3525 W. 25th St., to learn how to make fry bread. A Navaho Indian from Arizona, Loretta has been in Cleveland for about two years.

*and not know something basic like what Native American dishes are?' I struggled with this thought for a long time, but I realized that I have been given an opportunity to end my ignorance and absorb as much information about these absolutely wonderful cultures as I could. It became the number*

*and enlightening event.*

*The culture class has managed to bring together people from all different nationalities and colors in one forum to learn and share with a voice that often goes unnoticed, but has been here long before we were. How could we be so closed-minded? What can*

## Treadway Creek Trail finished; "soft" opening held December 1st

The official grand opening won't be until spring, but Ward 15 Councilman Brian Cummins (with the financial assistance of chief contractor F. Buddie) hosted a "soft" opening of the Treadway Creek Greenway and Trail at Harmody Park on Saturday, December 1st. The 2/3 mile trail runs between the park and the foot of Valley Rd.

The weather was brisk, but 50-60 people attended the two-hour event, held from 1-3 p.m. It included talks by Councilman

Cummins and Ward 16 Councilman Kevin Kelley, refreshments and golf cart tours of the 2/3 of a mile trail. Brooklyn Tractor loaned the use of the transportation vehicle.

Ohio Canal Corridor, Friends of Big Creek, West Creek Preservation Committee and OBCDC helped with the afternoon's festivities. See the photos on page 6 of this issue of the *Old Brooklyn News*, and watch for expanded coverage after the date of the grand opening is announced.



Photo by Deb Zeleny

### Old Brooklyn News is looking for area residents to participate in a newspaper advisory committee

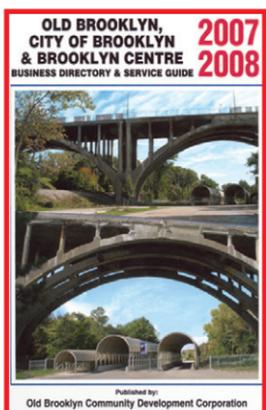
We are forming an ongoing committee that will meet once or twice a month to work with staff in developing story ideas and overall content for the *OBN*. This group will also have input on the design and overall look of the paper. The group will start meeting in January. Please contact Robyn Sandys if you are interested in participating on this committee by January 11 at either [robyns@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:robyns@oldbrooklyn.com) or 216-459-1000.

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### Old Brooklyn - Brooklyn Centre & City of Brooklyn BUSINESS DIRECTORY & Service Guide

If you're a business owner and would like to be listed or run an ad in the OBCDC 2008/09 Business Directory, please call Sandy at 459-1000.

Directories will be distributed FREE to area businesses in spring.



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**By Donald Heckelmoser**  
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Teresa and Otis Elkins are the owners of Old Brooklyn's newest bar, Rebound II, on the corner of Broadview Rd. and Tate Ave.

The old Greenleaf Tavern was in bad shape when Teresa and Otis bought it in October of 2006. The Elkins knew that they had their work cut out for them; it took them almost a year before they could open their doors for business. The reason for the delay was the condition of the building — holes in the ceiling and floor, faulty wiring and bad plumbing.

Over the course of the next year, the Elkins worked replacing all the wiring, laying a new floor, installing a new ceiling, completely redoing the bathrooms, refinishing the bar, and putting in a new kitchen, dance floor, stage for live entertainment and big screen TV.

After the Elkins were satisfied that they had a wonderful new neighborhood attraction, they opened their doors on October 17th. Business has been good so far, but the Elkins have had some resistance from people in the neighborhood who still associate the Rebound II with the reputation that the Greenleaf Tavern had as a violent, dirty bar.

The Elkins want to assure both their neighbors and community leaders that their goal is to be a pillar of neighborliness, and that the Rebound II is not the Greenleaf Tavern. The Elkins want it to be a place where people come to meet, play games, listen to good music, eat good food and maybe watch a few Cleveland sporting events.

The Elkins also want people to know that they have been business owners for

many years. Otis currently owns a siding business that keeps him busy. When the couple learned of the opportunity to rehabilitate and own a west-side Cleveland bar, they shut down their east-side bar, moved into Old Brooklyn and bought what is now the Rebound II.

Because the Elkins live in the house right behind the bar, they have a stake in our neighborhood, both as community members and as business owners. They want to be part of the community by hosting fundraisers, community-sponsored events, food collection drives to donate to local charities, and social gatherings such as birthday and anniversary parties.

The last hurdle for the Elkins to jump is going in front of Cleveland's Board of Zoning Appeals to request a variance for live entertainment. They have already pleaded their case to Cleveland City Council and now look forward to being granted a variance from the City so that Rebound II can host live entertainment.

Once the live entertainment variance is approved, Rebound II will host an official grand opening that will be open to all folks who want to enjoy each other's company in a safe, clean and hospitable environment.

The Rebound II is open seven days a week, from 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 a.m. They have a full-bar liquor license for seven days a week. The Rebound II will host daily drink specials, with Happy Hour prices Monday through Friday.

The Elkins also have plans to host pool and dart leagues, karaoke nights, live country music bands and maybe even sponsor local softball teams. There's definitely a positive new attitude in Old Brooklyn at the Rebound II.

# From the desk of the executive director

by Robyn Sandys  
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The staff at Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation hopes you had a wonderful holiday with your family and friends and that you have a prosperous and healthy new year. As we wade through winter and wait for spring to arrive, there will be some new activities for the CDC.

First thing on tap as I have mentioned before, will be the redesign of the *Old Brooklyn News*. Expect to see some changes in the design of the paper in the February or March issues, with something new each month over the coming months. We are looking for interested community members to participate on an advisory committee for the newspaper. The main role of that committee will be to help to provide input on articles and the overall look of the paper. Please contact me if you would like to participate, [robyns@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:robyns@oldbrooklyn.com).

We are always looking for people to submit stories for the *OBN* about anything of interest going on in your neighborhood from special events to interesting people and places. Or if you have a great photograph of something that has occurred in your area we are interested in that as well.

You don't have to be a great writer, all we need is any where from a few paragraphs to a page or two of what you want to share with our readers, and we can edit the copy if necessary. Send or email your articles, story ideas and photos to Sandy Worona at [sandyw@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:sandyw@oldbrooklyn.com) or mail to her at 3344 Broadview Road, Cleveland, OH 44109. We can not guarantee that all that is sent will be printed, but we will try.

Finally, please take the time to complete

the OBN reader survey on page 1 so that we can help to make the paper as relevant to our readers as possible. Thank you in advance for your help!

Starting in January the CDC will be operating a lead abatement program for income eligible families with children who are six years of age or younger. We received a two-year grant that will help twenty families manage this serious health hazard. If you think you have lead in your home that needs to be abated, please call Donn Heckelmoser our residential housing coordinator for qualifying information. Donn will also be running the CDC's emergency home repair program which will start in March or early April this year. This program also has income guidelines and is for people who have dire home repair needs. Donn can be reached at 216-459-1000 or [donnh@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:donnh@oldbrooklyn.com).

The CDC's master planning advisory committee is moving along well with expected greater community input and involvement to occur within the next few months. If you are interested in the CDC's numerous planning activities in the areas of residential, commercial, and recreational development, please go to our web site at [www.oldbrooklyn.com](http://www.oldbrooklyn.com).

In this issue of the paper we have devoted a good deal of space for photos that depict events and activities of note during 2007. We hope you like this retrospective.

That is it for this month. Feel free to email me or call me if you have any questions about the CDC and its programs. Happy New Year!

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

**Brooklyn Centre Community Association** meeting, every fourth Thurs., 6:30 pm, Archwood United Church of Christ, 2800 Archwood Ave.

**Brooklyn Genealogy Club** meeting, Sun., Jan., 20, 2 pm, Brooklyn branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 4480 Ridge Rd. Retired surveyor John Dailey, a member of the Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society, with a presentation about "Researching Land Records". Refreshments served; prospective members welcome.

**The Historical Society of Old Brooklyn** meeting, 7 pm, Fri., Jan. 11, Pearl Road United Methodist Church, 4200 Pearl Rd. (Use rear entrance off parking lot.) Foster Brown, Historical Interpreter for the Metroparks, presenting "Legacy of the Land", a history of the Metroparks delivered through the medium of music. Prospective members welcome; call president Louise Evans, 661-4103, with questions.

**Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation** board meeting every third Tues. of the month, 6-7:30 pm, OBCDC meeting room (3344 Broadview Rd., upstairs). Meetings open to the public for review & comments, but the board reserves the right to close portions of meetings from the public. Call 216-459-1000 to confirm date.

**Second District Police Community Relations** meeting, Tues., Jan. 8th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th St.

**Southwest Citizens Area Council** meeting, Thurs., Jan. 3rd (& every first Thurs.), 7 pm, Gino's, 1314 Denison Ave.

**Ward 15 Democratic Club** meeting, Tues., Jan. 22nd (& every fourth Tues.), 6:30 pm, Estabrook Recreation Center, 4125 Fulton Rd.

**Ward 16 Democratic Club** meeting, Tues., Jan. 22nd (& every fourth Tues.), 7 pm Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5801 Memphis Ave.

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 Classes cover Native American Family values & goals  
*This session will help further develop a more cohesive family strengthening & environment.*

Beginning January, 17th Classes: Thursdays, 6 - 8 pm Five (5) consecutive weeks	Classes held at: <b>Trinity Church</b> 3525 W. 25th Street
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Classes are FREE of charge and everyone is welcome.  
 Hot dinner is provided free to participants. Weekly raffle to win a \$50.00 gift certificate.

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NEWS & EVENTS

Saturday, January 5th

Annual Winter Community Basketball Pearl Road United Methodist Church, 4200 Pearl Rd., 10:30 am - noon. Free. Open to youth aged 11 & up. Parents welcome to participate. For registration call Pastor Paul Wilson, 216-661-5642.

Monday, January 7th

Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society Independence Civic Center, White Oak Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 7:30 pm. Family historian James Skelly, a member of the the Canadian Historical Society, speaking about "Canada's Favorite Winter Sport...Genealogy". (Mr. Skelly has done extensive research using Canadian & Irish genealogy web sites & has made more than 30 research trips to Canada.) His presentation will show the plethora of genealogical history available across our Northern border. All welcome; coffee & refreshments served. Call president John Stoika, 216-524-3472, for more info.

Wednesday, January 16th Snowball Social Event

East Park Retirement Community, 6360 Elmdale Rd., Brookpark, 2 pm. Entertainment by Ted Litchney. Free; RSVP by Jan. 14th. Refreshments, door prizes, tours of continuing care campus. For more info call 216-267-7067.

Saturday, January 19th Burgers for Boxer

Pounders Bar & Grill, 6370 York Rd., 440-887-0185, 6 - 9 pm, \$20 per person. Burgers, fries, veggie burgers, all you can eat wings, salad, pasta, domestic beer. To benefit Lighthouse Boxer Rescue. Order tickets online at www.rustyspaws.com.

Saturday, January 19th

Homeownership & Foreclosure Prevention Fair Trinity Cathedral, 2230, Euclid Ave., 10 am - 3 pm. Free. Programs for first-time homebuyers. Get personal help from non-profit housing counselors, learn about refinance opportunities, meet with lenders about a workout & the possibility of switching from an adjustable rate to a fixed rate. Sponsored by ACORN, a non-profit community organization. Call 216-431-0573 to pre-register or for more info.

Sunday, January 20th

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Cuyahoga Community College, Metropolitan Campus Auditorium 2900 Community College Ave. 3 pm. "Celebration in Music," free concert with national recording artist Leeresia Campbell, along with 'The Voices & Rhythmic Sounds of Mega,' the Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra & the Cleveland School of the Arts Concert Choir. Limited seating, tickets are required for this free event. Call 216-987-4805 or visit www.tri-c.edu/mlktickets to reserve tickets.

Beginning January 24th

Free Tax Filing and Benefits Screening For residents of Wards 15 & 16; Sponsored by Steel Valley Federal Credit Union, 3840 Pearl Rd. (W. 25th St. & Denison Ave.) in partnership with ACORN. (ACORN tax preparation services are affiliated with the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.) Find out if you qualify for food, baby supplies, health care, child care, energy bills & much more. Tax filing & benefits screening by appointment only. For an appointment call 216-431-0573.

Sunday, January 27th

Lutheran Schools Open House St. Mark's Lutheran School, 4464 Pearl Rd., 1 - 4 pm. Prospective students have a chance to receive one of two \$2,000 scholarships useable in grades K-12 at any of the participating schools for the 2008-2009 school year.

Now thru March 31st

Winter 2008 Home Energy Assistance E-HEAP 24 hour appointment line, 216-518-4014. All applicants must have proof of income for entire household for past 13 weeks. Photo ID of the applicants' Social security cards & birth dates of all household members. Both gas & electric bills (with at least one in disconnection or shut-off status or off, landlord name, address & phone number, monthly rent (lease). If your gas service is off call the gas company at 1-800-950-7989. If your electric is off with the Illuminating Company, call 1-800-589-3101 or if with Cleveland Public Power, go to 1300 Lakeside Ave. & request a copy of your old bill.

Brookside Center Looking for Volunteers

Brookside Center, 3784 Pearl Rd., Wednesdays, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm. Help with Resale Shoppe -- arrange clothes & household items and operate register. Call 216-749-4295 for more info.

Every Tuesday

Food Stamp Information & Sign Up Brookside Center in the lobby area, 3784 Pearl Rd., 10 am - 2 pm. Representative from The Empowerment Center of Greater Cleveland's Project B.R.E.A.D. will be available to provide info & help eligible people sign up. Call Patricia Gillbery, Project B.R.E.A.D. Outreach Specialist, 216-432-4770, for more info.

Free Tax Help

If you need help preparing your taxes & cannot afford to pay someone, there are many places that offer free assistance. All dates & times are subject to change. You must call ahead to make an appointment unless noted. AARP Tax Assistance provides free tax preparation of federal & Ohio forms for low- & medium-income taxpayers. AARP membership is not required.

Brooklyn Senior Center, 7727 Memphis Ave., Mon., & Wed., 9 am - noon, thru Apr. 11;

216-635-4222.

Carnegie West Branch Library, 1900 Fulton Rd, Tues., 9:30 am - noon, thru Apr. 10; 216-623-6927.

Cassidy Theater Greenbriar Commons, 6200 Pearl Rd, Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri., 9:30 am - 2 pm, thru Apr. 13. Appointments can be made in person at the Theater or at the Parma-South Library, Parma-Ridge Library & Parma Heights Library.

Parma-Snow Library, 2121 Snow Rd, Mon., & Thurs., 12:30 - 3 pm, thru Apr. 9; 216-661-4240.

South Brooklyn Library, 4303 Pearl Rd, Fri., 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, thru April 13; 216-623-7067.

Free Evening Classes at Mooney

Schools as a Neighborhood Resource (SNR) Program at Charles Mooney School, 3213 Montclair Ave., Mon., Wed. & Thurs., 6 - 8 pm, now thru April, 2008. Activities for children & adults. Computers - M, W & Th; Walkercise/Exercise - M, W & Th; Basketball - M, W & Th; Karate - M & W; Crafts - M & W; Games - Thurs.; Cooking - Wed.; All classes free. Sign up anytime during the year.

Ready, Set Grow Preschool

Located in Brooklyn Heights Church, 2005 W. Schaaf Rd. Ages 3 - 5. Learning & social skills for kindergarten readiness. Certified teachers. Registration fee, \$25. Class times 9:20 - 11:20. Call 216-741-2280 for more info.

St. Leo Preschool Registration

St. Leo Preschool, 4940 Broadview Rd.; located in the Parish Community Center. Registration began Feb. 1 at the preschool. \$50 nonrefundable fee & a copy of the child's birth certificate required at time of registration. The preschool offers programs for skills development & kindergarten readiness for three- & four-year-old children. Children who are four years old by Sept. 30 attend classes Mon., Wed. & Fri. Children who are three by Sept., 30 attend classes Tues. & Thurs. Class times are 8:15-10:45 am or 11:55 am - 2:25 pm. Call Jeanne Sabol, 216-661-5330, for more info.

St. Mark Lutheran School Registration

St. Mark Lutheran School, 4464 Pearl Rd. Applications accepted throughout the school year for kindergarten - 8th grade. Participates in the Cleveland Scholarship & tutoring program. On-site before & after school daycare, hot lunch program, sports, music, newly updated computer labs, accelerated reader program, interactive white boards, Girl Scouts & Cub Scouts. For registration info or to schedule a private tour, call the school office, 216-749-3545, or visit www.orgsites.com/oh/stmarklutheran.

Free Afternoon Tutoring

Brooklyn Presbyterian Church, 4308 Pearl Rd. offering free afternoon tutoring to students

ages 3 - 10 who attend Cleveland Metropolitan school district. S.E.S. eligible schools call NorthCoast Tutoring Services at 216-574-8050. Call Harriet, 216-351-2076 for application or more info.

Cleveland Recycles REDUCE! REUSE! RECYCLE!

The City of Cleveland will pick up Christmas trees from curbs from Dec. 26 - Feb. 1. In the spring, the mulch from the recycled trees will be made available to Cleveland residents at no cost, while supplies last. Reuse or recycle holiday wrapping paper & gift boxes. Drop off glass, plastic, aluminum, cardboard & paper at any of Cleveland's convenient drop-off locations. (There are nearby blue bins at Brooklyn Hts. United Church of Christ, Trinity United Church of Christ, William Rainey Harper School, Discount Drug Mart, Estabrook Recreation Center, Old Brooklyn Community School.) Call the recycling hotline for more info, 216-664-3717, or visit www.cleveland-oh.gov.

Monday, February 18th

Old Brooklyn Area Little League presents LazerXtreme, 13409 Smith Rd, 6-10 pm, 440-842-6044. Cost -- Single mission, \$6; Double mission, \$11; Triple Mission, \$15; each mission lasts 20 minutes. Event open to the public. O.B.A.L.L. receives 50% of the profits during these dates & times. Visit www.oball.org for more info.

Save These Dates

Saturday, Feb. 16th, Feb. 23rd, March 1st Little League Baseball - OBALL

Boys & girls ages 5 - 19. Knights of Columbus Hall on Broadview Rd., 9 am. - 12 p.m. Cost: TBall \$35; PeeWee, Little & Big F\$45; (family discount offered for more than one child) Bring 2 wallet size pictures & a copy of child's birth certificate. To save time, go to OBALL website, fill out registration form & bring it in or register online. If you have a parent or relative interested in coaching, a coaching form can be printed off the website or filled out on registration day. Receive one free Indians' ticket for each child registered. Children must be accompanied by parent, guardian or authorized responsible adult. Additional Indians' tickets for families at discounted prices. Also special OBALL events at Jacob's Field!

MANDY'S 4703 Pearl Rd. 216-398-8066 Friday Night Karaoke Sports Events Wednesday only Steak Dinner \$2.99 Noon until we run out choice of steak fries or baked potato, roll & butter. expires 1/31/08 Mon. - Sat. 11 am - 2:30 am

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- 1. How often do you read the OBN? (circle one) - Monthly or Every so often
2. What do you like most about the OBN?
3. What do you like least about the OBN? In particular are there articles or items you don't read?
4. What types of stories, events or information would you like to see in the OBN?
5. Any other comments:

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Please send your responses back by either mail, fax, or email to: Old Brooklyn News 3344 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, OH 44109 Fax: 216-459-1741, sandyw@oldbrooklyn.com

## The how's and why's of starting a block club

by Barb Spaan  
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Neighborhood Watch, Block Watch, Crime Watch — whatever the name, a block club is one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime, discuss issues and forge bonds among area residents and businesses. Block clubs improve relations and communications between neighbors and public officials. Any community resident — young or old, single or married, renter or home owner — can join.



The Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) has been coordinating block groups for eleven years; between Wards 15 & 16, it currently oversees 211 groups. A block club can be as small as ten houses or as big as several streets. Members can meet in a home, a church, a business or during the summer months, just outdoors.

Issues discussed at block clubs range from painting an elderly neighbor's home, to houses being broken-into, abandoned cars,

barking dogs, spring cleanup, block picnics and holiday contests. These groups are not vigilantes, but rather eyes and ears reporting crime and helping neighbors. Block clubs build pride and address community concerns such as recreation for youth, child care and housing issues.

To find out how you can be involved, call Barb Spaan at 216-459-1000. (She has seventeen years of experience setting up and keeping block clubs running, having worked with Old Brooklyn Neighborhood Services and its predecessors before that organization's consolidation with OBCDC.)

After you contact Barb, she will check to see if there is a group already established in your area of the neighborhood. If there isn't, she will help you set one up. It takes very little time — just set a date and a place, and pass out flyers to your neighbors and nearby businesses.

Old Brooklyn resident Mary McGrath recently sent us an email about an old Crime Watch group which she's helping to revive. On Monday evening, November 26th, fifteen residents of W. 22nd St., W. 23rd St., W. 24th St., Broadview Rd., Henninger Rd. and Mira Ct. gathered at Grace Church, 2503 Broadview Rd., for an organizational meeting.

As Community Outreach Manager, I provided information about the resources available to them and the structure of the organization. Sgt. Alberto Alverado from the Second District Community Services Unit answered their questions and noted problem areas.

The people who attended appreciated the hospitality of Rev. Jeff Doring, pastor of Grace Church, and left feeling empowered and committed to reclaiming the neighborhood from destructive and criminal behavior.

Their next meeting will again be held at Grace Church. It is scheduled for Monday, February 11th, at 7 p.m. Anyone who would like more information should call Mary McGrath, 216-741-9245; Ted Jones, 216-741-9245; or Kathy McKay, 216-351-9268.

## That Was Then.....

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In the 1940s, riding a pony down to Vanta's (now Steelyard Tavern); passersby waving to you as you rode your bike down the street; carrying a pistol to protect yourself when bartending; and knowing the first names of all of your neighbors were commonplace in Old Brooklyn. Or so says, John "M.", an Old Brooklyn resident for forty years and life-long resident of Cleveland.

John is 92 years old, born on December 4, 1915 in Tremont on Albion St. off W. 14th St. When asked the difference between today and life ninety years ago, he reflects for a moment and then says, "It was just a different time." John then searches his memory to recall details of a life that was "different".

(When John was reminiscing about his life, I couldn't help but think of the character, Frank Abagandale, in the movie *Catch Me If You Can*, who's worked in a variety of professions — a school teacher, a doctor, a pilot, and a legal counselor, all without any credentials.)

A first-generation Russian John has led an interesting and varied life. When he was seventeen years old, he got a job at the Marine Hospital, working in the laboratory feeding the rabbits. (It was a research hospital.) The "coroner" asked him if he wanted to learn how to perform autopsies, because he wouldn't be around forever. After some consideration — John chuckles at the memory and thinks "This isn't exactly my cup of tea" but "Why not?" At the age of eighteen he learned how to perform an autopsy without any medical training. John acknowledges that one wouldn't be able to even walk into a facility like that without professional training today.

One year John held seventeen different jobs. During his lifetime he was a butcher, a bartender, the manager of a White Castle, a

crane operator, an insurance salesman and a gas station attendant. The longest job he ever held, for twenty years, was at the Post Office. He also fought in World War II.

John's parents owned a gas station on Maynard Ave. and Broadview Rd. which they lived behind. The entire family worked there. Then they purchased the ABC Tavern and renamed it the Periscope. He helped his parents by bartending after he got back from War War II. "It was a dangerous place after the War" so he carried a pistol to protect himself. John recalls his brother getting a pony and keeping it in a pasture on Valley Rd. and riding it around town. He's not quite sure where the pony came from.

One sunny afternoon John was walking down Mapledale Ave. and bumped into an old buddy, his wife and a young lady. He asked who the girl walking with them was and found out that she was his buddy's sister, that they had gone to the same school, and that their parents were from the same part of Russia. Her name was Esther and he courted her four years before they saved up enough money to get married. They were married at St. Theodosius Russian Orthodox Church in Tremont; quite a reception followed it. "In those days everybody from the neighborhood got together and cooked the meal for the reception," John recounted. Esther and John recently celebrated their 67th year of marriage. "Times were different".

*We're wondering if John is the oldest resident in Old Brooklyn. If you are a senior resident or know of a senior who is a comparable age and who would like to share his/her story of what the old times were like in Old Brooklyn/Brooklyn Centre, please submit the story to [lorip@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:lorip@oldbrooklyn.com)*

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The publication date for the January edition of the *Old Brooklyn News* is December 28, and it seems strange to be writing this column as if Christmas is already past, when it hasn't even come yet! But that's how putting together a monthly newspaper is.

Christmas trees will still be on everyone's minds, though, and for openers this month, I want to remind you about the eleventh annual Festival of Trees display at the Cleveland Play House, 8500 Euclid Ave. The free display is open from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. (5 p.m. on New Year's Eve.); parking is free, too, if no performance is going on.

Two of the fifty-four trees on display have connections to our neighborhoods, so be sure to notice them if you stop by to check them all out. The one from **MetroHealth Medical Center** is decorated with an historical Cleveland theme, and has a **Senior Health and Wellness Center** package under it. The one from our **Cleveland Metroparks Zoo**, not surprisingly, has a stuffed animals theme.

In addition to being the end of the Christmas season, January is also a month for resolutions. A new chapter of the book of our lives is about to be written! Too bad that many of the chapters blur together! Lots of real books claim that reading their chapters has the potential to change our

lives. Some are organized with a reading for each day of the year. Maybe 2008 is the year to try one.

Both Catholics and Protestants have versions of the *Old and New Testaments* divided by the day; read each day's entry, and by the end of the year, you will have covered the whole Bible! *The Language of Letting Go* and Twelve-step books are classic daily meditation guides. *The Purpose-Driven Life* claims to be the best-selling hardback in history. A multi-media release, *The Secret*, has received lots of attention recently. I myself have been contemplating the thoughts in *Simple Abundance*.

The start of a new year is a good time to be reminded of some of the themes these types of books espouse — spirituality, positive thinking, gratitude and living in the moment.

Of course, if you prefer other types of reading, there are plenty of books for that, too. **Gray & Company, Publishers**, the Cleveland firm which only publishes books about Cleveland, recently gave me everything they released in 2007, and last year's offerings do appeal to a variety of tastes —

*Cemeteries of Northeast Ohio — Stones, Symbols & Stories* by Vicki Blum Vigil is an expanded sequel to the author's first book, *Cleveland Cemeteries*, published in 1999.

All of our neighborhood cemeteries are listed in the section about Cuyahoga County — **Brainard/Broadview Cemetery** (at Spring Rd.), **Brooklyn Heights Cemetery** (between Broadview Rd. and State Rd.), **Brookmere Cemetery** (at the end of "short" Broadview Rd.), **Denison Cemetery/Brooklyn Union Burying Ground** (hidden from view on Pearl Rd., but just south of Riverside Cemetery), **Lutheran Cemetery** (on Pearl Rd. at Biddulph Ave.), **Riverside Cemetery** (on Pearl Rd. south of I-71), **St. Theodosius Cemetery** (on Biddulph Rd. west of Ridge

Rd.), **West Park Cemetery** (on Ridge Rd. north of I-71), the **two Jewish cemeteries** — 3740 and 3824 — on Ridge Rd. (north of West Park Cemetery), and the **Foote/Wolf Memorial** (at the corner of Pearl Rd. and Wildlife Way).

If you read the cemetery book's table of contents, though, you will see that the author is not clear about geographical boundaries in our part of Greater Cleveland, because Brooklyn, Cleveland, Brooklyn Hts. and even Parma are often confused. But each of the 152 entries contains enough historical background, plus bibliographical information on some of the people interred at each cemetery, that folks who enjoy wandering through burial grounds will find it to be interesting reading.

Individuals who are into hiking more traditional routes will want a copy of another book Gray & Company published last year — *Trail Guide — Cuyahoga Valley National Park* (CVNP) by the Cuyahoga Valley Trails Council. Every trail in the CVNP, including the **Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail**, is included with maps, descriptive prose and/or pictures.

(Perhaps there will eventually be a subsequent version of the guidebook, with neighborhood "connectors" to the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail listed, too, and our own, just-opened, **Treadway Creek Greenway and Trail** in it!)

Two of Gray & Company's 2007 books have to do with sports. Retired Plain Dealer (PD) sportswriter Chuck Heaton wrote the *Browns Scrapbook*, covering 50 years of the Cleveland Browns. PD sports columnist Terry Pluto and Akron Beacon Journal sports reporter Brian Windhorst wrote *The Franchise*, about LeBron James and the remaking of the Cleveland Cavaliers.

I especially enjoyed looking at the pictures in *The Buzzard; Inside the Glory Days of WMMS and Cleveland Rock Radio*, by John Gorman with Tom Feran, because a number of them included youthful shots of a DJ with Old Brooklyn connections in the not-too-distant past. In the mid-1990s, Ed

"Flash" Ferenc and his family belonged to **St. Leo the Great Church**.

Someone else with neighborhood ties also published — albeit, self-published — a book this year which she would like you to know about. **Karen Arlettaz Zemek**, who now lives in Parma but who grew up on Saratoga Ave., is the proud author of *My Funny Dad, Harry*. Her father, **Harrington "Harry" Arlettaz**, died last February and she's already written this book as a tribute to him. It's easy-to-read, full of short vignettes about a raised-in-the-Depression kind of guy. Karen took care of him in his old age, and all that togetherness made for lots of stories for her to relate.

*My Funny Dad* was published by Outskirts Press and is priced at \$12.95. It is available at amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com, and can also be downloaded as an e-book from [www.outskirtspress.com/myfunnydadharry](http://www.outskirtspress.com/myfunnydadharry), for \$5.

Karen hopes to be doing lots of book signings in the near future. So far, she has one scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 24, at The Crooked River Reading Club in the Galleria (on E. 9th St.)

It's not a complete book, but one of our local restaurants has a recipe in *A Taste of the Neighborhood*, a booklet handed out at the **2007 Fabulous Food Show**, held November 9-11 at the I-X Center. The **Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation** was one of the CDCs which helped to promote the concept of dining with local food entrepreneurs rather than at chain restaurants, and **Gentile's Imported Italian Foods**, 4464 Broadview Rd., was the old Brooklyn business featured at the show. Their recipe for Angel Wings (Frappe) is what's in the recipe booklet; a limited number of copies are available at the OBCDC office.

As always, we welcome your ideas for future columns. Please send them to: Lynette Filips, The Town Crier, c/o the *Old Brooklyn News*, 3344 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44109

## Code Enforcer's Meeting December 3rd

Cleveland Municipal Housing Court sponsored a code enforcer's meeting on Monday, December 3rd, at the Gavin Lee Party Center. OBCDC hosted the event, which approximately three dozen people (below) attended. Housing Court Judge Raymond Pianka (right) was responsible for the welcome and introductions. Cuyahoga County Treasurer James Rokakis (left) was the guest speaker; foreclosure was his subject matter. Other topics were also discussed, plus there was time for a question and answer period.



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There is a rhythm to most work. Some periods are busier than others. It can vary by the time of the day, the day of the week, the week of the month or the season of the year.

Some work varies by year. Elections use to run in two- or four-year cycles. Recently it seems like presidential elections never have a downtime. Well, that is straying from what I have to write about this January.

The retail season is switching from holiday sales to inventory closeouts. Tax season is commencing while gardening products remain dormant. In the construction and remodeling business this is the slow season.

If you own commercial property or operate a business in a building in need of renovation, January should be your planning month. It is a fine time to talk to contractors and architects. It is a fine time to look at materials and attend trade shows. It is a fine time to ask yourself what can be done to make your building more attractive to business tenants, to rent the empty storefront or increase customer visits to the store.

Sometimes you just have to invest in a renovation to make your building competitive, to keep existing tenants and attract new tenants. The appearance of your building is the first impression customers and tenants receive. A poor impression is an invisible expense in lost opportunity and is difficult to erase.

The City of Cleveland has an incentive program to help commercial property owners renovate storefronts and thereby

improve the appearance of the commercial corridors. It is call the Cleveland Storefront Renovation Program. It provides a 40 % rebate on the cost of exterior improvements to the fronts of eligible buildings. It can refund as much as \$28,000 to the building owner or building tenant, if they follow the program guidelines.

The intention is to restore the building to its original architectural integrity and make a visible improvement to the appearance of the neighborhood. It is not a maintenance program to make up for neglected maintenance but is rather a restoration program that can provide new doors, windows, signage, lighting, structural repair, awnings, painting, masonry cleaning and new sidewalks. It is a face-lift for aging buildings in need of a makeover.

The owner manages the project following some basic guidelines that recognize that restored buildings have a more welcoming presence than buildings that cover up unique architectural features in an attempt to look modern.

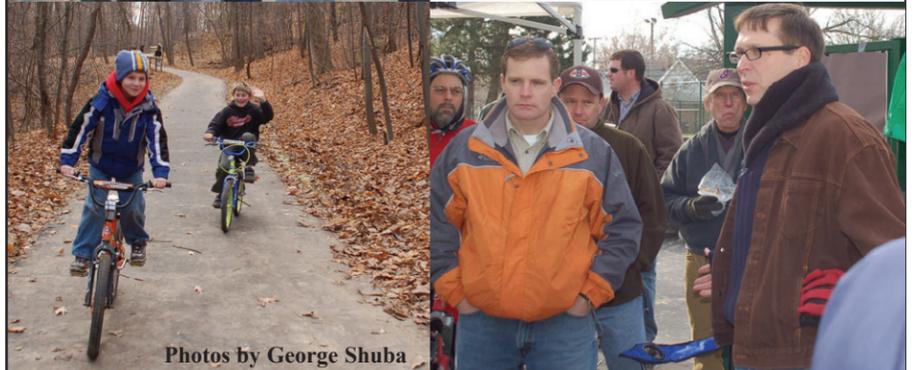
The owner is free to select her or his own contractors as long as they are licensed to work in the city of Cleveland. There are some fair wage guidelines that have to be respected if estimates exceed certain amounts but most contractors are respectful of that requirement. Of course there is some paperwork involved. I assist the owner with that part of the project.

If the building is in need of major exterior renovations on the entire building (front, sides and rear) then a low-cost loan program is available. An owner can borrow up to \$100,000 for exterior renovations at below prime interest rates. It is a fixed rate loan amortized over fifteen years payable in ten years.

Calling me to learn if your building is eligible does not obligate you to anything. I would be happy to meet with interested owners, visit the building, discuss the process and submit a preliminary application. There are no upfront charges and no fees associated with the rebate program. The City has a very good tool available to assist commercial property owners.

Use January as your planning month. Call me to see if this program meets your needs or if there are other economic tools available that will help commercial property owners improve their property and improve the bottom line.

## More views of Treadway Creek Trail opening



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# Community Toolbox

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## What you don't know about radon could fill two booklets

by **Donn Heckelmoser**  
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Most people are probably not aware that January is National Radon Action Month. According to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), radon is a naturally occurring gas which is commonly found in our area.

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer deaths among non-smokers and the second leading cause of lung cancer in general in the United States. On the average it claims the lives of 20,000 Americans each year. By making yourself and your family more aware of radon and its effects on the body, you will be better informed and thus help to reduce your family's risk of lung cancer.

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency urges all Ohio residents to take action this month by doing the following five things:

First, test your home for radon. The testing is inexpensive; easy to use discounted test kits can be obtained by mail by calling the National Safety Council at 1-800-SOS-RADON.

Second, learn more about radon by requesting the booklets *Basic Radon Facts* or *A Citizen's Guide to Radon*. These booklets can also be obtained by calling the Ohio EPA at 614-644-3020. The books are printed in both Spanish and English.

(*A Citizen's Guide to Radon* is a small, easy-to-read manual that will help you to understand radon. The guide describes the gas as being odorless, tasteless and radioactive, and then details such things as how radon gets into your home, how to test your home, and what test results mean.)

Third, attend an event in your area this month. You can find all the events that are being sponsored by visiting the Ohio EPA website, [www.epa.state.oh.us](http://www.epa.state.oh.us), or by calling them at the above number

Fourth, spread the word by telling your family and friends about all the health risks associated with radon, as well as planning your own activity to help raise awareness. If you are particularly motivated, write an op-ed or letter to the editor expressing your concerns or personal stories about radon.

Fifth; buy a radon-resistant home or when constructing a new home, use radon-resistant new home construction materials.

There are several proven methods to lower the radon levels in your home. The primary solution is to install a vent pipe system and fan, which pulls the radon from beneath the home and vents it to the outside. It is called a Soil Suction Radon Reduction System and does not require major changes to your home. If your drive and foundation have cracks that make your house more susceptible, this is the best method to use.

The risks of living with radon are mainly health related. Radioactive particles can get trapped in your lungs when you breathe. As they break down, the particles release small bursts of energy. This burst of energy can damage lung tissue and this tissue damage can lead to cancer. Not every person exposed will get lung cancer, but the risk is certainly greater than without the exposure.

The raised awareness of the hazards of radon has partially been due to the recent passing of Peter Jennings and Dana Reeve. It should also be noted that smokers and non-smokers alike are equally at risk; smoking, radon, and second-hand cigarette smoke are the three leading causes of lung cancer.

Please call the following radon hotline numbers if you have any concerns about radon in your home or to request more information: 1-800-767-7239 (National Safety Council); 1-800-557-2366 (Live Help/EPA); 1-800-844-8999 (Radon fix-it hotline); 1-800-523-3187 (Radon Spanish hotline); 1-800-426-4791 (safe drinking water hotline).

(Lynette Filips contributed to this article.)

## Cleveland Colectivo is making a difference

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The spirit of philanthropy has hit a local chord with the locally-based giving circle, Cleveland Colectivo. This past summer Art House, 3119 Denison Ave. in Brooklyn Centre, was awarded a \$2000 grant by Cleveland Colectivo for their Fresh Stop/Studio Stop program. For the first time, Art House collaborated with Fresh Stop by offering an open art studio at the same time that the fresh, local fruits and vegetables from the innovative City Fresh program are available. The market offered locally grown produce at affordable prices two days per month.

Cleveland Colectivo's mission is to strengthen the community through collective investments that identify and nurture innovative projects. It represents a growing trend in circle giving, a form of philanthropy consisting of groups of individuals who pool their funds and other resources to donate to their communities and seek to increase their awareness and engagement in the process of giving.

Cleveland Colectivo members pool their funds to invest it back into projects that they see as worthwhile and exciting in Cleveland. They meet on the third Wednesday of the month at different locations (sometimes over pizza and pop) to discuss ideas and learn about initiatives and organizations that are bettering the community. The majority of the members are in their 20's and 30's but all ages are welcome. Each member contributes \$400. Currently the group has about fifteen regular members and ten others who contribute sporadically. New members are welcome as well. The meetings are announced on their website.

Walter and Judi Wright founded Cleveland Colectivo in January, 2005. After discussing their idea of giving circles to some of their friends who wanted to make a difference in their community and feel connected,

a new giving circle, Cleveland Colectivo, was born. Inspired by the traditional practice of immigrant neighbors who invested in each other's businesses in order to build community, Cleveland Colectivo is a group of like-minded friends, neighbors and colleagues who have joined together for the purpose of collective giving.

In their first year Cleveland Colectivo raised and awarded \$7,000 to community organizations. Now, three years later, they have donated a total of over \$21,000 to local initiatives. Cleveland Colectivo has been covered by such publications as Northern Ohio Live, Kiplingers, The Plain Dealer, Cleveland Magazine and by the Associated Press.

According to Walter Wright, "Cleveland Colectivo is part of a national trend - giving circles are growing across the country," said Walter Wright, one of the group's founding members. (Nationally, giving circles went from four hundred in 2004 to eight hundred in 2006.) "We believe that philanthropy is something that anyone can participate in, and we want to celebrate the grassroots projects happening in Cleveland."

Anyone can apply for the grants that range from \$500 to \$5,000, depending on the number of applicants. Cleveland Colectivo welcomes individuals, new businesses and community-based projects. Thus far the recipients range from a car-sharing program, an urban learning garden, a mural project, a program serving refugee families and our very own Art House. The application process is simple: go to [www.clevelandcolectivo.org](http://www.clevelandcolectivo.org) and complete the proposal which consists of three questions. If the proposal is approved you will be asked to make a presentation for the voting members.

Whether you're looking to be on the giving or the receiving end, if you want to be a part of the solution, Cleveland Colectivo is a good option (as well as an opportunity to meet new people and make a difference in our community.)

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# Orthodox and Byzantine Catholics from Romania settle and erect churches in "Detroit-Shoreway" area of Cleveland

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There are so very many countries in Eastern Europe from which people have immigrated to the United States! While most of them were descended from Slavic tribes whose mother tongues were of the Slavonic-type, one is more western in its orientation. Its language is derived from Latin, just as Italian, French, Spanish and Portuguese, the "romance" languages, are. That country is Romania, which, before the 1970s, was often referred to as Rumania.

According to *The Peoples of Cleveland*, compiled by the WPA in 1942 and published by the Western Reserve Historical Society in 2001, "Nearly all of the Cleveland Rumanians came from parts of their homeland that were under foreign domination before the First World War. About 75 percent were from Hungarian-controlled Transylvania; 15 percent from Austrian-ruled Bukovina; and 4 percent from Russian Bessarabia."

The first Romanians arrived here in 1888, settling on Waverly Ave. (now W. 58th St.) between Detroit Ave. and the Lake Erie Railroad. They were largely single men of peasant stock who found work at such nearby places as Westinghouse Electric Corporation, General Electric Co., American Ship Building Co., the ore docks, the stock yards, meat-packing houses and knitting mills. Most lived in boardinghouses, and it was a boardinghouse on Wedel St. (now W. 73rd St.) and Herman Ave. which became the Romanians' first place of worship and social center.

Eventually the west-side Romanian settlement stretched as far east as W. 45th St., but W. 65th St. and Detroit Ave. was the center, and that's the area where they built their first two churches. Orthodoxy was the most common religion among the Romanians, and the Orthodox congregation, St. Mary's, was organized first, in 1904, at 6201/05 Detroit Ave. The Byzantine Catholic Church, St. Helena, was organized the following year at 1367 W. 65th St., just north of Detroit.

(Eventually, the Romanians' neighbors in the "Detroit-Shoreway" area were the Italians, the nationality we discussed in our last four articles about ethnic churches — i.e., the Our Lady of Mount Carmel community on Detroit Ave. The first Mass that an Italian priest celebrated for the Mount Carmel community was at St. Helena Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church.)

**St. Mary's Rumanian/Romanian Orthodox Church** is reputed to be the first Romanian Orthodox parish in the United States; the Transylvanian priest who came to be pastor there in 1905 is reputed to be the first Romanian Orthodox priest in the United States. Their first church was dedicated in 1907. St. Mary's first pastor left Cleveland that same year and eventually established twenty other Romanian Orthodox parishes across the country. He also founded *America*, published three times a week at 5703 Detroit Ave., the first Romanian newspaper in the United States.

Over the years, St. Mary's also built a



St. Mary's  
Rumanian/Romanian Orthodox Church  
6201/05 Detroit Ave.

parish house and a church hall on their Detroit Ave. property. Known as the "National Home," the hall's dedication in 1927 was attended by Prince Nicholas of Hohenzollern, the son of Queen Marie of Romania.

**St. Helena Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church**, too, has a reputation of firsts — the first Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church in America with the first Romanian Byzantine Catholic priest in America as pastor. Though organized after St. Mary's, St. Helena's erected and dedicated the first Romanian church building in America (in 1906). Its pastor, too, came from Transylvania. Before their church was completed, the Byzantine Catholic Romanians met for Mass at St. Malachi, the Irish parish on the northeast corner of Detroit Ave. and W. 25th St.



St. Helena  
Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church,  
1367 W. 65th St

Over the years, St. Helena's original frame church was remodeled, resurfaced in brick and ultimately rebuilt (in 1965). The church's social center, erected in 1975, was expanded in 1981. Just a few years ago the congregation dedicated an outdoor shrine to Our Lady, Refuge of Sinners. Their 11 a.m. liturgy is still offered partly in Romanian (in combination with English).

When St. Helena's was organized, it was part of the Diocese of Cleveland, but in 1984, in an effort to recognize the unique identity of different ethnic groups, Pope

John Paul II established the Romanian Byzantine Catholic Diocese of Canton, Ohio. St. Helena's is now under its jurisdiction.

Returning to the timeline of the *Orthodox* Romanians, in 1955 St. Mary's decided to sell their church and property on Detroit Ave. to another Orthodox congregation. They then moved to a new location at 3256 Warren Rd. (between Lorain Ave. and I-90). There was a social hall on the new property, so that is where their liturgies were conducted until they could build a new church. It was dedicated in 1960.



St. Mary's  
Rumanian/Romanian Orthodox Church  
3256 Warren Road

To recognize its importance among Romanian Orthodox churches, in 1998 St. Mary's was elevated to the rank of a cathedral. But no bishop resides there. St. Mary's is under the jurisdiction of the episcopate in Grass Lake, Michigan which oversees all the Romanian Orthodox churches in the United States and Canada.

(St. Mary's is such an important church that in 1995, it was even pictured on a Romanian postage stamp.)

Sunday liturgies at St. Mary's are at 9:30 a.m., and they, like those at St. Helena's, are offered part in Romanian and part in English. A museum housing works done by both Romanian and Romanian-American artists is also part of St. Mary's Warren Rd. complex. Tours are available by appointment.

St. Mary's and St. Helena aren't the

only Romanian churches which were in Cleveland/northern Ohio.

A **Rumanian Baptist Church** was established in 1911, and somewhere between 1922 and 1924, they built a church at 1416/18 W. 57th St.

Another Romanian Orthodox congregation was also based on W. 57th St. One source says that in 1936 a faction broke away from St. Mary's and founded the **Buna Vestire Romanian Orthodox Church**. Another says that in 1937, **Annunciation Rumanian Orthodox Church** was leased at 1793 W. 57th St.

None of the three aforementioned congregations are together in those locations today, but the original St. Mary's Church is still standing, having been purchased several years ago by Cleveland Public Theatre, whose main theater complex is located just west of it.

Although most Romanians did live in the W. 65th-Detroit neighborhood, there were other Romanian communities on the east-side of Cleveland and also in Lorain. **Most Holy Trinity Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church** was established in 1912 (some sources say 1916) on E. 93rd St. It has since relocated to Mayfield Rd. in Chesterland. And **St. Basil Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church**, established in 1918, is located in Lorain.

The importance of Cleveland in spreading the Romanian style of Christianity across the United States has come as a surprise to me, and perhaps to you, also.

As is the case with all the ethnic groups we've been discussing, you needn't be a particular nationality to attend their liturgies, to take in the beauty of their churches, and in general, to increase the scope of your religious experiences. Feel free to visit them any Sunday.

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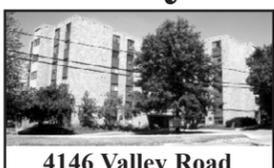
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by Lynette Filips & Sandy Worona

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**Art House,**  
3119 Denison Ave., 216-398-8556

**Family Open Studio** – Third Sat. of the month, 1 – 3 pm; \$5 per person; \$18 family of four; children 3 & under, free. Family members & above cost per visit: \$5 per adult, free for 2 children, \$3 for each additional child. No pre-registration required. Family Open Studio provides a safe & fun environment for families to create art together. Self-guided activities at drawing/painting station, clay hand-building station & craft station. Craft projects vary each month.

**Saturday children's classes, after school children's programs, evening teen & adult classes** - Complete schedule of classes, dates, times & fees available on the website, [www.arthouseinc.org](http://www.arthouseinc.org). To register for a class or workshop call **216-398-8556**. Art House is open to the public Mon. — Thurs., 10 am – 4 pm, Fri. by appointment & Sat., 9 am – 12 pm.

**CanalWay Center, E. 49th St**  
between Grant Ave & Canal Rd  
216-206-1000

**CanalWay Kids, Thurs., Jan. 17,** 10 - 11:15 am, ages 3 - 5. Learn which animals sleep all winter & which ones just take naps. Read a story & make a craft.

**History & a brown bag lunch, Wed., Jan. 23.** Join Hank Mallory for the documentary *Trains Unlimited - Built for Speed*.

**Animals Around the Clock - Wed., Jan. 23,** 7 pm. 1.5 - 2 mile hike. Ages 5 & up. Learn why some animals sleep during the day & stay active at night; go outside to look for owls.

**Cleveland Metroparks Walking Works** - Walkers have until Feb. 28, 2008 to hike at least 8 of 13 designated trails & return their form to Cleveland Metroparks to receive the 2007 shield. Download forms at [www.clevelandmetroparks.com](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com).

**Cleveland Metroparks Brecksville Reservation - Meadows Picnic Area**  
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**Hand Feed a Chickadee, Jan. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 & 27.** 10 am - noon. Stroll through the reservation to admire the beauty of the Chippewa Creek Gorge; return to a hot breakfast prepared by volunteers. Call to register.

**Animal Crackers, Wed., Jan. 23,** 10 - 11:15 am or 1 - 2:15 pm; ages 3 - 5 yrs. Bring your preschooler to explore the world of snow. Discover how snow is formed & the role it plays in the winter environment through a hike & other hands-on activities. Call to register.

**Family Fireside Series, Sat., Jan. 12,** 7 - 8 pm. Celebrate the Year of the Frog with Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Amphibian Keeper Kathy Krynak & Naturalist Tim Drynak. Experience Ecuador as they highlight their fieldwork at Reserva Las Galaias, discover why amphibians are disappearing, learn what you can do to fight this Global Amphibian crisis, & play Tadpole Trivia to "build" a frog from a tadpole. Call to register.

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**Cleveland Metropark Garfield Park Nature Center** 11350 Broadway Ave.  
216-341-3152

**Watercolor Sketching - Jan., 2, 3, 4,** 10 am - noon, age 10 & over. Three-day activity. Volunteer Nancy Martin will encourage experimentation in color techniques & composition in interpreting nature's wonders. Get a supply list when you register.

**Winter Birds, Thurs., Jan. 3,** 1:30 - 2:30 pm, ages 8 - 12. Join Garfield Park Nature Center as we learn about our backyard birds. After learning a little bit about our feathered residents, we will create feeder that can be taken home. Call to register.

**Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Nature Center** 24000 Valley Pkwy.,  
North Olmsted 440-734-6660

**Hike for Your Health - Sat., Jan. 5.** 1:30 - 4 pm, ages 10 & older. Four-mile walk through the winter forest with naturalist David Dvorak; discover what is happening with winter wildlife & walk off some holiday excess.

**Friday Nights with Nature - Fri., Jan. 11,** 7 - 8 pm or 9 - 10 pm, adults & students. Hal Mitcheltree brings to life the charm of the British Empire. Enjoy photographic journals & insightful music of British culture & history.

**Cabin Fever Hike - Sun., Jan 20,** 2 - 3:30 pm, adults & families. Enjoy icy wonders, see the pond frozen over & treasure the view from the Mount Pleasant Trail. 2 - 2.5 miles.

**Nature a la Carte - Sun., Jan 20,** 2 - 4 pm, adults & families. How many local wildlife tracks can you identify? Materials provided for kids to make an animal track booklet.

**Cleveland Metroparks Zoo**  
3900 Wildlife Way  
216-661-6500 [clemet zoo.com](http://clemet zoo.com)  
Zoo Closed Jan. 1

**Polar Bear Days - Jan., 2 - 31.** 10 am - 5 pm. Whenever WNWV The Wave predicts the high temperature for the day to be 32 degrees or below, it will be declared a "Polar Bear Day at the Zoo" and Zoo visitors receive half-price admission -- \$3.50 for adults & \$2.50 for kids ages 2-11. Kids under 2 & Zoo members are always free.

**Cleveland Museum of Art**  
11150 East Blvd. 216-421-7340

**Impressionist & Modern Masters** from the Cleveland Museum of Art on view at the museum until January 13. Impressionist & Modern Masters from the Cleveland Museum of Art, curated by William H. Robinson, features over 130 works from museum's collection of 19th & 20th century European art exhibition. "Monet to Dalí" includes masterworks in painting, drawing, prints & sculpture by most important & influential modernist era artists.

**Cleveland Public Library, Brooklyn**  
3706 Pearl Rd. 216-623-6920

**Play and Learn!** – Every Fri., 10-11 am. Join other caregivers & toddlers, have fun with a variety of books & learning toys.

**Preschool Story Time** – Every Fri., 11–11:30 am. Stories & songs for children ages 3-5. Call for specific program requests or more info.

**Cleveland Public Library, South Brooklyn**  
4303 Pearl Rd. 216-623-7067

**Preschool Storytime** - Every Tues., 11:30 am - 12:30 pm and Thurs., 10 - 11 am. Interactive stories, rhymes, songs & other activities for children 3-5 years. Call to register.

**Toddler Time** - Every Tues., 10:30 - 11:30 am. Interactive stories, rhymes, songs & other activities for children 1-2 years. Call to register.

**Play and Learn** - Every Fri., 11- 12 pm. Join other caregivers & toddlers. Have fun with a variety of books & learning toys & make new friends. Call to register.

**Estabrook Recreation Center**  
4125 Fulton Rd. 216-664-4149

Recreational Activities - Family Swim - Family Gym - Ceramics - Weight Room. Call for schedule; times vary. All above activities free. Call for more info.

**Lake Erie Nature & Science Center**  
28728 Wolf Rd. Bay Village 440-871-2900  
[www.lens.org](http://www.lens.org)

**Stellar Stars - Wed., 11 am. & Sat. noon.** Fee children \$2. Marvel at the night sky & enjoy the stars, watch lasers moving to music & learn fun facts about the solar system. Take home a planet picture to color & add a sticker to your passport.

**Twinkle Tots - Thurs., 11:45 & Sat 11 am.** Fee \$1 per person including infants. See whats new in space, watch lights dance, & see magic.

**Backyard Astronomy - Saturday,** 1 pm. Fee, \$2 per person. Explore the night sky from your own backyard. View constellations & other celestial objects.

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Mon., Jan 21,** free and discounted programs & activities  
University Circle  
10831 Magnolia Drive 216-791-3900  
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**A Day of Music - Severance Hall,** noon -

5pm, community open house. Cleveland Youth Orchestra & other local dance & music groups. **Cleveland Botanical Garden,** 11030 East Blvd. 216-721-1600 - Free admission, 10 am - 5 pm.

**Cleveland Children's Museum,** 10730 Euclid Ave. 216-791-7114 - Half price admission, \$3; kids can make multi-colored peace bracelets.

**Cleveland Museum of Natural History,** One Wade Oval. 216-231-4600. Free admission, 10 am - 5 pm.

**Downtown**

**Rock & Roll Hall of Fame,** 1100 Rock and Roll Blvd. E 9th St & Lake Erie. Free admission. 216-781-ROCK.

**Great Lakes Science Center,** 601 Erieside Ave (at North Coast Harbor) 216 694-2000. Free admission; 9:30 am - 5:30pm.

**Western Reserve Historical Society**  
10825 East Blvd. 216-721-5722

History Museum, Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum, & Library. Regular hours, Mon. - Sat., 10 am - 5 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Hay-McKinney Mansion tours daily, noon - 5 pm. Regular admission - adults, \$8.50; seniors, \$7.50; students, \$5. Parking, \$5.

**Short and Sweet: Two Centuries of American Childhood, Sat., Jan. 19,** 11 am. : A presentation by Megan Spagnolo, curator, Costume & Textiles. Behind the scenes of the creation of the new exhibit in the costume wing of the WRHS, how she developed the concept, created the story line, chose the clothing & artifacts & put it all together. From the eighteenth century when children were treated as "little adults", to the late nineteenth century's evolution of gender identity, to the pink & blue of the 20th century, children's clothing reflects America's evolving attitude toward youth from 1740 to 1960. Free with museum admission.

**World War II at the Movies – European Theater - Sat., Jan. 19, 2 - 4 pm.**

Dr. Ed Pershey leads a program about movies & sharing memories. Drop by to compare memories of the War-front & home-front based on movie clips from the war years. Visitors can view & review movie battle scene segments with some of the vets who lived through the ordeal & some of the home front folks who watched them at the time. Free with museum admission. WWII veterans & their spouses free.

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**Active Living Every Day** - Presented by the Schwab Center, Tuesdays 10 am. Call 216-749-5367 to register.

**Chair Bowling** - Fri., 10:30 am, The Schwab Center. Mon., 10 am, Deaconess-Krafft Center.

**Craft Classes** - Tues. & Thurs., 9:30 - 11:30 am, Deaconess Krafft.

**Crochet Klatch** - Tues., 9:30 - 11:30 am, The Schwab Center.

**Chair Exercise** - Tues., 11:30 am, The Schwab Center. Thurs., 10:30 am, Estabrook Recreation. Fri., 10 am, Deaconess-Krafft.

**"SCR Strollers"** - Walking group, Tues., 10:30 am, meet at The Schwab Center.

**Bocce ball** - Tues., 8:30 am, Estabrook.

**Line Dancing** - Tues., 1 pm. The Schwab Center. \$15 for a six-week session.

**Post Office on Wheels** - First Thurs. of every month, 9:30 - 10 am, Deaconess-Krafft. 11 - 11:30 am, The Schwab Center.

**Book Club** - Call 2196-749-5367 to register.

### Fun & Games

**Canasta** - Mon. & Wed., 12:30 pm, Deaconess Krafft.

**Fruit Bingo** - Mon., 11:30 am, The Schwab Center; & Wed., 10:30 am, Deaconess-Krafft Center.

**Pinochle Playing** - Tues. & Fri., 12:15 pm, Deaconess-Krafft.

**Movies** - Deaconess-Krafft Center. Fri., Jan. 25th 12:30 pm. Wed., Jan. 23rd The Schwab Center.

**Active Living Every Day** - Tues., 10 am. Estabrook Recreation. Call 216-749-5367 to register.

**Wednesday, February 20th**  
**The Odd Couple at The Carousel Dinner Theatre** - Cost, \$59 per person. Call 216-749-5367 to register.

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**Wednesday, January 2nd**  
**St. Ann's Womens Guild Card Party**  
Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Parish Center, 4429 Pearl Rd., 12 - 3 pm. Call Julia Santamaria, 216-351-9970, for more info.

**Sunday, January 6th**  
**Epiphany Chili Supper**  
St. Luke's United Church of Christ, 4216 Pearl Rd. (corner Pearl & Memphis), 4 pm. Celebrate the Feast of The Epiphany. Following a chili supper, share traditions of the Epiphany & sing Christmas carols, accompanied by Ukrainian-trained pianist Larissa Logan. Call 216-351-4422 to RSVP.

**Wednesday, January 2nd & 16th**  
**Senior Meeting**  
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., noon, in the upstairs Gathering Room. Brings a sack lunch; beverages provided. Begin the new year with St. James' seniors.

**Sunday, January 13th**  
**January Dinner**  
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd. Noon. Menu includes lasagna with garlic bread, new year green beans, creamy fruit salad, rolls & beverages & snow on the mountain for dessert. Cost, \$7 adults & \$4 children under 10. Make reservations by calling the church office, 351-6499, by Thurs., Jan. 10.

**Tuesday, January 22nd**  
**Widows & Widowers Luncheon**  
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., noon. Menu includes chicken & rice, garlic carrots, salads & desserts. Cost, \$3 per person. Reserve a place by contacting the church office, 216- 351-6499. Bring a friend!

**Sunday, January 27th**  
**Lenten Church Family Project**  
St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, St. Mary's Crystal Chalet, corner of Biddulph Ave. & State Rd. "Meat Fare Sunday", noon - 2 pm. Meatloaf dinner to raise funds for the needy. Adults, \$8; children, \$5. Meatloaf with-

gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable, dessert & beverage. All proceeds go towards St. Mary's Family "Lenten Project" to assist needy families in the parish as well as in the immediate neighborhood. Call the church school office, 216-749-7980, for more info.

**As I see it...**  
by  
**Pastor Jerry**



On January 6 Christians celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. Traditionally, this event recalls the Wise Men, who honored the christ Child by bringing him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. By the way, the Bible does not say there were three men. This number probably evolved because three gifts were named.

Religious scholars offer varying views on the Epiphany. One theology professor claims it was of Egyptian rather than Jewish origin, noting it replaced a pagan feast at the Egyptian winter solstice around the fourth century. Did the Wise Men visit the Infant Jesus at the manger in Bethlehem? Even that's debatable among scholars.

Whatever the circumstances, we at St. Luke's will celebrate Epiphany on Sunday, January 6, at 4:00 pm with a Chili Supper, readings focusing on the Epiphany, and a relaxed, fun time of singing Christmas carol before they are "tucked away" for another year. All are welcome to join us! Just to make sure we have enough chili, call 216-351-4422 to make a reservation.

Actually, the birth of Christ is just the beginning of the story. Don't let your knowledge of Christianity stay in its infancy, with a child in a manger. Continue your faith journey by attending your house of worship throughout the year.

**Jerry Madasz is the pastor of  
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## BYZANTINE CATHOLIC

**St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church**  
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**Good News Ministries Church**  
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**Grace Church**  
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Sundays: Cafe Oasis, 11:15am.  
Worship service: 10:00 am.  
Wed. nights: call for available adult classes.

## LUTHERAN

**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church E.L.C.A.**  
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Phone: 216-741-8230  
Sunday Worship & Sunday School: 10 am.

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
Scranton and Seymour Ave.  
Phone: 216-781-9511  
Pastor: Rev. Horst Hoyer & Rev. John Hoyer  
German Worship: Sun. 9 am. English 10:30 am  
**Christmas Eve:** German 7:30 pm, English Candelight 9:30 pm. **Christmas Day:** German 9 am, English 10:30 am

**Parma Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
5280 Broadview Rd. (North & Tuxedo Ave.)  
Phone: 351-6376 Pastor: Donald E. Frantz II  
Sat., Services: 5:15 pm, Sun. 10:20 am. Sun. School: 9 - 10 am. "Rejoicing Spirits", worship service for developmentally disabled -- second Sun. of the month, 5:30 pm.  
Call for new member classes being scheduled.

**Unity Lutheran Church**  
4542 Pearl Rd. Phone: 216-741-2085  
Rev. Peeter Pirm  
Worship Service: 9:30 am  
Sunday School & Adult Study: 11am  
Preschool/Day Care 3-12 yrs.

**St. James Lutheran Church**  
4771 Broadview Rd. Phone: 216-351-6499  
Pastor: Paul W. Hoffman  
Sunday Worship: 8 & 10:30 am  
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Sat. Services: 5 pm.  
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## NON-DENOMINATIONAL

**Circle of Inner Light Spiritual Community**  
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## POLISH NAT'L CATHOLIC

**St. Mary's Church**  
Corner Broadview & Wexford, Parma  
Pastor: Rev. Roman Misiewicz  
Phone: 216-741-8154  
Sunday Masses: 9 am English, 11 am Polish  
Sunday School: 10:00 am

## ROMAN CATHOLIC

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Church**  
4423 Pearl Rd. Phone: 216-749-2323  
Pastor: Fr. LeRoy J. Moreeuw, C.P.P.S.  
Masses: Sat. 4:30 pm; Sun., 8:30 & 11am  
Weekday Masses: Mon.-Sat., 8 am  
School Phone: 216-741-3685

**Church of St. Leo The Great**  
4940 Broadview Rd.  
Phone: 216-661-1006  
Pastor: Fr. Russ Lowe  
Masses: Sat., 4 pm. Sun., 8 am, 10 am & 12 noon

**Saint Barbara Church**  
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Administrator: Fr. Lucjan Stokowski  
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Sun., 9 am, 11am (Polish)

**Corpus Christi Church**  
5204 Northcliff Ave., Phone: 216-351-8738  
Pastor: Fr. Russell Lowe  
1st Fri. of the month: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5 - 7 pm Communion Service. Weekday Mass: Mon. & Wed., 9 am. Weekend Masses: Sat., 4:30 pm; Sun., 10 am. Communion services Tues. & Thurs. 8 am.

## PRESBYTERIAN

**Brooklyn Presbyterian Church (USA)**  
4308 Pearl Rd. at Spokane Ave.  
Phone: 216-741-8331 Rev. Adrienne Lloyd  
Sun. Worship: 10:30 am. Sun. school 10:15 am  
Parking at Busch Funeral Home

## SWENDENBORGIAN

**Swedenborg Chapel**  
A New Christianity 4815 Broadview Rd,  
Phone: 216-351-8093  
Pastor: Rev. Junchol Lee  
Sunday Worship: 11am  
Adult Bible (non-fundamental): Sat., 10 am  
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## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Archwood U.C.C.**  
2800 Archwood Ave. Phone: 216-351-1060  
Rev. Dr. John S. Campbell, Interim Pastor  
Sunday: 11 am (ASL Interpreted)  
Nursery provided ages 1-5  
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[www.archwooducc.org](http://www.archwooducc.org)

**Brooklyn Heights U.C.C.**  
Rev. Dr. Lee Holliday  
2005 W. Schaaf Rd. Phone: 216-741-2280  
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Sunday Worship & Church School: 9:30 am

**St. Luke's U.C.C.**  
4216 Pearl Rd. (corner Memphis Ave.)  
Phone: 216-351-4422  
Pastor: Gerald Madasz  
Sunday Worship: 10:15 am

**Trinity U.C.C.**  
3525 West 25th St. (entrance off Scranton)  
Phone: 216-351-7667  
Pastor: Rev. David T Durkit  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am  
email: [ucctrinitychurch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ucctrinitychurch@sbcglobal.net)  
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**United Church of Christ in Brooklyn**  
8720 Memphis Ave. Phone: 216-661-0227  
Pastor: Rev. Robert Z. Lahr  
Sunday School & Worship: 11am

## UNITED METHODIST

**Brooklyn Memorial UMC**  
2607 Archwood Ave. Phone: 216-459-1450  
Pastor: Rev. Pamela Buzalka  
Sun. Worship: 10:45 am. Sun. school 10 am  
Tues., Weekday wonders bible study, 11 am.  
Thurs., New Church contemporary service 6:45 - 8 pm.

**Pearl Rd. United Methodist Church**  
4200 Pearl Rd. Phone: 216-661-5642  
Pastor: Rev. Paul Wilson  
Sunday Worship & Sunday School: 10 am  
Adult Study & Coffee Hour: 11 am  
Free hunger meal Thursdays: 6 pm  
<http://www.gbgm-umc.org/pearl-road-umc>

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# THEATRE NOTES



**Cassidy Theatre of Greenbriar Commons**  
6200 Pearl Rd. 440-842-4600

### "The Odd Couple"

Fri., Jan. 18 - Sun., Feb. 3. Fri. & Sat., 8 pm. Sun., 3 pm. Tickets -- \$15, adults & \$14; students & children.

**Auditions for The "Wizard of Oz" at Cassidy Theatre** spring Youth Theatre musical, Sat., Jan. 12th, 3 - 6 pm & Mon., Jan. 14, 4 - 6 pm. No appointments needed. Come prepared with a song that is not from the Wizard of Oz movie. Songs can be capella (unaccompanied) or bring sheet music; an accompanist will be present. No "karaoke" style singing to CD's or tapes will be accepted. All persons auditioning must do one of the two dance auditions. Rehearsals -- 5-7 pm, Mon. - Thurs. Production dates, Sat., March 8 & 15, 10 am & 2 pm. For more info call Dianea or Sarah, 440-842-4600.

### Cleveland Public Theatre

6415 Detroit Ave. 216-631-2727

### James Levin Theater

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### "Modern Problems"

by Steve Maistros; Fri., Sat. & Sun., Jan. 4 -6.

### "Companions"

by MegLouise Dance; Fri., Sat. & Sun., Jan. 11-13.

### "Crashing Through Ceilings"

by Anne McEvoy; Fri., Sat. & Sun., Jan., 18-20.

### "The Greatest Story Ever Told"

by Jason Mullin; and

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### "The Josie Project"

by Michael Williams; Fri., Sat. & Sun., Jan., 25 - 27.

### "The One Who"

by Scott Plate; Fri., Sat. & Sun., Feb. 1-3.

### "Costumbrismo, or Khandihba Wars"

by Deborah Magid; Fri., Sat. & Sun., Feb. 8-10.

### "vis-a-vis"

by Kalindi Stockton & Maree ReMalia and "DeVices" by Shenee King; Fri., Sat. & Sun., Feb., 15-17.

### "Ictus"

by Barbara Becker; Fri., Sat. & Sun., Jan., 25-27.

### Near West Theatre

3606 Bridge Ave. 216-961-9750

**Near West Theatre's 10th Annual Benefit** Thirty years old...Forever young! Feb.17, Playhouse Square Center, 5 pm.

### The Play House

State Theatre

8500 Euclid Ave. 216-795-7000, ext.233  
www.clevelandplayhouse.com

### "Elvis Birthday Tribute"

Sun., Jan. 6, 7 pm. Tickets, \$10 - \$45. Back by popular demand, The Elvis Recreators will celebrate Elvis' 73rd birthday. Elvis Aaron Presley was born on January 8, 1935. Join Playhouse Square as it hosts The Elvis Birthday Tribute, a concert that covers the four main era's of Elvis Presley's musical history. The show features songs from the Rock-A-Billy Elvis years, The Military/Movie years, the '68 Comeback Special in black leather and the Las Vegas Jumpsuit years.

### "George Gershwin Alone"

Tues., Jan. 15 - Sun., Feb. 3. Tues. - Fri., 8 pm; Sat., 3 & 8 pm. Sun. matinee, 2 pm. Tickets start at \$39.



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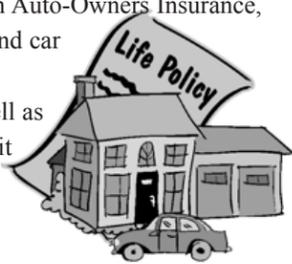
Last month, (left to right) Officer Beverage, Sargent Elmore, Officer Lamb and Officer Feador from the Second District Police Station on Fulton Rd. backed up the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation's code enforcement person, Debra Zeleny, in opening a vacant and vandalized multi-family apartment on Denison Ave.

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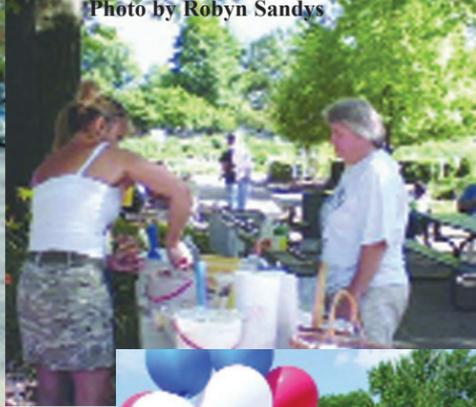


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