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Proposed funding cut has potential impact on OBCDC'S service area

by Robyn Sandys
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The following letter was sent to Daryl Rush, the Director of the City of Cleveland's Community Development department, on March 26, 2010. It was also sent to a number of other employees within that department, Cleveland City Council members and staff from a number of CDC's and related organizations.

The letter describes some important concerns we as an organization have with how decisions are potentially being made regarding the re-structuring of the Stockyards CDC. These decisions may affect our CDC's service area, mainly having a portion of Brooklyn Centre (Ward 14) being covered by one or more other CDC's.

Please take the time to read this letter and if you have any comments, feel free to forward them to any of the appropriate parties mentioned in the letter or to us at OBCDC.

Dear Director Rush:

As you know, Stockyards Redevelopment Organization ("SRO") is currently going through a planning process to determine the future direction of the organization. This process is being facilitated by Laura Junglas, who is under contract with the City of Cleveland, Department of

Community Development. Up until recently, the process had been heading in the direction of SRO assuming responsibility for what had been the service area of the former Clark-Metro CDC. However, at a public meeting the evening of Thursday, March 11, Laura and others suggested that some involved in the process were also considering removing the Brooklyn Centre neighborhood from the service area of the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation ("OBCDC") and incorporating Brooklyn Centre into the SRO service area. And, prior to that March 11 public meeting, Councilman Cummins had indicated to Robyn Sandys that he did not intend to provide any funding to OBCDC for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010.

Following the March 11 meeting, Councilman Westbrook suggested that OBCDC put on paper its concerns regarding both the process and the potential outcome. This letter is intended as a follow up on Councilman Westbrook's suggestion and includes some history of OBCDC, our understanding of the process to date, and our concerns.

History

OBCDC now serves both the Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn neighborhoods. The current OBCDC is the result of the first

successful consolidation of two CDC's, the former Old Brooklyn CDC and the former Old Brooklyn Neighborhood Services ("OBNS"). Prior to the consolidation, OBNS served the southern areas of the Old Brooklyn neighborhood, and the former Old Brooklyn CDC served the Brooklyn Centre neighborhood and the northern portions of the Old Brooklyn neighborhood.

It is important to note that the former Old Brooklyn CDC had served Brooklyn Centre since 1998, providing the typical CDC services in the areas of residential and commercial support, assistance with safety concerns, community outreach, and neighborhood social events. OBCDC has been a nonprofit community development organization since 1975 serving a good portion of Old Brooklyn. Two of Old Brooklyn CDC's most prominent tools for outreach, The Old Brooklyn News (a community newspaper in

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Happy Easter!



Marcel and Anthony visited with the Easter Bunny at a party at Grace Church on Saturday, March 27th.

New internet service coming for Ward 13

by Kevin Kelley
Ward 13 Councilman

Can we make this community a leader in innovation and technology? Yes, we must. Together, we can make this community an example of how government can support its citizens in achieving universal access to information and technology. And we owe it to our children and to ourselves to strive for ambitious goals.

A recent Commerce Department report indicated that 40% of Americans do not have high speed internet access at home. Estimates indicate that approximately half of Clevelanders lack internet access in their households. This is not acceptable, and these numbers should serve as a wake up call to our community. We cannot expect our children to compete with their peers, whether in Bay Village or Beijing, if they do not have basic access to information and technology.

This community must take this digital divide seriously and plan how to erase it. Without access to the internet, our community is at a competitive disadvantage in today's economy. In today's economy, most job openings are posted online; applications are taken electronically; and communication with potential employers is handled almost entirely through the internet and email communication. Furthermore, basic computer literacy is a requirement of almost any job in today's economy.

To position our neighborhood to thrive in today's economy, the goal of this community should be nothing less than assuring that 100% of our residents have internet access in their homes. Only by assuring full access to information and technology can this community assure that it can compete in the twenty-first century economy. With improved access to information comes more opportunity for our children and a more robust climate for small business development.

For these reasons, I have been working with the City's Internet Technology Division and the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation to develop a wireless, high-speed internet project, designed to bring high-speed internet access to all households, businesses, and government buildings in Ward 13.

While there are still some funding issues to resolve, I hope to be able to announce the launch of this project in the very near future. The goal of this project is nothing short of 100% internet access for

residents of Ward 13. This community can lead this region in access to information and technology. Together, we can make this goal a reality.

To achieve 100% access, we need 100% community buy-in. This project is an investment in the people of Ward 13. With this investment in you, great things will be expected. And it should be expected that this community make the most of this great tool that will be provided. We need parents to make every effort to give their children access to information and technology and the hardware needed to access it.

Ultimately, it will be parents' commitment to their kids' futures that will determine the success of our community. And we need the local business community to develop a strategy of how to use technology as an economic development tool.

This project will provide opportunity to you, your family and this community. And, once installed, it will be up to all of us to make the most of it. Working together, we can make Ward 13 the most connected community in the region, and fully take advantage of the twenty-first century economy.

OBCDC receives \$2500 check from Wells Fargo Home Mortgage

by Lori Peterson
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Wells Fargo Home Mortgage holds an annual nationwide *Pick of the Pro* contest at the beginning of the football season with their Realtor partners. The Realtor picks a housing charity of his/her choice at the beginning of the season for the proceeds to

would be a "good fit". Also, he grew up in Old Brooklyn on Wetzel Ave. and has fond memories of the neighborhood.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation was one of 15 chosen for first prize. "This is exciting; it is the first time a Cleveland non-profit has won!" Charles exclaimed.



Photo by Lori Peterson

OBCDC Executive Director Robyn Sandys (right) accepts a \$2,500 check from Wells Fargo representatives (left to right) Rich Roskoph and Vivian Borromeo and Century 21 Realtor Charles Prell, who entered OBCDC in the contest.

go to and a football team to win each week. If their team wins they are entered into a drawing for a weekly prize that the Realtor receives.

The winning cards are then entered into a drawing at the end of the season. The Grand Prize winner receives \$25,000 and the non-profit that wins 1st prize receives \$2,500.

Century 21 DePiero Realtor Charles Prell (specializes in Old Brooklyn and Parma neighborhoods) chose Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) as his non-profit of choice. Because of the housing issues that the organization assists residents with, he thought it

Quite a few of the houses Charles sells are in Old Brooklyn. Since he grew up here, he can sell the charm of the neighborhood to his clients. Charles recalls hanging out at Loew Park and taking swimming lessons at the Cleveland Metropark Zoo. "Yes, I'm dating myself," he chuckles. (The Zoo used to have a public swimming pool where the amphitheatre is now.)

Charles attended William Rainey Harper Elementary School and two years at Rhodes High School. After he got married he moved back to the neighborhood, on Germaine Ave. His fondness for Old Brooklyn is what inspired him to give back to the community that he grew up in.

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by James Greenwood, wrestling coach,
James Ford Rhodes High School

Irayel Williams, class of 2011
James Ford Rhodes High School

Age: 16
Weight Class: 189 lbs
Sport: Wrestling
G.P.A.: 3.30

2009/ 2010 Achievements:
Admiral King Tournament Champion and Most Pins Award;
Two-time Columbia Tournament Champion;
Len Pariano Tournament Champion (Midpark High School);
John Mateucci Classic Tournament Champion & Outstanding Wrestler Award (Eastlake North High School);
Senate Athletic League Champion;
Two-time OHSAA Sectional Champion;
OHSAA District 4th place;
OHSAA State Championships 8th place;
1st State placewinner from James Ford Rhodes in over 50 years & the only state placewinner from Cleveland in 5 years;
Coaches: James Greenwood & Darrell Scott.

1. When did you start wrestling? In 9th grade.
2. Who got you started in the mat sport? My best friend and teammate Joe Vinoski.
3. How did you get so good so fast? Hard practices & lots of losses.

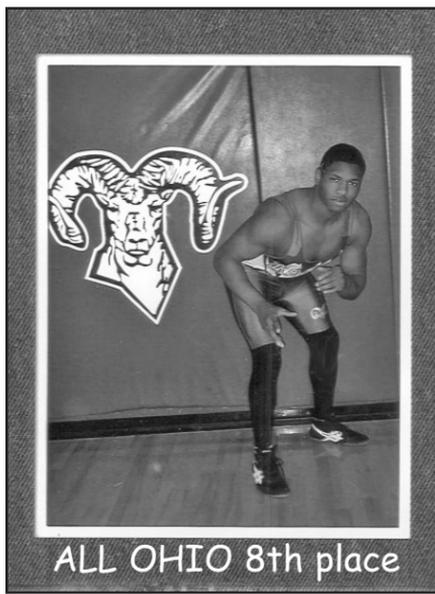


Photo courtesy of Coach James Greenwood

4. Who is your favorite athlete? Adrian Peterson (Minnesota Vikings Runningback).
5. What is your favorite wrestling memory? Winning my first Sectional Title.
6. If you could go to any college, where would you go? University of Pittsburgh.
7. What's your favorite Movie/T.V.show? American Gangster with Denzel Washington.
8. What's your favorite food? Pepperoni & Pineapple Pizza.
9. What's your favorite song? "Forever Young" by Jay-Z.
10. Who's your biggest fan? My grandma, Patricia Miles.

Qualifications & success factors: a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA and a minimum B average in math for this current school year, plus an aptitude for basic math-related concepts (ruler reading, fractions & decimals);
Students who enjoy putting things together (problem solving), exhibit a team-player attitude and are interested in learning about CMSD manufacturing tracks for high school would be ideal candidates.
For more information call Jessica Walker @ 216-588.1440 x 123 or AIMCamp@wire-net.org.

**WIRE-Net to sponsor
AIM Summer Camp
for incoming ninth graders**

AIM Summer Camp is a fun summer program geared towards students entering 9th grade in the 2010-2011 school year, who are interested in learning about high school tracks & careers in manufacturing.
Students will be exposed to: pre-engineering software to design their own derby race cars, machining to build their cars, math concepts, life skills that are necessary to thrive in high school, and manufacturing tours that create "real world" work experiences.

**From the desk of the
executive director**

by Robyn Sandys
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March flew by which is good because we are getting closer to the almost warmth of spring. This has been a very busy month for all of us at OBCDC. We are planning our first ever 5K run in partnership with the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and Ohio Department of Transportation to be held on Sunday, June 13th. This event called "Bridging the Distance" will be in celebration of the opening of the Fulton Road Bridge, closed now for three years! Look for more details over the coming weeks in the OBN and on our web site at www.oldbrooklyn.com, as well as our Facebook page.

Of course we are also planning for our 3rd annual "All Access" Home and Bicycle Tour scheduled for Saturday, July 17. This year we will be closing some streets and creating an even more festival like atmosphere than in past years. Our major partner is Walk+Roll but we are also partnering with MetroHealth Senior Health and Wellness Center along with many other businesses and organizations in the community.

Both of these major events are in need of sponsorships. There are great opportunities to get your businesses name affiliated with wonderful community events. The 5K run will be advertised on our promoters (Hermes) web site

which goes to over 50,000 people as well as on our web site, Facebook and Twitter pages. The "All Access" event will also be promoted to thousands of people who are affiliated with Walk+Roll and our organization. Please contact us if you would be interested in helping with these two events in any way, in-kind (snacks and water needed), prizes, or cash is always a good thing!

We have also been busy applying for our Community Development Block grant funds for this coming year through the City of Cleveland. The letter which started on the first page goes into much depth about that. We are hopeful that we will have the same level of operating funds we received last year so that we can provide the same level of service. Keep your fingers crossed for us; we need your support!!

The CDC is doing our best to not only provide needed services related to neighborhood revitalization but we also are focusing more on community events and activities so that all that live here can meet their neighbors. And, those from outside of the area can learn what a great place this part of Cleveland is! If you use Facebook, become a fan of Old Brooklyn CDC so you can stay posted to all of our upcoming events. Happy early spring!



THEATER NOTES

Cassidy Theatre of Greenbriar Commons
6200 Pearl Rd. 440-842-4600
www.cassidytheatre.com

"tick,tick...BOOM"
Fri., Apr. 9th - Sun., Apr. 25th; Fri. & Sat. -- 8 pm; Sun.-- 3 pm. Tickets: \$20, adults; \$15, seniors & students.

Cleveland Public Theatre
6415 Detroit Ave. 216-631-2727
www.cptonline.org

"Danceworks 10"
Thurs., Apr. 1st - Sun., Apr. 18th. Six NE Ohio dance companies -- MegLouise Dance, Inlet Dance Theatre, Verb Ballets, MorrisonDance, Antaeus Dance and Travesty Dance Group -- present new works. Gordon Square Theatre -- Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 7 pm; Sun., 3 pm; James Levin Theatre -- Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 7:30 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets: \$21, general admission; \$19, advance online purchase; \$2 discount for students & seniors.

Great Lakes Theater Festival at the Hanna
2067 E. 14th St. bet. Euclid & Prospect
216-241-6000 www.greatlakestheater.org

"Bat Boy: The Musical" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream"
presented in rotating repertory, Thurs., April 8th - Sun., May 16th. Check website for special

performances enhancements -- Salon Thursdays (pre-show lectures); Happy Hour Fridays, Night Cap Saturdays and Ice Cream Social Sundays. Adult tickets -- \$15 - \$69; student tickets, \$11, any performance, any seat.

Playhouse Square Center
1501 Euclid Ave.
216-241-6000 www.playhousesquare.com

Flanagan's Wake
now thru Apr 17th
(Kennedy's Cabaret)

- Sat., Apr. 10th; Fri. & Sat.-- 8 pm.; Sun. -- 5 pm. Tickets: \$18 - \$20.
Too many touring productions to mention; check website for shows & dates; also look for "Smart Seat" icons; some shows have limited number of high balcony seats for \$10 each & (new this season) first floor seats for \$20 (plus handling charge).

"Fair on the Square"
(free annual event for NE Ohio Educators)
Mon., April 26th, 4 - 6 p.m. in State Theatre. Opportunity to meet with over 50 top Greater Cleveland arts, science & cultural organizations & learn about field trip & curriculum enhancing opportunities. Food, drinks & prizes. Advance registration requested; additional information available at www.playhousesquare.org/faironthesquare.

SAVE THE DATE
for the following upcoming events:

- **May 8th** - River Sweep, 9 a.m.
- **May 22nd** - Old Brooklyn bicycle raffle ride in conjunction with Cleveland Bicycle Week.
- **May 22nd** - Antique bicycle display in front of Ameriflag.
- **June 13th** - Bridging the Distance - 5k/1mi Run Walk - A Celebration of the Fulton Bridge, 1932-2010.
- **June 19th** - Grand Opening celebration of Loew Park's Splash Pool, 1-2 p.m.
- **June 19th** - Movie Night Under the Stars - *Jungle Book* - Loew Park.
- **July 17th** - All Access Bicycle Tour with Walk+Roll.
- **July 30th** - Movie Under the Stars - *UP* - Archmere Park.
- **August 3rd** - National Night Out Against Crime.
- **August 7th** - Adult Pool Party-Movie Under the Stars - *And the Winner Is...* Loew Park.
- **August 27th** - Old Brooklyn/Brooklyn Centre Community Picnic - Movie - *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* - Brookside Reservation.

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Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation Board Meetings, are every fourth Tues. of the month, 6 - 7:30 pm. OBCDC meeting room (3344 Broadview Rd., upstairs). Meetings open to the public but the board reserves the right to close portions of the meetings. To confirm call 216-459-1000.

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OBCDC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) that serves the communities of Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn. For more information regarding services and projects call 216-459-1000.

NEWS & EVENTS

Every Tuesday and Thursday

Manna from Heaven Outreach Center
Inside Fruitful in a Desert Place Ministry, 4490 Pearl Rd., 2 - 6 pm. Free giveaway of diverse necessities such as clothes, food & toys; also counseling, support groups, career development programs & youth drama club that meet every 4th Saturday, 3 - 5 pm. Accepting donations of household items (plates, cups, silverware, appliances, linen, towels, curtains, etc.) during Center hours. Anyone needing alternative times should call 216 704-6818 to make arrangements.

**First Friday of Every Month
Free Hot Meal**

St. Boniface Campus School Hall, 3555 W. 54th St. (Enter from side parking lot on W. 52nd St.) Doors open, 4 pm; dinner served, 5 - 6 pm. Sponsored by St. Boniface Church & St. Rocco Church.

Sunday, April 4th

Easter Sunrise Service

Riverside Cemetery, 3607 Pearl Rd., William R. Halley Chapel, 6:30 am; non-denominational. Call 216-351-4800 or visit www.riversidecemeterycleveland.org for more info.

Monday, April 5th

Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society

Independence Civic Center, White Oak Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 7:30 pm. Judith Cetina, Ph.D., Director of the Cuyahoga County Archives, speaking about one of her specialties -- "Tapping into Archived Courthouse Records". Refreshments afterwards; all welcome; call president Don Koslowski, 440-526-7105, for more info.

Saturday, April 10th

Huge Indoor Garage Sale

Brooklyn Community/Senior Center, 7727 Memphis Ave., 9 - 4 pm. Hosted by the Brooklyn Animal Shelter. Clothes & shoes in all sizes, coats, jackets, linens, small appliances, pet toys, children's & adult books, glassware, collectables & more. Everything clean, good quality, gently used or new. Food & drink, t-shirts & sweatshirts also for sale. Proceeds from non-vendor related items used for veterinary expenses of cats & dogs waiting to be adopted at Brooklyn Animal Shelter. Visit www.brooklynshelter.org or call 216-661-2418 for more info. Shelter is open Mon., Wed. & Sat., 12 - 3; Tues. & Thurs., 6 - 8 & Wed. & Fri. by appointment. Call 216-741-1213 to reach the shelter.

**Registration begins Monday, April 12th
Greater Cleveland Trails & Greenways
Conference - Monday, June 7th**

Southwest General Health Center & Polaris Career Center, Middleburg Hts. First Greater Cleveland Trails & Greenways Conference offers public, private & nonprofit professionals & trail advocates to learn about benefits of these amenities & tools needed to develop them. Workshops, case studies, guest speakers & visit to recently completed *Lake to Lake Trail* of Cleveland Metroparks. CEUs available in Planning, Engineering, Parks & Health professions. Sponsors & exhibitors welcome. Call Bob Gardin, 216-269-6472, or visit www.GCtrails.org for more info.

Thursday, April 8th

Antique Collectors Club Meeting

Busch Funeral Meeting Room, 7501 Ridge Rd., 7 pm. Tom Clifford speaking about Ceramic Arts Pottery (children & animals). Guests welcome.

Every 2nd Thursday

**Radio Mystery Theater/
Old Time Radio Night Social**

Visible Voice Books, 1023 Kenilworth Ave., 216-961-0084. Old-time radio mystery theater, 6:30 pm; free. Sit back, relax...have a glass of wine -- the bookstore sells it!--, a snack & hear famous voice actors performing stories by classic radio writers-- in a nostalgic & intimate set-

ting. The stories were crafted especially for radio & to stir the imagination without a picture on a screen! Call Calvin, 216-4013118, for more info.

Every Mon., Wed., Fri. Thru April 19th

Census Questionnaire Assistance Center
Old Brooklyn CDC, 3344 Broadview Rd. Census staff person available to privately speak with individuals seeking assistance between 10 am & 3 pm.

Tuesday, April 27th

Western Reserve Rose Society Meeting
Parma South Public Library, 7335 Ridge Rd. Meeting 7 - 9 pm. Spring Rose Panel discussing opening the garden for the new growing season. Everyone welcome. Call 330-220-2213 or email at webmaster@westernreservesociety.org for more info.

Friday, April 16th & Saturday, April 17th

**CityMusic Cleveland Chamber Orchestra
Concert Series**
Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3649 E. 65th St., Fri., 7:30 pm & St. Ignatius of Antioch Church, 10205 Lorain Ave., Sat., 8 pm. Cleveland debut of Hungarian born Conductor Gregory Vajda in a program called *Heartstring*. Soloist Heidi Ruby Kushious, Flute, making her debut with CityMusic Cleveland in Mozart's Flute Concerto #1.

Sunday, April 18th

Arts Renaissance Tremont

Pilgrim Congregational Church, 2592 W. 14th St. at Starkweather Ave., 3 pm. David Requiro, cello, & Elizabeth DeMio, piano, performing Saint-Saens: C Minor Sonata, op. 32; Beethoven: A Major Sonata, op. 69; & Shostakovich: D Minor Sonata, op. 40. Admission by freewill donation.

Sunday, April 18th

Daffodil Sunday

Lakeview Cemetery, 12316 Euclid Ave., 7:30 am-5:30 pm. Begin at either Euclid Ave. or Mayfield Rd. entrance & follow red arrows for a drive-it-yourself tour of spring-time beauty. Walking tours also available; call for reservations -- 216-421-2665.

Monday, April 19th - Friday, April 30th

**Cleveland Division of Fire - Now Hiring
Cleveland Convention Center, 500 Lakeside Ave.; weekdays, 9 am - 4 pm.; Sat., 9 am - 3 pm.
Estabrook Rec Center, 4125 Fulton Rd.; Thurs., Apr. 22nd, 5 - 8 pm.**

Tuesday, April 20th

Spring Style Show

Utopia Hall, 4170 North Amber Dr. Sponsored by St. Thomas More Women's Guild, 12 pm. Tickets - \$6. Fashions by Dress Barn. For reservations call Jean, 216-741-5991, or Diane, 216-749-6332.

Wednesday, April 21st

Volunteer Services Open House

Mickie McGraw Patient Activity Center, 7th floor, off C elevators, MetroHealth Medical Center, 2500 MetroHealth Dr., 10 am - noon. Read details in Senior Notes on page 12.

Saturday, April 24th

Night at the Races (Hawaiian-themed event)

St. Mary's Byzantine, corner of State Rd. & Biddulph Ave. Doors open - 6 pm; post time - 8 pm. Tickets - \$15 per person, includes kielbasa, kraut, rigatoni & fried chicken, beer, wine & non-alcoholic beverages. Alcohol available for purchase during the event. Raffle & split boards. To purchase tickets or buy a horse call Carl or Dawn Stepic, 216-661-2917.

Sunday, April 25th

Circle Home Tour

Registration sites - University Circle Visitor

Center, 11330 Euclid Ave. & Judson Manor, 1890 East 107th St. at Chester Ave.; 1 - 5 pm. Tickets - \$10 advance; \$15 day of event; cash only. Call 216-707-50385 or visit www.universi-tycircle.org for tickets or more info.

Saturday, May 1st & Sunday, May 2nd

Petsmart Adoption Event

Petsmart, 6870 Ridge Rd.; 10 - 3 pm.

Tuesdays & Thursdays, now thru May 27th

Free GED Classes

Brooklyn Branch, Cuyahoga County Public Library, 4480 Ridge Rd., 9:30 - 11:30 am. Must be 18 years old & present valid picture ID. Orientation/registration, Tues., Feb. 9th. Call 216-398-4600 or visit cuyahogalibrary.org for more info.

Free Income Tax Preparation Assistance

Steel Valley Federal Credit Union, 3840 Pearl Rd. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance(VITA) program. Qualified & trained personnel will be onsite to meet with you. For more info or to schedule your appointment call 216-741-9430.

William Cullen Bryant School

Needs Used Books

Looking for gently used books for their library. Drop-off locations include Ameriflag Inc., 3307 Broadview Rd.; Speed Exterminating, 4141 Pearl Rd.; Dee's Old Brooklyn Diner, 4326 Pearl Rd.; The Sausage Shoppe, 4501 Memphis Ave. & OBCDC, 3344 Broadview Rd.

May Day Celebration

James Ford Rhodes High School - Class of 1973

Chalet Recreation area in Cleveland Metroparks. Casual get-together. Area features sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits, swings & cornhole boards. Registration begins 3 pm, Sat., May 1st. \$10 per person fee; Stancato's catered dinner at 5 pm. Bring own beverage (BYOB), coffee provided. Bring dessert, memorabilia & items you may want to donate to Historical Society of Old Brooklyn. Reservation deadline -- April 1st. Send checks or money orders for dinner to: Constance Ewazen, 3214 Ruby Ave. Cleveland, Ohio 44109 (216-398-8969) Or contact Francie (Guido) Meurer, Debbie Joyce, Rev. Carol Leahey, 440-476-5203, 216-394-8912, 216)741-8823, Fmeurer@modsystem.com, Joyced@ccf.org, Leahey2@att.net.

Saturday, August 21st

Lincoln High School Class of 1965

Edgewater Yacht Club, 45th reunion-picnic. For more info Contact: Birdie Rieter Gaba, 440-235-5695/rbgaba@att.net or Elaine Schmutzok Miller, 440-885-5594/elainka816@sbcglobal.net for tickets or more info.

Join the District Police

Community Relations Committee

Meaningful working relationship between Cleveland Police Officers & the citizens they serve. Relationship instrumental in building close, proactive dialogue that results in residents & police having better understanding of each other. Committees meet each month in each district so residents can bring concerns/ experiences to District Commander for timely & personal responses. Call Community Relations Board, 216-664-2277, for more info.

**City of Cleveland, Division of Police,
Citizen On-line Reporting System**

As of July 7th, file your own police report on-line for the following types of incidents/crimes - lost property; damage to property; criminal damaging; petty theft/theft from a motor vehicle;

supplemental reports. These types of reports may be made only if there is no suspect, suspect vehicle, or serial number information. To make an on-line report go to www.city.cleveland.oh.us/police & click on the crime reporting link. You must be 18 years old & have an e-mail address.

America Reads Tutors

Cleveland Public Library, South Brooklyn Branch, 4303 Pearl Rd. Tutors from Cleveland State University available to help school age children available Tues., Wed. & Thurs. until the end of the school year. Call 216-623-7067 to make appointment.

West Side Ecumenical Ministry (WSEM)

Enrolling for Early Childhood Education. Early Head Start, Head Start & Universal Pre-Kindergarten for children ages birth - age 5. We offer a home based program to meet the needs of area families. Free services to eligible families & also accept county vouchers. Comprehensive services to meet the educational, health, dental, nutritional, social, mental health & any special needs of children. Several program options & locations. Contact recruitment hotline at 216-961-2997 for more info.

WSEM Food Center

WSEM Food Center at Brookside, 3784 Pearl Rd., 216-749-4295. Food service available Mon. - Fri., 10 am - 2 pm. Resale shoppe open Mon, Wed. & Fri., 10 am - 2 pm. Call 216-749-4295 for appointment or help with completing food stamp applications or walk-in & ask to speak to an outreach advocate. Applications will be completed & delivered to Dept. of Jobs & Family Services. Other outreach services available; call for details.

Ready, Set, Grow Preschool

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

Our Lady of Good Counsel School

Registration for Preschool thru 8th Grade

Kindergarten Screening Wednesday, May 19th

Are you interested in an excellent Catholic Education? Call now for a tour & registration packet for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year. Kindergarten registrants must be 5 yrs old by Sept. 30, 2010. Cleveland Tutoring & Scholarship vouchers are accepted as well as county vouchers for preschool/after care. Call Ms. Patty at 216-741-3685 between 8:15 am & 2:30 pm for more info.

St. Leo Preschool Registrations

2009-2010 School Year

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Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church to celebrate 100 years

Dan Tobik, member of Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church

Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, Ohio, will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a banquet on April 11, 2010. The church was founded by a group of fifty-four Slovak immigrants who met in a building just north of the West Side Market on March 20, 1910, with the expressed purpose of creating a Slovak language church.

By June of that year, the first service was held in a German church on Bridge St. A month later, the fledgling group decided to purchase a large house on W. 14th St. The downstairs served as the church sanctuary while the upstairs was converted into living quarters for the first pastor, the Rev. Karol Salva and his family.

By 1917, the congregation had grown so much that it was decided to build a substantial brick church at the W. 14th site. This building and the adjacent parsonage were home to the growing congregation until 1957 when the State of Ohio purchased the property for the new I-71 freeway.

At that time, Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church relocated to a five-acre lot in Brooklyn, where a new church building was dedicated in April of 1959. The congregation became well-known in the community for the wonderful strudel the ladies made. The company that provided the baking ovens featured the strudel-making operation in its sales material. It was said that the Church's mortgage was paid off by the strudel ladies' efforts. (These days the ladies are baking nut and poppy seed rolls.)

Dr. Martin Luther's men have kept another Slovak tradition alive by making one thousand pounds of kolbasi for members' Easter and Christmas dinners each year. Today even neighborhood people come to the church to purchase this savory sausage for the holidays.

As the first and second generations passed away, the need for a weekly Slovak language service lessened. In 2005 the church held its last Slovak service. During this time council members also recognized the need to appeal to

the younger generation. The result was a contemporary service with *Psalm and Praise*, a five-piece band complemented by four vocalists.

However, Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church does retain its Slovak heritage by being one of just thirty-five churches in the only non-geographic synod in America, the Slovak Zion Synod.

In the summer of 2009, Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran co-sponsored a Slovak Heritage Day at their church with the Cleveland-Bratislava Sister Cities Organization. Over two hundred attendees were treated to genealogical and cultural exhibits as well as homemade Slovak delicacies.

The Women of ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Churches of America) have remained very active throughout the history of the church, putting on receptions, concerts and special events. They have spearheaded many projects in terms of decorating and beautifying the sanctuary as well as volunteering many hours collecting and assembling health care and school kits for those in need.

Twice a year ELCA women host a reception for new members. Each Sunday they sell coffee and chocolate to support Equal Exchange/Fair Trade which gives Third World farmers a fair share of the profit for their labors.

Just a few years ago a new group came into being at Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church, thanks to the urging of some of the congregation's nurse-members. The Parish Nurses provide frequent blood pressures



Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church
4470 Ridge Road, Brooklyn

screenings and health care information. They post the emergency care information charts and provide the first aid kits throughout the church.

The Youth Group is very active hosting pancake breakfasts and other projects at the church. For the last several years the youth have attended the ELCA Youth Conventions around the country. Last year the

members helped clean up and repair a park that had been ravaged during Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.

The current pastor, Rev. David Bennett, came to Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1998 with his wife, Sally, and their two children. Rev. Bennett will lead

a celebratory service before the banquet in April. Several former pastors, spiritual sons and daughter, and special music will highlight this service. The 1000-pound bronze bell from the original church, which now resides in the Serenity Garden courtyard next to the current church, will be tolled one hundred times. To commemorate the 100th anniversary, three special projects are underway —

A souvenir booklet featuring a history of the Church and many vintage photographs will be given to those attending the banquet. Friends of Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church are invited to place a message in this booklet by calling the church at 216-749-5585.

A revised edition of the church cookbook featuring over 260 delicious Slovak and American recipes is available.

The youth group is selling eco-friendly tote/grocery bags imprinted with the Martin Luther seal.

Former members and friends of Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church are invited to attend the banquet on April 11th. Call the church at 216-749-5585 for ticket information.

Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church has received many blessings in its 100-year history. The members hope to be a reflection of God's love for years to come.

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	4:00 pm-6:00 pm Senior Boys In-House Basketball	4:00 pm-5:00 pm Senior Boys In-House Basketball	4:00 pm-6:00 pm Senior Boys In-House Basketball	5:00 pm-7:30 pm T-Ball Fundamentals	1:00 pm-3:00 pm Youth Open Gym
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As we prepare this month's edition of the Old Brooklyn News for the printer, the Cleveland International Film Festival is just ending, and the State of Ohio's "Cash for Clunkers" program (appliances this time) is just starting. Although the 23rd United States Census has been underway for a couple of weeks, Census Day is officially April 1st. Tax day, April 15th, still looms for many of us.

Holy week for Western and Orthodox Christianity is just beginning, too, as is Passover for Judaism. This year, the Gregorian and Julian calendars are such that both segments of Christianity will celebrate Easter Sunday on April 4th; Jewish people will observe Passover from sunset on Monday, March 29th until Monday, April 5th.

Across the United States, from March 22nd -March 27th, some Americans have been visiting www.KetchupCreativity.com to vote for the best entrants, K-1 through 12, in a contest Heinz Ketchup sponsored for students to design an eye-popping ketchup label. This year we are aware of that contest because one of our students, Danielle Lamboy, a fifth grader at Our Lady of Good Counsel School, is one of the finalists.

That's because OLGC Art teacher Christina Szymanowski entered her students in the national Heinz Creativity Contest. In all, 36,000 entries were received. The top three in each grade level were chosen as finalists, and Danielle's entry was one of the 36.

If Danielle's artwork is selected as the best in her grade level, she will receive \$1000, and Our Lady of Good Counsel School will receive \$1000 for its art department - and \$1000 in ketchup for its cafeteria!

If Danielle is the grand prize winner, she will receive \$5700 (obviously a play on "Heinz, 57 varieties") and her artwork will appear on approximately 2.5 million Heinz ketchup bottles and 20 million Heinz ketchup packets. We'll find out early this month how she ultimately fares.

Even if Danielle doesn't take top honors, we think that her design is really cool and it's great that she got this far. And the obvious lesson for everyone is, "You can't win if you don't enter."

We often include feedback/follow-up to previous articles and columns in subsequent Town Criers, and this month is no exception -

After the February history article about African-American churches was published, I received a phone call from Ulysses Glen, who is the publisher and editor of the East Side News. He wanted to obtain a copy of the January Old Brooklyn News which he'd missed because it contained an article about the same topic. And he also wanted to tell us the new name of one of the closed Roman Catholic churches I'd mentioned.

The congregation in the church at 2354 E. 79th St. which was formerly occupied by parish-

ioners of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament calls itself the "Original Church of God".

I can also complete the rest of the "That was then; this is now" African-American church story, thanks to the efforts of both Ulysses and two members of St. Adalbert Church who attended Our Lady of Good Counsel Church's Mass of Thanksgiving (see church closing article on page 6) with the CPPS provincial last month. They told me that the former Holy Trinity Church, on Woodland Ave. at E. 71st St., now houses a congregation which calls itself "4 Real".

One of the articles in last month's newspaper was about March being Developmental Disabilities month and the work that's done in our neighborhood by the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) at its Southwest Adult Activity Center on Hinckley Industrial Pkwy. And one of the entries in last month's Town Crier column was a sock-collecting project conducted by developmentally-disabled residents who live in homes managed by Koinonia Homes, Inc.

Thanks to attending the Southwest Adult Activity Center's community open house on March 25th, I learned many things, including the location of the homes in Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Hts. where disabled folks are able to achieve some degree of independent living.

Koinonia manages "Brooklyn House", a home for six to eight men at 4248 W. 35th St., just north of Memphis Ave.

REM Consulting manages "Southwest House", a home for eight men at 211 E. Schaaf Rd.

Our Lady of the Wayside manages a home for two to three men at 1603 W. Schaaf Rd.

Other developmentally-disabled adults who receive training, work opportunities and socialization at CCBDD's Hinckley Industrial Pkwy. Center live on Brooklyn Ave., South Hills Dr. and W. Schaaf Rd.

Help us continue to fill this column with news about our neighborhood by sending items you'd like to be included to: Lynette Filips, The Town Crier, c/o the Old Brooklyn News, 3344 Pearl Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44109.

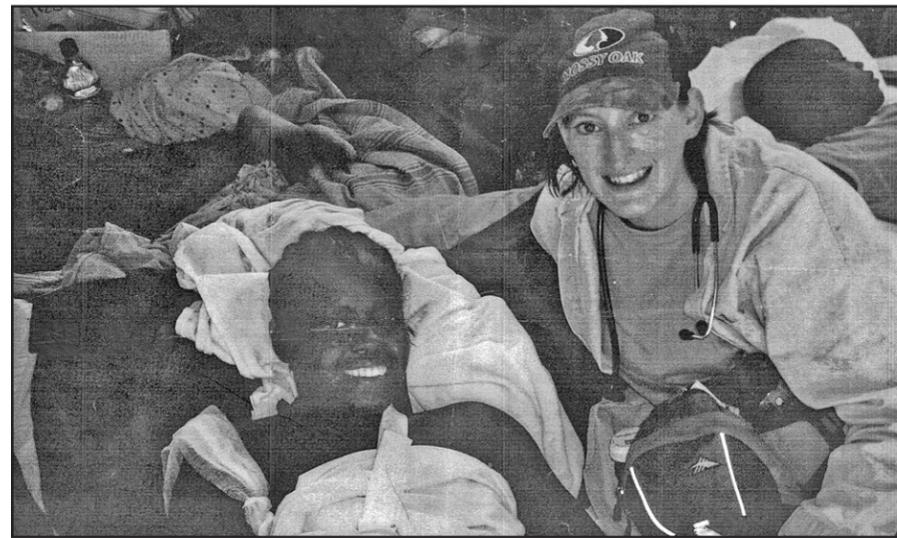


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In the 1970s, Michelle Shepard Ritchie was a student at Memphis Elementary School; little could she have known in those days where life would lead her. A registered nurse working in the Emergency Room of a Minnesota hospital, a minister's wife, and the mother of three children, Michelle is also the volunteer Disaster Response Coordinator for World Relief and Human Care, Minnesota South District of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. On call world-wide, Michelle was part of a disaster relief team which hastened to help injured Haitians after the earthquake which devastated their country on January 12th.



The Historical Society of Old Brooklyn would like to know the names of the people in this photo, probably at Deaconess Hospital, taken in 1956. Please contact president Connie Ewazen with any information -- 216-398-8969.

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Blessed Sacrament, Corpus Christi, OLGC to close this month; Mary, Queen of Peace to open

by Lynette Filips
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The month which parishioners of Blessed Sacrament, Corpus Christi and Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) Churches have been dreading has arrived; the closing Mass for Blessed Sacrament Church will be at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 10th; the closing Mass for Corpus Christi Church will be at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 17th; and the closing Mass for Our Lady of Good Counsel Church will be at 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 18th.

For Our Lady of Good Counsel, though, there is at least a bright spot because the new parish formed from the merging of OLGC and Corpus Christi will be at the OLGC site. It will be called "Mary, Queen of Peace", (MQP) and the opening Mass will be at 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 25th.

Both Corpus Christi and Our Lady of Good Counsel are still looking for church and school memorabilia to display at their final liturgies.

As reported in last month's *Old Brooklyn News*, OLGC will no longer be served by Missionaries of the Precious Blood (CPPS). On Sunday, March 14th, the provincial of the Society, Fr. Angelo Anthony, came up from the CPPS headquarters in Dayton to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for their 102 years of ministry in Old (formerly South) Brooklyn and Brighton Village. A social in OLGC's Parish Center followed the Mass.

It is not yet known if any members of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood will be able to remain in the Cleveland Diocese. The only other church and school which they staff is St. Adalbert's on E. 83rd St. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland has determined that parish should close, but St. Adalbert's has appealed the decision to Rome. St. Adalbert's school, however, is scheduled to remain open, and Brother Tom Bohman, CPPS, hopes to receive permission from Bishop Richard Lennon to remain at

St. Adalbert's and become the school's administrator. Brother Tom's name is no doubt familiar to some *OBN* readers because in past years he was stationed at OLGC.)

As mentioned in a previous article, Fr. Lee Moreeuw, OLGC's pastor, will be semi-retiring to his hometown of Detroit and ministering on a part-time basis at Old St. Mary's in Greektown, which is his family's ancestral parish. Fr. Ralph Verdi, CPPS, OLGC's pastoral associate, will be moving to St. Charles Center at the CPPS motherhouse in Carthagen (in west-central Ohio) to serve at parishes in the surrounding area. Fr. Joe Rodak, CPPS, who lived at OLGC during and after his tenure as a VA chaplain, has already been working at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue, Ohio.

At press time the *OBN* learned the name of the new pastor of Mary, Queen of Peace. He is Fr. Douglas Brown, and is currently serving as a pastoral associate at St. Basil the Great Church in Brecksville. We will write more about him in next month's article; for now, we will just say that he entered the seminary after being in the work world for a while, that he was ordained in 2006 and that MQP will be the first parish he pastors.

After Corpus Christi closes, Fr. Russell Lowe, who is the pastor of both that Church and St. Leo the Great, will return to only being the pastor of St. Leo's.

Fr. Matthew Ischay, the pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, does not yet know where he will be assigned after Blessed Sacrament closes. Nor does he know what will ultimately become of the two tenants on the church's property -- *Positive Education* in the former school and *Casa Alma* in the former convent -- after the parish is gone.

In addition to our three neighborhood churches, three other Catholic churches in the city of Cleveland will close in April. They are: The Conversion of St. Paul Shrine on the corner of Euclid Ave. and E. 40th St.; Historic St. Peter's, a non-territorial parish at the corner of Superior Ave. and E. 17th

St.; and St. Cecilia's, an African-American parish on E. 152nd St. The Conversion of St. Paul, however, will still serve as the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration nun's chapel.

Bishop Richard Lennon is scheduled to visit the Conversion of St. Paul for the 9 a.m. closing Mass on Sunday, April 11th; St. Peter's for the 11 a.m. closing Mass on Sunday, April 11th; and St. Cecilia's for the 9 a.m. closing Mass on Sunday, April 25th. .

Of course, most parishes which are being forced to close consider their true closing Masses to be the ones they celebrate with their own priest(s), usually on the Sunday before their official closing dates.

Since the time of our last article, the doors of two more churches, St. Joseph's, a German parish in Lorain, (on March 7th); and St. Rose of Lima, on Detroit Rd. in Cleveland, (on March 14th), have been permanently closed.

The Endangered Catholics group which is opposing some of the Diocesan church closings, continues to meet; this month's meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 10th. As has been the case the past few months, it will again take place at the West Side Hungarian Evangelical Church, 3245 W. 98th St., south of Denison Ave. Check out the details of their activities on the website, www.endangeredcatholics.webs.com.

The church closings article in the March *Old Brooklyn News* stated that Congressman Dennis Kucinich was also involved in protesting the proposed closing of St. Emeric Church on W. 24th St., and that he'd met with the Hungarian Prime Minister and his aide to ask the Hungarian government to appeal to Rome on behalf of the Cleveland congregation.

According to a spokesperson from St. Emeric, those interactions with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland on behalf of St. Emeric's did not produce the positive results for which they'd hoped. Although they are one of the parishes which have an appeal pending in Rome, they are still sched-

uled to close at the end of June.

In last month's *Old Brooklyn News* I also stated that the Metroparks Historical Interpreter Sherrie Tolliver had been touring architecturally significant Catholic Church buildings on her "Landmarks and Legacies" tours, but the list of churches her groups have visited was not quite complete (plus she hosted two additional tours in March).

A more accurate list of the churches she and the Metroparks participants have visited, including the ethnic composition of the parish, if appropriate, and its viability is:

- St. Adalbert (African-American; scheduled to close in June);
- St. Casimir (Polish; already closed);
- St. Elizabeth of Hungary (Hungarian; not closing);
- St. Emeric (Hungarian; scheduled to close in June);
- St. Hyacinth (Polish; already closed);
- St. Ignatius, West Blvd. (remaining open conditionally);
- St. James (scheduled to close in June);
- St. Lawrence (Slovenian; scheduled to close in June);
- St. Wendelin (Slovak; scheduled to close in May);
- Our Lady of Mercy (Slovak; scheduled to close in May).

St. Peter's Episcopal Church (not Roman Catholic; not closing)

Sherrie actually started organizing these expeditions one year ago. Her next one will be to St. Patrick's, West Park (Irish; scheduled to close in May) on Saturday, April 17th. Call 216-341-3152 to RSVP.

None of the parishes which have appeals pending in Rome have heard anything either way from the Church courts as to whether their appeals are still in process or have been denied.

These are not easy times for many Roman Catholics in Greater Cleveland. (*Acknowledgments: Thank you to Ryan Marconi of Corpus Christi for telling me about Mary, Queen of Peace's new pastor.*)

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The first quarter of 2010 has shown some promise for the Second District. Although we have seen increases in non-residential break-ins, thefts from autos, and auto thefts, we have seen substantial decreases in rape, robbery, felonious assault, residential burglaries, and arson.

Although, auto thefts have increased by 14%, auto theft arrests have increased by 110% from last year. I am again asking for your help in providing useful information to assist us in our investigations of these crimes.

Many of the burglaries have been vacant or abandoned homes. If you have a vacant or abandoned home in your neighborhood, please call me if it is not properly secured. I will have an officer check it out and determine whether the city can secure or re-secure it.

The Second District has a strong and active Police/Community Relations Committee. Our committee members act as liaisons between the citizens and the City of Cleveland safety forces. We hold several fund raisers each year in order to provide meals for

the elderly and a Christmas party for the children who live in the District.

I invite you to attend our monthly meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month. The meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are held at the Applewood Center's gym, located at W. 25th St. and Daisy Ave.

If you're not interested in joining the Police/Community Relations Committee, at least get involved in your neighborhood block club. If you are unsure of the block club in your area, call Barb Spaan at Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation, 216-459-1000, and she will help put you in touch with the proper community group.

In closing, remember to call the police when someone or something looks suspicious. It is very important to get good information for the police to follow up on. Keep in mind that license plates, and vehicle and suspect descriptions are important leads that can be used to apprehend suspects.

Most of all, remember that the Second District Police need your help to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. If you have any questions feel free to call me at 623-5205.



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Benjamin Franklin Community Garden prepares for 2010 growing season

by Hallie Forcinio
BFCG Operating Committee

The Benjamin Franklin Community Garden (BFCG) will hold a meeting for first-time and returning gardeners to kick off the 2010 gardening season at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 6th, 2010, at the Brooklyn Senior Center, 7727 Memphis Ave. (west of Ridge Rd.).

The location provides a larger space and ample parking for the kickoff meeting, which traditionally has been standing room only in the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation's (OBCDC's) upstairs meeting room.

John Jenkins, chairman of the BFCG Operating Committee, encourages both first-time and returning gardeners to attend the kickoff meeting. It not only gives gardeners and co-gardeners a sneak peek of where their plot is located on the five-acre property, but also provides an opportunity to ask questions, learn about changes in garden rules and operation, meet fellow gardeners and become acquainted or reacquainted with garden staff and members of the Garden Committee. If available, free seeds will be distributed.

The BFCG Operating Committee meets once a month year-round and is divided into several sub-committees. During the off-season – The Project Sub-committee has been inventorying and marking garden property (wheelbarrows, rakes, hoes, etc), installing a ramp for easy access to the new storage container, and landscaping around its perimeter. It also has identified trees that have died, pose a hazard or are crowding more desirable specimens. The project to remove hazardous trees is a 2010 priority.

The Governance Sub-committee have spent time updating Garden rules and regulations for the 2010 season and is reviewing



the organization's bylaws.

The Finance Sub-committee prepared grant applications and planned numerous fundraisers, including the successful event at Cleats Club Seat Grille on March 6th.

The Event Planning Sub-committee hosted February's Seed Planting Workshop.

The Preservation Sub-committee is planning a celebration of the Garden's designation as a Cleveland Landmark.

All gardeners are welcome and encouraged to attend BFCG Operating Committee meetings, which generally occur on the third Wednesday of the month. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on April 21st, in the upstairs meeting room at OBCDC, 3344 Broadview Rd.

Gardeners who maintained a plot in 2009 should have received application packets by mail in mid-March. The deadline for returning the application and the \$30-per-plot-fee is April 16th. New gardeners should contact OBCDC to request an application.

Opening day for the Garden is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 15th at 8 a.m. However, this date may be delayed if weather or scheduling problems prevent completion of plowing and staking before the 15th. Please watch the garden website (www.oldbrooklyn.com/BFCG/) for updated information about opening day.

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existence for over 30 years) and the Business Directory and Service Guide (available for over 20 years) are long-standing traditions in the community.

In 2006, Councilmen Cummins and Kelley collaborated and decided that consolidating the two CDC's would be in the best interest of the community, and would provide certain economies of scale. As a result of the consolidation, OBNS no longer exists.

The start of the newly-reconfigured CDC was difficult, but over the past 3-plus years the operations of the new OBCDC have been steadily improving and continue to grow with an abundance of programs and activities. Those that are involved in community work know it is impossible to satisfy everyone all of the time. But, on the whole, OBCDC is stable and assists over 3,000 residents and commercial enterprises a year. A copy of our most recent annual report describing all of the CDC's activities is attached.

The Process (as we understand it, having had little opportunity to provide input)

The contract between Ms. Junglas and the City of Cleveland, Department of Community Development (the "Contract") includes an extensive Scope of Services typical of what would be expected when planning for an organization such as SRO and the challenges it currently faces (a copy of the Scope of Services is attached). Note that the Scope of Services includes the following action item:

In light of the current ward reconfigurations, working with Client, Consultant proposes to examine current target/service areas surrounding the Stockyard SPA and discuss possible models or "footprints" for future service provision. In addition, working with Client, Consultant proposes to also examine capacity needed to deliver these services.

It's clear from this action item that both SRO and the City were contemplating an expansion of SRO's service area. While no other neighborhoods or CDC's are mentioned in the contract, it is logical to assume, considering current conditions, that expansion of SRO to serve the now un-served Clark Metro neighborhood was in the offing and necessary.

Robyn was invited to and attended the initial public meeting for stakeholders that was part of the Contract process. After the initial meeting, OBCDC was invited to a second meeting geared toward residents and was described as being a duplicate of the first meeting so Robyn did not attend. There were no further meetings that OBCDC was invited to participate in until the March 11 meeting. It was at the March 11 meeting; however, that the residents of the various neighborhoods in attendance first learned that some were contemplating a re-orientation of how services would be provided to the Brooklyn Centre neighborhood.

While the March 11 meeting was the first time this issue was discussed publicly, Robyn met with Councilman Cummins on March 2nd. During that meeting the Councilman described his plan to include all of Brooklyn Centre as part of the SRO service area. The main points of the Councilman's plan are that Brooklyn Centre would receive all residential and commercial services as well as any other typical CDC services by a newly configured SRO that would also cover the Clark Metro SPA. The Councilman justified his plan by stating that the leadership of two community associations, Brooklyn Centre Civic Association and Southwest Citizens Community Association would prefer to have the new SRO provide their services instead of OBCDC. Councilman Cummins also suggested that he believed that OBCDC already had a large service area and no longer should or needed to cover Brooklyn Centre. The Councilman also stated that he was in discussions with the director of Tremont and Councilman Cimperman about Tremont taking on some of the services in Brooklyn Centre in collaboration with the new SRO.

See letter page 11

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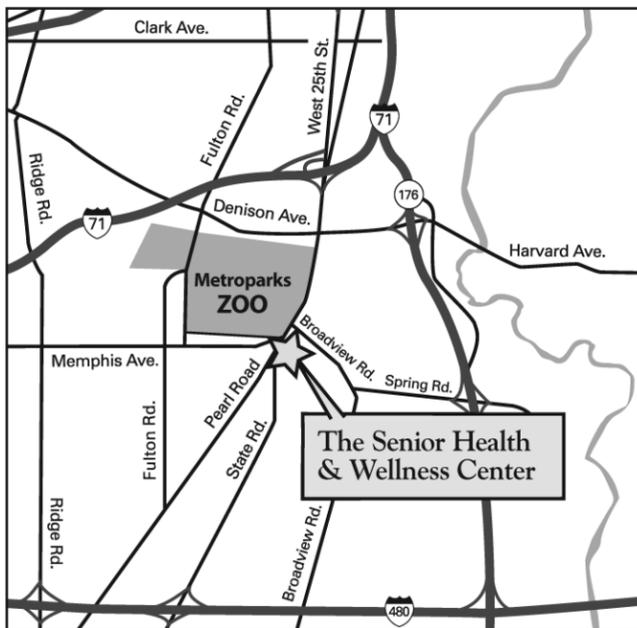
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Keep the \$ in the Neighborhood

I Buy NEO (as in Northeast Ohio), the program sponsored by COSE (Council of Smaller Enterprises) rolled into Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre last week. Approximately twenty businesses in the two communities met with Dan Roman, the *I Buy NEO* director, to learn how to participate in the program and how to structure special benefits to those who present the *I Buy NEO* card. Merchants are free to offer discounts, rebates or premiums that best match the consumers' needs.

This is a marketing program to encourage consumers to purchase goods and services from locally owned and operated businesses.

The premise is simple and accurate. Neighborhood business can almost always provide the best service, is competitive on price, works to keep your patronage and invest its business money locally.

National big box stores must pay back along the corporate chain of command. That means dollars spent in Cleveland get deposited to bank accounts outside the Northeast Ohio market. The many things that local companies spend their money on like insurance, advertising, equipment, bookkeeping, etc. are miles away from Greater Cleveland.

The competition for the consumer dollar is intense. Competition among national big box chains, the internet and locally owned small businesses benefits the consumer because she/he can shop for the best deal.

A clerk in the aisle of a big box superstore is not dependent upon your coming back to shop again. A local merchant is, and will take the extra step to keep your customer loyalty. Remember that you always get only what you paid to get. If you seek quality and service, visit a locally-owned small business.

Thanks for Noticing

John Gallagher of Westerfield Sales in downtown Old Brooklyn swells with community pride. He may not live in the neighborhood but he spends as much, if not more, time here than many a resident. Ask John something about Old Brooklyn and he will pepper

you with good things about the churches, the parks, the businesses and, most recently, James Ford Rhodes High School.

When the Rhodes Rams won the Senate League basketball championship John knew they needed some community support as they moved to the next level of finals. At his own expense John printed 20 window display posters and got them into store windows within 36 hours. He wants everyone who lives or passes through Old Brooklyn to know that it is the home of champions.

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John is working with a few other local businesses to develop a larger poster campaign to support Rhodes teams throughout the year. Watch for upcoming announcements on the Old Brooklyn CDC web site, www.oldbrooklyn.com and in the *Old Brooklyn News*.

If you are as proud of Old Brooklyn as is John Gallagher, drop him a note at Westerfield Sales, 4284 Pearl Rd, 44109 and let him know. Thank you, John

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Mooney's Lady Mustangs city-wide champs



Photo by Mary-Jo Koliha

The 2009-2010 Mooney Lady Mustangs -- Selena Benz, Tasha Duncan, Shonise Shannon, Alexis Phelps, Rachelle Monday, Yarleen DeJesus, Celnesse Matos, Jaelah Dye, Casey Rivera and Jaczmyne Scott. Charles A. Mooney PK-8 School has its first ever city wide championship! On Wednesday, 3/24/10, after a surprise pep rally to send the Lady Mustangs off, Mooney's undefeated girls basketball team played against the undefeated Patrick Henry's girls team at John F. Kennedy High School. Mooney's Lady Mustangs were the first to score and led in the first and second quarters. In the third quarter, Patrick Henry's girls tied the score early on. But the Lady Mustangs were not to be denied, led by Selena Benz and assisted by Tasha Duncan, the Mooney girls finished with a 42-30 win at the final buzzer! In his tenth season as the Lady Mustangs' coach, Greg McCullough and his team brought the first place trophy home to Mooney. The entire school participated in the net cutting ceremony on Friday, March 26, 2010.

Kim's Catering celebrates 25 years of business

by Lori A. Peterson
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"After being in business this long, it's not only about making money; it's about the relationships you have built over the years." This is Kim Vitko's key to success. Her business, Kim's Catering at 4348 Pearl Rd., is celebrating 25 years of being in the catering industry and she is just as enthusiastic about it now as she was 25 years ago.

Kim started catering in 1985 after losing her accounting job at Greyhound. She had organized weekly luncheons at Greyhound which led to a phone call from a friend in need of a caterer for a wedding of 100 guests.

Reflecting on how she got started Kim stated, "I'm a risk-taker; I rolled the dice and didn't look back." The business started out of her house and she sold mainly baked goods at craft fairs, made gift baskets, and worked with churches catering their events. One church even timed her. Her best record was serving 500 people in 18 minutes! Eventually Kim started catering for corporations and served as many as 6,000 people.

As a teen, Kim would pull out her mother's cookbook and try her hand at various baked goods such as jelly rolls and baked Alaska (not your every day desserts). Every Sunday she prepared dinner for six, with a "fancy" dessert and now uses her mother's and grandmother's recipes as part of her catering menu.

Kim's parents were – and continue to be – very supportive of her culinary skills. Any time she doubts herself, her mother simply encourages her with these simple but valuable words, "You can do this, Kim." These

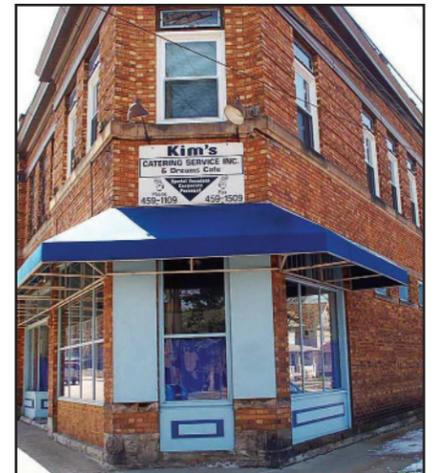


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Kim's Catering, 4348 Pearl Rd.

words keep Kim striving for bigger and better things.

Starting one's work day at 3 a.m. doesn't leave much time for other activities, but Kim seems to balance her life. She was a top 10 contestant out of over 6,000 entries for a National Barbeque Recipe Contest; the winning recipe was a BBQ Sauces Salad dressing. Her professional development has taken her all over the country to food and wine shows. Chuckling she says, "I know somebody has got to do it." Currently, she is working on publishing a cookbook.

Kim's Catering has been at her current location on Pearl Rd. for 19 years, and she has just recently expanded her services to University Circle. She has a kiosk in the BioEnterprise Building and serves breakfast and lunch five days a week.

Her catering events now revolve around special occasions and corporate events.

When asked how she retains the passion after 25 years, she says, "It's euphoric, doing what I love and I'm doing things I never thought of doing. Plus, I laugh a lot." And that is the key to success.

Kim's Catering can be reached at 216-459-1009.

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Spring maintenance tips

by **Donn Heckelmoser**
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It is never a bad idea to fix up your house. Many homeowners spend the winter pining over projects that they want to start as soon as the weather breaks. With a little do-it-yourself attitude you can really turn your home around quickly and be ready for a brand new summer of entertaining and enjoying your home.

No one wants to be stuck doing projects in the middle of an unbearable Cleveland heat wave, so starting in spring is the perfect route to take. OBCDC wants to provide a few basic quick, simple and cost-effective ways to really make your spring projects count.

The first project to complete is both interior and exterior cleaning. Cleaning the outside of your home can be a daunting project, but with a pressure washer and the proper ladder it can make your house look fresh and vibrant. Pressure washing is also a great way to prepare your house for painting, but be sure to let the house properly dry for at least 48 hours before putting on the first primer coat.

While you are up on that ladder, which can be rented for a few hours at a time, be sure to clean the gutters; this will ensure that fall leaves will be out of the way and the spring rain can properly drain from your roof.

Don't want to grab all of those leaves and grime with your hands? Take an old antifreeze container, seal the top with the cap, and cut off the bottom in a diagonal fashion. The width is perfect for scooping, and it is easy to drop the decaying debris right into a bucket hanging from your ladder with a homemade ladder hook using an old metal hanger.

If you are planning on using an air conditioner, or have a window unit, think about the filter. Be sure to change your return filter as well, and if you can afford it, pick up a filter that can catch microscopic allergens. Change the filters every two months or so for the most effective usage.

While you're at it, replace your furnace air filter; this will ensure that you are ready to go before next winter. Also clean the exhaust hood and air filter for your stove; and check your dryer vents for blockage.

Think about installing a programmable setback thermostat. They save money whether you are cooling or heating your home. Program each day of the week based on your schedule so you are not utilizing hot or cold air when you are not home.

Based on the same logic, caulk around your windows and doors. This "air sealing" method will help to keep hot air out and cold air in. This sealing should take place inside and outside the house. Be sure to buy caulk for the appropriate usage and color; most caulks can be painted with standard interior or exterior house paint.

If your house has a wood burning fireplace, and you have been burning it all winter,

have your chimney cleaned. Beware of creosote buildup is the disclaimer that is used nowadays. Creosote is a residue/by-product of combustion which builds up on chimney walls. This creosote can catch fire, reaching temperature of 2,500 degrees Fahrenheit. With temperatures this high, flue liners and even fireproof bricks are at-risk for cracking.

Generally, a standard cleaning from a professional chimney sweep will cost anywhere from \$100-\$150, but if you are looking to do some of the light work yourself, follow these simple tips:

- Wear old clothes and equip yourself with a dust mask or respirator and a pair of safety goggles;
- Check the firebox for damaged brick and mortar that is crumbling or missing. These defects usually can be repaired with refractory cement – a tough, heat-proof sealant available through fireplace dealers.
- Open the damper completely. It should move freely and fit snugly against the smoke shelf. Use a flashlight to check the damper for cracks, pitting or rusted-out sections. Broken or corroded dampers should be replaced by a professional. Look for any debris that may restrict air flow and remove it.
- Check for broken or damaged bricks or flue liners. Vertical cracking in the liner is a sure sign of a previous flue fire and should be considered a serious problem. Consult a professional chimney sweep or a masonry contractor who is familiar with fireplace repairs.
- Finally, inspect for creosote deposits. If creosote has built up to a thickness greater than 1/8 inches, remove it. If you can't see the entire flue from below, get up on the roof and inspect the flue from above (but only you are completely confident of your stability up there). By attaching ridge hooks to the end of a section of ladder, you can make a safety ladder that lays flat and secure against the roof surface.

(Suggested by John Riha – a former building contractor, has been the editor for Country Home, Traditional Home and Renovation Style Magazines)

Investing in some cement caulk or concrete patching materials are good spring projects. This is not a long-term solution but it will help keep moisture from seeping into the ground underneath the cement and making the cracks much worse. This will help save some time while you save up to have the section of concrete replaced.

Painting and repairing rusty metal fixtures (from gate hinges to exterior lights) is another spring project; with all the new paint additives that prevent rust, it is a project that could protect fixtures for years to come. Be sure to grease your hinges with heavy duty grease as it will not evaporate.

▪ The front porch is the first thing people typically see when they are looking at your house. It is definitely what the neighbors stare at most of the time. What adds the biggest pop is color, specifically the color on your front

How to stop foreclosure

by Department of Consumer Affairs
 City of Cleveland

There are many reasons why homeowners fall behind in their loan payments. Loss of employment, divorce, unexpected illnesses or medical expenses are all life-altering occurrences that can happen to anyone. Here are some steps you can take to avoid losing your home to foreclosure.

Don't be embarrassed

Lenders do not want to foreclose, and will usually work with you to get you back on track. If you stop paying your home loan, the situation can get worse and the lender can foreclose, taking ownership of your home. Start by contacting your lender as soon as you know your payments will be late, never ignore the lender's letter or phone calls, and never assume your situation is hopeless.

Solutions for temporary problems:

Reinstatement

Reinstatement might be possible when you are behind in your payments, but can promise a lump sum to bring payments current by a specific date.

Forbearance

Forbearance allows you to delay payments for a short period, with the understanding that another option will be used afterwards to bring the account current. Lenders sometimes combine forbearance with reinstatement if you know you'll have the funds to bring your account current by a specific date.

Repayment plan "short sale"

A short sale is when the mortgage company will allow you to sell your property for less than fair market value. This prevents the word FORECLOSURE from being on your credit report; the mortgage company is paid and you can start over.

Repayment plan (often called forbearance)

A great option, as long as you have steady income and can commit to making significantly higher monthly payments than before. Before you commit to a repayment plan, be absolutely certain that you can follow through with your commitment. Otherwise, you'll end up sending the bank a lot of money and still end up in foreclosure a couple of months later.

Mortgage modification

You may be able to refinance the debt and/or extend the term of your mortgage loan. This may help you catch up by reducing your monthly payments to a more affordable level. You may qualify if you have recovered from a financial problem but your net income is less than it was before the default (failure to pay).

Partial claim

Your lender may be able to work with you to obtain an interest-free loan from HUD to bring your mortgage current. Contact a HUD-approved housing counseling agency for further information.

Pre-foreclosure sale

This will allow you to sell your property and pay off your mortgage loan to avoid foreclosure and damage to your credit rating.

Deed-in-lieu of foreclosure

As a last resort, you may be able to voluntarily "give back" your property to the lender. This won't save your house, but it will help your chances of getting another mortgage loan in the future.

For a list of housing counseling agencies and additional resources contact the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation by calling 216-459-1000 or e-mailing donnaldh@oldbrooklyn.com.

door. Check out your local hardware store for color wheels and pick the color that matches the theme of your home.

▪ It is recommended to get good quality exterior semi-gloss enamel. Be sure to sand the old door to remove the old gloss finish; this will ensure that the new paint will stick. Use long strokes and paint quickly to avoid clumping.

▪ Because a Cleveland spring brings warmer weather, the windows get opened, and it's a good time to give them a good cleaning. To avoid any harmful fumes, obtain a good "green" surface cleaner. Wash the storm windows, too, before you store them for the summer.

▪ While you have the windows open go to one of our neighborhood's local paint vendors to buy fresh paint for some of the rooms that need to be painted. Try changing the color to add a fresh new feel to your home.

▪ Flowers are another way to add to the aesthetic beauty of your property over the summer. In addition to the garden centers at the big box stores, our neighborhood is fortunate to have a number of commercial greenhouses to supply our horticultural needs.

As you can see there are dozens of spring fixes and clean-up projects that can make your summer that much more enjoyable. If you are not sure about the process of how to do some-

thing be sure to consult your local hardware store or check for online tutorials. Many have video explanations so you can just watch and repeat.

Heinz Ketchup Contest



Danielle Lamboy, a fifth grader at Our Lady of Good Counsel School, was one of the finalists in a contest Heinz Ketchup sponsored for students to design an eye-popping ketchup label. Read more in *The Town Crier* on page 5.

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BCN takes on project with two vacant lots

by Gloria Ferris
Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

Last month, seventy-five interested people attended the symposium called "Putting the "U" in Urban Watershed Stewardship" hosted by Friends of Big Creek and Brooklyn Centre Naturalists (BCN). Together, they explored the ways that individuals can positively impact our watersheds by action and deed.

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists, with the help of FOBC and other community groups, will be implementing two concepts discussed at the seminar -- native plant use and organic gardening practices -- to create healthy natural environments on the two vacant lot projects unveiled at the seminar. "A Forest Trail in the City on 39th and "A Native Garden in an Urban Area will serve as examples of things we as individuals can do to impact storm water runoff and the quality of our water. BCN will need many volunteers to complete this project successfully.

April 10th will be the first day at the vacant lot sites to begin preparation for building fieldstone walls and a garden shed. They will be digging trenches and laying foundations. In addition to volunteers who can bring their own work gloves and shovels, we could use volunteers with pickup trucks, wheelbarrows, cement mixers, and anything else needed for bricklaying, sandstone dressing and building walls of fieldstone project.

Later, the group will be laying brick and sandstone walks to finish the layout so that the plants can join the gardens. Their goal is to have

everything ready for planting by the last weekend in May.

Since Spring is often a mixed bag of weather, they will be tentatively looking for volunteers each weekend in April and May so that the beds will be ready to plant the last weekend in May (or no later than the first weekend in June). Work cannot be done on this project if it rains, so they have anticipated rainy Saturdays when work on the project will not be possible.

Some of the native plants to be used in the gardens are witch hazel, bottlebrush buckeye, hemlocks, white and red trillium, German iris, azaleas and rhododendrons. A butterfly garden will be included in one of the gardens with lady ferns and passion flower vines.

These examples are only some of the native species that will be included. Over thirty-five native species will be in the gardens so that neighbors can come to the gardens and see how they fit in a landscape and how they may be able to use them in their own gardens.

As Joe Mestnik so often says about the project, "It will last longer than any of us who build it." Brooklyn Centre Naturalists would like to make this a community project that brings people together and gives each person who helped a sense of pride knowing that the beautiful gardens created as a community project will belong to all of us.

If you would like to volunteer to help with their project please call Gloria at 216-251-0254 or email her at Gloria.ferris@gmail.com. Remember April 10th is the first opportunity to volunteer, but every weekend in April or May needs volunteers, too.



Company wants to strip mine on Bradley Rd.

by Robyn Sandys
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In mid-March, Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) learned that TY, Inc. of Independence, Ohio, applied to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for a Surface Industrial Mineral Mining Permit to conduct surface mining on property fronted at 4300 Bradley Rd. This type of mining is regulated and monitored by the State of Ohio.

the permit and directed that a letter stating that opposition be sent to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources as proscribed in their publication *A Citizen's Guide to Mining and Reclamation in Ohio*. The letter also requested a copy of the application and all review documents associated with the application.

The property being considered is in Ward 12, represented by Cleveland City Council Member Anthony Brancatelli, who has taken a swift and firm lead in opposing the permit.



In this aerial view, the property along Bradley Rd. discussed in this strip mining article is the light colored, oval stretch of land to the right of the I-176 Jennings Rd. interchange.

Such a request in Old Brooklyn is new to OBCDC. The legal announcement did not provide a specific explanation of what is to be mined, how it is to be mined, the exact area and depth of surface mining, or the restoration plan when the mining is complete.

That lack of information and the fact that it appears to be an incompatible use of an area that has been used as a landfill prompted OBCDC to quickly go on record with the State opposing the issuance of a permit.

On March 23rd, the Old Brooklyn Board of Directors unanimously agreed to oppose

Councilman Brancatelli specifically said that he "will continue to object to the strip mining permit" and that he "will host a public meeting in April." He went on to say that "the operator and City administration will be invited to this meeting so that all can fully understand what is being proposed and the impact it would have on our community."

The Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation is in close communication with Mr. Brancatelli and other City departments, including the Cleveland Law Department, in a joint effort to oppose this request.



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Garden Committee holds successful fundraiser

by Hallie Forcinio
BFCG Operating Committee

A fundraiser, organized by the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden (BFCG) Operating Committee, raised more than \$3,000 to support the summer garden program.

The event, held on Saturday, March 6, at Cleats Club Seat Grille, drew nearly 200 supporters and featured an all-you-can eat buffet as well as a basket raffle, 50/50 raffle and sideboards.

"Generous participation from the business community and garden family helped make the evening a huge success," says Jeff Kostura, treasurer of the Garden Committee. "We are grateful for the support we received from Cleats and other members of the local business community and especially want to thank everyone who donated raffle or door prizes." [See list of Fundraiser Supporters.]

The money raised will help Cleveland's largest community garden buy the supplies and services needed to maintain the five-acre space behind Benjamin Franklin School, 1905 Spring Rd. Potential purchases include tools, equipment, gas, oil, grass seed and small trees. It also may help pay for tree trimming and removal to enhance the safety of the 205 garden plots, as well as brush mowing and plowing of the ground at the end of the growing season.

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Supporting small businesses in this economy

Richard Cordray
Ohio Attorney General

Ohio's economy is made up of tens of thousands of small businesses, and at its heart are those entrepreneurs who set out to make a difference, to make their mark and to do it their way. Ohio's small businesses are the driving force behind Ohio's economy. In fact, 85 percent of Ohio businesses have fewer than 20 employees.

As someone who has run a small business myself, I understand their importance to Ohio's economic growth, and my office and I want to help them grow and prosper. So we are starting a new initiative that we hope will help small businesses deal with those who try to exploit them.

One of the Ohio Attorney General's primary duties over the years has been protecting individual consumers from fraud and unfair business transactions. However, small businesses and nonprofits who are victimized by scams previously have not been able to file such complaints.

Now, for the first time ever, the office has made this service available to small businesses. In July, we opened up the complaint process to a test market of these enterprises. In just six months, we received complaints from more than 500 businesses, and we recovered more than \$60,000 for them.

We also are offering this new service to nonprofit organizations such as libraries, churches and others who improve the quality of life in our communities and deserve the same protections from the Attorney General.

Businesses that order products that are not delivered, receive shoddy services or otherwise get ripped off can now file a complaint with my office.

We offer an informal dispute resolution service through which we may be able to resolve complaints and help get money back for those who have been scammed. Complaints

also give us the kind of evidence we need to take legal action against scammers and predators.

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Photos by Hallie Forcinio
(left photo) Gardener Jacki Goeckel looks over the table filled with raffle baskets; (right photo) Gardeners Mark Tapajna (left) and Jeff Kostura (right) draw the winning raffle tickets.

provided by OBCDC. It is incumbent on all of us to move this process out of the political arena and into the hands of the residents of Brooklyn Centre as a whole and the professionals and volunteers managing the CDC's involved.

Why OBCDC has not been asked to be more fully engaged in the process of securing SRO's long-term viability is also a mystery. OBCDC is a strong, stable entity with a long history of service delivery. We are eager to discuss with SRO and other appropriate parties how we can assist with service delivery in the area currently being served by SRO and unserved areas SRO chooses to serve.

It's also not clear why there needs to be a change in the delivery of CDC services to Brooklyn Centre now. The decision to consolidate the former Old Brooklyn CDC and OBNS was made over three years ago. Very little within the two neighborhoods (Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn) has changed during this time other than the political boundaries. And politics should not interfere or dictate how CDC services are provided in the neighborhoods.

We find it very concerning that just three years ago a message of collaboration was stressed (by City Council representatives and the City of Cleveland) during our consolidation of two Old Brooklyn community development groups. OBCDC has been serving the Brooklyn Centre neighborhood since 1998, and these efforts were validated again during the merger of OBCDC and OBNS in 2006.

Now, just a few years later, OBCDC is being given a very different message. Our

organization has been offered very little opportunity for input as the Brooklyn Centre neighborhood is on the verge of receiving services from a still yet-to-be-identified community organization.

While we are completely prepared to continue providing services to Brooklyn Centre residents, we have been informed by their elected official that we will not be funded to do so. Decisions like this appear to be counterproductive in terms of offering consistent services and promoting neighborhood unity. We sincerely hope that addressing this issue today may assist in preventing similar issues with other neighborhoods in the future.

The most recent developments involving service to Brooklyn Centre residents concern us and expose a more serious problem within the community development industry. While the current scenario may have a significant impact on OBCDC services and funding, it is simply a symptom of a larger concern for all neighborhoods and CDC's. Neighborhood boundaries were established a long time ago, but ward boundaries and CDC service areas are continually changing. It is likely that ward boundaries will change again in the near future and it is inevitable that elected officials will change as well.

We fear that neighborhood residents and CDC's will perpetually be caught up in the middle of funding battles like this until City Council members and the City of Cleveland can agree on a more consistent and equitable system of funding for neighborhood services.

Recommended Next Steps

The consulting contract process needs to be returned to the residents of the Stockyards and Brooklyn Centre neighborhoods and must more directly involve the CDC's serving those areas. We recommend that the boards or executive committees of those CDC's and others that have been implicated in Councilman Cummins' plan meet with their respective executive directors, to determine the role each may play in the future of SRO and CDC coverage of the neighborhoods discussed.

We also recommend more community involvement, particularly in the Brooklyn Centre neighborhood. Any changes will only succeed if supported by a majority of the residents of the Brooklyn Centre, Stockyards, and Clark-Fulton neighborhoods. It is also important that any recommended plan be operationally and fiscally sound and viable.

Sincerely,
Greg Huth, President of the Board
Robyn Sandys, Executive Director

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Councilman Cummins also directly said that he would not be providing any NDA funds to OBCDC in year 36.

It seems apparent that other than some members of the two Brooklyn Centre Associations named above, no other Brooklyn Centre residents (nearly 9,000 people) were involved in nor were invited to attend any public meetings regarding future CDC coverage of that area. Greg Huth, Board President of OBCDC has had conversations with a current member of the SRO board, who indicated that that body was not aware of the intent to make the newly configured SRO responsible for delivery of CDC services to the Brooklyn Centre neighborhood until shortly before the March 11 meeting. That SRO board member made it clear that SRO has no desire to assume responsibility for a neighborhood already being served by another CDC.

Concerns

Based on the limited involvement of Brooklyn Centre residents, the SRO board, and the minimal involvement afforded OBCDC, it is clear that the process of realigning CDC services covered by OBCDC is being driven by a few select individuals, including Councilman Cummins. This process should be resident driven, not politician driven. And when resident driven, it should be based on the consensus of a majority of the residents who have been informed of the services currently being

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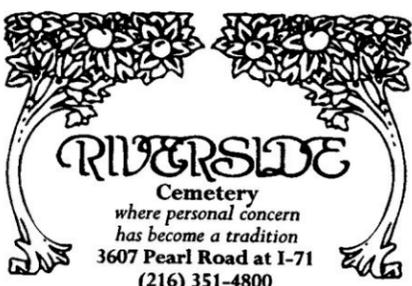
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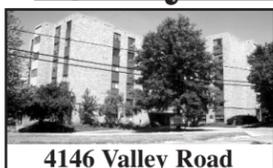
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CHURCH NOTES

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Saturday, April 3rd & Sunday, April 4th

Easter Services
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., Sat., 5 pm & Sun., 6:45 am, 8:30 am & 10:30 am. Children receive special gift. Everyone invited to attend.

Sunday, April 4th

Easter Service
St. Luke's United Church of Christ, 4216 Pearl Rd. (Pearl & Memphis), 10:15 am; all welcome to celebrate the resurrection of Christ through worship & praise.

Wednesdays, April 7th & 21st

Senior Meeting
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., upstairs, noon. **April 7th**, bring bag lunch; beverages provided. Discussion. **April 21st**, free lunch & presentation by Westside Outreach. Everyone invited.

Sunday, April 11th

Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church to Celebrate 100 Years
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Sunday, April 11th

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Sundays, April 18th & 25th

Fruitful in a Desert Place Ministry, 4490 Pearl Rd., noon. Third Sundays -- Friends & Family Day; Fourth Sundays -- Youth Sunday. Fun, skits, stories.

Tuesday, April 20th

Widows & Widowers Luncheon
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview

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As I see it...

by
Pastor Jerry



Be cautious. Recently one of our church members was involved in an auto accident caused by another motorist. Thankfully, no one required medical care. Within days she was bombarded with phone calls and mail (9 letters at last count!) reportedly from attorneys, doctors, physical therapists, insurance agents (not hers) urging her to contact them, one even making a date to pick her up the next day to see a "doctor" she had never heard of for a "free" examination. It can be confusing, frightening, and perhaps tempting to respond.

Should you ever encounter a similar situation, be very cautious. Unfortunately, there are those with questionable motives who target people when they are most vulnerable, especially the elderly. The best plan of action is to work with your insurance agent, attorney, and/or your personal physician. Hopefully, you already have a relationship of trust with such individuals who will act in your best interests.

Christ alerted people to "Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves." (Matthew 7:15) Phone calls, e-mails or letters asking for money or personal information raise a red flag that says "STOP!" Consult a trusted relative, friend, or professional advisor before responding.

Jerry Madasz is the Pastor at St. Luke's United Church of Christ, 4216 Pearl Rd. (corner of Pearl & Memphis)

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Eastern European Christians exchange pysanky eggs with family & friends at Eastertime

by Lynette Filips
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The front page of the April, 2009, issue of the *Old Brooklyn News (OBN)* included a small photo of a basket of colorful pysanky eggs, directing readers to an inside article about Polish Easter customs. The photo came to us courtesy of lifelong neighborhood resident and member of St. Barbara Church, Christine Dziedina.

Christine had fashioned — over many years — most of the eggs in the basket and had also supplied us with most of the information about the Polish customs in the article which accompanied the photo.

The photo was so appealing that one of our readers looked up Christine's phone number and called her, hoping that she could buy some of the eggs. Christine wasn't looking to sell any, but that phone call enlightened me as to just how intrigued people are by pysanky. And so pysanky are the topic of this month's history article.

Even if they're not of Slavic descent themselves, people living in Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre are surrounded by folks with Eastern European roots and by institutions and businesses in nearby communities from the same kinds of background. For instance —

The Cleveland Chapter of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society's Museum and Library is located in the library of the former Byzantine High School. (The OBN regularly publishes news releases from them.)



The Ukrainian Museum-Archives, one of the largest repositories of Ukrainian books, magazines and papers in North America, is located in the Tremont neighborhood.

Last autumn, a section of State Rd. in Parma was designated as "Ukrainian Village". Every Friday people flock to that same stretch of State Rd. to buy homemade pyrohy at St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral and St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral.

Pysanky is actually the plural form of the word pysanka. It is derived from a Ukrainian verb which means, "to write". Although Ukrainians take credit for being the originators of these beautiful eggs — and they are the nationality most famous for making them — many other ethnic groups share the tradition of decorating eggs.

In addition to Polish, those nationalities are: Bosnian, Czech, Croatian, Hungarian, Moravian, Romanian, Russian, Rusyn/Slovak and Slovenian.

An on-loan-from-a-private-collection exhibit at the Carpatho-Rusyn Museum contains examples of eggs from all those countries, as well as from India (papier-mâché), China, Kenya (soapstone), the Amana Colonies (German influence) and contemporary America. It will be on display through the month of April.



Although Eastern Europeans exchange pysanky with family and friends at Easter, it was only after 988 AD, when Ukraine accepted Christianity, that the eggs became a symbol of the Resurrection of Christ and a promise of eternal life.

Originally, pysanky were part of a pagan religious cult associated with the sun and springtime. The pagans revered the egg as a symbol of life and rebirth, and thought that it became even more powerful/magical after mystical symbols were drawn on its shell. Those ancient ancestors put them in the furrows in their fields for good luck with the crops, under their beehives, in their barns, and in places in their homes which needed extra protection.

Different symbols have different meanings and thus empowered each pysanka in a different way. The oldest known pysanka design is a depiction of the Earth Mother. After Ukraine became a Christian country, that symbol represented Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

Sun motifs are also common because the sun was a god in pagan Ukraine. After Christianity, the sun came to represent Jesus Christ.

Pysanka designs are divided into three categories — geometric, plant and animal. Motifs from all three categories are usually combined in one design.

Geometric motifs are the same ones found in other primitive art — Ribbons and belts that encircle the egg with no beginning or end symbolize eternity. Triangles symbolize trios, such as the circle of life of birth, life, death; the Holy Trinity; and the natural elements of fire, air, and water. Stars, which once symbolized pagan gods, now symbolize life, growth and good fortune. The cross symbolizes the four corners of the world, as well as Christianity.

Plant motifs — stylized flowers, leaves, and branches — symbolize love, charity,

good-will, strength, virility, health and a bountiful harvest. Pine trees symbolize eternal youth, strength and health.

Animal motifs, the most difficult to draw, appear less frequently than either geometric or plant motifs. Horned animals like rams, reindeer and horses symbolize strength. Birds symbolize fertility. All insects are called butterflies and symbolize the Resurrection.

The design for a pysanka is drawn with a kistka or stylus with beeswax (perhaps over a penciled-in sketch) on a clean white egg. The dying process is similar to batik in which wax is used to control where the color flows. The egg is dipped into a succession of dye baths, starting from the lightest color, usually yellow, and ending with the darkest color, usually black.

Between each dipping, wax is applied to areas where the preceding color is to remain. After the coloring is complete, the wax is melted in the flame of a candle and wiped away. Then a hard glaze is applied to the egg.

Red, the life-giving color of blood, symbolizes love and happiness, and is perhaps the most important pysanky color. Other colors are: yellow, the color of ripe crops, honey and amber; gold, which represents the moon and wishes for a good harvest; green, which symbolizes the growth power of plants; brown and black, which symbolize Mother Earth; and white (the absence of any color on the egg's shell), which symbolizes purity.

These days, dyes are chemically produced, but historically, dyes were made from dried plants, roots, berries and bark such as: onion skins, apple tree bark or mistletoe leaves (for yellow); an infusion of crocuses (for orange); sprouting rye, wheat or moss (for green); brazil wood, beets or logwood (for red); sunflower seeds, elderberry fruit or bark (for violet); and old walnuts, oak bark or ashes (for black).

No two pysanky are exactly alike, but there are certain manners of arranging the motifs. Both the motifs and the colors can be traced to different areas in Ukraine, most of which have changed somewhat over the centuries, due to

the natural evolution of the art. Pysanky are never eaten. Rather, they are kept in the home from year to year as decorations and as protection from evil, fire and lightning.

Displays of pysanky can be viewed year-round at two nearby places — the Ukrainian Museum-Archives (UMA), 1202 Kenilworth Ave., just north of Lincoln Park, and the Carpatho-Rusyn Society (C-RS) Museum, 1900 Carlton Rd., in the Byzantine Catholic Cathedral complex near Broadview Rd. and Rockside Rd.



One of the pysanky exhibits at the UMA features a map of Ukraine,

with the eggs organized by the particular region from which they originate. The museum is regularly open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, or by appointment.

The UMA has extended hours during special events, such as the 17th annual Easter Bazaar which took place last month. A gift shop, at which one can purchase pysanky as well as other authentic Ukrainian items, is open when the museum is open.

The Carpatho-Rusyn Museum has pysanky exhibits, too. In addition to the special one mentioned earlier in this article, another one chronicles the process of designing a pysanka egg. The Museum also has some Eastern European items for sale.

The C-RS Museum is regularly open from 12 to 4 p.m. on Sundays, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays, and from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, or by appointment for groups. Admission is free to both museums, but donations are gratefully accepted.

It would be good for anyone curious about Eastern European folk culture to visit both these organization's web sites — www.umacleveland.org and www.c-rs.org — to become aware of special classes and lectures which may be of interest.

The UMA, for instance, sponsored pysanky-making workshops last month, and the C-RS has had classes in making holiday breads and putting together an Easter basket filled with traditional and symbolic foods to take to church to be blessed.

Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!
 A happy and blessed Easter to everyone

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Brooklyn Centre Community Association meeting, April 22nd (& every fourth Thurs.), 6:30 pm, Brooklyn Memorial United Methodist Church, 2607 Archwood Ave. (corner of Archwood and Pearl).

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists meeting - Sat., Apr. 24th, 1:30 - 3:30 pm, Brooklyn branch, Cleveland Public Library, 3706 Pearl Rd. An organizational meeting for the upcoming Riverside Cemetery tour, with Sharon Martyn leading the presentation. Anyone interested in planning, volunteering or helping with this year's event invited to attend. Contact Brooklyn Centre Naturalists, 216-351-0254, or bcnaturalists@gmail.com, for more info.

Brooklyn Genealogy Club - New location! Brooklyn Fire Station, 8400 Memphis Ave. at Roadan. (Park behind bldg. to easily access Community Room), Sun., Apr. 18th, 2 pm. Mary Boehnlein speaking about "Enhancing Family History with Newspapers"; preceded by a short business meeting & refreshments.

Brooklyn Historical Society monthly meeting at the museum, 4442 Ridge Rd., Wed., Apr. 28th, 7 pm. Jim Lewandowski speaking about & showing his collection of "World's Fair" memorabilia, inc. coins, small momentoes & maps designating areas of the Fairs. Program followed by refreshments; all welcome. Call Barb, 216-941-0160, for more info.

Daisy Ave. Block Club meeting, last Wed. of each month through Aug., 6:30 - 8 pm. Applewood Center, corner of Daisy Ave. & W. 25th St., in basement meeting room in main historic building.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation board meeting, Tues., Apr. 27th, 6 pm, OBCDC meeting room (3344 Broadview Rd., upstairs). Meetings open to public for review & comments, but Board reserves right to close portions of meetings from public. Call 216-459-1000 to confirm.

Old Brooklyn Republican Organization meeting, Tues., April 13th, 7 pm, Calvary Chapel, 6770 Brookpark Rd. (between Denny's Restaurant and Kane's Auto Exchange. Speakers: Susan Rodman (candidate for G.O.P. State Central Committee), Charles Drake (candidate for G.O.P. State Central Committee), Peter Corrigan and W. Benjamin Franklin (candidates for U.S. Congress), Roz McAllister (candidate for State House) and Bernadette Marshall (candidate for Domestic Relations Court judge).

Second District Police Community Relations meeting, Tues., April 13th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th St.

Southwest Citizens Area Council meeting, every first Thurs., 7 pm, Gino's, 1314 Denison Ave.

Ward 13 Democratic Club meeting, Tues., April 20th (& every third Tues.), 7 pm, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5801 Memphis Ave.

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Brooklyn Memorial UMC
 2607 Archwood Ave.
Brooklyn Centre Naturalists kids classes - Every Sat., 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. Children age 10 & older. Each week children explore nature through art, music & science. Activities include nature walks, building bird feeders & houses, painting & drawing, making rain sticks & drums & much more. Call 216-351-0254 for more info.

CanalWay Center, E. 49th St.
between Grant Ave & Canal Rd.
 216-206-1000
CanalWay Kids Explore Spring - Tues., Apr. 6th, 1-3 pm. Nature kide to discover the signs of spring. Do several activities & travel along the trail. Registration required.

Bike the Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation - Wed., Apr. 28th, 5:30 pm. Doug Kusak & Jill Hauger lead a history/nature adventure on bicycle through the northern portion of Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation's all-purpose trail. Helmet & registration required.

Children's Museum of Cleveland
 10730 Euclid Ave. 216-791-5437
 www.clevelandchildrensmuseum.org
 Hours: Mon. - Sun., 10 am - 5 pm. Exhibit areas close 15 min. prior to Museum closing. Cost - \$7, children age 1 - 12; \$6, adults & children 13 & over; free, under 11 months.

Dollar Day - Fri., Apr. 16th, activities 11 am - 3 pm. \$1 admission for everyone all day! Sponsored by Wells Fargo.

Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland - "Jazz for Kids"
 Sat., Apr. 17th. Concerts, 11 am & 2 pm
 Tickets: \$5/CMC member; \$10, non-member. Jump & Jive Painting, \$1, 12:30 pm.

CityMusic Cleveland Program
Peter and the Wolf - Free concert. Sat, Apr. 17th, 11 am, Fairmont Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd.

Cleveland Metroparks Garfield Park Nature Center 11350 Broadway Ave. 216-341-3152
Kids and Kites - Sun., Apr. 25th, 1 - 2:30 pm, Red Oak picnic area. April is National Kite Flying Month. Learn about different kinds of kites from around the world, then go fly your own. Registration required.

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

North Coast Nature Festival - Fri, Apr. 23rd, 7:30 pm; Sat, Apr. 24th 10 am - 5 pm & evening presentation at 7 pm; & Sun, April 25th, 10 am - 5 pm; free. Featuring "The Nature & Art Show" with wildlife art exhibits, organizational exhibits & other nature-minded vendors exhibiting & selling on Sat. & Sun. Event also features guest speakers, hikes, a day-long field trip (offsite), live animal programs, children's activities & more.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
 3900 Wildlife Way 216-661-6500
 clemetzoo.com
Summer Day Camp Sign - Ups - now underway. Call Education registration staff, 216-635-3391, or email programregistration@clevelandmetroparks.com for more info.

Photo Safari 2010 - April 1st - Nov. 1st, 10 am - 5 pm. Take Your Best Shot at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. The Zoo's annual photo contest is open to all photographers. Prizes awarded for the best photos in each of category & a "Best of Show" winner will also be selected. Junior amateur photographers ages 2-11 may also enter the Zoo's Photo Safari contest.

EarthFest (21st Annual) April 18th, 10 am - 5 pm, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Special eco-exhibits & entertainment throughout the day, more than 160 environmental exhibits focused on climate-change solutions, an organic food market, a clean-transportation area, a green home-improvement area & interactive children's area.. Call Earth Day Coalition, 216-281-6468, or visit www.earthdaycoalition.org., for more info.

Cleveland Museum of Art
 11150 East Blvd
 216-421-7340 www.clemusart.com
 Museum hours. - Tues, Thurs, Sat, Sun., 10 am - 5 pm; Wed. & Fri., 10 am - 9 pm. Closed Mon.
CMNA Kids Online Activities - clemusart.com/kids

Art Cart Sundays - Apr. 18th & May 9th, 1:30 pm; guided hands-on experience with real works of Native art.

Craft Demonstrations by local Native artisans. Sat., Apr. 3rd, 10th, 24th, May 1st & 22nd, 1:30 pm.

Cleveland Museum of Natural History
 1 Wade Oval Dr. 216-231-4600
 www.cmnh.org
Museum - Mon. - Sat., 10 am - 5 pm; Wed. until 10 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. \$10, adults; \$8, ages 7-18, college students with IDs & seniors 60 yrs. or older; \$7, children ages 3-6; free for age 2 & under. Wed. evening admission, \$6 after 5 pm; Tues. & Thurs., 3-5 pm, children 12 & under admitted free.

Hero Dog Balto - A new exhibition will honor the famous sled dog & commemorate the 85th

anniversary of the heroic Alaskan journey that inspired the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. "Balto & the Legacy of the Serum Run" will be on display in the Museum's Kahn Hall from March 6 - May 2. For more info visit www.cmnh.org/site/Balto.aspx. Free with Museum admission. Admission \$10 adults; \$8 ages 7 - 18, college students with valid ID & seniors over age 60; \$7 children ages 3 - 6; free 2 & under.

2010 Target Free First Thursdays - visitors to The Cleveland Museum of Natural History will enjoy free admission on the first Thurs. of each month through March 2011. Museum admission will also be free on Sun., July 18th as part of the Target Free Arts Weekend. Bring the family for a fun-filled day exploring permanent exhibits & watching the action in the outdoor galleries, where owls, bobcats, otters & more are busy all year long. Free admission does not apply to school or other groups. Other programs & special exhibits will be charged at the standard rates.

Cuyahoga National Valley Park
Canal Visitor Center, 7104 Canal Rd.
 intersection of Canal & Hillside Rds, Valley View.
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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 books & learning toys.

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

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

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Grace Church
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Grand Pacific Junction
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 440-235-9277

Go Fly a Kite - Sat., Apr. 17th. Kite building takes place under Grand Pacific Junction Gazebo, 10 am - 2 pm, or until supplies run out. \$1 donation. Fun event teaches children how to build a kite from ordinary materials. Then they take them to the grassy area on the corner of Mill & Orchard St. Call 440-427-9773 for more info..

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center
 28728 Wolf Rd. Bay Village 440-871-2900
 www.lensc.org

Animals A La Mode - Sun., Apr. 25th, 3:30 pm. \$5 per person, for families of all ages; children 1 & under free. Upbeat & interactive show. Top off the evening with ice cream. Pre-registration required.

Summer Camp Registration - Kids ages 3 - 13 can comb the beach, hike the wood & meadows, discover the stars, feel the heartbeat of a live animal & launch a real rocket. Register online at www.lensc.org, for a complete listing & details or programs.

Playhouse Square - Palace Theatre
 1501 Euclid Ave.
 216-241-6000
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1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Youth Swim/ Basketball	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Youth Swim/ Wacky Games	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Youth Swim/ Wacky Games	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Youth Swim/ Basketball	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Youth Swim/ Basketball	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Family Swim
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Adult Swim 18+	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Adult Swim 18+	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Adult Swim 18+	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Adult Swim 18+	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Adult Swim 18+	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Adult Swim 18+
4:30 pm - 7:30 pm Open Swim	4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Water Polo	4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Water Polo	4:30 pm - 7:30 pm Open Swim	4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Water Polo	
		6:00-7:30 Open Swim		6:00-7:30 Open Swim	

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Grace Church, 2503 Broadview Rd., hosted an Easter Egg Hunt for children on Saturday, March 27th.

Photos by George Shuba

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Josh, Anna and Madison enjoyed the event, which also included games with prizes, crafts, a puppet show, a balloon man, pictures with the Easter bunny and snacks.

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"It's not my fault!" That's what Rich thought when the bolt broke on the old muffler. It was one of those "rust buckets" from back east, so he wasn't surprised that it happened. It was when it happened that wrecked his shoulder.

The whole mess fell when the bolt broke, and he had to grab it fast to protect his leg. A sharp edge would have torn through his shin if he'd let it go. Unfortunately, now he was fighting...

A Losing Battle With PAIN!

That sudden grab for the muffler "dinged up" his left shoulder. But the bigger problem was he didn't know what to do, so he wasn't doing anything—except making excuses like:

- I'll deal with it tomorrow
- It seems a little better today
- I can't take time off
- Maybe it's not that bad
- There's nothing that will help

Now...it's natural to put it off 'til later, but Rich waited a year. By that time he couldn't get his left arm up to shoulder level without using the right one to help. It was so bad, he joked about it, saying:

"Can't LIFT, Can't THROW, Can't REACH, Can't SLEEP!"

Sleep was especially bad because he could never lie on his favorite side for more than a few minutes! If he tried, pain would wake him up with a jolt! But then he heard about "some new kinda treatment" that:

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- ✓ Bursitis...dull, toothache-like pain!
- ✓ Tendonitis...have to lie on the opposite side to get to sleep
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- SPASM RELIEF—muscle release to unwind shoulder knots, restore power, unlock stiff joints and free trapped nerves
- JOINT LUBE: chiropractic adjustments to unlock the bones and joints in the back, neck, shoulders—you name it!
- NOODLE FLEXIBILITY—advanced stretching that gets you more limber and loose—so you heal faster and stay that way longer—even without us!
- SOOOOOOTHING THERAPIES—squelch the hurt, calm injured, aching tissues and reduce painful swelling fast
- BALANCE & POWER: re-tool, rebalance and rehab weak, injured muscles—so they don't fall right back into the same painful bad habits of movement.

Here's what Rich said after a couple weeks of treatment:

"When I first came in, I could only get my left arm as high as my shoulder. Now I can raise it above my head—and that's even after a year of pain!"

NOT Just for Guys!

Just because our 1st case study is a mechanic doesn't mean **HealthSource Chiropractic™** isn't as effective for gals—or even more so, since women traditionally take better care of their health.

If you look at the woman in the picture, her pain is where the red round balls are—and even behind the shoulder where you can't see. But the source of the pain is from her NECK. It's what we sometimes call a...

Shoulder-Neck Disaster!

The good news is, we ALSO pay special attention to the neck with ALL shoulder problems. It's critical!! So...

Let's hear from a female patient who knows the power of Progressive Rehab™. It blends the best healing techniques from therapists, chiropractors and trainers in the United States.

Couldn't Lift Her Arm!

"I had extreme disabling pain in my neck, back, and shoulder and inability to raise my left arm. I have gone from a 10 on the pain scale to a one. I am able to lead a normal life again." —Michelle Zelazny

Just imagine what it would be like to live without that nagging ache in your shoulder. There'd be a TON of fun stuff you could do again:

- THROW a ball...or swing a club
- SLEEP like a baby—either side!
- PUSH the mower or the vacuum
- RAKE, SEW, and rip that lid off the stubborn pickle jar!
- REACH back...to get your wallet or TUCK in your shirt
- SHAKE hands without cringing!

The DANGERS of Muscle Wasting!

REMEMBER: Pain killers and cover-up treatments like cortisone can actually lead to further damage because they don't fix the problem. You just don't feel as bad so you keep using the damaged shoulder and really wreck it. Or the opposite problem—at some level, you know something's wrong and don't use the shoulder so the muscles start to wither away. It's called atrophy, which leads to frozen shoulder.

Community Service Screening

"A great way to find out about your pain..."

Whether or not you feel pain right now, let our team of doctors find out for sure with a 19-point, detailed service screening (a \$189 value) that'll identify even the smallest of problems. We'll even throw in the X-rays if we feel you need them. Just bring in this coupon, and we'll take care of the costs. We're not promising a cure or claiming to be superior, we simply like to believe that our clinic is built on helping people feel better.

THERE'S NO OTHER OBLIGATION. Just call 216-398-7246 and you're guaranteed to get in today! Once we track down your pain, we'll work on getting you back to doing the things you love—FAST! Make your appointment TODAY! 216-398-7246

P.S. It's Time to STOP wondering "What If," and time to START putting the confidence back in your body and your life. There's ABSOLUTELY nothing to lose. CALL RIGHT NOW! 216-398-7246

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