

OLD BROOKLYN NEWS

Second Pop UP Pearl scheduled for May 19th

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The second annual Pop UP Pearl is returning to Downtown Old Brooklyn on Saturday, May 19th, starting at noon, and residents, businesses, churches and the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) are working together to make it bigger and better than ever. Here are a few of the things that will be happening this year:

- Live music acts including Frankie Starr, Rick McKinney and Backtrax will liven up the neighborhood with Blues and Classic Rock, with more to come;
- The Skate Kitchen, presented by Public Square Group, will return with the Pop UP Skate Park;
- When hunger strikes, a wide range of food trucks will be on hand to provide "good eats" throughout the day;
- High quality local arts and crafts vendors, including many which use recycled materials in their crafts, will be situated along Pearl Rd.

- For the adventurous, Chiro Clevelanda will present a rock climbing wall;
- Pearl Rd. will be transformed into a temporary demonstration "Complete Street" with pedestrian and cycling opportunities included among the amenities;
- A "Wild About Old Brooklyn" youth art contest and art show, the grand prize being a family membership to the Zoo. For more information call 216-459-1000.
- *Pedal for Prizes*, an annual Old Brooklyn bicycling event, will be taking place the same day, and it will be possible to participate in both events. Visit www.pedalforprizes.org for more information about it.

DIY Urbanism Design-Build Competition

To complement the overall streetscape design, the inaugural Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Urbanism Design-Build Competition will take place. The competition is inspired by the DIY Urbanism Competition held by the University of Cincinnati in early 2012 as

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Bradley Road Surface Mining - community concerns again heard

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A community meeting was held on Tuesday, March 20th at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 4730 Broadview Rd. The community meeting was held at the request of Ward 12 Councilman Anthony Brancatelli and the Cleveland Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) during the January 17th meeting where it was agreed to postpone the hearing until Monday, December 3rd. (It was originally postponed until Monday, April 2nd, but was subsequently postponed for a longer time to be able to deal with State issues.)

The postponement was due to the desire of the City of Cleveland and the appellant's agent, Mr. Tom Simich (the owner and operator of Landsong Environmental, Inc. and Ty, Inc. who will operate the mining and potential land fill operation) to develop a new agreement titled *Stipulated Conditions for Zoning Variance From City of Cleveland BZA Appeals and Accessory Use Permit* from the City of Cleveland's Department of Building and Housing.

(It is recommended that interested readers who are new to this issue visit www.oldbrooklyn.com and review the Bradley Road documents as well as past articles in the *Old Brooklyn News* posted on this web site.)

The day before the community meeting, both the City of Cleveland and Mr. Simich requested from BZA a postponement of the hearing that was scheduled for Monday, April 2. The reason is because the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Department of Transportation wrote letters to the Board of Zoning Appeals that contained concerns about the Stipulated Conditions Agreement that was completed on February 16, 2012. (A copy of this agreement is on the CDC's web site as listed above). The City and Mr. Simich are planning to meet with Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the near future where they will discuss their concerns. The EPA letter is also on the Old Brooklyn web site.

The main purpose of the community meeting was to gain citizen input on the new

Stipulated Conditions Agreement completed in February. The meeting was called to order by Robyn Sandys, the executive director of Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC). She then introduced Councilman Brancatelli who moderated the evening's discussion. There were 81 people in attendance.

First on the agenda was Richard Riccardi who explained the role of the BZA in matters such as these.

Next was Darnell Brown who is the City's Chief Operating Officer. He further explained the postponement and suggested that a meeting with Ohio EPA would occur soon and once they meet they will know how to better address their issues and make potential changes to the Agreement. Mr. Brown also addressed the general purpose of the *Stipulated Conditions Agreement* which as stated is to "set forth the conditions under which the City of Cleveland supports the granting of a variance and an accessory use permit in the BZA Appeal regarding the activities associated with a resumed operation of a Construction and Demolition landfill facility on the property in furtherance of an existing *U.S. District Court Consent Decree and Settlement Agreement*, correction of outstanding violations and stabilization of neighboring properties" (quote taken from the *Stipulated Conditions Agreement* dated February 16, 2012).

Representing Tom Simich was Andrew Czarzasty, Attorney at Law with Joseph B. Jerome & Associates. His main message was that they value everyone's input including the Ohio EPA and that they hoped that all of their concerns would be addressed once they meet. He also clarified that they did not completely understand ODOT's concerns because they had been in serious discussions with an ODOT representative, Jim Hart, regarding the purchase of their land in order to re-route a stream previously owned by another operator. (The ODOT letter of concern is also on OBCDC's web site.) Mr. Czarzasty went on to say that they believed surface mining was an integral part of landfill operations.

Next on the agenda was Ron Brady, a community activist and resident who lives on Skylane Dr., a street directly affected by the surface mining and potential landfill. See *Surface Mining* page 9

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John Simna

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John Simna is the Music Director and Operations Manager at the classical music station WCLV 104.9 FM. He has worked at WCLV for 39 years, which is incredible longevity in the radio industry. WCLV has been a commercial classical station since its inception 50 years ago.

John became involved with music when he was in college at University of Notre Dame. He helped with the college's jazz festival and later became a disc jockey for Notre Dame's radio station. After he graduated and served in the military, he was hired at WCLV. When asked why he has stayed at the classical station for so long he replied, "I love music! I love to share it with other people, and I'm always learning something new". He added, "The only problem is... there is not enough time to listen to everything."

Other than his time at Notre Dame and the military, John has lived in Old Brooklyn his whole life. He was born at the former Deaconess Hospital, was raised on Portman Ave. and South Hills Dr., and moved to his own home on Broadale Ave. when he married his wife, Victoria Marra, 28 years ago.

Concerning Old Brooklyn, John says, "Why stay? Because it's a real neighborhood. You can walk to places like Gentile's and Michael's Bakery". He added, "Old Brooklyn is in a great location. You can get anywhere



John Simna

you need to go in a relatively short period of time."

John not only announces classical and jazz music, (the Jazz program also airs on WCPN, at 90.3 FM) he also plays it. He currently plays trombone but has played piano, trumpet and euphonium (a brass instrument sometimes referred to a baritone). John currently plays for several bands:

- Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra (www.clevephil.org)
- Swing City (www.swingcitybb.com)
- Broadale Brass Ensemble
- German Concert Orchestra

Victoria is also a talented musician. She plays and teaches clarinet, and conducts the German Concert Orchestra, the oldest non-professional orchestra in the City of Cleveland (founded in 1925).

John and Victoria met each other through the German Concert Orchestra and feel blessed to share their love of music. They also passed this love of music to their children -- their daughter plays violin and teaches and plays in several groups and their son, a student at the University of Toledo, plays trumpet and piano.

John and Victoria love classical music and jazz equally, and also like polka, Middle and Eastern European music. They are also actively involved in the South Hills Neighborhood Association and enjoy the diversity of the neighborhood. "Cleveland has a great music scene with more free concerts than almost anywhere, and we love being part of it", John added.

WCLV's 50th anniversary celebration will be November 1, 2012. They are inviting everyone to come for live classical concerts, tours and cake. They are now located at the Idea Center at 1375 Euclid Ave. WCLV is one of the few commercial stations still independently owned; the founders set up a foundation to ensure that it would not be purchased by a media conglomerate.

From the desk of the executive director

by Robyn Sandys
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Spring has sprung after we have experienced the warmest winter ever! It is wonderful seeing green buds forming on the trees and yellow daffodils unearthing in our yards.

There is so much going on with our amazing *Old Brooklyn Buzz* group. The Cash and Giving Mobs have been doing so well, and many folks participated in the International Cash Mob day at Nature's Bin in Lakewood on Saturday, March 24th. Plus there are really cute tee shirts available for sale for \$15 a piece with larger sizes being \$17. There are children's sizes as well. See photo below. They can be purchased from OBCDC.



Old Brooklyn Buzz tee shirts for sale

At the time I wrote this column the Duck Racing Event we sponsored has not occurred yet but it will be a great success with about 125 people slated to attend. And the Ben Franklin Garden fund raising event was a great success as it has been for the past several years.

Staff and our many volunteers are getting ready for another amazing *Pop UP Pearl* event on May 19th. There will be even more craft vendors, an amazing array of music, great food and loads of fun from a climbing wall to a skate board park, clowns and much more! Remember to save the date and admission is free!

The house we have been renovating at 3307 Altoona is for sale. The renovations are moving along and it is looking really great. For more information, see the flyer on the home on the back page of the newspaper. The CDC is starting work at 2506 Roanoke and is in the process of possibly obtaining a few more houses not far from Brookside Reservation. We are very excited about turning our vacant and abandoned properties in our area into homes that are almost brand new and very affordable.

For more information on any of our homes for sale contact either me or Jayme at 216-459-1000.



2506 Roanoke

This Old Brooklyn bungalow (picture before rehab) is a perfect starter home on a quiet street with three bedrooms with one bath upstairs and half bath on first floor. It has a separate dining room and good size kitchen. There is a one car garage. The asking price after complete rehab will be in the high \$60,000s.

Save the Date

On Saturday, May 12th, the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn is planning a Civil War 150th anniversary event with Abraham & Mary Todd Lincoln reenactors, Civil War period music, quilts and other historical displays and Civil War era type food for sale. It will take place at Pearl Road United Methodist Church, 4200 Pearl Rd., from 11 am - 4 pm. Admission will be \$5; no children under 6, please. Call Carole, 216-524-4288 for more information.

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Where to drop items off: Old Brooklyn CDC, 2339 Broadview Road (M-F, 8:30-5)

When we need items by: Monday, May 14, 2012 (But we would love to get items sooner so we can advertise what we will have to sell.)

Pop UP Pearl Info:

When & Where: May 19, 2012 on Pearl Rd (by Broadview)
What: Pop Up Pearl is "Complete Street" Fair
Website: www.popuppearl.com or www.oldbrooklynconnected.com

Charitable donations to Old Brooklyn CDC are tax deductible and we will be happy to provide you with a receipt for any item/s you donate.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation strengthens the neighborhood by helping homeowners, businesses, and supporting community activists.



NEWS & EVENTS

Now - Monday, May 28th

Rembrandt in America exhibit

Cleveland Museum of Art, 11150 East Blvd. Over 50, 17th-century paintings by Dutch master. Also companion exhibit, *Rembrandt Prints from the Morgan Library & Museum*. Tickets -- adults, \$14; seniors & students, \$12; children 6 - 17, \$7; COMA members & children 5 & under, free. Free admission to Museum galleries. Visit www.clevelandart.org for more info.

Monday, April 2nd

Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society

Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 7:30 pm. Mary Jamba presents "Facebook - A Helpful Tool for Genealogy Research?"; Will Facebook genealogy groups provide insights & contacts for opening new doors for ongoing genealogy research? Contact president Ron Kraine at 440-838-5743 or via www.cuyahogagenealogy.org for more info.

Thursday, April 12th

Antique Collectors Club

Busch Funeral Community Meeting Rm., 7501 Ridge Rd., 7 pm. Topic: Children's Memorabilia & Apparel. Speaker: Barbara McDaniel. Guests welcome; no charge first time. Call Robert L. Murdoch, Publicity Chairman, 440-845-7046 for more info.

Tuesday, April 17th

Backyard Composting Seminar & Bin Sale
Gardens Under Glass in the Galleria, 1301 E. 9th St., noon. Informative seminar designed to teach residents how to properly compost yard waste & food scraps in backyards; low-cost compost bins for sale. Backyard composting helps reduce amount of organic waste sent to landfills while creating a healthy soil amendment for use in gardens & landscapes. Open to all county residents; registration required -- visit www.cuyahogawd.org or call 216-443-3731. Items available for purchase (cash or check only) -- Wishing Well Composter - \$50; Ultimate Dirt Machine Digester - \$50; Sure-Close Compost Pail - \$5.

Thursday, April 19th

Western Reserve Rose Society Meeting

North Olmsted Public Library, 27425 Butternut Ridge Rd., 7 - 9 pm. Joint Meeting with Forest City Rose Society, 7:30pm. Topic: *Fragrances*.

Saturday April 21st

Vegetable Gardening Seminar

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Happy Days Lodge, Peninsula, 8:45 am - 3 pm. Sponsored by Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County. All sessions, homemade bakery for breakfast & lunch for \$34. Instruction on crop selection, growing techniques, preserving vegetables & buying locally grown food. Door prizes, raffle & opportunity to buy vegetables & herbs from Dean's Greenhouse (local grower). Visit www.cuyahogamg.org & click on *Garden to Table* or leave message at 216-429-3148 for registration form.

Tuesday, April 24th

Spring Style Show & Luncheon

St. Thomas More Church, Utopia Hall, 4170 North Amber Dr.; luncheon at noon. Tickets: \$6. Fashions by Dress Barn. For reservations call Marge, 216-351-7850, or Diane, 216-749-6332, by April 20th.

Thursday, April 26th

Transplanting Cool Weather Crops

Join the Master Gardeners for a talk at Ben

Franklin School Demonstration Gardens, 1905 Spring Rd, 11 am. Free & open to the public. Park in front lot & walk back to garden classroom. Visit: cuyahogamg.org for more info.

Sunday, April 29th

Cleveland Polka Association

"Spring is in the Air" Dance

St. John Byzantine Cathedral - Upper Hall (accessible by elevator or stairs), 1900 Carlton Rd. Doors open 2 pm; Music by Downtown Sound, 3 - 7 pm. Donation - \$12; 18 years & younger, free. No BYOB - food & beverages available. Call 216-228-1134 for large table reservations or more info.

Cuyahoga County Public Library

Brooklyn Branch, 4480 Ridge Rd.

(All events sponsored by Friends of the Brooklyn Branch Library.)

The Life of a Civil War Soldier - Wed., April 4th 7 - 8 pm. Re-enactor Harold A. George comes to Brooklyn to talk about life in the 1860s: Autographed copies of his books & DVDs available for purchase after program.

Fabulously Fit Seniors - Tues., April 17th, 2 pm. Stay in shape & increase metabolism without worrying about aching bones/joints with 1 hour of low-impact aerobics & chair exercises. Learn how to make homemade weights with kitchen items. Registration required.

Sixties TV Lounge - Tues., April 17th 7 - 8 pm. View footage from 1960s variety shows. Registration required.

Pruning 2.0: Your Favorite Shrubs & Vines - Tues., April 24th, 7 - 8 pm. Cuyahoga County Master Gardeners discuss how, when & where to prune to keep plants healthy, well-groomed & flowering their best. Registration required.

Book Signing -- The Worship Room by Denise Dalton, Wed., May 2nd, 7 - 8:45 pm. Old Brooklyn author talking about how she came to have this book published. (See further information in this month's *Town Crier*.)

Housing Alternatives for Seniors - Mon., May 7th, 2 - 3 pm. Independent living; assisted living; nursing homes; continuing care retirement communities; & adult & residential care facilities; also affordable housing options funded by U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development /HUD (e.g., Section 202). Registration required

Sho-jo-ji Japanese Dancers - Tues., May 15th, 7 - 8 pm. Dancers will share history of Japanese dance & then perform a Japanese Classical Dance in traditional Japanese costume. Afterwards, everyone welcome to learn a Japanese dance. Registration required.

The Over Forty Jobseeker - Thursday, May 24th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Career Center Counselor will discuss how to increase marketability in today's job market. Registration required.

Behind the Music, Cleveland Style - Thurs., May 31st, 7 pm. In honor of Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Inductions, Deanna Adams will recount history of music pioneers & colorful personalities responsible for making Cleveland the rock and roll capital of the world. Registration required.

June 18th - 22nd & June 25th - 29th

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St. Leo Preschool Registrations

St. Leo Preschool, 4940 Broadview Rd., in Parish Community Center; accepting applications for 3 & 4 year-olds half-day & full-day programs. Call Lisa Mersek, 216-661-5330, for more info.

St. Leo the Great School Registration 2012-2013

St. Leo the Great School, 4900 Broadview Rd, grades K - 8. Children must be 5 yrs of age on or before Sept. 30th to be eligible for all-day kindergarten. \$50 non-refundable registration fee required along with birth & baptismal certificate. Pick up registration forms from school

or rectory office. For new students grades 1-8, copy of most recent report card also required. Applications for Cleveland Scholarship Voucher Program available. Call 216-661-2120 with questions or to schedule tour of school.

St. Leo Preschool Enrollment Information 2012-2013

The preschool is located at 4940 Broadview Rd on the second flr of the St. Leo Parish Community Center. St. Leo Preschool is licensed by the Ohio Department of Education and is operated according to mandated rules and regulations. We offer 3 and 4 year old part-time a.m. and p.m. classes as well as a full-day program with an option for extended care. To be eligible for enrollment, the child must be 3 years old by September 30. Please bring the child's birth certificate and \$50 dollar registration fee. Registration continues until all classes are filled. For more information or to schedule an appointment please contact St. Leo Preschool Director Lisa Mersek at 216 661-5330 <tel:216%20661-5330>

St. Mary Byzantine School Registration

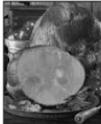
St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Elementary School, 4600 State Rd., accepting applications for preschool - grade 8. Before & after school services available. Local tuition assistance available to all families; Cleveland Scholarship & Tutoring vouchers accepted. Updated computer lab, interactive Smart Boards in all classroom, instrumental music & art instructor, athletics & more. Call 216-749-7980 or visit www.smbyz.org for more info.

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Crime Watch Coordinator offers more tips

by Barbara Spaan
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Spring has sprung! This is that time of year that I tell people to take an afternoon and secure their homes. If you or your partner lock yourself out of the house, would you still be able to get in? Maybe you keep an unlocked window in the back, or a hidden key in the mail box or on top of a window ledge. You may think that this is a good idea but -- if you can break in, so can a burglar.

One out of six homes will be burglarized this year. For a small amount of your time and very little cash you can make your home more secure and reduce your chances of being a victim. Many burglars will spend no longer than 60 seconds trying to break in. Good doors and locks -- and good neighbors who watch out for each other -- can be big deterrents to burglars.

Check Locks and Doors

Did you know that in almost half of all completed residential burglaries, thieves simply breeze in through unlocked doors or windows? Make sure that every external door has a sturdy, well-installed deadbolt lock. These doors should be solid wood or metal and the frames heavy duty. If the door is flimsy it is about as effective as locking a car door and leaving the window open!

Sliding glass doors need commercial locks or a broomstick or dowel in the track. Lock double-hung windows with key locks or "pins" by drilling a small hole into a 45-degree angle between the inner and outer frames, then inserting a nail that can be removed.

Basement windows should have secure grills or grates. Instead of hiding a key outside, give an extra key to a trusted neighbor. If moving into a new house or apartment, rekey all the locks.

Check outside

Thieves hate to be seen or caught, so install outdoor lighting and use it every night. Keep your yard clean; pick up the flyers and dropped newspapers; put ladders, lawn mowers and kids' bikes away. Prune back shrubbery so that it doesn't hide doors or windows.



CRIME WATCH

Cut back tree limbs which a thief could use to climb to an upper-level window. Clearly display the house address so that police and other emergency personnel can locate the home in an emergency. Always close and lock the garage door and cover garage windows so that no one can see in to check whether or not a car is there. If you have a gate to the back yard, keep it closed and locked.

Check inside

Video, photograph or even just list your valuables; write down serial numbers and descriptions. Put expensive items out of sight (e.g., x-boxes and games, laptop computer, jewelry and collectable or one of a kind items).

Never leave a message on your answering machine which indicates that you are away from home. Illuminate the inside at night when you're away with timers on lights. Some people also put a radio or a TV on a timer. Create the illusion that you're home, with some type of activity.

Consider an alarm system or a dog that barks, and then use them. Pay attention when the dog barks, the motion light goes on, or anything out of the ordinary catches your attention. Burglars do more than steal; they can commit rape and assaults if they are surprised by someone coming home or have picked a home which is occupied. If something looks questionable -- a kicked-in door, a broken window or a cut screen -- do not enter the house. Call the police from your neighbors' or your cell phone.

If you're home at night and you hear someone breaking in, leave the house safely if you can or lock yourself in a room with your phone and call the police. If you can grab your keys, set your car alarm off. If the intruder is in the same room with you, pretend that you are asleep and be ready to fight for your life.

Guns are responsible for many accidental deaths. If you own a gun, learn how to store it and use it safely.

To do even more, join a Crime Watch group on your block. If one doesn't exist, call me, Barb Spaan, at 216-459-1000 and I will join you, your neighbors and local police to keep Old Brooklyn the second safest neighborhood in Cleveland.

Garden fundraiser draws good-sized crowd

by Hallie Forcinio

More than 160 gardeners and friends of the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden attended its third annual fundraiser on Saturday, March 24, 2012, at Cleat's Club Seat Grille. In a first for the event, the weather was warm enough to enjoy Cleat's patio.

Excitement was high all evening as winners were announced for door prizes, sideboards and a Chinese raffle with more than 30 choices. In addition, the winner of the 50/50 raffle took home more than \$470.

The event could not have been a success without generous support from local businesses, organizations and individuals.

A special thank-you goes to donors of gift certificates, tickets, merchandise and collectibles for the raffle and door prizes:

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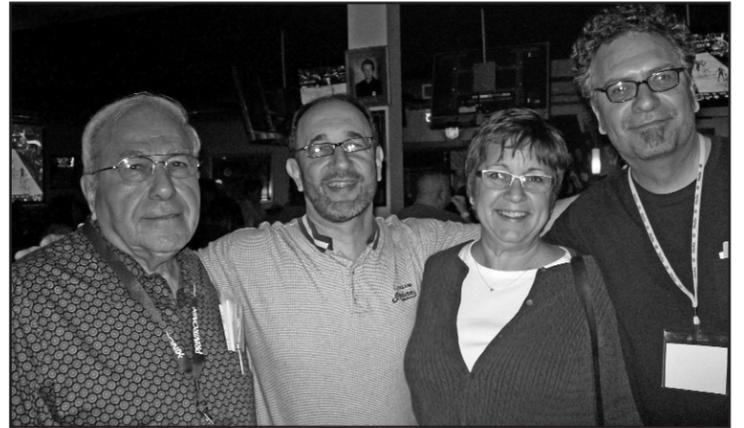


Photo by Kim Repinski.

Ward 12 Councilman Anthony Brancatelli (second from left), a staunch supporter of urban gardens, attended the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden fundraiser with his wife Gail Glamm. Also pictured are John Jenkins (left), chair of the Garden Committee, and Mark Tapajna (right), master of ceremonies for the evening and member of the Garden Committee.

- Tracey Nichols (BBQ, Garden and Wine Baskets)
- Old Brooklyn Greenhouse
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- Pickwick & Frolic
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- Cathryn Reiter (Susan G. Koman Basket)
- Kim Repinski
- Sam's Club
- Speed Exterminating
- Val Steinmetz (Thirty-One Basket)
- Valley West Hair Design
- Lisa Young

"I'd also like to thank the members of the Garden Committee for the effort they put forth to make the fundraiser a success and express my appreciation to OBCDC for publicizing the event through its website and Old Brooklyn News," concludes John Jenkins, chairman of the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden Committee.

Old Brooklyn Connected Wi-Fi repaired

by Christopher Lohr
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The Old Brooklyn Connected Wi-Fi is back up in parts of the Broadview-Schaaf area of Ward 13 thanks to the installation of a replacement wireless relay point on Broadview.

The original wireless relay point was lost after a damaged light pole was removed early in the year. With the new device installed the network now covers the majority of Ward 13. Those areas that continue to

experience difficulty are being addressed in a second round of Wi-Fi antenna installations that are ongoing.

Any resident who is experiencing difficulty connecting is encouraged to contact Christopher Lohr at 216.459.1000 or via email at christopherl@oldbrooklyn.com.

Residents looking for a stronger signal can also try out a wireless antenna through the Old Brooklyn CDC's lending library program; contact Christopher Lohr for more details.

Pop UP Pearl from front page

well as the annual Park(ing) Day event held throughout the world in September. Design teams will be able to transform a standard parking space into a temporary urban space of their choice. Although the specific design is the responsibility of the designer, in the past during similar events designs have included small parks, public art, bike corrals and relaxation areas. For more information about the competition, go to www.popup-pearl.com or call 216-459-1000.

Pop UP Pearl is made possible by generous grants from Neighborhood Connections and Cuyahoga Arts & Culture,

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What an exhilarating time of year the last few weeks have been -- and hopefully the next few weeks will be, too. And it hasn't been that "June is busting out all over"; it's been March!

I could hardly believe the beauty and the fragrance of the flowers and flowering trees I experienced near the entrance of the **Cleveland Metroparks Zoo** when I was there for the water stewardship mini-symposium on March 27th.

Two neighborhood groups, **Friends of Big Creek** and **Brooklyn Centre Naturalists**, helped the **Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS)** sponsor the third annual event, and in my opinion, the walk from the parking lot to inside the auditorium was almost as stimulating as the presentations which were given inside by the **Cleveland Museum of Natural History**, the **Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District** and the **(NEORS)**.

The Irish had a fine day for their **St. Patrick's Day Parade** on March 17th, too. Record temperatures, a record number of floats, and a record number of spectators -- it will be a year to remember for the Irish and the Irish-in-spirit who braved the traffic and the crowds to be there.

In past years, we've sometimes recounted the people from the neighborhood who were actually part of the Parade or acting in another official role, one of whom has been lifelong Brooklyn Ave. resident and former Cleveland City Councilman **Joe Cannon**.

Joe is a member of **Mary Queen of Peace** (formerly **Our Lady of Good Counsel**) **Parish**, and many in this city know about his dedication to promoting a religious message known as "Divine Mercy".

In addition to having a faithful crew who've carried the banner for him in past Parades while he walked along beside it, Joe

has also financed many billboards around town -- as well as in other states -- with the **Divine Mercy** image of Christ on it.

This year, though, Joe had a problem because at the time of the Parade, he was still recuperating from recent gall bladder surgery. But Joe's relatives and friends came through for him, and the huge, heavy banner was still carried in this year's Parade.

As for Joe, he's gradually resuming his usual activities which, given his age (88), are still monumental.

For many folks, eating a corned beef sandwich or boiled dinner is also a part of **St. Patrick's Day** (though in Ireland they're probably preparing/eating cottage hams, not the Jewish deli meat associated with the holiday in America). Up till this year, **St. Patrick's Day** merrymakers in Old Brooklyn might very well have been buying their corned beef sandwiches at **Goodman's Sandwich Inn**, 5164 Pearl Rd. in the **Pearlbrook Shopping Center**. Goodman's had been a Cleveland institution for 62 years; Saul Goodman opened his first place on Kinsman Rd. on Cleveland's east side before moving to Old Brooklyn circa 1971.

According to Saul's son, **Dennis**, who'd been operating the family eatery until he retired last August, on **St. Patrick's Day** they'd go through 2,300# of corned beef (as opposed to the usual 400# a day).

The storefront was empty -- no corned beef being sliced in the picture window for passersby to drool over -- for only a short while when I started seeing signs around the neighborhood and at the **Marc's** opposite **Ridgepark Square** with the message, "Corned beef is back in Old Brooklyn."

It's not called Goodman's anymore, because **Dennis** chose not to sell the business, but luscious and bounteous (almost 1# of meat in each!) corned beef sandwiches are again being sold at **Pearlbrook** at the **Corky & Lenny's Express** which opened last September. Many *Old Brooklyn News* readers will recognize the name from the parent restaurant on Chagrin Blvd. in **Woodmere Village** near the I-271 exit.

David Deyell is the general manager of the new enterprise. He's got lots of experience in the business, having worked at **Slyman's**, another Cleveland corned beef "institution",

for sixteen years.

David has a crew of seven cooks and servers assisting him in getting the hot and cold sandwiches, grilled items, soups and side dishes into the eager customers' hands (for either eating at the l-o-n-g counter or carry-out). The deli meats and salads are also available for purchase by the pound, or as party trays.

Our **Corky & Lenny's** is open for business Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It's also possible to stop by during those hours to pick up a menu for plan-ahead purposes.

In recent months I've talked about a lot of books with Cleveland connections. This month we have another which is even closer to home -- written by an Old Brooklyn resident

who graduated from **St. Thomas More School** in 1966 and **Brooklyn High School** in 1970!

If you've already read *News & Events*, you might've noticed a book signing on Wednesday, May 2nd, in the **CCPL Brooklyn Library** listing. The author is **Denise Dalton**, who'll be talking about her 178-page, soft-cover Christian fiction book printed by **Halo Publishing International**. Titled *The Worship Room* and priced at \$14.95, it has ten chapters -- one introductory and nine on different aspects of prayer and miracles.

If you have ideas for people or activities to include in this column, email them to lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com or mail them to me at the **OBCDC** office, 2339 Broadview Rd., 44109.

Valley West Hair Design, Cutting Line Hair Salon now one business

by **Jayne Lucas-Bukszar**
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The **Cutting Line Hair Salon** (5629 Memphis Ave) is a cooperative of salon owners with a combined experience of over 200 years and all have a long history in Old Brooklyn. One of the advantages of this partnership is that customers can have experienced owners do their hair. The most recent owner/operator to join the team is **Barbara Tomasko**, owner of **Valley West Hair Design**.

Robin Adornetto was the first owner of the **Cutting Line Hair Salon**; she sold the Salon but still works there. She lives in **Parma** and has been styling hair in the area for over thirty years. She sold the salon to **Vicky Gustincic** who lives in Old Brooklyn and has been a stylist for 45 years and specializes in razor cuts.

Caroline Mencini has owned the **Cutting Line Hair Salon** for four years now and has worked in the Old Brooklyn area for thirty years. She lives in **North Royalton** with her husband and three children.

Jamie Bierer owns **Jamie's Hair Studio** (formerly at 6731 Denison Ave). He moved to the **Cutting Line Hair Salon** 5 years ago and lives in the **West Park** neighborhood with his cat **George**. He has been doing hair in the Old

Brooklyn area for 30 years, and specializes in highlights and color.

Angela Boozer lives in Old Brooklyn with her husband **Chris**, three children and two cats. She has been a stylist for over fourteen years. She is a master colorist specializing in multidimensional color, highlighting, and razor cutting.



The **Cutting Line Hair Salon**, 5629 Memphis Ave. (Back row) L - R **Robyn, Vicki, Caroline, Jamie & Angie** (Front row) L - R **Barbara, John & Dusty**

Barbara Tomasko is the owner of **Valley West Hair Design** (formerly at 2140 Broadview Ave); she moved to the **Cutting Line Hair Salon** in February. She had been at the **Broadview** location for 24 years.

See *Cutting Line Hair Design* page 6

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As I see it...

by
Pastor Jerry



A businessman made a "Worry Chart" on which he recorded all his worries. After a year, he tabulated the results. He found that 40% of the things he worried about weren't likely to happen; 30% were worries about past decisions he'd made that couldn't change; 12% dealt with other's opinions of him; and 10% were worries about future health, only about half of which he had control over. Thus, he discovered that only 8% of his worries over the previous year were legitimate.

What are you worried about today? Keeping a "Worry Chart" might be a good way of discovering what truly concerns you and what things aren't worth really worrying about at all.

A comparative way of measuring worries is to use a "Prayer Chart." What do you pray about the most? In reality, most people find that they spend little time praying about things that concern them the most.

Convert your worry time into prayer time. Not only is it more productive; it's healthier and more enjoyable.

Jerry Madasz is the Pastor at
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Downtown Old Brooklyn

Pearl Rd. between the Brooklyn Brighton Bridge and the intersection at State Rd. is generally thought of as Downtown Old Brooklyn. The northern block by the bridge on the west side of Pearl Rd. next to Foote Park has attracted two new tenants.

The long-vacant eyesore that was once a Zip's drive through hamburger place is being renovated to again become a carry-out restaurant. The drive-thru and walk-up restaurant will feature chicken, pizza and ice cream. A local architect is preparing drawings to be submitted to the Cleveland Department of Building and Housing. Work should be underway in a few weeks.

Next door is an empty building which had been used for light auto repair for many years. Multiple tenants have come and gone. The new tenant has agreed to make exterior renovations to improve the appearance of the building including decorative fencing, landscaping, shrubbery and appropriate signage.

Several people have called the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation asking about the demolition of the building across the street from Foote Park. It was once part of Cuffari Go-Karts & Arcade (4103 Pearl Rd.), a business which used to be on the site. The building was in deteriorating condition, was filled with old tires, and was an illegal residence for homeless and transient people.

The building was condemned by the City of Cleveland's Department of Building and Housing and came down the week of March 12th. This is the front parcel of a 26-acre closed construction and demolition debris land fill. The entire site is privately owned and will likely be put up for sale. The site is identified in the Old Brooklyn Master Plan for recreational development but that is a long-term goal that does not have funding at this time.

Winter: where was it?

It is impossible not to mention the mild winter and early warm spring weather in casual conversation. Everyone is talking about it. As Clevelanders, we expect to spend several months in below-freezing and sometimes below-zero weather. We build extra travel time into many days to navigate through snowfalls and clear walkways and driveways of the accumulated inches of snow. What happened this year?

This got me to thinking about how winter weather impacts the urban economy because cold and snow do have an economic impact. For the most part it, the lack of snow has allowed all municipalities to save considerable amounts of money. That is good for the taxpayer and better for the strained budgets of city governments.

On the saving side, the lack of snow meant far less road salt had to be spread on miles of streets. Expensive but necessary overtime hours were reduced. Snow removal equipment maintenance needs were reduced. Potholes continue to emerge but they are far fewer in number, not as deep and hold the temporary patches longer.

The mild winter weather meant fewer traffic accidents, and thus fewer police, fire and EMS responses to treat the injured and clear the accident scenes. That translates into fewer overtime hours and better response time to other needs.

Money not spent on keeping people moving through winter snow in Cleveland can now

be directed to the many other operational needs of the city.

Schools did not have to close or go on delayed start time as frequently happens in average or severe winters. Snow days will not have to be made up this year which is a substantial savings.

There is an invisible cost to companies when weather forces people to arrive late or leave early because of winter snow and ice storms. When production or service hours are reduced it reduces company revenue but not fixed costs. That is why so many companies look to Southern and Southwestern states for manufacturing operations. This year's mild winter was good for regional businesses.

Overall the mild weather was an unex-

pected financial bonus to Greater Cleveland but not *everyone* shared in the bonus. There are also businesses that suffer when winter is unseasonably warm.

The two area ski runs, for instance, were hurt by the mild winter. That meant that many seasonable employees were not working.

Winter weather also causes "fender benders" and they keep automobile body repair shops, as well as the parts suppliers that feed the shops, busy. These businesses also produce tax revenue that governments depend on.

Someone probably studies this stuff and could calculate the economic value of a mild versus a severe winter. (No doubt it would be boring reading!) It is interesting to realize that weather has a cost and this year that cost was reduced across Northeast Ohio.

Winter may technically be over but we Clevelanders know that April has been known to deliver a blizzard after Opening Day. Don't put away the snow shovels just yet.

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Cutting Line Hair Design from page 5

Barb grew up in Old Brooklyn and started her business here in 1983. She lives in Brunswick with her husband Kevin, her 87 year old father, four cats and two dogs.

Dusty Carpenter is the receptionist and has lived in Old Brooklyn her whole life. She has worked with Barb at Valley West for the last fourteen years.

The Cutting Line Hair Salon is located at 5629 Memphis Avenue and is open Monday through Saturday from 9am to 8pm. They can be reached at 216-749-5530. Valley West Hair Design has also retained their own phone number which is 216-749-1191.

John Klaus is the owner of D John's Salon in Garfield Heights. He lives in Old Brooklyn with his wife Sharon. He has worked with Valley West Hair Design for the last five years and has been a stylist for the last 45 years.

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Consider organic solutions when gardening this spring

by Gloria Ferris
Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists promotes organic gardening as one of its guiding principles. Whenever possible, choose natural remedies when dealing with weeds and pests in the garden.

Because of the way in which they pop up overnight and take over sections of even the best kept gardens, weeds are probably the nemesis of all gardeners. Instead of reaching for a spray bottle of the latest pesticide, consider filling a spray bottle with white vinegar and concentrating the spray on the weeds between sidewalk and driveway cracks. Pulling the intruders is the proper way to deal with weeds which appear in flower beds and vegetable gardens.

Many people have heard about planting by the phases of the moon -- annuals that bear their fruit above ground during the time of the waxing moon (going toward full), and root crops as the moonlight wanes from the full moon toward the darkness of the new moon.

But not as many people know that dur-

ing the fourth quarter of the moon, from half-full to new moon, is an optimal time to cultivate, pull weeds, destroy pests and turn sod.

Although this is an old wives' tale, the moon does influence the tides on earth, so why wouldn't a planting and weeding schedule based on lunar cycles also work?

Farmers have adhered to this schedule for thousands of years and since it works for them, I tried it, too. I started applying this method many years ago, and by the end of the summer, weed-pulling takes only a very small portion of my time in the garden.

We welcome beneficial insects -- bees, butterflies, and ladybugs -- to our gardens because they pollinate flowers, fruits and vegetables.

Other kinds of insects which eat the leaves and fruits of our labors are considered "pests"; controlling them is a task which all gardeners face. Square foot gardening can be an organic way to combat these pests. By rotating crops, having friable soil, and not giving the pests long furrows of food for their voracious appetites, they often move on to the next garden in their search for a more accessible food source.

Planting trees, flowers and shrubs which are native to this area makes for more drought-resistant, maintenance-free gardens which will flourish and give gardeners more time to enjoy their gardens from a resting position rather than in a working mode.

In other news, the joint committee of BCN members from Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre continue to search for gardens for GardenWalk 2012.

Contact bcnaturalists@gmail.com or call 216-351-0254 to speak to Gloria Ferris if you would like to volunteer to work at the headquarters or would like more information about entering a garden. Or apply at www.gardenwalkcleveland.org/apply.

Help keep pets, pedestrians and US Postal Service letter carriers safe this summer

by Jayme Lucas-Bukszar
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Cleveland Ordinances and Laws:

The City of Cleveland has several ordinances and laws regarding dogs including "Dog Nuisances", "Disposal of Dog Waste", and "Vicious Dogs". What constitutes a dog nuisance includes a dog that bites, barks, yelps, or howls in a manner that disturbs the peace and quiet or endangers the health of any person, and/or damages property not belonging to the dog owner.

A Vicious dog is defined as an animal that has killed or caused serious injury to a person or another animal, or is kept and trained for dog fighting. The pit bull breed had been also been classified as a vicious, however, on February 2, 2012 the State of Ohio legislature passed Ohio HB 14 which changes this designation. The bill removes the reference to pit bulls from the definition. The new law will take effect on May 20, which is 90 days after the governor signed it.

Complaints about dog nuisances or vicious dogs should be directed to the City of Cleveland at 216-664-3069.

Keep yourself and your family safe:

Sharon Harvey, Executive Director of the Cleveland Animal Protective League provided some common sense tips to prevent dog bites:

- Never approach a strange dog that appears uncomfortable or aggressive.
- If threatened by a dog, remain calm.

If you say anything, speak calmly and firmly.

- Avoid eye contact.
- Try to stay still until the dog leaves, or back away slowly until the dog is out of sight.
- If knocked over by a dog, roll into a ball, with your head and neck tucked in and lie still.

Finally, call the Cleveland Division of Animal Control (664-3069) if there is a loose dog on the street.

Keep U.S. Postal Letter Carriers Safe:

David Van Allen, the regional spokesperson for the Postal Service, highlighted some special concerns for letter carriers, especially in the warmer months. Nationally letter carriers reported over 2,600 dog bites

in 2011. There have already been 1,000 reported this year and the severity of the dog bites is getting worse. David stated, "One issue we have is that when letter carriers turn around and walk away, dogs think they have scared them away and the dogs can get more intensive and determined over time. This pattern can lead to dog bites". He provided several tips to keep letter carriers safe:

- Keep dogs behind locked doors and ideally keep dogs in an area where they cannot see the letter carrier. "This keeps dogs from becoming more and more determined to scare letter carriers away", David explains.

- Make sure that children do not unintentionally let dogs out; this is the cause of many of the dog bites.

- Put dogs in another room if the letter carrier needs a signature.

David added, "Owners are ultimately responsible for their pets' behavior. Letter carriers can sue owners if they are bitten. Please help us prevent injuries and lawsuits".

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Catholic Czechs establish two more congregations on east side of Cleveland

by Lynette Filips
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From the "mother church" of **St. Wenceslaus** (1867) at Arch and Burwell streets, over a 56-year time period the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland established a total of seven parishes specifically for Bohemian Catholics. We've already discussed **St. Procop** (1872), **Our Lady of Lourdes** (1883), **St. Adalbert** (1883) and **St. John Nepomucene** (1902). This month we'll conclude with **Holy Family, Cleveland**, (1911) and **St. Wenceslaus, Maple Heights** (1923).

In addition to moving south to Fleet Ave., Cleveland's Czechs were also moving to an area south of Kinsman Rd. and east of E. 93rd



Holy Family, Cleveland
E. 131st & Chapelside

St. Noting this migration, the pastor (Father Stefan Furdek) and the assistant pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes petitioned the bishop to open a chapel in what was called the Corlett area. **Holy Family, Cleveland**, was established in 1911 on E. 131st St., north of Harvard Ave., and Holy Family chapel was dedicated the following year. (Fittingly, Chapelside Ave. is still the name of the side street at which Holy Family Chapel had been located.)

But tending to a mission church, in addition to a regular congregation, is difficult for the priests involved, so Holy Family's status soon changed to a full-fledged parish. A combination church and school, rectory for the

priests and convent for the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate who staffed the school were erected.

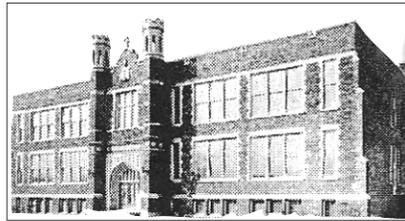
As was the case with the other Czech parishes, in time Holy Family's parishioners began moving to the suburbs. They returned to the parish of their roots for a while, but in 1970, Holy Family School could no longer survive. Attempting to find a creative solution, Holy Family joined with other Catholic parochial schools -- St. Cecilia, Epiphany and St. Mary of Czestochowa -- with the same problem to form Mt. Pleasant Catholic Elementary Educational Center. Some of the classes were held at the Holy Family campus.

Unfortunately, the collaboration was not enough to save Holy Family. In 1988, members of Holy Family's parish council, who were looking at financial realities as well as a future with no resident pastor, unanimously voted to ask the Diocese to close their parish. The church building reverted to the status of a chapel to be used for school activities and special occasions, but in 1997, the school, too, closed. One of Hope Academy's facilities (a charter school) is in the building now.

Holy Family School does live on in its newly-formed Alumni Committee, however. What would have been the parish's 100th anniversary was celebrated last October 22nd, beginning with a Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Slavic Village and ending with a dinner at Dimitri's Restaurant in Parma. This year's reunion, now in the planning stage, will be held in late summer or early autumn. Call Dan (216-561-0595) or Charlene (440-521-4068) for more information as plans become finalized.

At least things were still thriving for the Czech community at **St. Wenceslaus Church**

in **Maple Heights** during this time. As reported in an earlier article, in 1923 St. Wenceslaus Mission had been established for Czech Catholics who had been moving from the Broadway Ave. St. Wenceslaus Church neighborhood to Maple Heights.



St. Wenceslaus, Maple Hts.
17825 Libby Rd.

The story goes that Father Joseph Koudelka often took his Broadway parishioners to a picnic grove on Libby Rd., and they liked that outlying area of Greater Cleveland so much that eventually they bought lots and built new homes on them.

In 1923, the congregation purchased a small parcel of land on Libby Rd. and the shelter house on the grounds was enlarged and converted into a chapel.

The following year, St. Wenceslaus Mission was elevated to the status of a parish with Father Koudelka as its pastor; in addition, the first St. Wenceslaus School was dedicated. The parish's address was 17825 Libby Rd.; the school's address was on the side street -- 5250 Arch St. Presumably the street was so named as a tribute to the Arch St. at which the Broadway Ave. St. Wenceslaus Church had stood.

Father Koudelka resigned as the pastor of the Cleveland St. Wenceslaus Church in 1926 to become the pastor of the Maple Heights St. Wenceslaus. Not all the parishioners were Czech in background, but Czechs were the largest ethnic group represented.

Over the decades, there was a lot of construction at St. Wenceslaus, including an atypical situation in which the church was designed to be within the school building. The last of the additions, in 1968, were a gymnasium and a school library. As was the case with some of the other Eastern European parishes, St. Wenceslaus also had its own bowling alley.

Unfortunately for St. Wenceslaus, the Czechs' outward migration did not stop at Maple Heights. They continued to move south to communities like Northfield, Twinsburg, Macedonia and Sagamore Hills, and in time the Maple Heights St. Wenceslaus Church was in the same situation as its namesake had been.

In 2007 realizing their precarious financial situation, the parish's pastoral council, finance committee and pastor asked the Diocese if they could close. Their last Mass was celebrated on October 28th of that year.

St. Wenceslaus' parish "plant" has been for sale since that time. Almost four acres of land, the huge church/school and rectory are now listed at www.ccdsales.org for the reduced price of \$1,250,000.

While it was not common for Cleveland's Bohemians/Czechs to be something other than free-thinkers or Roman Catholics, some Czechs belonged to Protestant denominations. I will conclude this series next month with information about them.

St. Barbara Church in Brooklyn Centre among those Vatican says should reopen

by Lynette Filips
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Newspapers across the country (and probably in some other parts of the world as well) have been reporting the seemingly unbelievable news that a Vatican decision-making body, the *Congregation for the Clergy*, has ruled that every parish which challenged its closing in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland's downsizing in 2009-2010 was justified in its desire to remain open.

Approximately fifty parishes were closed in the initiative, and most of them realized -- albeit with sadness -- that they lacked the parishioners, funds, and in some cases, resident pastors, to remain open. And thus the majority of them didn't officially "appeal" the closings.

Fifteen parishes, however, began the complicated process of appealing some aspect of their closings with the Vatican. For some it was the name of the newly merged parish, and for others, the location, but for most it was the fact that the parish they considered to be viable and "vibrant" was closed in the first place.

The designated representatives from fourteen appealing parishes began receiving offi-

cial Vatican documents approximately the second week of March, though the news was transmitted electronically and over the airwaves before that.

In addition to **St. Barbara's**, the other parishes which received the Vatican decrees are: **St. Adalbert**, Cleveland; **St. Casimir**, Cleveland; **St. Emeric**, Cleveland; **St. James**, Lakewood; **St. John the Baptist**, Akron; **St. Margaret Mary**, South Euclid; **St. Martha**, Akron; **St. Mary**, Akron; **St. Mary**, Bedford; **St. Mary**, Lorain; **St. Patrick**, West Park; **Historic St. Peter**, Cleveland; & **St. Wendelin**, Cleveland.

Fr. Bob Begin, pastor of St. Colman Church, offered a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Vatican reversals at his parish (seating capacity, 1200) on Sunday, March 25th. While an exact attendance count is not available, it appeared that the church was at least half full.

Cleveland Bishop Richard Lennon is not obligated to accept the Vatican ruling. He, too, has the option of appealing, this time to the Vatican's "supreme court", the *Apostolic Signatura*, within 60 days from March 14th. He will be meeting with the Diocese's Presbyteral (priests') Council the day that this issue of the *Old Brooklyn News* is published, to discuss the matter with them.

The appealing parishes are not likely to be back "home" by Easter, and "to be continued" is probably the best way to end this article...

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists in connection with **Western Reserve Audubon Society** - Sat., April 21st, 8 am; Riverside Cemetery. Bird Walk led by Mary Anne Romito. Starting at: Riverside Cemetery Office, 3607 Pearl Rd. Bird watchers will be looking for signs of owls & other migratory birds in the cemetery.

Brooklyn Genealogy Club (BGC), Sun., April 15th, 2 pm, Brooklyn Fire Station, 8400 Memphis Ave. at Roadoan. Program -- BGC member speaking about the reason for and the journey in gathering his/her family genealogy; Chris Gerrett speaking about "Cemeteries: their Research & Restoration". Prospective members welcome.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation board meeting, Tues., April 24th,

6 pm, OBCDC meeting room (2339 Broadview Rd.) 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., April 10th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th St.

Southwest Citizens Area Council meeting, Thurs., April 5th (& every first Thurs.), 7 pm, Gino's, 1314 Denison Ave.

Ward 13 Democratic Club meeting, Tues., April 17th (& every third Tues.), 7 pm, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5801 Memphis Ave.

Ward 13 Republican Club meeting, Tues., April 10th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Calvary Chapel, 6770 Brookpark Rd.

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www.arthouseinc.org

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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.

Tri-C JazzFest Cleveland's® "Jazz for Kids" Sat., Apr. 21st, two performances, 11 am & 2 pm. Tickets: \$5 per person for members; \$10 per person for non-members; infants 11 months & under, free. Tickets include admission to one performance & full-day use of all of the Museum's exhibits. Only those with "Jazz for Kids" tickets admitted to performances. Concert is an entertaining, educational experience for families with young children led by pianist & Cleveland native Joe Hunter & his friends.

2nd Annual Royal Ball - Sat, Apr. 21st, 5:30 - 8 pm. Dinner served 5:30 -6:30 pm. \$20 per person for members & \$25 per person for non-members. Dress as your favorite prince or princess for this medieval style dinner & dance party. Your prince & princess will enjoy free play in the Museum as well as an assortment of craft opportunities including: jeweled scepters & rings, royal crowns, autograph books & shields. Then pose for photos during Meet & Greet with Snow White, Belle, Princess Tiana, Rapunzel & Cinderella. Advance registration recommended; event tickets required. Purchase tickets in person at Museum, or by calling 216-791-7114.

Galapagos Sands - on display through Apr. 15th. Annual sand exhibit. Over 70 tons of sand simulates environment of Galapagos Islands. Uncover tortoise eggs, sail a pirate ship & search for artifacts.

Cleveland Metroparks - CanalWay Center
E. 49th St. bet. Grant Ave & Canal Rd.
216-206-1000 or clevelandmetroparks.com
UnNatural Trail - Wed. Apr. 11th, 1-4 pm. Test 'I spy' skills on trail with camouflaged items along it. Center will have a list of what to look for on it.

Bike the Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation -Thurs. Apr. 12th, Doug Kusak & Jill Hauger lead 6 mile history/nature bike ride on northern part of Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation's all-purpose trail. Helmet required; 5:30 pm. Registration begins Apr. 2nd.

Cleveland Metroparks Day Camp
Registration begins Tuesday, April 17th
www.clevelandmetroparks.com

Hike in the woods, wade in a creek, create a craft, paddle a kayak, sketch an animal, or play a game. Registration beginning at 9:30 am, is required for all camps, only telephone registration will be permitted. Campers may register for one camp per telephone call. To register, call appropriate phone number listed with each camp; phone numbers are on website. Camp fees non-refundable & non-transferable. Scholarship options may be available. For a

more detailed descriptions of each camp experience, visit Cleveland Metroparks website.

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

Egg Hunt - Sun., Apr. 1st, 9:30 am - 5 pm. Get a closer look at what Ohio's birds are busy doing this time of year. Hunt in & around the Nature Center for hidden eggs of all shapes, colors, & sizes. Stop in any time during the hours listed.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
3900 Wildlife Way 216-661-6500
clemet zoo.com

Admission Rate Change -This year, as part of the admission fee, the Zoo is introducing a new conservation effort called "Quarters for Conservation." Twenty-five cents from each admission will help support important Zoo conservation programs. Beginning Apr. 1st, admission will be \$12.25 for adults, \$8.25 for children ages, 2 - 11 & free for children younger than 2 & Zoo Society members.

Cleveland Metroparks Kids Club - kids, ages 12 & under, can sign up for the new Cleveland Metroparks Kids Club. Kids will enjoy activities, exploration & fun experiences year-round in Cleveland Metroparks & the Zoo. Two levels of membership - one is free & one is \$20 annually. Kids Club registration forms available online at www.clevelandmetroparks.com & at all Park District outdoor education facilities. Call 216-635-3200 or visit clevelandmetroparks.com for more info. Kids will have fun, adventures & exploration galore.

EarthFest - Sun., Apr. 22nd, 10 am - 5 pm. Ohio's largest environmental education event with more than 175 exhibitors & thousands of visitors. EarthFest 2012 celebrates "Local & Sustainable Food" where visitors will learn about the "locavore" movement inc. farmers' markets, local agriculture initiatives & how restaurants & businesses contribute to growing the local food economy. Visitors also get latest info on green home improvement, clean transportation, environmental science & health & fitness. Live music in the Zoo's Savanna Theater; eco-themed family fun activities & more.

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

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Happy Days Lodge
500 West Streetsboro Rd (SR 303)
Peninsula 330-657-2909 ext. 119
Year round, daily, 10 am - 4 pm; free. Some park areas close at dusk; remaining areas open 24 hours.

Great Lakes Science Center
601 Erieside Ave. 216-694-2000
www.GreatScience.com

"Goose Bumps" the science of fear - thru-Apr. 29th; Mon. - Sun., 10 am - 5 pm. Explore popular fears in heart-pounding, laughter-filled (& totally safe) exhibition about the oft-dreaded emotion.

NASA Glenn Visitor Center relocated to Great Lakes Science Center. Free general admission to NASA Glenn & Science Center on Tuesdays to youth 18 & under or any student up to 12th grade accompanied by adult. Regular admission, \$7.95 - \$9.95 a person. Free admission for members.

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

Eggstravaganza - Sun, Apr. 1st; Thurs., Apr. 5th; Fri, Apr. 6th; Sat., Apr. 7th; multiple timeslots available. Fee: \$7/person; members

\$5/child. Search Center's grounds for eggs or a "golden egg" which will win you an "eggscellent" prize! Visit with a resident long-eared hopper. Weather not cooperating? Hunt will be moved inside! Great for ages 1- 8. Very limited space remains; call to check for available times; pre-registration required.

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216-661-4240 cuyahogalibrary.org
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Surface Mining from front page

operation. Mr. Brady spoke for nearly 45 minutes, articulately outlining all of the environmental and health concerns he believes exists or would ensue if operations continued on this site. A letter dated April 28, 2011 details many of his concerns and can be read at www.oldbrooklyn.com.

The residents who attended the meeting had an opportunity to raise their concerns. The range of issues dealt with factors such as hours of operation which are now being proposed as Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; dust and air pollution control; toxic chemicals which might be within the boundaries of the landfill; eroding property at the edge of the landfill boundaries and how property continues to erode; curbing the problem with unwanted varmints, cockroaches and the like. There were also issues raised about why the owner of the land, Mr. William Bauman, has not been brought to task in terms of paying approximately \$170,000 in back property taxes and repairing the EPA violations on the site.

Responses to these questions came from both Mr. Brown and the attorneys representing Mr. Simich. With respect to hours of operation, they seem to be firm at this point on keeping those hours. In response to pollution issues and other code violations on site, the attorneys for Mr. Simich generally stated that the EPA and the City of Cleveland's Health Department will be carefully reviewing them at all times regarding the regulations they have in place for dealing with pollution and cleaning up any violations as well as not creating additional violations. Mr. Brown commented that the main

purpose of the *Stipulated Conditions Agreement* was to ensure that Mr. Simich's companies follow the guidelines as outlined.

The other main issue raised by the community and also Ward 14 Councilman Brian Cummins was regarding an alternative to cleaning up the landfill site beyond granting this company the right to mine and then conduct a construction and debris land fill operation. There were opinions expressed by Councilman Cummins and Ron Brady that OHIO EPA and possibly other sources may have funding to clean up sites such as this land fill. The Councilman called for more time to review all alternatives to alleviating the environmental concerns at this location.

County Councilwoman Yvonne Conwell was also present at the meeting and told the group about Ron Brady's presentation to the County Council regarding the Bradley Road landfill and how the Council subsequently voted to recommend the BZA turn down Mr. Simich's request to perform mining operations. She also said that she was open to giving Mr. Simich's attorneys the opportunity to speak to the County Council if so desired since they had not been invited previously.

Councilman Brancatelli also informed the audience that he had at past BZA hearings voted to oppose the variance and use permit for surface mining.

After over two hours of discussion, the meeting ended with OBCDC staff letting the audience know that all will be informed of any change in the BZA hearing date, as well as any further developments on this issue, by posting information on the OBCDC web site.



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Great Lakes Theater Festival at the Hanna
2067 E. 14th St. bet. Euclid & Prospect
216-241-6000
www.greatlakes theater.org
"Romeo & Juliet"
by William Shakespeare
Fri., Apr. 13th - Sat., Apr. 28th; 7:30 evening performances; also some Sat. matinees at 1:30 pm & Sun. matinees at 3 pm. Check website for special performances enhancements -- Salon Thursdays (pre-show lectures); Happy Hour Fridays, Playnotes Saturday matinees, Night Cap Night Saturday evenings and Ice Cream Social Sunday matinees. Adult tickets: \$15 - \$70; student tickets: \$13, any performance, any seat.



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

Allen Theatre
"Red"
Fri., Mar. 16th - Sun., Apr. 8th. Most performances, 7:30 pm; check website for matinee dates & times. Tickets: \$10 - \$85.

Palace Theatre
"The Addams Family"
Tues., Apr. 10th - Sun., Apr. 22nd; Tues. - Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat., 1:30 & 7:30 pm & Sun., 1 & 6:30 pm some days. Tickets: \$10 - \$87.50.

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Wii - 11 am; Canasta - 12:30 am.

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Table Bowling - 10:30 am, Pinochle - 12:15 pm,
Bocce Ball - 12:30 pm; Line Dancing- 1 pm.

Wednesdays:

Ez-Exercise - 9 am; Chair Bowling- 9:30 am;
Chair Volleyball - 10:15 am., Fruit Bingo -
10:30 am, Canasta - 12:30 pm.

Thursdays:

Crafts - 9:30 am, Chair Volleyball - 10 am,
Trivia - 10 am; Horse Racing - 10:30 am;
Bingo - 12:30 pm.

Fridays:

Ez-Exercise - 9 am; Crochet Group - 9:30
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Events - 10 am, Corn Hole - 10:30 am, Wii -
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CHURCH NOTES

Brooklyn Trinity UCC
8720 Memphis Ave 216-661-0227

Sat., Apr. 21st - Salad Buffet Luncheon; 11 am - 1 pm. Variety of salads, beverage & dessert, \$5.

Mary Queen of Peace Church
4423 Pearl Rd. 216-749-2323

Sat., Mar. 31st & Sun., Apr. 1st; Palm Sunday Masses: Sat., 4:30 pm; Sun., 8:30 & 11 am; upper church.

Wed., Apr. 4th - Mary Queen of Peace School Spring Program; 1:30 & 6:30 pm; Parish Center upper hall.

Thurs. Apr. 5th - Holy Thursday Mass with +Roger Gries, O.S.B.; 7 pm; upper church.

Fri., Apr. 13th - Family Friday for Homeschool Families; potluck, 6 pm; rosary, 7:30 pm; Mass, 8 pm; Marian Lounge & lower chapel.

Fri. Apr. 6th - Good Friday Passion of the Lord; 3 pm; upper church.

Fri. Apr. 6th - Stations of the Cross with Mary Queen of Peace Schola; 7 pm; upper church.

Sat. Apr. 7th - Blessing of Food; 12 pm; upper church.

Sat. Apr. 7th - Confessions; 2:30 pm; upper church.

Sat. Apr. 7th - Easter Vigil; 9:15 pm; upper church.

Sun. Apr. 8th - Easter Sunday Masses; 8:30 & 11 am; upper church.

Sat. Apr. 14th - Men's Prayer Group; 8:30 am; Parish Center.

Sun. Apr. 15th - Free Community Meal; 1 pm; Parish Center.

Sun. Apr. 15th - World Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima Cell Holy Hour, 2 pm; lower chapel & cafeteria.

Sun. Apr. 15th - Divine Mercy Holy Hour, 3 pm; upper church.

Thurs. Apr. 18th - Seven Steps to Becoming Financially Free; faith-based approach to managing money; 7 pm; parish office.

St. James Lutheran Church
4771 Broadview Rd. 216-351-6499

Sundays in April - Sunday School, 9 am, Free Breakfasts, downstairs for children 3 - 12 years; parents welcome to attend.

Wed., Apr. 4th & 18th - Fifty Plus group meeting upstairs, noon. - Apr. 4th - Bring brown bag lunch; beverage provided. Play card games after a short meeting. Apr. 18th - Hot lunch, followed by interesting talk from Lynne Wagie about her large cross collection. Anyone 50 years or older invited. Call church office, 216-351-6499, to RSVP.

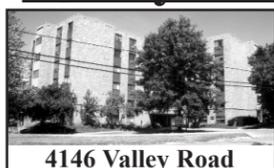
Sat., Apr. 7th & Sun., Apr. 8th - Easter services; Sat., 5 pm, & Sun., 8 am & 10:30 am. Everyone invited; children receive special gift. Free continental breakfast in upstairs Gathering Room, 9 am. Special Easter Sunday School class downstairs for children while adults eat breakfast, 9 am.

Tues. Apr. 24th - Widows & Widowers luncheon; noon. Menu -- chicken stroganoff & noodles, company vegetables, salads & desserts. Cost - \$3 per person. All widows & widowers invited. Call church office, 216-351-6499, to RSVP.

Sun., Apr. 29th - Two Sunday brunches, 9 am & 11:30 am service; upstairs Gathering Room. Freewill offering; everyone invited.



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If interested in furniture assistance, utility assistance, free tax preparation or ECGC's computer class, call 216-432-4770 to make an appointment. Sign up for Food Stamps & ATT Life Line Ohio at Old Brooklyn CDC, 2339 Broadview Rd. on **Tuesday, April 10th; 1 - 2 p.m.**

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As currently structured, the **Garden Coordinator** works an average of 20 hours per week to open and close the garden on weekdays, set out and put away tools and equipment, maintain the grounds, organize delivery of donated produce to hunger centers, monitor the condition of garden plots, organize volunteer crews and serve as a resource to the gardeners. The Garden Coordinator also helps prepare the garden for the beginning and end of the season, attends monthly Garden Committee meetings year-round and participates in events such as Pre-Season Kick-off Meeting, First-timers Orientation, Ice Cream Social and Harvest Picnic.

Garden Attendants average 8 hours per week to open and close the garden on weekends, set out and put away tools and equipment, maintain the grounds and perform other tasks as needed.

Submit resumes by 5 p.m. on April 13th 2012, to:

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The goal of cash mobs is to bolster locally owned businesses. There will be more cash mobs in the future. If you want to help plan the next one, please join us at the next Old Brooklyn Buzz meeting, Thursday, April 12, at 6 p.m. at Dee's Diner, 4236 Pearl Rd.Rd.

Dee's Diner Chicken Dumpling soup recipe

by **Jayne Lucas-Bukszar**
 jaymel@oldbrooklyn.com

Denise Walsh has owned Dee's Diner since 1995 (eighteen years) and worked there as a waitress ten years before that. The diner has been in Old Brooklyn since the 1940s and Denise is the fourth owner. With a few additions, the menu is largely unchanged since its inception, "Why change something that works?" Dee explains.

Denise started working at Dee's Diner -- it was called Don & Judy's back then -- when she was in James Ford Rhode's High School Occupational Work Experience Program (OWE Program). She is a lifelong Old Brooklyn resident and quipped, "I am happy in Old Brooklyn and wouldn't want to live anywhere else! It all comes down to people. Old Brooklyn has friendly, helpful and really nice folks."

Denise cooks the Chicken Dumpling Soup from scratch and it is a hit at Dee's Diner.



Denise Walsh

- with water to cover for 3 hours.
- Remove chicken and cool.
- Bone chicken and remove skin.
- Add chicken back to broth and add chicken base to taste

Dumpling Instructions:

- Mix all ingredients together.
- If batter is thin, add additional flour.
- Using a teaspoon, drop batter into boiling, salted water.
- Add dumplings to chicken soup after they float to the top of the pot.

Serves: 6

Chicken Dumpling Soup

Soup Ingredients:

- 1 whole chicken
- 2 cups sliced carrots
- 1- 1/2 cups chopped celery with leaves
- 1 cup chopped onion 1/4 tsp. white pepper
- 1 Tbsp. dehydrated parsley flakes
- Chicken base (to taste)

Dumpling Ingredients:

- 1- 1/2 cups all purpose white flour
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. white pepper
- 1 tsp. baking powder

Soup Instructions:

- Simmer chicken with all soup ingredients



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Another Cleveland Municipal School District school, MC2STEM (a specialty science, technology, engineering and mathematics

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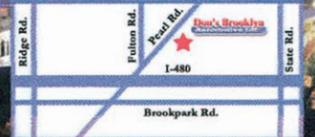
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