

After almost 40 years, Riverside Cemetery's William Halley retires

by Mark Bollinger
General Manager, Riverside Cemetery

For the past almost eighty years, historic Riverside Cemetery in Brooklyn Centre has been under the careful direction of one of two men who just happened to be father and son. The father was Heber Halley and his son is William R. (Bill) Halley.

Heber ran the administrative end of Riverside Cemetery — he was the Clerk and Secretary of the Association — from 1931-1971. After Heber retired in 1971, Bill replaced his father; he was the General Manager at the time of his retirement on February 4, 2010. Bill is, however, staying on in a part-time consulting position to the Cemetery.

Bill actually began working for Riverside, though, when he was a youth, going to work with his father and mother (who was the secretary). He recalls carrying buckets of water pots back and forth from the administrative building to various family lots to water the flowers because there wasn't a watering system throughout the cemetery. He'd also watch, and eventually help, the men hand dig all the graves before the cemetery purchased a backhoe in 1971.

Even though Bill really liked the cemetery business, after he graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College, he took an accounting job at Republic Steel. Ten years later, when his dad announced that he would be retiring, Bill jumped at the opportunity to be considered for the position. His father thought he was crazy for wanting to leave the steel industry, but with the Board of Trustees' stamp of approval, Bill was hired to take over the operations at the cemetery.

At the time, Riverside Cemetery Association had both a Superintendent who oversaw the Foreman of the grounds and the Clerk who handled all the administrative responsibilities. The Superintendent was Bob Andrews; he ultimately worked at Riverside for sixty years.

For several years Bill worked along side Bob, but after Bob retired, Bill became the first General Manager of the Cemetery, assuming all the duties of both the Superintendent and the Clerk.

Bill Halley has been a huge part of the success of Riverside Cemetery, but as he will tell you, "It has been a labor of love!" Perhaps his crowning achievement has been

the restoration of the Victorian Stone Chapel. When Riverside opened in 1876, a Chapel was built on the grounds. This Chapel was used for funeral services because most people had the deceased's visitation at the family residence. It also housed a receiving vault in the basement where caskets could be kept during the frozen season until the ground thawed and graves could again be dug by hand.

Unfortunately, as the years passed by, the physical condition of the Chapel deteriorated, and without the necessary funds to make repairs, it was closed to the public in 1953. When Bill took over in 1971, the Chapel was only being used as a storage building.

Then one day — the day, in fact, that the former superintendent Bob Andrews was put to rest — a strange thing happened. Only thirty minutes after Bob was buried, a portion of the rear wall of the Chapel, along with a corner turret, came crashing down to the ground. Something had to be done, or more breakage and even the loss of the whole structure were possible if repair were not initiated.

It was as if Bob was giving Bill a sign. Bill picked up on this sign and ran with it. It became his dream to restore the Chapel, a "National Register Historic Place". He worked tirelessly toward that goal for several years, launching a capital fundraising campaign and creating the Riverside Cemetery Foundation with a 501(c)(3) certification for the receiving of tax deductible donations for this endeavor, as well as future projects.

Finally, in 1995 enough money was raised to begin the repairs. In all, one hundred and sixty three families/organizations/foundations/companies contributed to the effort, including, to a minor degree, the historical societies in Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre. Today, many people continue to contribute to the

Foundation for the ongoing projects of keeping this structure, as well as the Administrative Building (built in 1896) and other cemetery improvements alive and well.

Without Bill's dogged determination and endless efforts, this beautiful structure would surely have been razed and a piece of Cleveland history would have been lost forever. As a further benefit, Bill also was able to obtain church pews from Trinity Episcopal Cathedral which

matched the architectural design of the building and were a perfect fit.

Now at the time of Bill's retirement, the Riverside Board of Trustees, along with the new General Manager, Mark Bollinger, are pleased to name this historic building in honor of the man who poured so much of himself into restoring the landmark. Riverside Cemetery will be having an official naming of the William R. Halley Chapel in the spring and an open house for the public this coming summer.

(Mark Bollinger is a third-generation funeral director and embalmer who's been a Cleveland area resident his entire life. Licensed for twenty-five years, he came to Riverside in January, 2009 when, in anticipation of Bill Halley's retirement, he became the Assistant General Manager and began learning the General Manager's duties.)

(Lynette Filips contributed to this article.)



Bill Halley and Mark Bollinger have worked together to ensure a smooth transition at Riverside Cemetery.

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists receive vacant land use grant

by Gloria Ferris
Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists (BCN) are pleased to report that in December they learned that received one of fifty-eight grants which the Reimagining Cleveland: Vacant Land Reuse Project recently awarded. Joe Metnik, Brian Avery and other members of the group worked on the application for the grant.

The pilot project, just in its first year, is a collaboration between the City of Cleveland's Community Development Department and Neighborhood Progress Inc., with technical assistance from The Ohio State Extension Service and ParkWorks. The program is related to the Vacant Land Use portion of Cleveland's plan to make itself a more sustainable city.

The proposal which the BCN submitted is for two parcels of land in Brooklyn Centre. One will be for "a native garden in an urban space" on W. 36th St. south of Denison Ave., and the other will be "a forest trail in the city" on W. 39th St. north of Denison Ave.

These projects will need many hands on deck. There will be tasks for bricklayers, stonemasons, carpenters, gardeners and peo-

ple who know how to get the job done. This may be a good opportunity for anyone who has been looking for a way to make a difference in the neighborhood.

The other news from BCN is its upcoming collaboration with the Friends of Big Creek (FOBC). From 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9th, at the Reinberger Education Center at the Metroparks Zoo, the Brooklyn Centre Naturalists and the Friends of Big Creek will host a symposium called Putting the "U" in Urban Watershed Stewardship. Anyone interested in the Reimagining Cleveland project should plan to attend the symposium.

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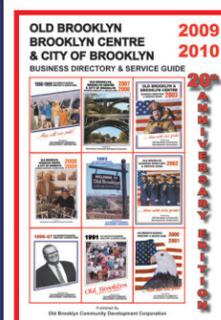
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Carol Lade

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Carol Lade is an Old Brooklyn resident who has charm, character and creativity. You may recognize her name from last month's *Old Brooklyn News*. Her artwork was featured on page 7.

Who can boast that they have lived their entire life in the same house for the past 86 years (with the exception of two years)? Carol Lade can! She moved in with her grandmother for those two years to help her after her grandfather passed away, but she didn't go far; she moved from Broadale Ave. to W. 22nd St..

Carol's parents bought their house because it was close to Benjamin Franklin Elementary School. Carol recalls walking home from school to have lunch with her mother. (Those were the days!)

Upon graduation from James Ford Rhodes High School, Carol worked as a secre-

tary for an attorney, and then went to work at a councilman's office. This is when the proverbial "political bug" bit her.

Carol has worked in a political capacity ever since. She was employed with the City of Cleveland in the Community Development Department and in the 1970s she even ran for State Senator!

Carol continues to stay busy in the political arena. She volunteers for Dennis Kucinich as an archivist and was the senior liaison with the Department of Aging for Ward 15.

Carol took up art classes at Parma Senior Center ten years ago and has been honing her artistic skills ever since. She sent out over 80 Christmas cards of paintings that she has done over the years.

Line dancing was a recent hobby until she lost her balance and broke a hip but this did not even seem to slow her down. After healing, she volunteered at MetroHealth's Senior Health and Wellness Center until she was struck with leukemia and had to receive chemotherapy. But that still hasn't stopped her. Currently Carol still volunteers, knits, takes art classes and uses her computer to stay in touch with her relatives.

Carol's zest for life is contagious and inspiring. Not much can slow this 80-something year old down. Carol says, "Age does not need to be discussed; I feel like I'm 39 years old!"

From the desk of the executive director

by Robyn Sandys
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March is a transition month where we hopefully start to feel a little spring in our step from those few warm days that glow with sunshine. We start preparing our grass and gardens for the new season; maybe do a little spring cleaning and enjoy more of the evening when the time changes later in the month.

The Brooklyn Centre Naturalists as you will see from the front page story will be preparing their two lots for some exciting projects. They need volunteers so if you are interested in their work, they could sure use the help. Benjamin Franklin Community Garden also starts its preparations for the season. Applications will be available in mid March for garden plots this year.

I have been writing for a few months about our house on Tampa that we completed the renovation of this past month. Below is a before and after photo of the kitchen. We held an open house in February for our members and friends. It was well attended and all were very impressed with the outcome. We hope to start work on two other houses this spring with our goal of completion sometime in June.



The new owner of the home on Tampa was able to select most of the interior products from paint colors to carpeting, other flooring, kitchen cabinets, and appliances. If we get a sales contract on the other houses we will renovate before they are completed we can do the same thing with the new owner. If you are interested in becoming a home owner, please contact me at robysn@oldbrooklyn.com.

We are planning to do a feature in the April or May issue of this paper on the area's best breakfasts. Our staff and board enjoy so many great and reasonably priced local places in Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn. Send me an email if you want your favorite breakfast place included in our article.

Remember the CDC offers a wealth of services for homeowners, renters and businesses. If you are not familiar with all that we offer, go to our web site at www.oldbrooklyn.com. We are a friendly group of folks who want to help you build a better life and community!



Photo by George Shuba

On Thursday, February 18th, Cleveland Action to Support Housing (CASH) representatives Marcia Nolan and Cora Donley, Councilman Kevin Kelley, OBCDC Board President Greg Huth, OBCDC Executive Director Robyn Sandys and neighborhood residents attended an open house in celebration of the renovation that OBCDC completed at 2915 Tampa Ave.

It's time to sign up for Ben Franklin gardens

by Tom Sargent
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Though the grounds of Benjamin Franklin Community Garden are presently snow covered and hard frozen, it can be taken as a certainty that spring and the gardening season are short months away. Gardeners are already hard at work planting seeds and planning their gardening strategies for the upcoming season.

Though it has been more than five months since any cultivation has taken place in the Garden, there has been a significant amount of labor expended by the Garden Operating Committee, which has met once and sometimes twice a month since its closing.

The applications for several grants have been completed and submitted and several fundraisers have been held and another is planned at Cleats, 3995 Jennings Rd. on Saturday, March 6th. Additionally, the committee has thoroughly reviewed and updated Garden policies.

The Ben Franklin Garden, located on Spring Rd., directly in back of the elementary school of the same name, is the largest community garden in Cuyahoga County. In addition to growing table fare for their own personal use, each year "Benjie" gardeners generously

donate between six and eight thousand pounds of fresh produce to various food pantries and kitchens in the area. Included in these are the Brookside Center, St. Herman's House of Hospitality, St. Augustine's, and other area institutions that serve the disadvantaged.

Garden plots at "Benjie" are available for a \$30 donation to the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) which manages the garden. There are 210 plots of roughly 20 by 25 feet (approximately 500 square feet). Water is provided free of charge via standpipes located throughout the garden; some seeds and plants are also provided free by the City of Cleveland Summer Sprout Program, administered by the Ohio State University Extension Service.

Established gardeners will receive applications in mid-March. These should be completed and returned to the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation office by April 15. Applications for new gardeners will be available after April 15. It is anticipated that good number of garden plots will be available to first-time Benjamin Franklin Garden gardeners.

For additional information, contact Sandy Worona or Tom Sargent at 216-459-1000 or email Tom at toms@oldbrooklyn.com.

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LENTEN FISH FRIES

Common Grounds Coffeehouse, Brooklyn Heights UCC, 2005 W. Schaaf Rd., March 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th. 5:30 - 7 pm. Fish, fries, coleslaw, rolls, dessert, beverage, \$7.

Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4470 Ridge Rd., Brooklyn. Fri., March 5, 12, 19, 26, 4 - 7 pm. Shrimp, pierogi & cabbage & noodle dinners also offered. Call 216-749-5585 for more info.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 4427 Pearl Rd., Parish Hall. Fri., March 5, 12, 19, 26 4:30 - 7 pm. Adult dinners, \$7; Sr./child, \$5. Breaded baked fish, non-breaded fish, homemade pierogi, battered shrimp, combo fish/pierogi. All dinners include cabbage & noodles or french fries, cole slaw or apple sauce, roll & butter, coffee/tea/fruit punch. Also a la carte items. Eat in or take out.

St. Leo Church, 4940 Broadview Rd., Fri., March 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 3, 4:30 - 7 pm. Adult dinners, \$8. Fish, shrimp, pierogi or combo dinners with choice of 1 side (fries, baked potato),

& cole slaw or apple sauce, roll & butter. A la carte items - pierogis, pizza, macaroni & cheese, cabbage & noodles, soup & dessert. Kids' meals, \$3.50. Carryouts available.

St. Mary Catholic Byzantine School PTU, 4600 State Rd., Fri., Mar. 5, 12, 19 & 26. 4-6:30 pm. Tickets available at the door. Call the school office, 216-749-7980, 9 am - 2 pm for more info.

St. Mary's Polish National Catholic Church, 5375 Broadview Rd., March 5 & 19. 4 - 7 pm. Dinners include beer-battered cod, homemade pierogi, coleslaw, dessert & coffee. Carry-outs available.

Cleveland Maennerchor, 4515 State Rd., Fri. 5:30 - 8:30 pm. Fish, shrimp, scallops, schnitzel, bratwurst, pierogis, potato pancakes, German potato salad. All dinners include bread & butter & choice of potato salad or french fries & apple sauce, coleslaw or salad. Specials every Fri. Call 741-7728 for more info.



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Every Tuesday and Thursday

Manna from Heaven Outreach Center

4490 Pearl Rd (inside Fruitful in a Desert Place Ministry) 2 - 6 pm. Free giveaway of diverse necessities such as clothes, food, toys, and counseling. Support groups, career development programs, & youth drama club that meets every 4th saturday, 3 - 5 pm. We are excepting donations of household items(plates, cups, silverware, appliances, linen, towels, curtains, etc.) during center hours. If you need alternative times, 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.

Monday, March 1st

IHoops Basketball Skills Challenge

Our Lady of Good Counsel Gym, 4423 Pearl Rd. 5 - 8 pm. Open to boys & girls ages 9 - 14. Age groups consist of 9/10, 11/12, 13/14, age as of May 16, 2010. The NBA & This national program provides boys & girls the opportunity to showcase their shooting, dribbling, & passing skills. Free program that provides participants the opportunity to advance through three (3) levels of competition, including the National Finals at NBA City in Orlando, Florida. Birth Certificate is needed to verify age.

Monday, March 1st

Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society

Independence Civic Center, White Oak Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 7:30 pm. Business meeting and then Historical interpreter Deborah Weinkamer portraying Lucretia Garfield, wife of President James Garfield, in a first person presentation entitled *Dear Wife and Mother*. Refreshments afterward. All welcome; call president Don Koslowski, 440-526-7105, for more info.

Tuesdays & Thursdays, March 4th - 18th

Prom Dress/Gown Drive

Manna from Heaven Outreach Center, 4490 Pearl Rd. 2 - 6 pm. Outreach Center is excepting donations of gowns & dresses to giveaway during prom season. Either drop off during center times or contact 216-704-6818 or manafromheavenctr@yahoo.com to make alternative arrangements. Make sure garments are in good condition. The gowns/dresses will be given to young ladies that are in need of a gorgeous gown for one of the greatest times of their lives; the prom.

Saturday, March 6th

Benjamin Franklin Community Garden Committee (BFCGC) fundraiser

Cleats Club Seat Grille, 3995 Jennings Ave. (at Harvard), near Steelyard Commons, 6 - 8 pm. Tickets: \$20, includes an all-you-can-eat buffet of wings, pizza & pasta, beer, soft drinks or well drinks. Also a 50/50 raffle & side board. Funds raised will support the program at the five-acre site. Approximately 180 gardeners

have grown fruits & vegetables each summer since 1979. Each year, gardeners donate thousands of pounds of produce to local food banks & hunger centers. For advance tickets call BFCGC treasurer Jeff Kostura, 216-351-5092, or purchase at the door. Information about the community garden, including applications for the 2010 gardening season, is available at www.oldbrooklyn.com/BFCGC/.

Saturday, March 6th, 13th & 20th

Old Brooklyn Youth League O.B.Y.L. Registration

Brooklyn Hts., United Church of Christ, 2005 W. Schaaf Rd. (corner of Schaaf & Broadview Rds.), 9:30 am - noon. Co-ed softball for children ages 4 - 18 years. Entry fee: \$35; each additional child in household, \$20. Bring birth certificate. For more info. visit www.obyl.org.

Saturdays, March 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

Old Brooklyn Area Little League (OBALL) Registration

Register now by downloading a registration packet from www.oball.org, filling out the forms & mailing a check to P.O. Box 609623 Cleveland, OH 44109. Or wait for in-house registration that will take place every Sat. in March. Accepting 4-6 year olds for t-ball, 7 - 9 year olds for coach-pitch/kid-pitch, 10 - 12 year olds for F1, & 13 - 15 year olds for Big F. Also accepting application forms for Mickey Mantle & Connie Mack for kids 15 & older. Visit website for specific details regarding registration. Businesses looking to sponsor a team should check out sponsorship page on website. Email OBALL at oballhelp@att.net with any questions. Opening day at Progressive Field is Sat., May 22nd. All registered players get a free ticket (as long as each player has an adult who buys a ticket for transportation purposes).

Thursday, March 11th

Antique Collectors Club Meeting

Busch Funeral Meeting Room, 7501 Ridge Rd., 7:00 pm. Sue Cernanec speaking about Easter traditions & collectables. Guests welcome.

Thursday, March 11th & Every 2nd Thursday

Radio Mystery Theater/ Old Time Radio Night Social

Visible Voice Books, 1023 Kenilworth Ave. 216-961-0084. An evening of old time radio mystery theater, 6:30 pm. Free event. Sit back, relax...have a glass of wine (the bookstore sells it!), a snack,& hear many famous voice actors performing great stories by many classic radio writers--all in a nostalgic & intimate setting. These stories were crafted especially for radio & to stir your imagination without relying on a picture on a screen! For more info call Calvin at 216-401-3118,

Saturday, March 13th

Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt

Cornerstone of Hope, 5905 Brecksville Rd. Independence. 9:30 - 11:30 am. Monthly family workshop - enjoy breakfast, egg dyeing, crafts & easter egg hunt. Call to confirm event, date & time. RSVP 216-524-4673. For more info go to www.cornerstoneofhope.org

Every Mon., Wed., Fri. March 19th - April 19th

Census Questionnaire Assistance Center

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

Saturday, March 20th

"Making Something Unique"

Vine Bible Fellowship "Women of Purpose" Brunch. 10 am. - 12 Noon. "A Time of Refreshing for All Women" There will be

Words of encouragement, fellowship, prayer, food, fun & prizes! Free. Bring a friend, a dessert, salad, or casserole for sharing. RSVP to Teresa at 216-799-9769 or e-mail mvg4wr@gmail.com

Tuesday, March 23rd

Western Reserve Rose Society Meeting

Parma South Public Library, 7335 Ridge Rd. Meeting 7 - 9 pm. Everyone welcome. For more info call 330-220-2213 or email at webmaster@westernreservesociety.org.

Tuesday March 30th

Book Club

Cleveland Public Library, South Brooklyn Branch, 4303 Pearl Rd, 2 pm. Join us for a discussion of the memoir "A Song for Mary: An Irish-American Memory" by Dennis Smith. To order your copy call 216-623-7067, ask for the adult reference desk. No registration required.

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.

Thursday, April 1st

President James A. Garfield Monument & Wade Memorial Chapel Opens

Lake View Cemetery, 12316 Euclid Ave. 9 am - 4 pm. Seven days a week. Free. Open until Nov. 19th. A video presentation telling the story of the President and his memorial as well as the history of Lake View Cemetery may be viewed by the public.

Cuyahoga County seeks tax preparation volunteers; training provided

Volunteer tax preparers needed for the V.I.T.A. site at the corner of Memphis Ave. & Fulton Pkwy. Classroom & web-based training provided. Tax returns for Old Brooklyn V.I.T.A. site are simple; training is not difficult. If interested call 216-987-6620 or email: sullie01@odjfs.state.oh.us.

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.orgLeahey2@att.net.

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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.

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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 for 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 Kindergarten & Preschool

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CCDD on Hinckley Pkwy. observes Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

by Jill Riegelmayr-Kolodny

Since March is recognized officially as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (with the theme "Just Like You"), I'd like to raise a little community awareness regarding some of the awesome activities going on in and around the Southwest Adult Activities Center (SWAAC) operated by the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD).

The Southwest Adult Activities Center is located at 4720 Hinckley Industrial Pkwy., and as mentioned in previous articles in the *Old Brooklyn News*, has been operating in our neighborhood since 1984. Times have changed, and so has the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, formerly known as the Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.

The name change came after Senate Bill 79 removed the term "Mental Retardation" from the names of the eighty-eight county boards in Ohio and the state cabinet agency serving persons with developmental disabilities. CCBDD's mission is "to support and empower people with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work and play in the community."

Daily, over fifty employees of the CCBDD provide services to over two hundred and forty adults with developmental disabilities at SWAAC. Individuals perform subcontracted piece work consisting of assembly and packaging and are paid through the nonprofit corporation, Solutions at Work (S.A.W., Inc.). Some people create art and craft products that are sold through an enterprise called HeARTworks.

Individuals in the Southwest Region Community Employment Department work in small group enclaves with staff support at businesses such as Charter One Processing Center, Yellow Cab, Lakefront Trailways and Superior Tool. People perform a variety of

work in different settings ... "Just Like You."

The people who attend Southwest AAC have many chances to participate in a variety of community outings around the Old Brooklyn and Cleveland area. One group volunteers weekly to repack food at the Cleveland Food Bank. Other folks enjoy getting out to places like the Brownbag Concerts at Trinity Cathedral, theater performances, the Art Museum, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, bowling, recreation centers, movies, neighborhood donut shops and Steelyard Commons. They enjoy a variety of activities in the community ... "Just Like You."

At the activities center, the staff conducts classes and activities including Photography, Karaoke, Make-It-Take-It-Crafts and Expressive Reading.

Contracted instructors come in and teach Yoga, Tai Chi, Line Dancing, Art, Music Therapy and Drumming. The Bookmobile comes every three weeks. People like to learn new skills and develop hobbies ... "Just Like You."

On any given day, you can stop in and find a group of sports fans discussing what's happening in "Let's Talk Sports", or another group catching up on the latest news at "Coffee Club." The

"Walking Club" stays fit by walking laps around the building each day. Clients enjoy socializing, parties and special events ... "Just Like You."

Current Events is another of the many activities offered at the Southwest Adult Activities Center. On a chilly Monday in February, for instance, Sherrie Tolliver from the Metroparks Garfield Park Nature Center came to SWAAC to educate the folks here about Zora Neale Hurston, an African American journalist/music teacher who lived in the early 1940s. The afternoon was Sherrie's second round as guest storyteller at the Center's weekly Current Events class.

Just like YOU

We're glad to be part of the Old Brooklyn Community for over twenty-five years and would love to have you come and see what we do. As part of our observance of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, we will be hosting an Open House on Thursday, March 25 from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Join us for a tour and light refreshments. Please RSVP if you can so that we can plan for refreshments and parking. All are welcome.

If you are unable to attend on March 25th, call us at 216-749-0356 to arrange a visit at some other time.

Commander lists crime deterrents

by Commander Keith Sulzer, Second District, Cleveland Police

I have asked the *Old Brooklyn News* to print a second article addressing crime trends and patterns in the Second District to give residents safety tips and to keep them aware of what is going on in their neighborhoods. I hope that it will help them better serve themselves and the Second District community.

In January of 2010, the Second District showed increases in burglaries, auto thefts and thefts from automobiles. Second District detectives recently recovered several thousand dollars of stolen property from a garage, and as a result of that recovery, a male was arrested for "Receiving Stolen Property".

Most of the stolen property's serial numbers were not listed on reports, and there were no theft reports made on several of the items. This makes it difficult for detectives to identify victims and ultimately prosecute the individuals responsible. It is very important that you keep records of all serial numbers or engrave items with your name or some other identifying mark. A serial number or identifying mark on your property will ensure that if it is stolen, your property will be returned to you and that the person(s) responsible will be held accountable.

The majority of residential burglaries have been occurring weekdays during the daytime hours. Please remember when you leave home for any reason to:

- check your doors and windows and make sure that they are properly secured
- keep a watchful eye out for neighbors and their property and ask them to do the same for you
- report any suspicious activity, autos or

individuals to the Second District or contact 911 in emergencies.

Auto thefts and thefts from autos occur at any time. However, they usually occur in the late evening and early morning hours. Many of the stolen autos are late model Hondas. Many of these Hondas are stolen with some type of pass key. If you own a Honda it would be wise to invest in an anti-theft device as a deterrent. The Cleveland Division of Police ask that all residents remember to:

- not leave money or valuables in your vehicles, especially in plain sight
- park your vehicle close to your home or business in a well-lit area
- keep a watchful eye out for friends and neighbors

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, 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 information that can assist detectives with a crime, please call the Second District Detective Bureau at 623-5218 or the Commander's Office at 623-5205.



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At this time of year, the days seem to be getting better and better. We're almost to the halfway point between the shortest and the longest days of the year, and although there's still snow on the ground, the snowdrops are blooming and spring is right around the corner.

Every March is also a little personal celebration for me in terms of this newspaper, because it was in March of 1990 that I began writing a monthly history article for the *Old Brooklyn News*.

Thanks to used file cabinets purchased from the **Amburgeys at Cleveland Office Furniture** and **Fred Manson at Fred's Bread's Outdoor Flea Market**, we've been working on organizing our newspaper archives at both the **Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation** office and in the **Historical Society of Old Brooklyn's** storage area at **Pearl Road United Methodist Church**. It is distressing, though, to realize how many issues are missing from the 1980s, sometimes even complete years.

A few times in the past I've appealed to *OB* readers to donate issues they might have saved, and we have been able to fill in some of our gaps due to the gracious response of several readers. My late aunt, **Virginia Filipowski**, also saved many issues over the years, and we are thankful to have them, too.

Nonetheless, I ask anyone with copies to donate (or even to let us photocopy, if we are totally missing that issue) to contact Sandy Worona by phone, 459-1000, or by email, sandyw@oldbrooklyn.com.

In 2006, at the request of the downtown **Cleveland Public Library**, Sandy gathered up as many papers as she could find and sent them to the library because they wanted to microfilm them for their periodical collection. We need to send the library the last four years of the *Old Brooklyn News*, so they can microfilm them, too; at that time, we would also like to send as many of the missing issues as we can.

Mentioning flea markets brings to mind **Fred's Indoor Flea Market** where some of his outdoor vendors have been peddling their wares four days/evenings a week this past winter. It's located at 2155 Broadview Rd., and has gradually increased the hours during which it's open.

About the same time that Fred's hours were increasing, **Jack Amburgey** was opening his indoor, weekends-only, flea market in the **Gavin Lee Party Center** at 3315 Broadview Rd. Jack's flea market is open on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. Vendor commitment is on a week-to-week basis, and the rent depends upon the size of the space. Some of Fred's people, preferring less hours to staff their booths, relocated to Gavin Lee.

Fred's Indoor Flea Market is now open seven days a week, from 10 a.m. till 8 p.m. It's renamed the **New Age Goth and Resale Shop** and Tom, the man who is leasing it from Fred, specializes in body jewelry, 25 cent books and miscellaneous items.

Tom is also leasing space to other vendors, including the lady who sells crocheted items; he still has some space for additional sellers, as well as consignors (20% fee for consignments - no knives, guns, pornography or drug paraphernalia).

Oftentimes in our February issue - and some years, beyond February - we've written about caring neighborhood institutions/programs in this column. We didn't do that last month, but we are aware of three such activities which recently took place in and around Old Brooklyn.

If you receive medical care at **MetroHealth's Senior Health and Wellness Center**, and you park in the adjacent parking garage, you may have noticed the paper snowflakes on the windows of the connecting walkway. They're the style we all made as children -- by folding and cutting paper, but these are in pastel colors, in addition to the traditional white. Fifth through eighth grade students at **Our Lady of Good Counsel School** made them as part of their continuing effort to be a part of the wider community.

We also received a news release from **Koinonia (coin-o-nee-yah) Homes, Inc.** about a service project which some of their clients initiated. Grateful for the care they receive, Koinonia individuals with developmental disabilities wanted to do something for community members who need their support. Through **Warm Feet for Cleveland**, they collected socks to donate to local non-profits, The City Mission and Berea Children's Home and Family Services. (Coats are a natural giveaway, but they are expensive for a special needs individual to donate. Socks, however, are necessary and do-able.)

Early in winter, Koinonia individuals formed two teams -- White Socks and Red Socks -- and began reaching out to family members and friends. Donations totaling 429 pairs came from California, Oregon, Florida, New York, Texas, Pennsylvania and even India! That far surpassed their expectation of 100 pairs for their first charity drive.

They tracked the socks as they came in, announcing progress and learning information about each state/country. Each team also researched which charity they felt should receive the donations. Team members hand-delivered the socks on February 12th.

"There is so much therapeutic value for our consumers because all of their lives they are the recipients of care," says De Ann Brewer, Vocational Services Manager for Koinonia. "This process creates a tremendous amount of self confidence for them to be the ones on the giving end."

Koinonia Homes, Inc. provides residential and vocational services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) throughout Cuyahoga County, including some in our neighborhood. Visit www.koinoniahomes.org to learn more.

The third caring activity to report this month is the \$2000 students at **Old Brooklyn Community School** raised for Haiti. A photo and the details of that undertaking are on page 12 of this issue.

That's all for now. Please continue to send community news for this column to: Lynette Filipis, c/o the *Old Brooklyn News*, 3344 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44109 or email lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com.

Neighborhood church closing dates draw near

by Lynette Filipis
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Two thousand and ten definitely marks the last Lent and Easter in their church building for Corpus Christi parishioners in Old Brooklyn, and unless their appeal to Rome to remain open is granted, it will also be the last one for members of St. Barbara's in Brooklyn Centre.

Even at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church (OLGC), where the new parish formed from the merging of OLGC and Corpus Christi will meet, it's the last Lent and Easter for the congregation bearing the OLGC name, and the last holy season that priests from the Missionaries of the Precious Blood (C.P.P.S.) will be serving the parish.

Although the Roman Catholic bishop of Cleveland, Richard Lennon, has not yet announced the name of the new parish or the new pastor, all OLGC members have received a letter from their current pastor informing them that on Sunday, March 14th, the C.P.P.S. Provincial Director will be in town to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Order's 100 years of service there at 11 a.m.

The closing Mass for Corpus Christi will be on April 17th and the closing Mass for Our Lady of Good Counsel will be on April 18th. The opening of the new parish at the OLGC site will be a week later, on April 25th.

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

St. Barbara's scheduled last liturgy isn't until May 9th. All closings will be completed by June 30th, 2010 (except for the few parishes which are remaining open on "probation").

Since the time of our last article, the doors of one more church building, St. Christine in

Euclid, have been permanently closed. The parish is now merged with the formed Holy Cross; they are called "Our Lady of the Lake".

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, March 13th. As has been the case the past three 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.

Closing protests continue at numerous locations -- every Wednesday afternoon outside the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist at E. 9th St. and Superior Ave. and every Sunday morning outside St. Casimir Church on E. 82nd St. and Sowinski Ave.

Congressman Dennis Kucinich is also involved in protesting the closings, most recently the proposed one at St. Emeric Church on W. 24th St. He's met with the Hungarian Prime Minister and also with his aide to ask the Hungarian government to appeal to Rome on behalf of the Cleveland church congregation.

The Metroparks, too, has taken note. They've been scrambling to include as many churches as they can on the "Landmarks and Legacies" tours which Historical interpreter Sherrie Tolliver has been conducting over the last several months.

Participants have visited ethnic churches across the city, many, but not all of which are closing. They include St. Elizabeth of Hungary; St. Hyacinth (Polish); St. Lawrence (Slovenian); St. Wendelin (Slovak); Our Lady of Mercy (Slovak). This month they'll explore St. James in Lakewood on Thursday, March 11th, and St. Emeric (Hungarian) on Saturday, March 20th. Call 216-341-3152 to RSVP.

CFD's Ladder 42 on Pearl Rd. to stay open

Effective advocacy went a long way in keeping the fire station at 4665 Pearl Rd. at Stickney Ave. open and fully operational. Local 93 accepted the concession proposal last month; because of their strong leadership along with support from all police and fire chiefs involved they were able to maintain current service at least

for now. The community should continue to remain vigilant about making sure it stays open. Councilman Kevin Kelley and many community members expressed concern about the initially proposed "brown out"; their voices along with the union's support were what helped to keep the station open.

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In preparation for its spring production of **Bat Boy: The Musical**, Great Lakes Theater Festival's free outreach touring production of

David Hansen's world premiere play, *On the Dark Side of Twilight*, will visit twenty-one venues throughout northeast Ohio, through March 11th. All performances, except those at area high schools, are free and open to the public. Visit website for locations.



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(14th Street Theatre)
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by Tom Collins
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Enough!

Forbes magazine provoked me this month with their one-two punch in the Cleveland gut. It is the same as attacking the family when you categorize an entire population and geographic location as the worst in the country. Being someone who returned to Cleveland many years ago because it is a wonderful place to live I find their listings to be juvenile and insulting.

Forbes is a national publication which is forsaking business and financial news for questionable, made to incite, surveys of mismatched data sources. It is not like it is supposed to be the first publication you would select when planning a vacation trip to a major American city.

Let's start with the inaccurate identification of being the worst winter weather city in the country. It seems to me that if you achieve the highest score you are the best, not the worst. We are fortunate to live in a part of the country where we enjoy four seasons. Winter offers a change in activities that many people welcome. If you enjoy outdoor activities then this part of Ohio offers downhill and cross

country skiing, indoor and outdoor ice skating, snow boarding, sledding, tobogganing and enough walking trails to wear out a pair of boots.

Heavy snow can slow the city but not cripple it. It takes only a few hours to clear streets and maintain transportation. And 95 % of the drivers adjust their good driving skills to allow the 5% with bad driving habits to spin out of the way.

If a little outdoor winter activity is not appealing for some individuals then the range of indoor attractions is more than anyone can do in one season. There are film festivals, community and professional theatres, musical concerts of all varieties, museums for all interests, recreation centers, libraries, bookstores, social clubs of all kinds, professional, college and high school sports and literally hundreds of restaurants.

Too Much!

Now, on to the "worst city in the country" designation. Bunk! What does Forbes know about Cleveland, or any other city, that does not come from a statistic in a data table?

This myth that Cleveland invented burning rivers is urban legend. Until the 1970s every industrial city in the country was plagued with water and air pollution as a result of industrial success when this was a manufacturing country. Cleveland became a national model, and continues to be so, in cleaning the Cuyahoga River and Lake Erie.

The people of this city learn from mistakes and create opportunity from liability. That is why the bulkheads along the Cuyahoga River are being retrofitted with fish sustaining ecosystems and the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail is reclaiming former industrial properties. The writers and editors of Forbes should look at a map that displays a United States National Park between Cleveland and

Akron along this cleansing river.

Public corruption is not unique to Cuyahoga County. That being said, it remains intolerable. What is different here is that the investigators and prosecutors are taking their time to be thorough and comprehensive so that the corruption that is being removed does not clone itself. The citizens of the county voted favorably for a new structure of county government. It seems to me that a widespread criminal investigation and government reforms are indicators of a viable county.

Foreclosures are a national crisis that Cleveland officials identified long before the finance industry admitted that they had a problem of historic proportions. Cleveland is a leader in working to prevent foreclosures,

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secure abandon homes, rehabilitate sound structures, demolish homes that cannot be saved and introduce green space initiatives on vacant lots. Forbes magazine wants to present a serious problem as permanent while Cleveland works to solve a perplexing situation that it did not create.

To be sure Cleveland and Northeast Ohio have too long a list of serious problems. However, the talent, energy, drive, persistence and good nature of the people in this part of the world will continue to solve problems and make this "the best location in the nation".

Come Visit!

If someday Metrohealth Systems, University Hospitals or the Cleveland Clinic discovers the procedure to remove arrogance from people, I suggest that they invite the writers and editors of Forbes magazine to come in through the emergency room. As we do throughout Cleveland, we will make you better.

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Add a bit of the Irish at Gaelic Imports

by Lori Peterson
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If you are at a loss as to what to get the Irish lad or lass in your life for St. Patrick's Day, take a trip to Gaelic Imports. The taste and feel of the United Kingdom and Ireland is right around the corner and has been serving the Old Brooklyn/Brooklyn Centre neighborhood for over twenty-five years. It's now located at 4882 Pearl Rd. (at Northcliffe Ave.), but was originally on the corner of Denison Ave. and W. 25th St. (where McDonald's is currently located).

Jim Henderson and his family have owned the store for the past thirteen years. They offer food, music, gifts, books and jewelry to fill every Gaelic need.

Jim is proud to offer food for every meal of the day, beginning with imported teas and snacks in between such as Marmite, Weetabix or McVitie's products. They offer a full line of fresh baked foods made with recipes from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

The food, prepared onsite daily by Jim, his wife, Sue, and their son, Andrew, includes: meat pies, Cornish pasties, bridies (a meat pastry), sausage rolls, bakewell tarts (a jam with an egg and ground almond enriched filling);



Eccles cakes (a small, round cake filled with currants and golden raisins and made from puff pastry); empire biscuits (two vanilla cookies with strawberry); shortbread; and more. They also prepare fresh pork sausage links, beef sausage links, black pudding (blood pudding), mealie pudding (a pork, oatmeal and bread dish) and haggis (a dish containing sheep organs with oatmeal).

If it is special gift that you are looking for Gaelic Imports offers imported items such as, music, hats, sgian dubhs (ceremonial knife), sporrans (pouch or purse), kilt hose (socks) and much more. Kilts, clan crest paraphernalia, and woolens can be special ordered. Gaelic Imports also assists with kilt rentals.

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Should I transfer my credit card balance now?

by Dana Korosi
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With the passage and implementation of many new provisions in the Credit Card Act, the obvious question many of us are asking is if now is the time to switch to a card with a lower interest rate. That's a logical question. The answer lies in what your interest rate is now, after the February 22 implementation date just passed, and what kind of deal you can get with a new card based on your credit history.

The fact is that all card issuers (banks, credit unions) face the same rules. This benefits the consumer as limits on interest rate hikes, more time to pay your bill, more transparency from your financial institution, and the right to opt out of any changes to your card.

Having said that, a change in scenery still might be in a good idea if your recent card statement shows a higher interest rate because you have gone over your limit or have been tardy in making payments. Here are some considerations when making your decision —

Good credit is the real priority. It's actually a Catch 22. Yes, there are 0% credit card transfer deals out there but you need excellent credit — usually a FICO score of 740 or better — to get them. Improving your score over time

rather than prioritizing card reform offers is the key to saving real money over the long term.

Study the card balance transfer promotions. The lure of a lower credit card rate is like a siren — it looks great for that introductory period but remember that the rate following this period will be reflective of your credit score and the issuer's program. Also determine what balance transfer fees may be involved in obtaining that lower rate. After the transfer period, look for a fixed rate and compare the actual rate itself to the one you currently have.

What are the ongoing fees? Many financial institutions have reacted to the Card Act by imposing new fees — monthly activity, non-usage, billing, etc. This is in order for the institutions to maintain some level of profitability. Be sure you understand what fees, if any, are involved in your contemplated transfer to another card issuer.

Remember that not all institutions are alike. Credit Unions generally offer their Members a fair and equitable arrangement on many financial services. Credit cards are yet another service in the basket and one worth taking the time to examine. For more information, stop in to Steel Valley Federal Credit Union and compare your credit card to the one offered. You might be pleasantly surprised.

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Weatherization & Historic Preservation

by Donald Heckelmoser
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Weatherization is the practice of protecting a building and its interior from the elements, while modifying it to reduce energy consumption and optimize efficiency. The United States Department of Energy estimates that weatherization can reduce heating bills by 32% and overall energy bills by \$358 per year.

Weatherization services provide cost-saving measures and provide education. Energy education can save additional dollars in utility bills through awareness alone.

Although a lot of information about energy efficiency and weatherization is available, not all of it is accurate. For instance, certain policies and practices favor or promote replacement over repair and reuse, and this is not always true. Windows are a prime target for weatherization, even though they are not the main cause for energy loss. Old windows in historic buildings are energy efficient if properly maintained, rehabilitated and/or preserved the right way.

Too often, weatherization and being "green" are pitched as a means for buying new and replacing old. It has become a consumer-oriented and a profitable business, with homeowners barraged with infinite ways to go green.

Looking back to the 1970s and that era's call to action for energy conservation, we should learn from our mistakes. Then as now, there was a rush to tear out and replace with new (especially windows), often at the expense of older buildings and their character. Now those replacement products are often failing and needing to be replaced again. We now know that older windows perform well when they are maintained and in good working order. They do even better when combined with a good storm window.

In terms of cost-benefit analysis, weatherizing a leaky window will nearly always be more cost-effective than installing a replacement. It also will achieve the same goals for energy efficiency.

It is far easier to save energy than one might think, as there are simple ways to reduce our carbon footprints. Older and historic buildings have an important role to play in this discussion. They have stood the test of time and can always be made more energy efficient. If you really want to be "green" and save energy, reusing existing materials and retrofitting older and historic buildings is a smarter, more long-term and sustainable choice that will save both money and resources.

The 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provided \$5 billion for weatherizing one million homes across the nation. Older and historic buildings are often inherently designed for energy conservation and respond differently to regional environments. Overhanging roofs, porches, awnings and shutters can maximize shade and provide insulation. Thick walls provide thermal mass and buffering. Large operable windows provide natural light and promote air circulation.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation (www.preservation.org) has

developed simple tips to help owners of older and historic homes to self-weatherize their homes. A handful of these tips (which anyone can employ to save some money on his/her monthly bills) follows.

* Getting an energy audit is the equivalent of "Knowledge is power". The more you know about your home and its flaws, the better prepared you are to be a do-it-yourselfer. Use this audit as a guide and complete projects over time rather than all at once.

* Again, focusing on windows will not solve your problems, because most heat loss in a building goes through the roof and gaps in the walls and foundation. If the primary source of heat loss is air leaking through an attic hatch or a poorly fitted fireplace damper, replacing windows is not going to help the situation.

* Seal cracks, holes and gaps, especially around windows, doors and other areas with high potential for heat loss. Check for proper ventilation to unconditioned spaces to protect from the effects of condensation. Repair older windows and doors with new glazing, including installing storm windows where appropriate.

* Ensure that water is properly draining away from a building through gutters and downspouts, combined with foundation waterproofing and drains. Install insulation, where appropriate, around ducts, pipes and water heaters, as well as near the foundation and sill. Maintain watertight roofing and siding.

Massive icicles and ice dams have been hanging menacingly from the gutters of many neighborhood homes this winter. They are caused in large part by warm attics.

Warm attics are a good thing for people with finished attics or whose second floor matches with their roof line. However, icicles on homes with unheated/unconditioned attics mean that something is warming the attic. Typically, this "something" is air bypasses that originate in the basement or crawl space and continues up to the attic causing pockets of warm air that heat the roof and melt the snow on the roof.

The water from the melted snow travels down the roof where it is typically colder by the overhang and above the wall cavity and refreezes. This process forms ice dams and icicles. These ice dams can cause damage to roof shingles and potential leaks. Over years, this process can also cause discoloration and broken gutters. To avoid these ice dams, homes must be properly air-sealed so that the attic does not have warm pockets of air constantly circulating through it.

If the attic is heated, then options include adding ridge or soffit venting that leads into the attic to make the edge of the house the same temperature as the top of the roof. This will prevent the refreezing of the water as it comes down the roof.

Americans seem to be very focused on energy consumption in these trying economic times. The United States Department of Energy puts out an energy savers booklet every year with all sorts of tips to help consumers save money. Contact Donn at 216-459-1000 (OBCDC) for a copy of this booklet or with any questions that may arise.

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St. Patrick's Day parades have long history here and in eastern United States

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The route has changed over the years, but when Cleveland's St. Patrick's Day parade steps off at 1:04 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17th, at the intersection of Superior Ave. and E. 18th St., it will probably be the 144th time that Irish-Americans here have celebrated the feast day of the patron saint of their ancestors' native country.

The fact that they've celebrated their patron's feast like no other nationality does is likely due to the fact that so many people of Irish descent became involved in American politics after immigrating here. Cleveland's parade, though not the biggest or the oldest in the nation, has its share of political figures among the participants. That's not how St. Patrick's Day parades in America began, however.

Many people equate the arrival of the Irish in America with the Potato Famine of the late 1840s. Others think of the manual labor they provided 25 years earlier than that, digging the Erie Canal in New York and the Ohio and Erie Canal in Ohio.

Actually, though, the first official Irish settlement in America was in 1621, in what is now Newport News, Virginia. And it's claimed that 52% of George Washington's Continental Army was Irish. The Irish hated the English because they took away their land, their language, their economic opportunities and the practice of their religion.

By 1837, there were already enough Irish in Boston for the city's Protestants to organize a secular observance to benefit the needy among them. Now it's considered to be the first St. Patrick's Day parade in America. The Boston celebrations continued year after year, and following the Revolutionary War, the annual parade was jointly coordinated by Presbyterians and Catholics.

The largest and most famous display of Irish-American spirit these days, though, is New York City's St. Patrick's Day Parade along Fifth Ave. It claims to be in its 249th consecutive year, having begun in 1762 (although 1766 was the first official parade year). The earliest parade was simply an Irish military unit marching and playing their band music on their way to breakfast at a Manhattan tavern.

For at least a few years in New York City, there were also numerous "processions" of Irish folks on their way to their parish church to attend Mass on St. Patrick's Day. But for a very long time now, the City's St. Patrick's Day Parade has been coordinated by a grand marshal.

According to one report, the next oldest St. Patrick's day parade on this side of the Atlantic Ocean was in Savannah, Georgia; then the one in Montreal, Canada; and then the one in Chicago, Illinois.

Here in Cleveland, it's believed that the first year that a group of folks of Irish descent processed from church to church was on March 17th, 1867. The Ancient Order of Hibernians probably organized the songs and dancing. In the early years, the parades were always on the west side of the city, because that is where most of the Irish lived, from the Flats to about W. 67th St.

Cleveland's parade expanded over the

years and circa 1900, the Hibernian Riflemen and the Irish Tradesmen played an integral part in planning it and carrying it out.

In 1900, the *Cleveland Leader*, Cleveland's most prominent, but anti-Irish newspaper, listed the following happenings of March 17th; St. Cecelia Church was producing the play, *Shaun Aroon*; *Inshavague* was at Cathedral Hall; and St. Thomas Aquinas Church had *Soggarth's Return*; no notice of the parade was seen in its print.

Ten years later, on March 17th, 1910, Senator Dan Mooney of the Ohio State Legislature introduced a bill which finally recognized St. Patrick's Day in Ohio.

In 1912, crowds estimated at 100,000 came from as far away as Chicago and New York to welcome home Johnny Kilbane, a local boy from W. 74 St., who won the World Featherweight Championship Crown. He took that prize by defeating Abe Atell in Los Angeles, and kept it until 1923.

World War I and the Great Depression affected Cleveland's celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Men were off to war, women were working in factories and poverty prevailed. From 1913 to 1935 there was no downtown parade, but there was a smaller version on the west side from either a hotel or a church to a prearranged destination.

From 1935 until 1957, under the auspices of the Irish Civic Association, the parade grew. It was, however, becoming so large and expensive that in 1958 eight groups — The Irish Civic Association, Sons and Daughters of Eire, the West Side Irish American Club, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and their Ladies Auxiliary, the Gaelic Athletic Association, the Irish Cultural Garden League, the Cleveland Gaelic Society and the Pioneers — formed a single group: The United Irish Societies (UIS). This group established the Parade Committee whose sole purpose was to be the planning, fundraising, organizing and execution of the parade.

The parade's website also lists numerous other Irish organizations which have become members of the United Irish Societies since that time. Representatives of these groups meet many times a year to plan all phases of the parade.

Since 1935, a Grand Marshall has been chosen to preside over the parade. The honorary title is given to "a man usually in his senior years, who has contributed significantly to the advancement of the Irish Activities in Cleveland." Since 1963, a Mother of the Year has also been recognized. This honor is given to "a woman whose life has reflected credit on the Irish nationality and whose example has been a source of inspiration to the community."

In 1966 Cleveland's Parade recognized the 50th Anniversary of the 1916 Easter Uprising. Twenty-five Irish Republican Army Veterans of the uprising were recognized, nineteen of whom attended the parade.

Attending Mass at an Irish parish is the way many folks of Irish descent begin St. Patrick's Day. The Mass at St. Patrick Church, 3602 Bridge Ave., will be at 9:30 a.m. Bishop A. James Quinn will be the principal celebrant.

The Cleveland Firefighters Memorial Pipe and Drum Band (which performed in Washington, D.C. in January at the last presidential inauguration) will play the bagpipes.

The Mass at St. Colman Church, 2027 W. 65th St., will be at 10:30 a.m. At the time of publication, the celebrant could not be confirmed; members of the West Side Irish-American Club will be in attendance. Arrive early to have any chance of a seat!

The Irish Heritage Club will be present at the St. Patrick's Day Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, at the corner of E. 9th St. and Superior Ave. downtown. It is scheduled for 10 a.m. Bishop Richard Lennon will be the celebrant.

The East Side Irish American Club will host a Mass at 10 a.m. at Ss. Robert and William Parish, 367 E. 260th St. in Euclid. Bishop Roger Gries, O.S.B., will celebrate the Mass.

The St. Patrick's Day Mass at St. Patrick's Church, 4427 Rocky River Dr., West Park, will be at 9:30 a.m. Bishop A. Edward Pevec will be the celebrant.

As is done at that time every weekday, Mass will be offered at 7 a.m. and noon at St. Malachi Church, 2459 Washington, north of the W. 25th St. end of the Detroit-Superior

Bridge, on St. Patrick's Day.

And who was this Patrick whose memory everyone is celebrating? Patrick was a Roman citizen, born to wealthy parents in the British Isles circa 385. Pirates kidnapped him when he was sixteen and sold him as a slave in Ireland. He worked there as a shepherd for six years, then escaped to France and was eventually reunited with his parents.

Patrick subsequently became a priest, but wasn't able to return to Ireland until 432, after he became a bishop. He spent almost the next 30 years of his life converting the pagan Celts who occupied Ireland to Christianity.

At the time, the shamrock was an important symbol in Celtic fertility rituals; each leaf represented a particular goddess. To ensure good crops, the Celts burned the shamrocks' leaves and spread them on the fields.

Patrick adopted that symbol to the Triune Godhead of Christianity — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — and that's why today there'll still be so many shamrocks or otherwise "wearing of the green" at the Cleveland St. Patrick's Day parade and beyond.

No matter how you want to observe the day, visit the parade's website, www.clevelandirishparade.org, for more detailed information about St. Patrick's Day in Cleveland this year.

(Acknowledgments: I obtained most of the historical information about Cleveland's St. Patrick's Day parade from a historical piece on the parade's website. It was written in 1995 by Lonnie McCauley.)



The Historical Society of Old Brooklyn would like to know the names of the doctors in this picture, taken in 1956. Please contact president Connie Ewazen with any information -- 216-398-8969.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Brooklyn Centre Community Association meeting, March 25th (& every fourth Thurs.), 6:30 pm, Brooklyn Memorial United Methodist Church, 2607 Archwood Ave. (corner of Archwood and Pearl).

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists & Friends of Big Creek joint meeting Tues., March 9th, 6 - 8:30 pm. Reinberger Education Center, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo -- *Putting the "U" in Urban Watershed Stewardship*. RSVP

Brooklyn Genealogy Club - New location! Brooklyn Fire Station, 8400 Memphis Ave. at Roadan. (Park behind bldg to easily access Community Room), Sun., Mar. 21st, 2 pm. "Census Record--Maximizing Your Research" presented by Ohio Genealogical Society District Trustee Margaret Cheney.

Historical Society of Old Brooklyn meeting, 7 pm, Fri., Sept. 11, Pearl Road United Methodist Church, 4200 Pearl Rd. (Use rear entrance off parking lot.) John Young speaking about History of Speed Exterminating, as well

as the newly restored Young Family home on Valley Rd. Refreshments. Business meeting follows. Prospective members welcome; call president Connie Ewazen, 398-8969, with questions about the group.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation board meeting, Tues., March 23rd, 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.

Second District Police Community Relations meeting, Tues., March 9th (& 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., March 16th (& 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
The Buzzards are Back - Sat., March 27th, 1-3 pm. Join us to learn more about turkey vultures, buzzards & their gross behaviors. We will go out & see if we can find any turkey vultures. 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.

Chemistry Club Child-Only Workshop - Sun, March 21st, 12:30 - 1:30 pm. Registration & workshop, fee required.

Printmaking Family Workshop - Sat., March 27th. 12:30 - 1:30 pm. Registration & workshop fee required.

SANDasaurus - Museum's annual sand exhibit. Children search for fossil clues about ancient life & learn what it takes to be a scientist as they dig for fossils on their own in over 70 tons of sand. Exhibits include: **Base Camp** - exploring what daily life is like for a paleontologist away from home; **Dig Site** - using tools to uncover a fossil buried in the sand; **Paleo Lab** - learning about the special tools a paleontologist uses to prepare fossils; **Dino Dress Up** - dressing up in a dinosaur costume while pretend-playing about what it would be like to be a dinosaur; **Sand Sculpture** -

Cleveland's own Carl Jara, one of the nation's top sand artists, returns to create another one-of-a-kind masterpiece.

Cleveland Metroparks Winter Recreation Fun
Enjoy sledding, cross-country skiing, ice fishing & ice skating at various locations. Use caution & proper equipment; use the area only when proper weather/snow-ice conditions exist.

Cleveland Metroparks - Rocky River Nature Center/Frostville Museum
Rocky River Reservation 24000 Valley Pkwy., North Olmsted 440-734-6660
History of Maple Sugaring - Sat. & Sun., Mar. 6th, 7th, 13th & 14th, 11 am - 4:30 pm, weekends; 11 am - 3 pm, weekdays (by appointment only). Maple Grove Picnic Area; free.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
3900 Wildlife Way 216-661-6500
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Summer Day Camp Sign - Ups - Zoo members registration will begin 8:30 am Mon., March 1. Nonmembers 8:30 am., Mon., March 15. For more info, call the Education registration staff at 216-635-3391 or email program-registration@clevelandmetroparks.com.

St. Patrick's Day at the Zoo - Wed. March 17th, 10 am - 5 pm. If you have an old cell phone & charger you'd like to recycle, drop it off at the Zoo's ticket office on Wed, March 17, & receive one free admission to the Zoo that day. Anyone who wears green to the Zoo on St. Patrick's Day will receive half-off the admission price that day, tickets \$3.50 per person, \$2.50 kids ages 2 - 11, free children under 2 & Zoo members. Limit one discount per person.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny - In the RainForest. March 27th, 28th & April 3rd. 8:30 - 10:30 am. Breakfast served from 8:30 - 9:30 am. Tickets include a breakfast buffet, admission to the Zoo & The RainForest that day, a visit with the Easter Bunny, face painting, crafts, Get-Close Animal Encounters & a special 10 am. Easter egg hunt. Adults: \$22.50, children, 2-11 \$18.50, children under 2 free. For tickets, call 216-635 3300.

Reduced Winter Admission - now thru March 31st for both Zoo & RainForest -- \$7, adult admission; \$5, children 2 - 11; free, children under 2 & Zoo members.

Habitat steward, who will talk about how easy it is to certify a backyard as a habitat; Lisa Duncan, a naturalist for the City of Fairlawn, who will share her passion for rain gardens, both big and small, as a means for reducing storm water run-off into the sewer system, and will show unique ways to deal with wet areas; and

John Rakauskas, an Old Brooklyn architect, who will discuss storm water mitigation, the use of tax credits, some of the ways to incorporate permeable surfaces in landscapes, and how to incorporate "trickle down" methods of storm water control.

Please RSVP to bcnaturalists@gmail.com or call 216-351-0254 by March 3rd. Volunteers for the Reimaging project should use the same contact information. (Lynette Filips contributed to this article.)
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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

Family & Community Day - Sun, March 7, 1-4 pm. Dancing & drumming, music, workshops, & craft demos. Free & open to all.

Art Cart Sundays - March 7, April 18, & May 9, 1:30 pm. A guided hands-on experience with real works of Native art.

Craft Demonstrations by local Native artisans. Sat., March 13, April 3, 10, 24, May 1 & 22, 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. to 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.

Cuyahoga Community College
Western Campus, 11000 Pleasant Valley Rd

Family Fun Sundays - March 14th & April 11th; noon - 4 pm. All families & ages invited to use the Tri-C Western Campus pool & gym monthly throughout the school year. Pool & gym activities provided. Parents must accompany children at all times. \$10 per family, per visit. Parking available in designated visitor lots for \$1 for a two-hour time block, or hang-tag permit can be purchased for 75 cents. Contact Rita Shearer, 216-987-5456 or rita.shearer@tri-c.edu, for more info.

Cuyahoga National Valley Park
Canal Visitor Center, 7104 Canal Rd, intersection of Canal & Hillside Rds, Valley View. Open year round, daily, 10 am - 4 pm; free.

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

Preschool Storytime - Every Tues., 10:30 - 11 am. Interactive stories, rhymes, songs & other activities for children ages 3-5. Call to register.

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

Grace Church
2503 Broadview Rd. 216-661-8210
Easter Egg Hunt - Sat. March 27th; 1 pm. Kids ages 1 - 10. Easter egg hunt, prizes, games, puppet show, refreshments, craft & the Easter Bunny. Bring a basket to collect your eggs.

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

"Friday Nights with Nature" - Feb. speaker series, 7:30 pm. Cleveland Metroparks takes an armchair journey to a variety of world locations to explore the delicate, sometimes harsh beauty of nature & discover the culture/heritage of "cousins" around the globe.

Great Lakes Science Center - NASA Glenn Visitor Center moves to GLSC

Spring Break Camps 2010 - Mon., - Wed., March 29th - 31st. Thurs., April 1st, Fri., April 2, Mon. - Fri., April 5th - 9th. All camps meet 8:30 am - 3:30 pm., extended care 7:30 am - 5:30 pm. Campers may bring a brown bag lunch or purchase a lunch. Launch rockets, make slime, build & program robots & more. Day-long camps & classes for kids in grades K-8. To register for either a day or a week or for more info., go to greatscience.com or call 216-621-2400.

As I see it...
by
Pastor Jerry



Neither Lent nor Easter is an intellectual exercise. We cannot approach the Cross of Christ with only our heads and not our hearts. May we never be so educated, so mature, so religious, that we see His passion without tears. Calvary is not a mental trip. We can never walk from any of it unstirred and dry-eyed. If you don't feel the emotion, look again. Those are nails piercing those hands. That's God on that Cross. And it was we who put Him there.

John, Peter and Mary knew it. They realized the enormous price that was being paid. As they struggled to understand the reason for it all, their tears flowed freely. They saw the Savior!

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

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists from front page

Usually when urban watershed issues are discussed, it's from the vantage point of the big picture, but at this symposium FOBC and BCN will explore how each person can impact the Big Creek watershed in a positive way.

The topics will include storm water management, creating healthy backyard and public environments for wildlife through the use of native plants and organic gardening practices, and understanding how water quality can be improved through individual action.

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Chair Exercise - Tues., Wed., Thurs., 11:30 am; Estabrook.

Chair Volleyball - Deaconess-Krafft; Fri., 10:45 am. **Estabrook**; Wed. & Thurs., 10:30 am;

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

Crochet Klatch - Tues., 9:30 - 11:30 am; Estabrook.

MetroHealth Lite & Easy Exercise - Mon., Wed. & Fri., 9:30 - 10:30 am. Light exercise class with a certified fitness instructor; \$2 per class; Estabrook.

"SCR Strollers" - Walking group, Tues., 10 am; meet at Estabrook.

Corn Hole - Tues., 9:45 am; Estabrook.

Fun & Games

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

Fruit Bingo - Mon., 11:30 am, Estabrook; Wed., 10:30 am; Deaconess-Krafft.

Snack Bingo - Fri., 11:30 am; Estabrook.

Horse Racing for Fun - Fri., 10:30 am, Deaconess-Krafft; Mon., 11am; Estabrook.

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

Line Dancing - Tues., 1 pm; Deaconess-Krafft.

Wednesday, March 17th
St. Patrick's Day Card Party - Deaconess Krafft. 10 am - 2 pm. Cost: \$4.25; call 216-749-5367 for more info.

Friday, March 19th
Carrie Cerino's Jimmie Dorsey Orchestra - Cost: \$45; call 216-749-5367 for more info.

Wednesday, March 24th
Orchid Mania at the Cleveland Botanical Garden Lunch at China Jade - Cost: \$10; call 216-749-5367 for more info.

Wednesday, March 31st
Presque Isle Gambling Trip - Cost: \$25; call 216-749-5367 for more info

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hours Sun., 12 - 4 pm.; Tues., 11 am - 3 pm; Wed., 5 - 7 pm, followed by Byzantine Lenten Service; Thurs., 4 - 8 pm. On loan from Archbishop Fulton John Sheen Foundation. Visit www.parma.org for more info.

CHURCH NOTES

Monday Nights throughout the Lenten Season
Lenten Bible Study

Brooklyn Memorial United Methodist Church, 2607 Archwood Ave., chapel, 6:30 pm. Brooklyn Memorial UMC & Archwood UCC, discussing the book *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach about Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem* by John Dominic Crossan & Marcus Borg. Different portion of book presented & discussed each week. Sessions conclude on Mon, Mar. 22nd. Everyone invited.

Saturdays & Sundays, March 3rd & 4th
Fruitful in a Desert Place Ministry, 4490 Pearl Rd., noon. 3rd Sundays -- Friends & Family Day & 4th Sundays -- Youth Sun. Fun, skits, stories.

Wednesdays, March 3rd & 17th
Senior Meeting

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., upstairs. Luncheons at both meetings, beginning at 11:30 am. Freewill offering. Interesting topic & good fellowship. Everyone invited.

Wednesdays, March 3rd - 24th
Lenten Services

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., 10:30 am & 7:00 pm. "Animals of Lent"; luncheon following the morning service; soup suppers before the evening service at 6 pm in upstairs Gathering Room. Everyone welcome.

Sunday, March 14th
Cookin' for Christ

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., noon. Menu includes city chicken, scalloped potatoes & more. Tickets: \$7, adults; \$4, children under 10. Call church office, 216-351-6499, no later than Thurs. March 11th, to register.

Tuesday, March 23rd

Widows & Widowers Luncheon

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., noon. Menu includes heavenly casserole, salads & desserts. Contact church office, 216-351-6499, to reserve a meal.

Wednesday, March 24th

Eries Presque Isle Downs Casino

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 4423 Pearl Rd. Arrive & load coach at 7:45 am; coach departs 8 am for Erie. Arrive back at church at 6 pm. \$26 per person. Call Julia, 216-351-9970, for more info.

Sunday, March 28th

French Toast / Pancake & Sausage Brunch
St. Mary's Crystal Chalet, corner of State Rd & Biddulph Ave. Sun., March 28th, 10 am - 1 pm. Donation, adults \$6, children \$3. Brunch includes choice of french toast or pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs & beverage. Take-outs available. "Split-Pot" raffle during the brunch. Contact school office, 216-749-7980, for more info.

St. Luke's United Church of Christ
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Good Friday, April 2nd - noon - 3 pm; stop in to silently pray, reflect & meditate in solemn remembrance of Christ's ultimate sacrifice on the Cross for all God's children. Holy Communion available for those who wish.

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Sunday, April 11th

Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church to Celebrate 100 Years

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4600 State Rd. Phone: 216-741-7979 Pastor: Very Rev. Steven Koplinka Father Deacon: Joseph Hnat, 216-233-4118. Divine Liturgies: Sat. Vigil, 4 pm.; Sunday, 11 am; Holy days, 9 am. Crystal Chalet Phone: 216-749-4504 School #: 216-749-7980 Pre-School #: 216-351-8121

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Old Brooklyn resident Selena Benz, age 14, an 8th grade student at Charles A. Mooney Elementary School, was one of two entrants in her age group competing for a national National Basketball Association/NBA FIT Challenge Championship in Dallas, Texas during the NBA All Star weekend. The NBA FIT/ WNBA FIT Challenge is free for boys and girls ages 14 and under. It encourages participants to maintain healthy, active lifestyles. The competition offered more than 100,000 youngsters the chance to demonstrate their physical fitness through a time-based fitness course that includes line sprints, jump rope, speed revolutions, wall passes and defensive shuffles. The challenge tests participants' speed, strength, agility, and overall physical fitness. Selena won her local competition and her scores were then compared to other local competitors around Ohio. The top person in each age group advanced, and Selena was one of them. From there she competed again at the regional competition last November, and she again placed first. Selena's scores were then compared again nationwide against other regional competitions in the NBA markets. The top two advanced to the nationals on Feb. 13th, 2010. Selena and the other winner competed again for national champion and national runner-up during a fun-filled weekend at the NBA All Star game. Selena won the National NBA FIT Challenge Championship in the 13-14 year-old girls' division.



Photo courtesy of Joe Benz



Photo by George Shuba
To demonstrate support for the victims of the Haiti earthquake, students at Constellation school paid \$3 for a dress down day; the theme was to wear something red. The children pictured here (left - right) Dominic H., Erica U., Logan C., Rolando P. and Gracie I., show off the check for the \$2,000 that was raised. All the money was donated to the Red Cross to support the Haiti victims. The class that raised the most money won a pizza party.

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