

Director explains OBCDC services and programs

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Unless you have been touched in some way by our services and program, you probably don't know much about what we do day in and day out. The inside middle pages (6 and 7) of the *Old Brooklyn News* each month

The service area includes all of Old Brooklyn and portions of Brooklyn Centre. The total service area is over 6 square miles and has about 40,000 people. This month we want to give our readers a more in-depth overview of what we do as an organization and how you as residents can tap into our services and programs.

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is mostly dedicated to programs, services and tips for those in the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation's (OBCDC) service area, but there is much more behind the scenes.

First you might be wondering, what the heck is a community development corporation (CDC). Wikipedia on the internet

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OBCDC pleased with response to holiday activities

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The 2011 holiday season was a busy one for the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC).

The third annual *Cookies & Cocoa with Santa* on Saturday, December 10th, was bigger than ever; over 425 children received free goodie bags, and approximately 600 cookies were served. The event included three craft classes, pictures with Santa, and cookies and cocoa. It was hosted by a partnership of eighteen local nonprofits, businesses and institutions.

The **Holiday Lighting Contest** is also popular every year. Five retailers and thirteen homeowners entered the 2011 contest; the first place winners in each category received \$50 in gift certificates to local restaurants. **Brian Bruncak** and **Mandy Pekarcsik** of 4335 Moonglow Lane were the residential winners. This year's contest turned into a friendly family rivalry when **Cliff and Sarah Pekarcsik's** home at 390 Skyview Dr. came in a close second!

Ameriflag, Inc. (3307 Broadview Rd.) was the winning storefront for the third year in a row; **Speed Exterminating** (4141 Pearl Rd.) was a close second.

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all who participated for making Old Brooklyn's holiday even brighter.

A new holiday tradition that brought cheer to Pearl Rd. was also initiated. A group of Old Brooklyn residents **painted snowmen and snowflakes on storefronts along Pearl Rd. between Krather Rd. and Memphis Ave.** The neighborhood looks and feels friendly and festive as a result of their hard work.

Pearl Rd. business owner Joe Gigante (Joe Gigante & Sons) noted that "It's good to see this positive activity happening in our neighborhood."

Business owner John Young (Speed Exterminating) added that the holiday decorations "bring a new life to downtown Old Brooklyn."

The residents/painters are part of the Community Engagement Committee of *Old Brooklyn Buzz*. To get involved with future projects, attend the Old Brooklyn Buzz meeting on Thursday, January 12th, at Tommy's Family Restaurant (at the corner of Brook Park & Pearl Roads) at 6 p.m. or e-mail Jayme Lucas-Bukszar at jaymel@oldbrooklyn.com.

The **live Norway spruce trees planted and decorated in front of the Krather Building** (4138 Pearl Rd.) were also a welcome holiday treat. This project was co-sponsored by Ameriflag, Inc.; Joe Gigante & Sons; Speed Exterminating; and OBCDC. The trees will be permanently planted at the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden after the holidays. See *Photos* on page 12



2011 OBCDC first place lighting contest winners: (residential) Brian Bruncak and Mandy Pekarcsik, 4335 Moonglow Lane; and (commercial) Ameriflag, Inc., 3307 Broadview Rd.

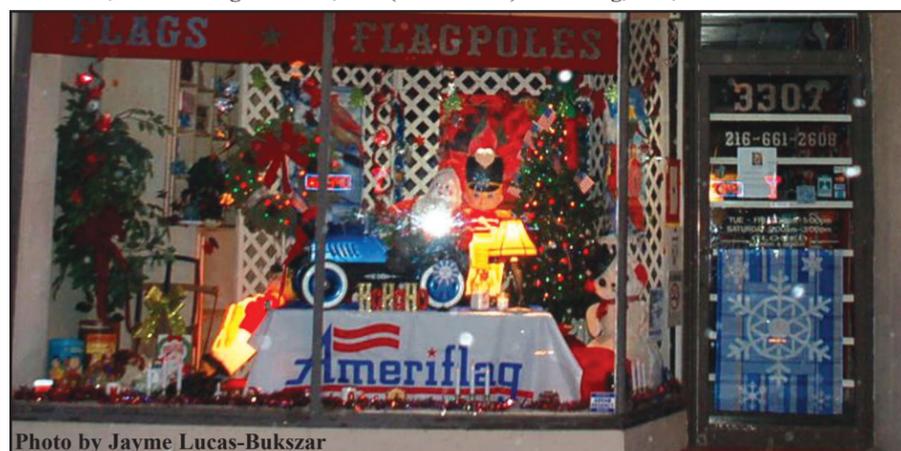


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OBCDC office selected as one location in *Cleveland, I Love You* film project

by Amy Swiderman

In accordance with its mission to promote the amenities available in the Old Brooklyn community, on Dec. 3rd the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) played host to an important local event: the shooting of *Cleveland, I Love You*, a first-of-its-kind independent film project.

A unique concept based on the film anthologies *Paris, Je T'aime* and *New York, I Love You, Cleveland, I Love You* is a compilation of eleven short films depicting the love, lust, loss and despair typically experi-

University who both wrote and directed this portion of the film.

"The organization was quite gracious in allowing us to take over its office for the day. Like a lot of area businesses that have supported this film, OBCDC went above and beyond in providing what we needed to shoot this scene. We hope the Old Brooklyn community enjoys the final product."

Cleveland, I Love You stars hundreds of local actors—including local news anchors Leon Bibb and Robin Swoboda—and has a 100-percent local crew. It's a collaborative effort, the work of five writers and seven directors, and entirely funded by local investors and donors.



Photo courtesy of Amy Swiderman

Local actors Christian Prentice (left) and Mark Mazzocco (right) debate office overtime in *Do What You Love*, a comedic vignette which is one of eleven short films comprising the *Cleveland, I Love You* independent film project.

enced by Greater Clevelanders.

The OBCDC office on Broadview Rd. was selected as a location for one of the film's scenes, *Do What You Love*, because it provided the perfect office setting for the story, which chronicles the adventures of a young man who hates his day job in a call center and counts the seconds until his shift is over. The scene is a comedy and stars Christian Prentice, Mary Faktor, Stefanie Satchik, Mark Mazzocco, Jason Botsford, Christina Cacic, Twyonia Cooper and Vanessa Marino.

"We're extremely grateful to OBCDC for providing us with the perfect setting for this very important scene," said Tony Hartman, a filmmaker from Kent State

The ten other films which comprise *Cleveland, I Love You* are in production until April 2012. The film is expected to be complete in summer 2012, and will be shown locally—but the film's producers have big plans for the project.

"We anticipate a national distribution deal and showings at several film festivals," says Eric Swiderman, the producer of the film. "It's our hope this landmark project will expose the well-kept secret that Greater Cleveland is home to a bevy of talented artists. Our goal is to make Cleveland synonymous with groundbreaking film, much like Seattle is forever joined with grunge."

More information about the film is available at <http://clevelandiloveyou.homestead.com/>.

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Spring Rd. residents have lighthouse carved in yard

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The inviting Tudor Style home at 936 Spring Rd. (at the corner of Spring Rd. & W. 10th St.) is now adorned with a "beacon of light" for all of Old Brooklyn to enjoy. Last summer Konstanious and Eumorphia Stavrou (Kosta and Effie) had a large gum ball tree in the front yard partially cut down and sculpted into an ornate lighthouse. The artist was Bud Emerson, aka "Chainsaw Bud".

Kosta said he got the idea from another piece created by Mr. Emerson -- a sculpture of an eagle which he drove by everyday on his way to work in Grafton. He knocked on that homeowner's door, got information about the artist, and he and Effie were on their way to having an original sculpture hand-crafted in their own front yard.

Effie said the lighthouse was inspired by their family's Greek heritage. (Greece is home to many port cities and lighthouses.) Both Effie and Kosta's parents are from Greece and they visit remaining family members there as often as they can. The lighthouse also incorporates many features of their home (e.g., the front door and roof shingle style). Effie said that it was important to them that the lighthouse looked like it "belonged there".

The sculpture took three weeks to complete and watching Mr. Emerson work became a daily neighborhood "lawn chair party". Effie and Kosta met many neighbors during the process and think that getting to know so many people in the community was the best result of the project. Mr. Emerson always had his "retriever mix", Rudy, by his side, and Rudy was such a big hit that he was regularly given home-cooked lunches.

Kosta and Effie have owned their Spring Rd. home for eleven years and have completely renovated it during that time. Effie was born and raised in Old Brooklyn;

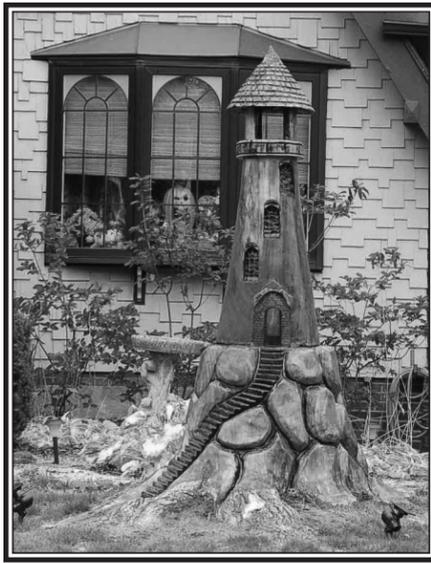


Photo by David Waldman

Whether on foot or in a vehicle, the lighthouse in the front yard of 936 Spring Rd. turns the heads of lots of people passing by.

she grew up on Burger Ave. and attended school at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic School. Her parents later moved to North Royalton, but she returned to Old Brooklyn with Kosta, who grew up in Parma. Effie said, "I love it here; it feels like home. I also love the character of our older homes." Kosta added, "I am happily transplanted here from the suburbs."

When asked if there would be more to come in 2012, Kosta and Effie replied, "Yes! We're adding a light and new landscaping and Mr. Emerson will be back to carve a boat this spring. We can't wait to meet more new friends at future lawn chair parties."

For more information about Chainsaw Sculpting by Bud Emerson, check online at www.chainsawbud.com.

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From the desk of the executive director

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Happy New Year! I hope everyone had wonderful holiday with your family and friends. I spent it with my family in various places in Southern California. I wish I had family members in Ohio but don't so I usually go where they are during holidays which is both California and New York.

We have so many great things going on with Old Brooklyn CDC. Looking forward to 2012 our first project is developing key messaging and branding for our commercial district in order to attract more business to our area. I mentioned in an article that ran in the December issue of the paper that if you are a business owner or developer and would like to get more involved in this effort, please contact me. We will be sharing our work and plan with the community during the first quarter of this new year.

I can't say enough about the home we are rehabbing at 3307 Altoona. It is looking fabulous and will make a very special home for anyone at a great price. See the ad below. This is the fifth home we have rehabbed in Old Brooklyn. The previous four sold pretty quickly with satisfied customers. This home will be completed by late January or early February. If you know of any friends, family or co-workers looking for a home whether it be this one or

any location in Old Brooklyn, please call us, we will be happy to provide tours of the neighborhood and any assistance we can.

Do you like little baby ducks? We have a fun fundraising event planned for the CDC for Friday, March 30th called *A Date with the Ducks* where little baby ducks will be racing, kind of like a *Night at the Races* but with baby ducks. The evening will include dinner, music and ducks (and guests) being silly and wild while you guess just what they will do once in line to race. There will be more information to come on this event soon.

We are also looking forward to another wildly successfully *Pop Up Pearl* event where we transformed Pearl Rd. in downtown Old Brooklyn into a shopping and entertainment district. That is scheduled for May 19th. If you are a start-up entrepreneur and would like the opportunity to show your wares at this event, give us a call to learn more. Or check out our Facebook page where photos from last year are posted.

Remember to always check out our Facebook page and Twitter to stay up to date on what we are planning in Old Brooklyn. Also learn more about all our programs and activities by looking at our web site at www.oldbrooklynconnected.com. Have a great 2012!

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Sign up for food stamps and other services

The Empowerment Center of Greater Cleveland (ECGC), also known as the welfare rights organization, is one of the best keep secrets in Cuyahoga County. It assists low-income individuals in Cuyahoga County with satisfying basic human needs. Its goal is to empower, educate, advocate and guide people to resources.

ECGC offers utility assistance (CEI/First Energy ONLY) by appointment only. Because it seems as though people have to do Everything online, even apply for employment, ECGC offers a free computer course, *Journey to Employment Pathways to Success*. Participants will receive classroom training, self-directed computer learning, job search/job readiness training and computer literacy

training. ECGC does federal and State taxes free. It also offers a furniture assistance program for people in need (used furniture in good condition at a discounted price).

Qualified individuals receive discounts from AT&T through ATT Life Line Ohio. ECGC helps people apply for food stamps and hand deliver food stamp applications. It also advocates for clients having issues with their caseworkers.

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 Tues. January 10th.

NEWS & EVENTS

Monday, January 9th

Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society
Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 7 pm. Soldiers and Sailors Monument docent Tim Daley speaking about recent renovations to the Cleveland landmark on southeast quadrant of Public Square. Call president Ron Kraine at 440-838-5743 or visit www.cuyahogagenealogy.org for more info.

Saturday, January 14th

**National Free Throw Competition
Elks "Hoop Shoot"**

Competition will be held at Mary Queen of Peace Elementary School Gym, 4423 Pearl Rd Registration 3:30 - 4 pm, Competition begins 4 pm. This contest is the largest activity sponsored by Elks Lodges. Over 3,000,000 boys & girls ages 8 - 13 will participate this year, & we want you to compete! Six national Champions are named - one boy & one girl in each of three categories: ages 8 - 9; 10 - 11 & 12 - 13. The national winners each receive a trophy & their names are inscribed on a plaque at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts. Winners advance to the District Finals at Ravenna High School on Jan. 21st. Contestant age groups are determined by their ages as of April 1, 2012. 25 free throws will be shot to determine the winner.

Tuesday, January 17th

The Music of the Beatles

Cuyahoga County Public Library, Brooklyn Branch, 4480 Ridge Rd., 7 - 8:30 pm. Acoustic guitarist Rick Iacoboni will play interpretations of many of most popular Beatles songs. Hear fascinating stories behind influences in composing the songs, how the songs were written & little unknown facts about how they were recorded. Call 216-398-4600 to register.

Friday - Sunday, January 27th - 29th

Progressive International Motorcycle Show
I-X International Exposition Center. One I-X Center Dr. Fri., 3 - 9 pm; Sat, 9 am - 9 pm. Sun; 9 am - 5 pm. Tickets, Adults general admission, \$15, children 6 - 11; \$6. Parking \$8. Motorcycle enthusiasts, beginners & aspiring riders showcases new motorcycles, gear, accessories, apparel & entertainment. "This show offers the latest custom, exotic and production bikes all under one roof, along with high-energy entertainment and learning experiences for all types of riders. We have also assembled an amazing collection of custom bikes, as well as a thrilling motorcycle stunt show performed by reality television stars, the Smage Bros, & even interactive digital graffiti walls. www.motorcycleshows.com/cleveland

**Registration Deadline Thurs, January 26th
CPR/AED - Adult/Child/Infant**

Rocky River Nature Center, 24000 Valley Pkwy., North Olmsted. Class **Sat. Feb 11th**; 9 am - 4 pm. This American Red Cross class will provide you with skills to help an infant, child or adult showing signs of respiratory or cardiac arrest symptoms. Materials & American Red Cross certifications will be provided. Activity Level easy must meet ARC requirements. Ages 16 yrs & up with participating adult. Fee: \$55 (includes workbook, certification cards) Call 440-734-6660 to register.

Brooklyn Animal Shelter Needs Volunteers

Help support their mission as a no time limit shelter to care for dogs & cats until they find their forever homes. All volunteer organization needs all types of talents -- dog walkers,

carers for cats, answering phones, coordinating fundraisers. To volunteer, call 741-1213 or email Nancy at nank17@ameritech.net, or visit www.brooklynshelter.org and click tab for volunteers; also look at furry friends available for adoption. Located at 8300 Memphis Ave. next to fire station. Training provided.

**Cleveland Public Library
Free Adult Classes**

Brooklyn Branch, 3706 Pearl Rd. 216-623-6920. **GED class:** Mon & Wed, 1pm, **ESOL class:** Mon & Wed 10 am.

South Brooklyn Branch, 4303 Pearl Rd. **GED class:** Mon & Wed, 10 am. Registration begins Jan. 9th.

**Parma-Snow Library
2121 Snow Rd.
216-661-4240 cuyahogalibrary.org**

Mon. - Thur., 9 am - 9 pm; Fri. & Sat., 9 am - 5:30 pm; Sun., 1 - 5 pm.

Upcoming Programs: Unless otherwise noted, registration is required.

ESOL (English as a Second Language), Mon & Fri, 9 - 11 am; adults. English for speakers of other languages. Call 440-885-8797 for more info.

Children's Storytimes, Baby & Me; toddlers & preschoolers, birth - 5 years old. Begins week of Jan 2nd; call for details.

eReading for Everyone. Sat., Jan. 7th, 2 - 4 pm; adults. Learn how to use eReaders, smart phones, home computers or mp3 players with library's free digital collection.

Parma Snow Saves Coupon Club, Mon., Jan. 9th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. (2nd Mon. of each month); adults. Monthly coupon swap club. Bring unwanted coupons & swap with other coupon clippers.

Zoo to You: African Animals, Wed., Jan. 11th, 4 pm; ages 3 - 8 with caregivers. Learn about & see some of smallest & largest animals in Africa with representative from Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

Teen Advisory Group (T.A.G. Team), Sat., Jan. 14th, 1:30 - 2:15 pm; teens. Refreshments.

3-Dimensional Cupcake Decorating, Sat., Jan. 14th, 2:30 - 3:15 pm; ages 8 - 14, kids/teens. Learn how to mold colorful & fun creations out of stiffened frosting to top your cupcakes.

Adult Evening Book Discussion, Mon., Jan. 16th, 7 - 8:30 pm; adults. *God Never Blinks* by Regina Brett.

Making Your Money Last, Tues., Jan. 17th, 2 - 3 pm; adults. Learn strategies for preserving one's nest egg in a volatile economy while earning competitive returns.

New Tax Laws, Mon., Jan. 23rd, 7 - 8 pm; adults. Presentation about new tax laws & changes.

Twilight Treat, Tues., Jan. 24th, 7 - 8 pm; ages 2 - 5. drop-in story & craft program.

Adult Morning Book Discussion, Thurs., Jan. 26th, 10:30 am - noon; adults. *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See.

Celebrate Chinese New Year, Thurs., Jan. 26th, 4 pm; grades K - 5. Celebrate Year of the Dragon. Learn about New Year traditions in China, hear folktales & make dragon craft.

Cuyahoga County's Healthy Start Website
County program provides free health insurance for low to moderate income families with children up to age 19. Strives to enroll all eligible

children, teens & pregnant women to ensure "well child" checkups, dental & eye exams, preventive & emergency care. Families choose Caresource or Wellcare as their Managed Care Plan. Plans provide services at leading hospitals, inc. Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals & Metrohealth Medical Center. Call Healthy Start hotline, 216-987-7346, to enroll or visit www.healthystartcuyahogacounty.us.

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.

West Side Ecumenical Ministry (WSEM)

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

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.

Mary Queen of Peace School

Registration for Preschool thru 8th Grade (Formerly Our Lady of Good Counsel.) Call for tour & registration packet. Kindergarten registrants must be 5 years old by Sept. 30th.

Cleveland Scholarship & Tutoring vouchers accepted; county vouchers OK for preschool & after care. Offers a curriculum to prepare 3 & 4 year-old children for kindergarten. Fulltime: 8 am - 2:30 pm with extended care; part-time: 8 am - 11 am. Call Ms. Patty, 216-741-3685, between 8:15 am & 3 pm for more info.

**St. Leo Preschool & School Registrations
2011-2012 School Year**

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. Also accepting students grades K-8. Part of the Cleveland Scholarship & Tutoring voucher program. Vocal music & instrumental band program, visual & studio art program, physical education & sports; new PC computer lab. Before & after-school care available. Call Mrs. Eileen Breitmeyer to arrange a tour, 216-661-2120.

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; participates in Cleveland Scholarship & Tutoring Program. 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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File your own police report on-line for the following types of incidents/crimes -- lost property; damage to property; criminal damaging; petty theft/theft from a motor vehicle; supplemental reports. These types of reports may be made only if there is no suspect, suspect vehicle, or serial number information. Make an on-line report at www.city.cleveland.oh.us/police & click on the crime reporting link. You must be 18 years old & have an e-mail address.

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- Passionate about Old Brooklyn
- Wanting to get together with like minded neighbors

Please join our "Jan-Feb Activities" discussion:

The group created 4 Committees and has discussed several potential activities each committee could undertake. Details of Jan-March initiatives will be hashed out at this meeting.

What: Great Discussion & Appetizers

Where: Tommy's Family Restaurant
5198 Pearl Road

When: Thu, Jan 12 at 6:00PM

RSVP: By Jan 10. Call Jayme at 216-459-1000.



'Tis the season to WATCH, CALL, CALL

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CRIME WATCH

It's not the Grinch we should be watching for (even though the feeling will be the same if your home, car or business is broken into). It's the persons who caught your eye or made you take a second look. It's the unusual noises -- dog barking, car door slamming, glass breaking. KEEP WATCHING!

It's your neighborhood! Does that person belong there?? If not, call the police at 911. Give the dispatcher a good description of what you see and tell him/her why you are calling. Stay on the phone and KEEP WATCHING! Is the reason for the call still happening? Has a

zone car arrived? If not, call back.

Has what's been happening changed in any way? Tell the dispatcher whether or not you still need the zone car. WATCH to the conclusion.

Call some of your neighbors if you don't want the police to come to your door. Tell them that and give them your phone number for further information so you find out the outcome. It may be nothing, but let the police figure that out.

In 99% of the cases, though, your instincts will be right because you know your street, its people and their cars. Your calling the police keeps bad things from happening on your street and send a message to others who might be considering being the Grinch to go somewhere else.

Help everyone in Old Brooklyn enjoy the peace, joy and love of the holidays. Only by working together can we keep our neighborhood safe.

GardenWalk 2012 to include this neighborhood

by Gloria Ferris
Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

The cold, bleak days of January may seem like an odd choice for garden planning, but Brooklyn Centre Naturalists thinks that there is no better time. Dreaming of a garden filled with butterflies, birds, hopping toads and buzzing insects can take away the winter blues in a heartbeat.

And this summer in Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre there's an added incentive to plan early, share with neighbors and spruce up the garden.

GardenWalk Cleveland has invited both neighborhoods to be featured on this year's walk.

Last year's inaugural *GardenWalk* was so successful that the organizers are designing a similar event on July 2st and 22nd.

Anyone interested in organizing, finding gardens or willing to volunteer for the Old Brooklyn or Brooklyn Centre *GardenWalk*

should call Gloria Ferris of Brooklyn Centre Naturalists at 216-351-0254 or email her at bcnaturalists@gmail.com.

Gloria has offered to lead the effort in Brooklyn Centre and has agreed to help the effort in Old Brooklyn by bringing interested people together and finding someone with the time and commitment to lead the event there.

So, when that first seed catalog arrives, start planning plant additions to your garden which will entice birds, butterflies and little critters to your backyard retreat. Dream big; after all, it's

the middle of winter and you won't need to act on making a garden wall, adding a water feature or planting bushes until spring.

By spring, your plan will be whittled down to a do-able project or two which can be finished by summer when you will be ready to sit back, relax and enjoy the fruits of your labor.

Native plants are a good choice to provide color and texture to your garden while improving storm water runoff.

If you like the look of cutting gardens and want to attract butterflies and bees to your garden, colorful wildflowers such as Black-eyed Susan, Coneflowers, Indian Blanket and Cardinal Flowers will become a natural hotel for pollinators.

Wild Geraniums, Allegheny Spurge and American Ginger create a great ground cover for hopping toads and garden snakes.

Rhododendrons, Azaleas and Bottlebrush Buckeyes create great cover and shelter for birds.

Dogwoods, fruit trees and Dawn Redwoods provide shelter, homes and food as well.

A good source for choosing native plants for this area is the library. Then, because a cardinal rule of gardening is sharing, find like-minded gardeners and swap each other's perennials which have outgrown their spaces.



GardenWalk
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A Date with Ducks!

What:

- A "Night at the Races" with adorable live baby ducklings!
- Spaghetti (meatballs optional) dinner with salad & rolls.
- Draft beer & pop included. Bring your own liquor if you like.
- Dancing after the races!

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A Fundraiser for Old Brooklyn CDC

SCR's "Senior in the spotlight" -- Mary Louk

Mary Louk is Senior Citizen Resource, Inc.'s (SCR) Senior of the Month for December.

Mary's parents came from Italy, and moved to the United States to Rosemont, West Virginia, a coal mining town. Mary lived in Rosemont with her parents and seven siblings until she met her husband when she was 20 years old. Mary and he moved to Cleveland in 1959, and have been here now for 52 years.

Mary and her husband have three children -- two boys and one girl -- and three grandchildren -- two girls and one boy. He worked for Alcoa for 43 years and she worked in her home and periodically at cleaning jobs on the side for extra cash. After the grandchildren were born, Mary spent a lot of time helping out and watching them.

Mary says the best thing she ever did for herself was to walk through the door at the Schwab Center eleven years ago. She started taking exercise classes at the Schwab Center, and over time things multiplied. Now Mary exercises three days a week; walks with the Strollers on Tuesdays and Thursdays; and participates in volleyball and line dancing on Wednesdays, Volleyball and lunch at Deaconess-Krafft on Thursdays, and more line dancing on Fridays. She helped get the volleyball and walking groups together at Estabrook.

(The volleyball players were even able to buy their own net.)

Mary meets a group of six ladies for coffee every Monday, rain or shine. She really values her friendships and says that friendships are the most important thing she has gained from coming to SCR. She also enjoys the trips,



Courtesy of Senior Citizens Resources, Inc.
Mary Louk

eating out, and of course, the activity.

Mary's most important advice to readers is to "Stay Active! Even if seniors don't feel like getting out of bed in the morning, she stresses the importance of getting out of the house. "You'll feel better, both in your body and your mind", she maintains.

Traffic at Spring Rd. and W. 11th St. slowed by construction activity last month

Orange construction barrels/cones along Spring Rd. just east of W. 11th St. is the result of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District's (NEORS) work on a "Combined Sewer Overflow Relining and Replacement Contract" (CSORRAC) project beneath the capped, former landfill southeast of that intersection. Work began in early December and should be completed prior to the delivery of the January issue of the *Old Brooklyn News*.

The job entailed relining 1,000 feet of 60-inch in diameter sewer pipe underneath the landfill. Most of the work was completed using a tunneling method; a vertical shaft was drilled within the landfill to place the tunneling equipment.

During construction, NEORS worked with other agencies which govern and monitor

closed landfills to maintain the integrity of the site. By using temporary flow management techniques, sewer flow continued during the relining.

Nearby, the relining of a short section of sewer pipe beneath Morningside Dr. north of Hilland Dr. in the South Hills neighborhood is also expected to be completed by publication time.

These are two of the thirty-three interceptor sewers in the City of Cleveland and Garfield Heights which the NEORS is relining over a 24-month period.

The *Old Brooklyn News* will report about the proposed Spring Jennings Flood Control Project when details about it are made known to us. It is a separate project from the relining and replacement reported in this article.

Services & programs from front page

provides a good general definition. They suggest it is a broad term referring to nonprofit organizations incorporated to provide programs, offer services and engage in other activities that promote and support community development.

CDC's usually serve a geographic location such as a neighborhood or a town. They often focus on serving lower-income residents or struggling neighborhoods. They can be involved in a variety of activities including economic development, education, community organizing and real estate development.

OBCDC has a specific mission that does align well with the above statement: "To develop and revitalize the community by uniting and empowering residents, business leaders and government around plans and initiatives that achieve social, economic and civic improvement."

Each nonprofit CDC like ours within the city of Cleveland receives community development block grant (CDBG) funds which flow from the federal government through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the City of Cleveland. Those funds are then awarded to each CDC on a competitive basis.

There are specific restrictions on the use of federal funds which make up a large portion of the programming for the CDC. There are income guidelines that are usually low to moderate income and it varies depending on the size of a household. The majority of 44109 are within this category. A portion of 44144 is as well.

When an individual or family apply to receive assistance from these federally derived funds, staff at the CDC will "qualify" people for each eligible service. Further in the article there will be a list of these services.

The eight full-time and three part-time staff are dedicated and well-qualified employees in the field of community and urban development. They spend a majority (about 75%) of their time meeting specific contract obligations that are specified by the City of Cleveland's Community Development Department utilizing the funds from HUD.

The remaining time spent by a number of staff is on non contract programming like community events and festivals, publications, the Ben Franklin Community Garden, and the marketing of the neighborhood. The funds to operate these programs come from fundraising activities such as event sponsorships, earned income from real estate development and publications, foundation grants, business and community support and membership. The CDC is a membership based organization; more on that later as well.

Old Brooklyn CDC has a brochure called "Resources for Residents: A Guide to Programs for Home Maintenance, Improvement and Foreclosure Prevention." This brochure provides a complete overview of all of our programs most of which fall under our contract with the City of Cleveland and have some sort of income qualifying guidelines.

For example, there is a paint voucher program whereby people can obtain paint and supplies to paint the outside of their homes; there is an emergency home repair program for outside repairs. There are also weatherization programs that provide all resources related to keeping your home energy-efficient such as having an operating furnace, newer windows, and other energy-saving efficiencies.

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The Winter Solstice has again occurred, and even though the cold and snow are worse, at least now the hours of light are longer than those of darkness. Still, there's a lot of nighttime in a 24-hour time period, and evenings can be used for lots more than just watching TV.

Reading, of course, is one of those nighttime possibilities, and in last month's *Town Crier* I talked about a number of recent books with either Cleveland authors or Cleveland subject matter about which I'd been made aware since I last wrote about such things. Because I didn't have space to list them all, I'll continue with more of the others this month.

Say "Cleveland book publisher" and the name which comes to my mind is **Gray & Company, Publishers**. Since 1991, they've been a regional publishing company specializing in books for and about Greater Cleveland and Northeast Ohio. While a substantial percentage of the books they've produced over those twenty years have been discontinued, the most popular titles are still readily available. Visit www.grayco.com for a list of all current titles.

Gray & Company's first book was published in 1992. They now have over 150 books, including print and e-book editions; they publish approximately ten to twelve new books a year with the local market in mind. They're available at all Northeast Ohio bookstores and online from Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com.

Sometimes in the past I've mentioned Gray & Company books I've used as sources in articles I've written, and sometimes I've written separate articles about the books Gray & Company released that year. It's been some

years since I did the latter, so this "roundup" of new Gray & Company books will go back a few years.

John Stark Bellamy II is one of the first Gray & Company authors I remember, and his books have also been among the most popular titles. A now-retired librarian from the history department at Cuyahoga County Public Library's Fairview Park branch, he's repeatedly said that a particular title was going to be his last book. But writing is in his blood -- his father, Peter, wrote for the *Cleveland News* and the *Plain Dealer* and his grandfather, Paul, was editor of the *Plain Dealer* for twenty years.

John's specialty has been researching Cleveland crimes and disasters, and he's recently added two more titles to the books he has in print --

Cleveland's Greatest Disasters! is an anthology of sixteen local tales of death and destruction. Containing 221 pages and priced at \$14.95, it's soft-cover and was published in 2009.

The Last Days of Cleveland followed it in 2010. Also soft-cover and priced at \$14.95, it contains 254 pages of additional true tales of crime and disaster from Cleveland's past.

While John Stark Bellamy has an impressive list of titles on the Gray & Company website, he is not, however, the author with the most titles. That distinction would go to **Les Roberts**, who had been writing his fictional, based-in-Greater-Cleveland mystery stories for years with another publisher before joining the Gray & Company team. His protagonist, Milan Jacovich, had a new mystery to solve in 2011, and the story takes place on the west side of Cleveland. *The Cleveland Creep* is #15 in the Milan Jacovich series. Unlike the previous Milan Jacovich books, it is hardcover, has 264 pages and is priced at \$24.95.

Terry Pluto is another Gray & Company author with quite a number of books to his credit. A sports columnist for the *Plain Dealer*, not surprisingly, many of his titles are about sports. But religious faith is another one of his favorite themes.

Terry's two most recent books, though,

are about sports. In 2010, Terry wrote *Things I've Learned from Watching the Browns*. It contains 252 pages, is soft-cover, and retails for \$14.95.

In 2011, **Terry Pluto** and local broadcaster **Joe Tait** co-authored a book of memories of Joe's radio career in Indians baseball, Cavs basketball and Mount Union College football. It's called, *Joe Tait - It's been a real ball*, and is soft-cover, 259 pages, and priced at \$15.95.

Another famous person on the Cleveland

airwaves is **Larry Morrow**, and in 2010 Gray and Company published a hardcover book which he authored -- *This is Larry Morrow... My Life On and Off the Air*. Larry spent four decades of his life as a radio personality -- on WIXY, 3WE, WERE and WQAL. His memoir is 286 pages long and costs \$19.95.

Since we didn't have room for all the books we planned to write about this month -- Gray & Company's and others' -- I'll start with that topic next month. Additions are welcome;



Photo by Christine Dzedzina

Rain did not deter parishioners of the "under appeal to Rome" St. Barbara Church, 1505 Denison Ave., who gathered on the steps of their closed church on Sunday afternoon, December 4th. They were there to observe the feast day of their patron, St. Barbara.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists - Sat., Jan. 28th, 10 am - noon. Brooklyn branch of the Cleveland Public Library, 3706 Pearl Rd. Topic: Brooklyn Centre & Old Brooklyn 2012 Garden Walk. For more info about the GardenWalk or to volunteer, contact Gloria at 216-351-0254 or bcnaturalists@gmail.com.

Brooklyn Genealogy Club, Sun., Jan. 15th, 2 pm, Brooklyn Fire Station, 8400 Memphis Ave. at Roadan. Program -- John Sabol speaking about Cleveland's Czech/Bohemian settlements as well as the Buckeye and other Hungarian neighborhoods. John will also have his "Arcadia" books available for purchase -- *Cleveland Czechs*, *Cleveland Slovaks* and *Cleveland's Buckeye Neighborhood*. Prospective members welcome.

The Historical Society of Old Brooklyn 7 pm, Fri., Jan. 13th, Pearl Road United Methodist Church, 4200 Pearl Rd. (Use rear entrance off parking lot.) Historian Marge Wilson speaking about Clevelanders in the Civil War buried at Lakeview Cemetery. Call president Connie Ewazen, 216-398-8969, with questions.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation board meeting, Tues., Jan. 24th, 6 pm, OBCDC meeting room (2339 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., Jan. 10th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 25th St.

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

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

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

As I see it...

by
Pastor Jerry



"For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night." (Psalm 90:4 N.R.S.V.)

At age 93, a man was lovingly cared for by his daughters. One day he asked, "Am I old or am I young?" What an intriguing question. At first his daughters couldn't answer, but in time one responded, "You're just right, Dad!"

Such a caring and honest answer is wonderful. Don't we all wander between youth and age every day?

As some of you know, I celebrated another birthday recently. I've always found it comforting to gain another year of age just before a new year begins. I feel I'm not getting old, just older. Perhaps Gertrude Stein was right when she said, "We're all the same age inside."

With best wishes for a Happy New Year, I pray that Two Thousand Twelve be a year of youthful wonder for us all!

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No, Not Statistics!

Let me whisper the word "statistics". Saying it aloud generally clears a room and writing about it generates yawns. It is like talking about plumbing or wiring or tax code. It is just one of those subjects that are important to the management of life but oh so boring.

Fortunately the Center for Community Solutions has talented people who understand how to prepare and analyze health and social/economic statistics that allow business and social service agencies to improve the quality of life in Northeast Ohio.

The Center for Community Solutions is an agency little known to the general public whose mission "...provides strategic leadership and organizes community resources to improve the health, social and economic conditions through demographic research, nonpartisan policy analysis and advocacy..." In other words the Center does the deep research and diagnostic work that helps planners, investors, charities, social service agencies and even entrepreneurs know what the real conditions are in Northeast Ohio. It is comparable to a

doctor ordering laboratory work to determine what is going on in the body.

In November the Center released a report titled *Northeast Ohio Regional Indicators and Objectives*. This report identifies ten health indicators and ten social/economic indicators that define essential quality of life issues. These indicators serve to measure what is improving or declining in every day life.

This is not a one time snap shot but the foundation for continuing measurement in the sixteen counties that comprise Northeast Ohio. It is important because it is a description of reality based upon factual information and not intuition, speculation or personal opinion. When a business wants to relocate or an entrepreneur start a new business the high school graduation rate and post high school education attainment rate are critical to knowing where to find an educated labor pool.

The affordability of housing, both rental and owner occupied are indicators of an upward or downward community. Levels of employment and types of occupations are indicators of who can do what for new business opportunities.

So, it is not enough to know that Cleveland supports a growing health care industry (or some other industry). The planners and investors in the industry must know if the potential for growth remains strong or is peaking.

Income inequality is currently a topic of discussion among candidates for public office as evidenced by the "Occupy Something" movement. That discussion often ignores the reality that a growing disparity in income levels translates to an increase in the hidden social

costs of the court and detention system, health care delivery and educational attainment. The Center's ability to measure this indicator separates fact from fiction.

The full report has breakouts by county and subsections of counties. All the indicators are dynamic, meaning they are in a constant state of change. The continuous measurement allows for the analysts to identify patterns. Those patterns can then be used to allocate public, philanthropic and private resources to reverse the negative patterns and reinvest in the positive outcomes.

The data is compared to national and statewide data. That comparison yields quick observations of where Northeast Ohio is leading or at least above average among the indicators and also where the area is sliding or weak. Identifying weakness is actually a strength if it is followed by correcting destabilizing conditions.

The information in this report is dry reading but like cellular structure it yields information that is vitally important to building and maintaining a healthy viable community.

The web site: www.communitysolutions.com/neorio.aspx contains the full report.

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Board of Zoning Appeals to re-hear request for surface mining off Bradley Rd.

The Cleveland Board of Zoning Appeals, in executive session on December 19th, approved a resolution to re-hear the appeal to allow surface mining (removal of clean dirt) at the Bradley Road Landfill, 4300 Bradley Rd.

The Board agreed to reconsider this matter at the request of Mayor Frank Jackson because when the Board first heard the appeal on April 18th, 2011, the City had not presented a letter of intent between the City and the appellant. This letter of intent outlines conditions by which the City would support the appellant's request to conduct surface mining.

The appellant is William Baumann et.al (the property owners) as represented by TY, Inc. the tenant. TY, Inc. is owned and operated by Tom Simich who also owns and operates Landsong Environmental, Inc., another company involved with the proposed surface mining.

On April 18th, the Board of Zoning Appeals denied the appellant's request but the denial was not ratified. Ratification is the second step in the approval or denial process, after the Board passes a resolution in public session. It is the confirmation of the Board's decision made one week after the resolution is adopted. This is done so that all the legal documents can be prepared which state the conditions and/or reasons that the Board verbally expressed in the resolution.

The re-hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17th, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 514 of Cleveland City Hall, 601 Lakeside Ave. Anyone wishing to offer comment on this matter may speak at the meeting or send a letter or e-mail to be read at the meeting. Please note that citizens attending the meeting must have a picture identification card to enter City Hall. A pay-parking garage can be accessed from the west side of City Hall.

Individuals wishing to comment via the mail should send their letters to Cleveland Board of Zoning Appeals, 601 Lakeside Ave, Room 501, Cleveland, Ohio 44114. E-mail should be sent to jhuber@cleveland.city.oh.us.

The *Old Brooklyn News* will continue to report on this issue. The most current information can be found at www.oldbrooklyn.com on a page titled *Bradley Surface Mining*.

Art Show scheduled in Old Brooklyn

by Jamye Lucas-Bukszar
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No Regrets Tattoo Co. of Cleveland, 4888 Pearl Rd., will be hosting its first art show on Sunday, January 22nd, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Local artists including Douglas Manry (paintings), Jim Miller (photography), Pat Fleming (paintings & ink drawings), Ryan Terrell (paintings), Judy Kranek (paintings), Levi Thomas (anime art) and Izzy and

Lisa Hall (sculpture) will be featured. Original artwork will be for sale starting as low as \$25; there will be a variety of mediums (paintings, prints, sculptures, etc.) to choose from.

The art show will be a family-friendly event, with free refreshments and opportunities to meet local artists in person. Old Brooklyn artists, including Nicholas

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Winners announced in first Buy Old Brooklyn challenge

by **Jamye Lucas-Bukszar**
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The Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) launched a *Buy Old Brooklyn* campaign, beginning with a restaurant & specialty food store challenge. The contest ran from Monday, November 21, 2011 through Thursday, December 15, 2011.

Twelve contestants spent over \$500 at Old Brooklyn restaurants and specialty food stores through this challenge.

Congratulations to the contest winners --

First place winner **Laura Ponikvar** received \$75 in gift certificates for spending the most at local restaurants & specialty food stores.

John Rakauskas & Laura McShane tied for second place; each took home \$50 in gift certificates.

In addition, **Ed Gliebe** and **Phyllis Crespo** each won \$40 in a raffle drawing.

OBCDC encourages everyone to continue to shop at Old Brooklyn businesses and wants to especially thank the following retail partners:

- Acropolis Restaurant & Tavern**, 6021 Memphis Ave.;
- Athens Imported Foods**, 5120 Pearl Rd.;
- Bonnie's Catering** (Ampol Hall), 4737 Pearl Rd.;
- Burger King**, 6000 Memphis Ave.;
- Carmino's Pizza**, 4728 Pearl Rd.;
- Corky's Express**, 5164 Pearl Rd.;
- Dee's Old Brooklyn Diner**, 4326 Pearl Rd.;
- Dina's Pizza & Pub**, 5701 Memphis Ave.;
- Don Gi's Pizzeria**, 2159 Broadview Rd.;
- Fat Guy's Bar & Grill**, 5517 Memphis Ave.;
- Gabe's Family Restaurant**, 2044 Broadview Rd.;
- Gentile's Imported Italian Food**, 4464 Broadview Rd.;
- Gus's Family Restaurant**, 4377 State Rd.;
- Gyro Guys**, 4348 Pearl Rd.;
- Honey Hut Ice Cream**, 4674 State Rd.;
- Luci's Coffee, Donuts & More**, 4855 Broadview Rd.;
- Memphis Bakery**, 6100 Memphis Ave.;

- Memphis Eatery**, 6212 Memphis Ave.;
- Memphis Station Bar & Grill**, 6101 Memphis Ave.;
- Memphis Tavern**, 4818 Memphis Ave.;
- Michael's Bakery**, 4478 Broadview Rd.;
- M & W Market**, 4391 State Rd.;
- Steve's Family Restaurant**, 4457 Broadview Rd.;
- The Sausage Shoppe**, 4501 Memphis Ave.;
- Tommy's Family Restaurant**, 5198 Pearl Rd.;
- Villa Mia Restaurant**, 4890 Pearl Rd.;
- Wexler's Tavern & Eatery**, 4555 State Rd.

The campaign's goal was to encourage residents to support Old Brooklyn businesses. OBCDC hopes to add other categories and create a general "Buy Old Brooklyn" program in the near future.

Free tax help available

by **Jamye Lucas-Bukszar**
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The AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) will be offering FREE federal and state tax preparation services at the South Brooklyn Branch of the Cleveland Public Library on Thursdays from Feb 2, 2012 through April 12, 2012; the times are noon-3 p.m. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 216-623-7067.

They are also offering free municipal tax preparation on March 20th, March 27th, April 3rd, and April 10th from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The municipal tax preparation services are walk-in only (no appointments).

Everyone can receive free tax return preparation regardless of age. Seniors do not need to be members of AARP to qualify. The South Brooklyn Branch of the Cleveland Public Library is located at 4303 Pearl Rd. (at the corner of State Rd. and Pearl Rd.) For more information, call the South Brooklyn Library at 216-623-7067.

A resident's tips for surviving in Cleveland's winter season

courtesy of **Brenda Theurer**

Since winter has officially arrived, here are some winter preparedness tips --

■ If your Christmas tree is still up, remember to keep a CO2/smokedetector and a fully charged all-purpose fireextinguisher nearby;

■ Keep your storm sewer catch basins clear of snow, ice and debris. In addition, your nearest fire hydrant should be free from snow mounds;

(The few minutes you take to do this throughout the winter is that much less time that the firemen would spend to do it and could make the difference between life and death).

■ It may also be a good idea to keep a road flare handy to mark the fire hydrant location for the emergency crews who might need to find it;

■ It's a good time to make sure that your vehicle is in proper working order --

■ Change your oil & check your brakes;

■ Rotate your tires & make sure that you check for proper inflation (on a cold tire);

■ Check to see if you have enough tread remaining on your tires and buy new tires if you need to;

■ Be sure that none of your headlights, brake lights and marker lights aren't burned out;

■ Are your current insurance card, roadside assistance phone number, paper and pencil (pens can freeze) in the glove box?

■ Put in windshield washer fluid; (You may want to spend a little more for the freezing temperature fluid; it works really well.)

■ Make sure your car door key locks are working; (Put a little liquid graphite in them to make sure, but be careful to wipe up any overflow as it may stain your paint.)

■ Put your snow brush and ice scraper in the car; There are also windshield de-icer sprays that work well, too.

■ Consider buying a windshield cover/tarp so that snow removal (or freezing rain) just peels right off;

■ Fold in your sideview mirrors if you can; plastic bags tied around your sideview mirrors

are also a big help.

■ Check to make sure that none of your engine belts are frayed or need replacing;

■ Pack your "Winter Survival Car Kit": small shovel, road flare, clay kitty litter, blanket, boots, gloves, scarf, flashlight with new batteries, freshly charged cell phone, extra change of or WARM clothes and "snack stash" -- water, granola bars, etc;

■ Make sure that your gas tank doesn't go below a quarter of a tank; this assures that you will have enough gas to get you where you need to go, and you shouldn't get condensation in your gas tank that causes fuel line freeze up;

■ Add a can of dry gas to your tank if your vehicle specs say you can use it; if you do get stuck you will have gas to keep the heat and lights on;

■ Since too many people in Cleveland forgets how to drive in the snow, drive to the nearest empty parking lot on a snowy day and get used to driving in the snow again: sharp turns, panic braking, skidding/sliding, unexpected stopping, etc., and be little more prepared for the other drivers.

Here's hoping that you have a safe winter driving experience.

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When I started researching and writing this series about Cleveland's Bohemian/Czech community, I was thinking that the article about the churches would be the second or third in the series, and that after it ran, I'd move on to another topic. But Cleveland Czechs - and those with Cleveland Czech roots - amazed me with their responses, and now, five months after the article about the 1920 Bohemian marriage certificate was published, I'm finally getting to what had been the main topic of my previous articles about Cleveland's ethnic groups - their churches. Before I start with them, though, here are some follow-ups I received about two previous articles -

The first communication was from Joe Kocab, the *Czech Voice of Cleveland* radio show host and person who located someone with a connection to the 1920 marriage certificate featured in the August *Old Brooklyn News* (OBN). Joe mailed me part of the English supplement of a bi-weekly Czech-Slovak newspaper from Toronto, Canada. It's called *Novy Domov* (New Homeland) and on the front page of their December 1st issue was an article about Czech Christmas customs. Anyone interested in more customs than the ones included in the December OBN can read *Novy Domov* online at www.novydomov.com.

(My favorite was about keeping the carp for Christmas Eve dinner alive in the bathtub. It brought to my mind the classic Jewish children's book, *The Carp in the Bathtub*.)

Last month I also received an email from a woman named Michele Hall who lives "just over the border" in Lorain County. Three months ago Michelle decided to begin researching her family tree. One way to do that is by searching for ancestors online, either on specific genealogy websites or on the internet in general.

Imagine Michele's surprise a few weeks ago when she typed in the names of one pair of great-grandparents and came up with the article in the August *Old Brooklyn News* about their marriage certificate! (The internet can be a wonderful tool for connecting living and deceased people, too.)

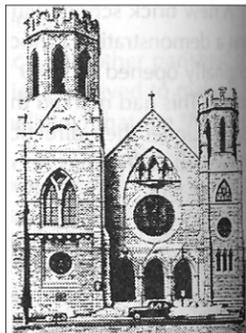
So it's looking as though finding someone who knew Albina Matejka and Bohumil (Barney) Pecka wasn't the final ending to the marriage certificate story. Maybe Mila Hyvnar will talk with Michele to share tales about Michele's great-grandparents, and if that happens, there will be an even more heart-warming ending. I'm hoping that Joe Kocab, my "new best friend" in terms of Cleveland's Bohemian/Czech community, will be able to work something out to make that happen.

Now, moving on to the church communities at last --

The first Bohemian/Czech priest to come to Cleveland was Father Antonin (Anthony) Krasny, who arrived here in 1858. Although he was assigned to St. Peter's Church on Superior Ave. (a German parish), Father Krasny often celebrated Mass for Bohemian Catholics in the Broadway Ave. area which would later become known as "Little Bohemia".

Over the course of the next nine years, Father Anthony Martin, too, celebrated Mass for Bohemian Catholics at St. Peter's... as well as at St. Joseph (another German parish), and St. Mary on the Flats (an Irish parish which later served fledgling nationality parishes).

In February of 1867, Father Krasny was named the pastor of the first parish established specifically for Bohemian Catholics, St.



St. Wenceslaus Church at its second location

Wenceslaus (named for the patron saint discussed in the September issue of the *Old Brooklyn News*). It was located at Arch St. and Burwell Ave. (now E. 35th Place), near Woodland Ave., and in December of the same year, the people were already celebrating Mass in the first church they built.

Ill health forced Father Krasny to resign after two years (1869), and he died the following year. The two pastors after Father Krasny each served for only a short time.

St. Wenceslaus School opened in 1870, staffed for six years by the Daughters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and then by the Sisters of St. Joseph (CSJ).

Meanwhile, on the west-side of Cleveland, the original Bohemian settlement in Cleveland had also been growing. Called Kuba, it was located in Brooklyn Township, south of Ohio City, north of Denison Ave. and stretching east and west from W. 41st St. (In those days, however, W. 41st St. was called Burton St., and the neighborhood's Burton St. Cemetery was the previous name of today's St. Mary's Cemetery just north of Clark Ave.)

The second Catholic parish for Czechs, St. Procop, was founded in the Kuba area in 1872. It was named after the patron saint of farmers and manual craftsmen, the occupations of many of the Czech immigrants. The first building they erected, in 1874, was a two-floor combination church and school building. Father Antonin Hynek was the first pastor.

In 1873, in addition to being pastor at St. Procop, Father Hynek was assigned the pastorate of the aforementioned St. Wenceslaus. Then in 1875, Father Hynek was released from the pastorate at St. Procop and became the full-time pastor of St. Wenceslaus.

Deacon Josef (Joseph) Koudelka replaced Father Hynek at St. Procop. He was in charge for about eight months before he was actually ordained a priest, and celebrated his first Mass there as the pastor.

St. Procop School opened in 1876. Initially lay people staffed the school, then Sisters of Notre Dame, later the Sisters of St. Joseph (CSJ) and ultimately the Sisters of St. Francis from Joliet, Illinois.

Father Koudelka was an auspicious priest. He wrote several elementary school readers which were used nationally, and he eventually became the first auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland.

When Father Koudelka was transferred to St. Louis in 1882 to become the editor of the Czech newspaper, *Hlas-Nat'l*, the people at St. Procop would not accept any new priest as their pastor. As a result, the bishop of Cleveland closed St. Procop from February, 1884 until July, 1885. At that time, Father Anthony Vlcek was appointed pastor, and the people at St. Procop did accept him. He was pastor for eleven years.

I won't list every pastor at St. Procop, but over the years, many who served added to the parish "plant". The grand, Italian-Byzantine style church with a central dome and two towers was dedicated in 1903 during the 41-year pastorate of Father Peter Cerveny.

In 1907, a new school and a new rectory were built at St. Procop. A two-year commercial high school opened in 1915; it expanded to a 4-year program in 1937. A new convent was built between 1925 and 1926.



St. Procop Church 3181 W. 41st St.

The new church was debt-free by 1929, and the parish flourished for a several more decades. St. Procop's monstrance, a replica (made of real gold but not real diamonds) of the Sun or Diamond Monstrance at a shrine in Prague, The Czech Republic, was carried in procession at the Seventh National Eucharistic Conference, held in Cleveland in 1935.

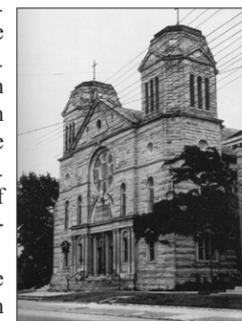
In 1962, however, deterioration of the high dome and two bell towers and the cost of repair forced St. Procop to remove rather than fix them. In 1965, the high school closed. In 1975, the grade school closed. What remained of the towers was dismantled in 1993.

There were positive moments in the Nineties, however, as many renovations were done in St. Procop Church. And the parish did have important ministries taking place in its buildings, even when it lacked a resident priest-pastor in its final years.

The bell tolled for the last time at St. Procop Church on Sunday, August 30th, 2009. Up to that time, parish life coordinator Sister Annette Amendolia, SND, and a core of dedicated parishioners had been keeping the congregation together.

After St. Procop closed, many of the parishioners able to travel the distance joined Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Slavic Village, another founded-by-Czechs parish (which will be discussed in a future article). Therefore, a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the St. Procop campus to White Hat Management, a charter school organization, last June were allotted to Our Lady of Lourdes. White Hat's plan was to relocate Hope Academy, Lincoln Park School to the former St. Procop's.

In next month's article, I'll pick up where I left off with St. Wenceslaus Church. Additions from readers are always welcome.



St. Procop Church, minus dome & towers

Services & Programs from page 4

In terms of programs where income is not a factor, there is a low-interest loan (currently at about 2.6%) for home repairs or remodeling for people with decent credit through a program called Cleveland Action to Support Housing (CASH). Also the foreclosure prevention programs are available to anyone regardless of income.

There are also a number of programs just for people sixty-five years and above that includes grants for repairs, paint for homes, gutter cleaning, chore services and so forth.

For the past two years OBCDC has also been obtaining homes that were foreclosed, rehabbing them and selling them at a great price. These totally remodeled homes are affordable to most anyone with a decent job and good credit. Currently the CDC is rehabbing a home at 3307 Altoona. More information on that home is in the advertisement on page 2.

This "Resources for Residents" brochure can be found on the CDC's web site at www.oldbrooklynconnected.com. Or just call the CDC at 459-1000 and let whomever answer the phone know what your needs are and we will direct you to the right person.

In addition to housing-related programs, the CDC is very engaged in commercial and retail development and improvement. There is assistance to small business owners in the areas of marketing, business planning and zoning issues. The CDC also operates a store front renovation program which provides some of the funds needed for helping a business with an external makeover.

Many people in the community know OBCDC for the *Old Brooklyn News* because it has been a mainstay of the community for nearly thirty-four years! The CDC is the publisher of this newspaper which is distributed at over 200 locations throughout the area and mailed to all CDC members.

OBCDC has also been publishing the

Business Directory and Service Guide for over twenty years and distributes that to every household in the service area.

Recently, the *Old Brooklyn Quarterly* started as a partnership with the *Plain Dealer*. It is provided to 36,000 households in and around Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre.

Anyone can find a lot more about what the CDC does each day by following the organization's Facebook page under Old Brooklyn Community Development, our Twitter page and our web site. The web site has an abundance of information including the annual reports for the past several years, to board minutes, programming information, a directory of local businesses, upcoming events, neighborhood issues and much more!

Plus by providing your email address you can be added to the at least twice a month E-Newsletter where you can be kept up to date on all news and events. To be added email your email address to info@oldbrooklyn.com.

Membership is important if you believe in the work of this nonprofit organization and especially if you believe in your neighborhood. As mentioned previously all members have a copy of the *Old Brooklyn News* mailed to them at no charge. And soon there will be other membership benefits provided.

It is so inexpensive to join and credit cards are accepted. Membership application are on the web site, or one can call the office and sign up on the phone or drop by at 2339 Broadview. Seniors 62 and over only pay \$10 a year; senior couples, \$20 a year; students, \$10; individuals, \$15; and couples, \$25. If you are in the giving spirit we have a community organizer category at \$50 and community leader category at \$100. Call today and join and be a part of making a difference in your neighborhood. There are all sorts of ways to be involved. Call anyone here at the CDC to learn more about how to either get help, or give of your talents, 216-459-1000 (or info@oldbrooklyn.com).

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All Ages Family Open Studios - 3rd Sat. of every month; 1- 3 pm. Make individual pieces of family art works. Each month has different theme; Art House provides materials. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Visit website for other programs or more info.

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.

Cleveland Botanical Garden
11030 East Blvd. 216-721-1600
www.cb garden.org

Recycled Bird Feeders - Sat., Jan. 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th. 1 - 3 pm. Use recycled items to make a feeder to hang outside. No registration required. Free with Garden admission.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Children's craft - Mon, Jan. 16th, 1 - 4 pm. Make a seed head-band craft in honor of African-American contributions in agriculture. No registration required. Free with Garden admission.

Brecksville Nature Center / Reservation
(off Chippewa Creek Dr, off Route 82)
440-526-1012

Hand Feed a Chickadee - Sat & Sun, Jan. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29. 10 am - noon. Experience the thrill of feeding a free-flying bird that lands in your hand. We'll provide a handful of sunflower seeds & instructions.

Drop In Discovery- Pine Cone Birdfeeders Sun., Jan. 15th & Sat. 21st. Take a few minutes, after you hand feed the chickadees, to make your own pine cone birdfeeder to take home, 10 am. - noon.

Paw Print Hike - Sun. Jan. 29th, 2 - 3:30 pm. Make tracks with your four legged friends. We'll look at some of the other tracks along the way to see what other animals have been around. Terrain: hilly, slippery, 2.5 miles.

Cleveland Metroparks - CanalWay Center
E. 49th St. bet. Grant Ave & Canal Rd.
216-206-1000 or clevelandmetroparks.com

Make and Take Table - Candlemaking, Sat., Jan. 14th. Anytime between 1 & 3 pm. Learn about how pioneers in our area lit up their lives. Find out what materials & methods were used to make candles. Make a rolled beeswax candle of your own.

Soup Hike - Sat., Jan. 28th, 11 am. - 2 pm. Hike along the Towpath to the sewer district & back. When we return, homemade soup will be waiting for us. You will receive a mug to take home. Bring your mug back to future hikes for a discount. Fee: \$15. Terrain: one hill, all purpose trail, 3 miles. Registration begins Jan. 3rd.

Cleveland Metroparks Chalet
Valley Parkway, Mill Stream Run
Strongsville 440-572-9990

Tobogganing - runs thru first weekend in March; Fri., 6 - 10:30 pm; Sat., noon - 10:30 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Cost - adults, \$8; children ages 11 & under, \$6. One time ride tickets, \$3. Thurs.: school & college ID night, \$5 with ID. Season passes -- adults, \$35; children 11 & under, \$25. Family pass \$100 (up to four) available. **Discounts & great give-aways: Sat., Dec. 31st** - Free ice scraper, **Sun, Jan. 1st** - free travel mug, **Fri, Jan 6th** - Wear a Hawaiian shirt & save \$2, **Sun., Jan. 8th** - Winterific Event - enjoy ice carvings, hikes, winter recreation demonstrations, & more, **Sun, Jan. 15th** - Dollar Day - \$1 hot dogs & \$1 sodas, **Mon, Jan. 16th** - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - holiday hours, **Sun, Jan. 22nd** - free winter hat, **Sun, Jan. 29th** - free ice scraper.

Winterific - Sun, Jan. 8th, noon - 5 pm. Come out of the house & sample a few of these activities. There will be plenty to see & do, ice fishing, snowshoeing demonstrations, winter hikes, horse-drawn wagon rides, dog sled demonstrations, ice carving, & more. Free event, some activities are available for a nominal fee. Call 440-734-6660 for more info.

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

Soup Hike - Sat., Jan. 21st; 10:30 am. - 1 pm. Join a naturalist for a winter walk through Garfield Park to see beautiful Mill Creek Falls. At the end enjoy a hearty bowl of soup around the fireplace at the nature center in a mug you get to keep if you wish. Terrain: paved, 2.4 miles. Fee: \$10 - with mug; \$7 - bring your own mug.

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

Meet a Chickadee - Fri., Jan 6th, 10 - 11 am. or 2 - 3 pm. If it lands in your hand, you'll have an opportunity to meet a chickadee close-up. Let's try our hand at hand feeding a chickadee. Sunflower seed will be provided. Terrain: may be snow, 1 mile.

Cleveland Metroparks Winter Recreation Fun

Sledding, cross-country skiing, ice fishing & ice skating at various locations. Use caution & proper equipment; use area only when proper weather/snow-ice conditions exist. Call any park district facility, 216-635-3200, or visit www.clevelandmetroparks.com for more info.

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

Reduced Winter Admission - Now thru March 31st; both Zoo & RainForest. Adult admission, \$8; children 2 - 11, \$5; under two & Zoo members, free.

Zoo closed Sun., Jan. 1st

Polar Bear Days - Jan. 2nd - 31st, 10 am - 5 pm. Whenever high temperature for day is 32 degrees or below, *Polar Bear Day* declared at Zoo. Zoo visitors receive half-price admission on that day -- adults: \$4; children: \$2.50; kids under 2 & Zoo members: free. To confirm *Polar Bear Day* at Zoo, visit Zoo's home page or call 216-661-6500 or listen to V107.3, 6 - 10 am daily. *Polar Bear Days* also announced on Zoo's Facebook page & Twitter. Last year there were 28 Polar Bear Days, so check in often.

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

"Goose Bumps" the science of fear - thru-Apr. 29th, 2012. Mon. - Sun., 10 am - 5 pm. Explore popular fears in this heart-pounding, laughter-filled (& totally safe) exhibition about the often-dreaded emotion.

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

Hale Farm & Village
2686 Oak Hill Rd., Bath
330-666-3711 www.wrhs.org/halefarm

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gram -- craft, story, snack & visit to a museum site.

Progressive Field
2401 Ontario Street
216-420-HITS indians.com/snowdays

Indians Snow Days - Now thru Mon, Jan. 16th, inc. New Year's Eve & New Year's Day. Usually open noon-10 pm. Must sign a participant waiver of liability; participants under age of 18 must provide signed waiver from parent or legal guardian. Must be over 42 inches tall to snow tube on The Batterhorn. Children 2 years old & younger admitted free but not allowed on The Batterhorn or The Frozen Mile. Strollers allowed but not recommended. Ice skate rental included in price of a ticket; no discount for supplying own ice skates. Snow tubes & sleds not allowed. Visit indians.com/snowdays for complete schedule & more info.

University Circle
216-791-3900 www.universitycircle.org

The Rink at Wade Oval - Now thru Jan. 29th; Fri. & Sat., noon - 7 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. (Open daily: Mon, Dec. 19th - Sat., Dec. 31st. Sun. - Thurs. noon - 5 pm; Fri. & Sat. noon - 7 pm.) Closed Christmas & New Year's Day. Rink hours subject to change. Bring own skates or rent them for \$3; hot chocolate & coffee available. Call 216-707-5033 for daily info. Open on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Jan. 16th, noon - 5 pm.

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Computer classes continue at Grace Church

Connect Your Community is continuing to offer computer classes at Grace Church in Old Brooklyn. The two-hour classes are typically held twice a week and last approximately six weeks. Students who participate and complete the course may be eligible to receive a discounted computer.

Evening classes will begin on Monday, January 23rd. Daytime classes will be scheduled soon. Registration is required to attend classes.

Contact Ania at 216-459-1000 or cye.siuda@gmail.com to learn more about classes and to register.



Schools as Neighborhood Resources (SNR)

The Schools as Neighborhood Resource (SNR) program has started at James Ford Rhodes High School, 5100 Biddulph Rd. Class days and times are - 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Sign up anytime, through April. Both children and adults can participate for free.

If the Cleveland Municipal School District (CMSD) is closed on a Monday,

Wednesday or Thursday, either for a scheduled holiday or because of inclement weather, the evening classes at Rhodes will not be in session (even though these classes are not taught by CMSD personnel).

For more information call 216-812-8700 or visit the website: www.neighborhoodleadership.org/programs/snr.

SENIOR NOTES

Senior Citizen Resources (SCR)
Deaconess-Krafft 3100 Devonshire Ave.
(Must be 60 and over) 216-749-5367

Mondays:

Ez-Exercise - 9 am; Chair Bowling- 10 am;
Wii-11 am; Canasta - 12:30 am.

Tuesdays:

Crafts - 9:30 am, Crochet Group - 9:30 am,
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
am, Chair Exercise - 9:30 am; Current
Events - 10 am, Corn Hole - 10:30 am, Wii -
11 am; Pinochle - 12:30 pm.

Volunteer Drivers & Runners needed for Meals on Wheels

Senior Citizen Resources. Deliveries Mon. - Fri.
to Old Brooklyn residents. Only one hour of
time needed between 10:45 & 11:45 am. All
routes originate from 3100 Devonshire. To help
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to members are \$1 off parking in Metro's park-
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means of transportation, 10% discount in
Metro's cafeteria, and invitations to special
senior seminars and parties. Call 957-2800 (a
direct line) for more information.

CHURCH NOTES

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

Sat, Dec. 31st - Vigil of Solemnity of Mary
Mother of God Mass, 4:30 pm; upper church.

Sun., Jan. 1st - Solemnity of Mary Mother of
God Masses, 8:30 & 11 am; upper church.

Fri, Jan. 6th - First Friday Mass &
Eucharistic Devotions, 8 pm; lower chapel.

Sat., Jan. 7th - First Saturday Respect Life
Prayer, 8 am Mass; 8:30 am, prayer at
Cleveland Surgi-Center.

Sat. Jan. 7th - Men's Prayer Group, 8:30 am;
Parish Center.

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

Sun. Jan. 15th - Community Meal, 1 pm;
Parish Center cafeteria.

Sun., Jan. 15th - Beat Cabin Fever Potluck,
4 - 8 pm; Parish Center upper hall.

Sat., Jan. 21st - Men's Prayer Group, 8:30
am; Parish Center.

Sun., Jan. 22nd - Holy Hour for Life, 12 pm;
upper church.

Mon. Jan. 23rd - Book of Revelation
Scripture Course, 10-week scripture course,
Parish Center cafeteria. Call 216-289-7050 to
register.

Sun. Jan. 29th - Open House for Catholic
schools week, 12 - 1 pm; school.

Sun. Jan. 29th - Catholic schools week
spaghetti dinner, 12:30 - 4 pm; Parish Center
cafeteria.

Fri., Feb. 3rd - First Friday Mass &
Eucharistic Devotions, 8 pm; lower chapel.

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

Sundays - Sunday School Breakfasts, 9 am,
Upstairs Gathering Room. Children 3 years &
up to age 12 & parents welcome to attend.

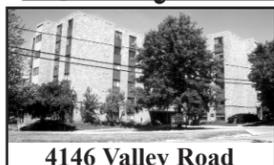
Wed., Jan. 4th & 18th - Fifty Plus group
meeting upstairs. Jan. 4th - Bring brown bag
lunch; beverages provided; representative from
Cleveland EMS will give FREE blood pressure
checks, glucose & cholesterol readings & a dis-
cussion. Jan. 18th - Hot lunch & presentation
about fire safety. Plan to come.

Tues., Jan. 24th - Widows & Widowers
luncheon, noon. Menu: Chinese chicken,
blueberry jello, salads & desserts. Cost - \$3 per
person. Contact church office, 216-351-6499,
to RSVP.

Sun., Jan. 29th - Jerry Lucas, famous bas-
ketball player from Ohio State, present at
both worship services speaking during the
service on "Improving Family Relationships."
The message touches the hearts of all family
members & gives family members a road map
to successful relationships. At 7 pm, Jerry will
also make a presentation about "Learning
Made Fun and Easy." During this message
Jerry teaches a God-given gift of learning he
calls Automatic Learning. This learning gift
enables all in attendance to remember every-
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Richards, Asst. Pastor: Dr. John Wood.
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School: 9:45 am. Sun. Worship: 11 am. Wed.
Bible Study: 7 pm. <http://broadview-baptist-church.org>

Bethel Free Will Baptist Church

3354 Fulton Rd., 216-631-9199 Rev.
Freddie Ray, 216-355-2137. Sun. Schl: 10 am.
Ser: 10:30 am, Sun. eve. serv: 6 pm. Thurs.
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Harmony Baptist Church

4020 Ridge Rd., Brooklyn, Pastor: David
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Sunday Worship: 11am & 6 pm.
Sunday School: 9:45 am; Wed. Prayer 7 pm

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Email: Grace.Church@graceoldbrooklyn.org

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4470 Ridge Rd. Phone: 216-749-5585 Pastor David
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www.LutheransOnline.com/DMLChurch.

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5801 Memphis Ave. Phone: 216-741-8230
Pastors Bela Berhardt & Jon Paulus. Sunday
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gloriadeicleveland@yahoo.com

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4771 Broadview Rd. Phone: 216-351-6499
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4423 Pearl Rd. Phone: 216-749-2323
Pastor: Father Douglas Brown
Masses: Sat., 4:30 pm. Sun., 8:30 & 11 am. &
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Mon- Sat 8 am. mass. www.maryqop.org

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- » **Continue** the slow roll out of a City-wide curbside recycling program

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Holiday Activity around town

**Cookies & Cocoa with Santa
Window Paintings on Pearl Rd. &
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Photo by Barb Spaan



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Crime Watch celebrates another successful year

2011 was another busy year for the Crime Watch Program. Approximately 1500 people received some type of information or HELP! from the program. On Dec. 6th at St. James Lutheran Church, scores of residents, businesses and churches were recognized for their continued support of Crime Watch. This year program coordinator Barb Spaan purchased and presented the "Old Brooklyn" flag to key folks in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood who dedicate their time to keeping our streets and home safe. She also wanted to thank the churches and businesses which help with meeting places and donations throughout the year. With the aid of Don Workman, owner of Ameriflag, Inc., who supplied the flags at a bulk price, and Jim Ptacek, the creator of the flag design, *Old Brooklyn Alive with Civic Pride* will soon be displayed in 100 new places in the neighborhood.

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Hartman, will be participating. Mr. Hartman was born and raised in the western suburbs of Cleveland, but lives here now. He is a fine arts painter in the medium of oil on canvas.

No Regrets Tattoo Co. of Cleveland opened in October 2011. The owner, Hank Lewon, was born at the former Deaconess Hospital and grew up in Old

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