A meeting was held on August 26th at St. Barbara’s Church as a follow up to the December 17th meeting regarding the clos- ing of W.C. Reed Park, a 12.5-acre City of Cleveland park located at W. 15th St. and Denison Ave. Approximately 125 people attended. The meeting was initiated by Councilman Joseph Cimperman and Dane Reich, the president of the Southwest Citizens Council. Councilman Tony Brancatelli also attended because starting in January, he will be representing that portion of Brookline Centre.

Councilman Cimperman started the meeting by first informing the group that work to contain the industrial waste byprod- uct known as “polycuclear aromatic hydro- carbons” or PAHs (a probable carcinogen) will not start until late spring, most likely when the 2014 school year comes to a close. He went on to say, “I am grateful that the work for the park and its environmental mit- igation will not begin until next year.” He gives us time to continue working with and informing each other of concerns we have."

Dwight Brown, Chief Operating Officer, City of Cleveland, and the staff member responsible for all city parks gave an overview of the planning that has taken place since the last meeting. He said that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has stepped up to assist in the capping of the PAHs found on the park grounds.

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Since November 2012, Greg Kapcar has been the General Manager of Riverside Cemetery at 3607 Pearl Rd in Brooklyn Centre. He has been involved on some level with the Riverside Cemetery Association for over 25 years. He worked there in college as one of the grounds crew, cutting grass, setting headstones and helping with funerals. He was also the Board of Trustees for twelve years.

Greg has a background in social services and child welfare and feels strongly that his work at Riverside Cemetery carries on his calling to serve families and to celebrate lives.

Both Greg and his wife Sally, who are celebrating their twentieth anniversary this year, were born and raised in the Cleveland area. They lived and worked in Columbus for seven years, but moved back to Cleveland so Greg could take the helm at Riverside.

"Riverside Cemetery has had a special place in my heart ever since I worked the grounds in my college days. Life is abundant in the cemetery; it is an emerald jewel in the heart of Cleveland." For example, there is a family of deer that call the Cemetery home. There’s “Momma”, “George” and a few of George’s siblings that were born and raised in the Cemetery.

The staff and Greg at the Riverside have witnessed first-hand the calm and peace the deer presence brings to a family grieving the loss of a loved one. The deer seem to show up at the right time and place to provide a level of comfort to visitors.

Greg says it is very spiritual in nature and the deer are part of our family.

Greg oversees the day-to-day operations at Riverside Cemetery with his staff of twelve people who perform various functions of the grounds crew, Shirley Bill, has been working there since she was in high school.

Riverside Cemetery spans 93 acres and currently has over 55,000 interments. Greg emphasized that there is substantial space available and that the Cemetery will be serving the community for generations to come.

*When asked about their community events, Greg said, “Cemeteries have historically been social gathering places; they are architecturally beautiful and peaceful. So we see having community events such as the annual Jazz Fest and Easter Sunrise Services as a natural fit. We are celebrating culture, history, life, architecture and art in a special place in Brooklyn Centre.”*
Rain or shine. Admission: $10; children under 12 free. Free parking.

Monday, September 2nd
Cleveland Polka Association’s “BYOBY” Picnic (bring your own everything)
St. Savas Greek Orthodox Church, 2186 Prospect Ave.
Grandwood Dr. Gate opens 2 pm. Live polka music by The DYNAMicons from Penns., 3 - 7 pm. Donation: $5 per person - under 12 free. Cigars, beer, hot dogs, coolers, public welcome. Call Jo, 216-587-3725, for large table reservations or more info.

September 4th
St. Augustine Child Enrichment Center St. Augustine Child Enrichment Center, 7801 Detroit Ave., 4 - 7 pm; Refreshments, “make & take” projects; learn about curricu- lum. Center is for children 6 weeks to preschool; featuresNullableclass教室大小rooms & low teacher/child ratio. Fully-equipped Early Childhood Education Center; pre-school cur- riculum follows www.caughyocahill.org/centers. Open Mon. - Fri., 6:30 am - 6 pm. Call 216-939-7691 or visit www.staugministries.org for more info.

Cuyahoga County Public Library Cuyahoga County Public Library, 100 West 9th St. Temporary location 1700 Snow Rd. (in Midtown Shopping Center, next to Marx) 216-712-5535. Wed., 1:30 - 5 pm; Fri., 9 am - 9 pm, Mon. - Thu.; 9 am - 5:30 pm, Fri. & Sat.; 1 - 5 pm, Sun.
(Updates & More information required).

Wed., Sept. 4th through Wed., Oct. 9th Take Charge of Your Health; 2:45 pm (every Wed) Cleveland Clinic health professionals explore various health & wellness topics (e.g., memo- ry, exercise, stroke, blood pressure & stress). Free health screenings & giveaways.

Mon., Sept. 9th - Parma Snow Saves Coupon Club 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Wed. & Mon. caption.
Tues., Sept. 10th - Be Your Own Boss; 7 pm.
Mon., Sept. 23rd - Books Uncovered; Finding Money in Your Old Books; 7 pm.
Mon., Sept. 30th - Saving Money on Home Repairs; 7 pm.

Friday, September 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th Microsoft Excel Classes I, II, III, IV South Brook Branch Library, 4301 Pearl Rd., 11:15 - 12:45. To register call 216-623-2890 or visit the Cleveland Public Library branch.

Sunday, September 8th
Animal Blessing Service & Ice Cream Social Archwood United Church of Christ, 6000 Arrowhead Av. (in courtyard). 1 pm. All well- behaved animals welcome, or bring a picture of your pet. Petting zoo available, donations for needy pets only. Call 216-351-1060 for more info.

Monday, September 9th
Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society Indian Falls Branch, 15760 Davis Rd., 8:00 am - 10:00 am. German food, beer & entertainment; local & regional musicians & German dance groups.

Tuesday, September 10th
Joyful Keyboard Learning/playing piano private sessions Virginia E. Collins Piano/Music Instructor 216-398-7743 \LTeacherforce@aol.com
1317 S.9th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44109

Wednesday, September 11th
Celebrity Cooks Competition, World Vision, 1200 Jefferson Commons Blvd., 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. For information: 216-735-2800.

Thursday, September 12th

Saturday, September 14th
Koinonia’s Run, Walk, D.R.E.A.M. 5K & 1 Mile Walk Palava Hut Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, 3900 Wildlife Way. Registration - 7 am, 5K run - 8 am; 1 mile walk - 9 am. All registrations include a D.R.E.A.M. t-shirt, headbands, and entry on day of event. Online registration closes 9 am, Fri., Sept. 6th. Pre-Registration: $25, ages 12 & above; $15, ages 2-11; free under 5. Individual with I/D & Caregiver, $15. All mailed entries must be postmarked by Tues., Sept. 3rd. Make checks payable to Koinonia Homes & mail to: Hermon Sports & Events, 1624 St. Clave Av., Cleveland, 44114. Race day regis- tration: ages 12 & above, $25; $15, ages 2-11; free under 5. Individual with I/D & Caregiver, $15. Proceeds benefit Koinonia Homes’ resi- dential development & support programming to improve lives of adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

Sunday, September 15th
Cuyahoga Valley National Park CanalWay/Cleveland, Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation; 9:30 am - 5 pm. Scenic motor- cycle ride through Emerald Necklace. Begin at end of Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation in Cuyahoga Heights. Ride will stop at four jew- els of the Emerald Necklace throughout the county. Some additional gems will be noted on the map, where you might want to explore if you have time. Call 216-260-1000 or emaillongleg@metroparks.com. Har- monize: Free health screenings & giveaways.

Monday, September 16th
Annual "Shunpike Shoppe" Sale Brooklyn Historical Society annual sale at muse- um, 4442 Broadview Rd. 3 - 5 pm; free admission & entertainment; local & regional crafts & treasures. Call 216-587-1944 for more info.

Saturday, September 21st
2013 Annual Change Your Car Show Mary Queen of Peace Parish, 4423 Pearl Rd. 9:30 am - 2:30 pm. Rain date - Sept. 28th. Pre- registration (free), fees: Cars & Trucks ($30), Door prizes ($150), Bicycles & Pedal cars ($4. Day of show prizes, $150). Door prizes, 50/50 & live auction. Cost - $20 per person day of event. Includes map, tour/contest & picnic dinner (served 4- 6 pm). Call 216-260-1000 or clevelandmetroparks.com to register or for more info.

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Friday, October 4th

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50th Anniversary of Cleveland American Legion Post 469, 4910 Memphis Ave. Serving: 5 - 7 pm; dancing: 7:30 - 12 am. Music by James. $35.00 per person, cash bar. Call Colleen, 216-398-7434, for tickets.

Saturday, September 28th
Tremont Farmers Market Church Tour Begin at St. Wendelin Church on Columbus Rd. at 12:15 pm; then visit St. Michael Church & Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Sun. Last stop is St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church on W. 14th St. Refreshments at Prosperity Social Club on Sterkavich after- ward. Tour open to age 12 years & older; reser- vations required. Cost - $20, includes refresh- ments. Call Jenny Kelley, 216-252-6559, ext. 1400, or email webmaster@westernreserveros- esociety.org for more info.

Saturday, October 5th

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5th Annual Night at the Races Theodore Roosevelt American Legion Post 88, 4491 40th Ave. Lawn Bowling: $20 per person day of event. Includes map, tour/contest & picnic dinner (served 4- 6 pm). Call 216-260-1000 or clevelandmetroparks.com to register or for more info.

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Sunday, October 20th
27th Anniversary St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, 4600 State Rd., Liturgy & dinner. Looking for cur- rent & previous parishioners to join in celebration. Also looking for pictures & memories to be part of commemorative book. Call Jocilyn Hardon, 440-455-4792, or email jhhardon@gmail.com, for more info.

No Health Coverage? MetroHealth Care Plus is a new program offer- ing health insurance for Clevelanders who cannot afford income uninsured Cuyahoga county residents age 19 to 64 years. Coverage includes doctor visits, medications, hospitalizations, lab work, urgent care, emergency care, medical equipment. Call 216-957-2352 or email methealth@careplus.org for more info.
A new blue ribbon for Ben Franklin Garden

by Kim Repinski

BFG Operating Committee Chairman

The Ben Franklin Community Garden is sporting another blue ribbon. The gardeners were on hand for the best Community Garden display at the Cuyahoga County Fair last month. This is the sixth blue ribbon the Garden has won.

The display included pictures of the Garden and featured produce grown by Ben Franklin gardeners.

Thank you to the gardeners who assisted in setting up the display as well as the following gardeners who donated produce: Hallie Fiorcino, Jason Ghant, Stephanie Ghant, Kim Hageman, John Jenkins, Jeff Kostura, Greg Noeth, T.J. Orlyshkewycz, Kim Repinski, Judy Routzon, Tom Sargent, Mary Ellen Staske, Jen Terry, Bill Wallace and Lisa Young.

Ben Franklin gardeners also did well in individual categories at the Fair, taking home first, second and third place ribbons in many categories.

Over the past summer, the Garden has also hosted representatives from several neighborhood communities who are interested in starting community gardens. As the largest community garden in Cuyahoga County, Ben Franklin is a great example of how to establish and operate a community garden.

Also among the Garden lately are Monarch butterflies. The bright orange butterflies are a welcome sight as they migrate to a warmer climate.

The Garden is a designated waystation for the Monarchs, providing milkweed, a nectar source and shelter to them. This is a number of stopovers to the Garden this year. This might be due to last year’s drought.

As the summer progresses gardeners are being kept busy harvesting the late-summer vegetables. Once again the gardeners are donating all excess produce to a “hunger table.”

Garden volunteers are delivering the donations to area churches, senior centers and food kitchens. Over 900 pounds have already been donated — well on the way to meeting the 6,000 pound goal the Garden has set.

The final tally of donations will not be known for several months, but Ben Franklin gardeners have always proved to be up to the challenge.

Second District Police initates regular meetings with CDC Safety Coordinators

by Katherine Bulava, Kathleen Communications

On August 28th, Second District Commander Keith Sulzer joined representatives from Ohio City Inc. (OCI), Tremont West Development Corporation (TWDC), Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization (DSCDO), Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OB CDC) and Stockyard, Clark Fulton & Brooklyn Centre Community Development Office at the third Second District Safety Officers meeting.

Commander Sulzer instituted these monthly meetings to give the Second District’s community development corporations’ (CDCs) a chance to get together, discuss crime and safety issues, compare notes, share ideas, collectively come up with new ones and work together to prevent crime.

“More minds together often equal better solutions,” said Commander Sulzer. “The information shared is strengthened through conversion so that we end up with a think tank that’s not possible during one-to-one meetings.”

The meetings, the Commander explained, are focused on future planning and crime prevention: he hopes that through the improved communication they will generate long term solutions to problems such as car theft and home burglary which are prevalent throughout the Second District.

“I agree with Commander Sulzer that the better informed the community is, the better we will be,” said Kerry McCormack, OCI Director of Community Affairs.

The safety directors are by no means a substitute for the police, but we can play a role in educating the community and bringing together people and resources to proactively stop crime.”

After just three meetings, there are already positive results being worked together. Each of the CDCs is in the process of distributing “We Support Our Second District Police Officers” signs which in addition to boosting the morale of the officers, have the potential to act as a crime deterrent.

“My officers really appreciate the show of support,” said Commander Sulzer. “They come to work with more energy.”

The signs, which were the brainchild of an OB CDC employee who lives in the community, have been a huge hit. OB CDC was the first neighborhood to distribute the signs.

“We distributed our first batch of signs in under an hour,” said DSCDO Director of Community Involvement John Hausman. “We are in the process of printing more.”

As school bells ring, help keep students safe

by Barbara Spana

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Whether your loved one is 5 years or 16 years of age, have you had the conversation for part of another school year? Too many parents can hardly wait to get them out of the door and out of their hair.

How prepared are they? Moreover, how well are you prepared? You’re not with them all the time. So, what is happening or to give advice.

Parents spend lots of money for uniforms, phones, computers, books, materials, special activities, preparing lunches or doing out lunch money. They want their children to have the best experiences and education.

But there is no amount of money to replace talking with children before, during and even at the end of every day about their actions and concerns. They will tell you if you ask.

How does your child travel to school? What mode do they take? Who do they travel with? When they left, what were they wearing and what did they take with them? What are the boundaries? Are they safe and friendly?

This year may be opportunities for residents to work together on crime prevention; he hopes that through improved communication among the CDCs are another resource for residents in the Second District. The CDCs are also pulling together the individual crime prevention information they all have in order to create a standard neighborhood watch training manual which each CDC will distribute. Though each neighborhood manual will place more emphasis on the issues most prevalent in that community, all of them will provide the same prevention information.

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But there is no amount of money to replace talking with children before, during and even at the end of every day about their actions and concerns. They will tell you if you ask.
Three out of four times there’s a holiday coming up when we’re getting our summer issues of the Old Brooklyn News ready for the printer. And it seems like there’s always some ‘not-to-be-missed’ event going on the weekend before deadline, too.

When I was getting this issue together, for instance, it was the last weekend of the Tremont Arts in August program, and also the inaugural year of One World Fest (an expansion of the existing One World Day) at the Cleveland Cultural Gardens.

Tremont’s Arts in August had an even fuller than usual lineup of entertainment this year, and the One World Fest certainly got off to a great start.

Although the traffic and parking were challenging at the One World Fest, the fact that so many thousands of people turned out speaks volumes about the city’s renaissance and Clevelanders’ desire to have this type of event to attend. Ethnic ties are strong here! And it reminds me that the historical societies about the Cultural Gardens which I started last summer still has a few more segments to be written. Another trip to the Gardens before winter is in my future.

I got a call from the Broadway & Schaaf Marathon station last week asking me to drop off more August newspapers.

What a unified call from the Linen when I put them in their usual place on the counter. One of the owner’s friends had tapped up an open issue of the August Old Brooklyn News. On the page with the picture of the Sinclair gas station (a neat-looking vintage building which preceded the building the Marathons is in) he’d written in big red letters “YOU ARE HERE.”

Neighborhood history seems to be what gets the most attention, either in response to something I’ve written, or as an independent query. I’m still looking for (on behalf of one of our readers) information about the Walton School which was included in last month’s history article. And I’m very pleased about receiving the interesting email about ‘Greeney Pond’ which made up this month’s history article.

Speaking of greenhouses, that’s one of the topics for a picture book about Old Brooklyn. Photographs of the Benjamin Franklin school gardens is this month’s category, too. (But the group is also open to receiving historical pictures for other chapters of the book at any time.)

This book will be comprised of approximately 100 pictures and will be published in early 2014 in this neighborhood. The pictures must be at least 50 years old, black and white, and originals (not copies). Each picture will have a caption of several sentences describing it. The photos will be scanned locally and then returned to the owners.

The HSOB received a grant from the Cuyahoga Arts & Culture organization, and the Arcadia Publishing picture book is one of the projects on which that money is being spent.

Call Constance Ewawen, 216-398-8969, or Lorene Bowles, 216-749-7416, if you have pictures you’d like to be considered for inclusion in the book.

The HSOB also still has ten copies of its previous publication, Speaking of Old Brooklyn - Oral History book, (published in December of 2011) available.

One of the members of the HSOB has been seriously involved with books in a different way. Richard L. Bowles wrote the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle (CLSC) Guide “Chautauqua” designation and a patch on August 8th at the CLSC annual graduation ceremony in Chautauqua, New York.

The CLSC is the oldest running building club in the country. (It began in 1874.) To graduate, a person must have been a member for at least four years and have read twenty books of his/her choice from the reading list.

After that, he/she becomes a member of the alumni association, the Guild of the Seven Seals. After reading fourteen additional books, he/she receives a stole and the first patch. After reading another fourteen books, he/she gets a second patch. After reading another twenty-five books, he/she gets a third patch. After reading another forty-nine books, he/she gets the fourth and final patch and become a “Centurian” member of the Guild. That adds up to having read 110 books from the list (which includes history, science, poetry, biography, autobiography, religion, memoir, philosophy, psychology and historical and general fiction).

Some months ago I received a request for information from Barbara Stepie, the president of the Brooklyn Historical Society. She is looking for information about Glenn Hall, which was once the meeting place of our neighborhood’s International Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF).

The first IOOF building (frame) was at the southwest corner of Pearl Rd. and ’Short’ Broadview Rd.; the second building (brick) is still right behind where the earlier one was once located, and can be accessed from ‘Short’ Broadview.

Some 30 years ago, someone donated a number of large group pictures to Brooklyn Historical Society, and they want to display them in their museum at 4442 Ridge Rd. But they need more information – Are they actual pictures of an IOOF group, and who might those turn-of-the-century individuals be?

Barb would appreciate hearing from any one with knowledge of the Old Fellows or other fraternal groups from that era. Call 216-941-0160 or stop by the museum to see the pictures.

I thought that I would be passing along more church news this month, but obviously I did not get that far. Still, I am always happy to have people apprise me of what’s going on in the neighborhood.

Send your news to Lynette@oldbrooklyn.com, or Lynette Filips, 2339 Broadview Rd, Cleveland 44109. I will use it in this column eventually.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Brooklyn Genealogy - For information about the group contact president Ann Wojtowicz, wojtowicz6809@roadrunner.com.

Brooklyn Historical Society meeting, Wed., Sept. 25th, 7 pm, Museum, 4442 Ridge Rd. Speaker: Tony Monachino, Topic: Collecting Charles Schultz/Peanuts. Will have lots of memorabilia on display, inc. 3 of original strips. Refreshments will follow; all welcome. Call Barb, 216-941-0160, for more info.

Historical Society of Old Brooklyn meeting, 7 pm, Fri., Sept. 13th, Pearl Road United Methodist Church, 4280 Pearl Rd. (Use rear entrance off parking lot.) Speaker from Jack Frost donuts talking about the company’s history in the neighborhood. Samples! Call pres. Constance Ewawen, 216-398-8969, for more info.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation board meeting, 6 pm, fourth Tues. of month; OBCDC meeting room, 2339 Broadview Rd. To members for “Summer Harvest Show and Tell”, best home-grown flowers, vegetables & herbs. Report on success of the Veggie-U project will be presented. Refreshments to follow, all welcome.

Laurel Garden Club of Brooklyn meeting, Tues., Sept. 10th, 7 pm, Brooklyn Fire Station, 5000 Memphis Ave., rear door. Awards given to members for “Summer Harvest Show and Tell”, best home-grown flowers, vegetables & herbs. Laurel Garden Club of Brooklyn meeting.

Second District Police Community Relations meeting, Tues., Sept. 10th (and every second Tues.), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th St.

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

Ward 13 Republican meeting, Thurs., Sept. 12th (and every second Thurs.), 7 pm, Calvary Chapel Church, 6770 Brookpark Rd.

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

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taining a variance can be requested before the Board of Zoning Appeals. This is a good process to protect commercial corri-
dors from undesirable businesses while allowing for exceptions which benefit the community.

Many businesses are in a Design and Review District. This is a defined geographic area within a community generally con-
sist of older commercial buildings with distinct architectural features.

In Old Brooklyn the Design and Review District is along Pearl Rd. from Wildlife Way to Leopold Ave., along State Rd. from Pearl Rd. to Leopold Ave. and along Broadview Rd. from Pearl Rd. to Mayview Ave. The intention is to protect the older commercial buildings from exter-

or shortages that could visibly hurt the sur-

rounding buildings.

Therefore, any external changes to the building façade or landscaping, excluding routine maintenance, must be approved by the local Design and Review committee before a building permit can be issued. This prevents business owners from covering display windows with wood, covering wood or brick facades with vinyl siding or T-111 board, signs that are not proportionate to the building, and new curbs or attach-
ments that would be inconsistent with the architectural character of the building.

It does not prohibit renovation or mod-

erization; it just requires preliminary review so that no harm is introduced to the surrounding area. New signage, windows, doors, colors and materials are routinely approved by the Near West Design and Review Committee and there is no cost for the review. For more information please contact me at the telephone number or e-mail address below. Next month the col-

umn will provide more information about signage.

NO! NO! NO!

Recently the commercial portions of Pearl Rd., Broadview Rd., State Rd. and the Memphis Fulton area have been inundated with panhandlers. They are the nuisance semi-home-

less or intoxicated pan handlers found in other parts of the city. These are young women with babies and young children approaching people asking for $2 - $3 for bus fare or, worse yet, a ride to somewhere. You can be sure there is a young man near-

by watching and occasionally pushing the stroller.

The Second District Police are working closely with the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation to warn the per-

son and if repeated arrest the solicitor.

The women's story is always com-

pleting and the first inclination is to help, 

but it is a well-rehearsed scam. Do not give any money or purchase food and never offer a ride.

If you are solicited, please call the non-

emergency police dispatch telephone num-

ber, 216-621-1234, and report the time and location of the solicitation. Police will be dispatched as available and the report will serve to identify the pattern.

These people know each other and are thought to be related. They most often are with a baby and stroller carrying more stuff than the normal parent would attach to a stroller. Do not confront the panhandler; just state a firm NO and report the incident. Not reporting only enables the women to continue. They have been offered, and will continue to be offered, help prior to being cited.
Volunteers needed for City Fresh

by David Waldman
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City Fresh is looking for volunteers to help out Thursdays at Grace Church, 2503 Broadway Rd., at the Old Brooklyn Fresh Stop.

City Fresh is a uniquely accessible Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program that seeks to address the limited access to fresh, local produce in our cities while providing more stable markets for local farmers. Its primary focus is to get as much healthy produce onto the kitchen tables of the most possible people regardless of income.

Volunteer hours at the stop are from 4:30 to 7 pm and consists of checking in shareholders, helping them pick out their share and cleaning up.

Volunteering at the Fresh Stop is a lot of fun and a great way to meet people in the community and share recipes. Volunteers are also entitled to FREE produce.

If you would like to help out on Thursdays at either of these times or want to learn more about City Fresh call David at 216-459-1000 or email him at davidw@oldbrooklyn.com.

The Old Brooklyn Fresh Stop takes place on Thursdays at Grace Church, 2503 Broadway Rd. from 5 to 7 pm.

For more information visit www.cityfresh.org.

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Food For Thought: New nutrition classes to be offered starting Sept. 26th

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If you are looking for ways to live and eat healthier, there is an unbelievably long list of sources you can turn to for advice. But how can we know which, if any, of these countless health claims is actually going to get results? 'By no means am I an expert -- and I won’t ever admit to being one -- but part of my job is to be constantly working to better inform myself and others about simple and straightforward steps to take to get healthy and stay healthy. So here’s some food for thought --'

First and foremost, only you yourself know what solutions for eating better and being more active can fit into your life’s demands.

Second, eating nutritious foods does not always need to be a punishment and sacrifice that always involves eating less tasty foods. If you are looking in the right place, there are plenty of foods (e.g., avocados, blueberries, and almonds) that get the best of both worlds.

Also, never forget the age-old saying ‘everything in moderation,’ because it is true that enjoying your favorites from time to time isn’t necessarily a bad thing.

What I want to emphasize is that there are small changes that can be made to our diets that can, without additional cost, make a big difference in our overall health and wellness.

These simple changes include adjustments like choosing red iceberg lettuce, which contains significantly higher levels of vitamins and cancer-fighting antioxidants than its green counterpart. (For more information and examples on choosing the best fruits and veggies, take a look at Jo Robinson’s new book ‘Eating on the Wild Side.’)

There are a wealth of resources available online that can help you customize a healthy eating plan for you, starting with www.myplate.gov. Gone are the days of the old and familiar ‘Food Pyramid,’ and in its place is the ‘My Plate’ web site. It places greater emphasis on lean sources of protein like turkey and fish along with higher amounts of fruits and vegetables in a recommended diet, which should comprise half of your diet.

For smart phone users, the ‘Let’s Move It’ app from the Cleveland Clinic might be worth a look because of its personal and detailed approach to tracking your physical activity throughout a week.

Healthy food choices are becoming more available and affordable in Cleveland thanks to our growing local food industry. By supporting local growers and sellers, you will not only be boosting the area’s regional economy, but also taking advantage of high quality, locally grown foods.

Multiple studies have shown that local produce from smaller, family-operated farms can be more nutritious than grocery store produce because of its reduced dependence on pesticide applications. The Union of Concerned Scientists recently published a report concluding that if Americans ate just one more serving of fruits and vegetables each day, we could save more than 30,000 lives, reduce heart disease, and save $5 billion in medical expenses.

Investing more in local foods is a win-win situation for all of us and something that our city is ahead of the curve on, so be sure to ride this wave and take advantage!

When it comes to feeding your family healthy meals that they will also enjoy, you don’t need to be a professional cook to be able to make great meals. All of this can even be...

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From where we’re standing, it looks a little crooked.

We can lend a helping hand. CASH is a local non-profit community development organization offering low interest rates to all Cleveland property owners and investors to renovate or remodel your home. Just fill out our simple online form to get started and we’ll help with everything.

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Greeny Pond got its name from the green algae which completely covered the pond toward the end of August each year. I estimate that it had a diameter of about 150 feet. In spring the water in the pond was somewhat clear. My buddies and I would catch tadpoles during this time of the year.

During the hot summer months the pond turned a bright green color from the algae which invaded this somewhat stagnant pool. My friends and I would sometimes fish during the summer months, but caught nothing but goldfish and other varieties of carp.

Coming from the greenhouse, two gator ponds and adjacent fields were situated behind the houses on the left side of W. 10th St. These pond and lettuce fields started from the sidewalk on Spring Rd. which ran east-west and went for a quarter of a mile. There and around it. A multitude of dragon flies and damsel flies hovered above these plants. I often thought of getting some of my friends together and having a trash-cleaning party. I would have to put the discarded junk if we’d bring them up from the gulley floor. I think that this was my first experience with firefighting and it bothered me that people were so negligent and thoughtless, destroying the beauty of the gully.

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**Canal Corners Farm & Market**
7243 Canal Rd, Valley View
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www.lanterntheatreohio.com
Weekend Family Theatre - "Singin’ on the Other Side" Fri., Sun.; Sat., 10 am- 8 pm, Sun.
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**Cedar Valley Metroparks**
Rocky River Nature Center
27000 Rocky River Reservation
www.lanterntheatreohio.com for reservations for more info.

**Children’s Museum of Cleveland**
10730 Euclid Ave, 216-791-7114
www.childrensmuseum.org
Cuyahoga Valley National Park
Happy Days Lodge
500 West Streetsboro Rd (SR 383)
Peterson 336-657-2909 ext. 119
Your ticket is good daily, 10 am - 6 pm, Sept. 1.-30.
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**Greater Cleveland Aquarium**
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216-862-8867
greaterclevelandaquarium.com
Open daily 10 am - 5 pm. Admission: $19.95, adults; $17.95, seniors (60 & older) & military; $13.95, children ages 2-12; free under 2.
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**Home Depot**
homeimprovement.kidsworkshops.com
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Family Forest Fun - Sat., Sept. 14th, 7-8:30 am.
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Music Program for families & adults; guest musicians & choirs throughout the year. Get more info online at www.brooklynyp.org.

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The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District will begin the second phase of a sewer improvement project to help reduce flooding. The city of Cleveland, which has been working with the district, will begin the project at the end of August/September.

Currently, the outlet from the Spring-Jennings automated regulator, which is located at the intersection of both roads, becomes overloaded and backs up. As a result of this three-month construction project, sewer water will be carried from West 10th Street and from residences on the side of Spring Road to Jennings Road downstream of the automated regulator.

"The flooding in this area has been problematic for a while," stated State Sen. James Lowe, Project Engineer for the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. "With the completion of the second phase of the sewer improvement project, property owners, particularly those affected by flooding on W. 10th Street, will notice major improvements. As a result of the improvements, flooding events in the area will be reduced."

As a result of construction, it will be necessary to restrict traffic. Initially, the construction takes place at Spring Road, Jennings Road southbound will be closed at George Lane East. Drivers will be re-directed via George Lane to W. 10th Street. After a portion of the construction is completed, Jennings Road will be re-opened. However, W. 10th Street will be closed at Spring Road. Drivers will be re-directed through George Lane. Traffic signals will be posted to alert drivers.

In August 2009, the Sewer District completed the first phase of the Spring Road project, which included increasing the size of the pipe attached to the automated regulator. This project helped to reduce flooding, as well, near the area of Spring Road and W. 10th Street.
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Who is Joe Gigante?
Joe Gigante was born in Cleveland, Ohio, May 22, 1956 at Deaconess Hospital. He attended Our Lady of Good Counsel Elementary School (Now Mary Queen of Peace). Joe graduated from James Ford Rhodes High School in 1975 where he was captain of the football team. Within his peers Joe has always been a trend setter, in motivation in the classroom, and on the playing field.

In 1976, Joe bought a dump truck and he and his dad Joe Gigante Sr. went into business together forming Joe Gigante and Sons Construction.

In September of 1977 Joe went to International Bible College in San Antonio, TX. where he met his wife Debbie. They were married December 23, 1978. They have 3 beautiful children Joey, Mark and Andrea, and 4 wonderful grandchildren, Elijah, Lydia, Judah and Sadia, with a new grandson on the way.

Joe has a passion for the City of Cleveland. He is not a groomed politician, but a hardworking man who wants to see Cleveland develop into a thriving metropolitan area. Not just downtown but in our neighborhoods. Having grown up in Old Brooklyn with his business in Old Brooklyn, Joe wants to see this neighborhood revived and alive.

He knows it is a great place to live and work.

Joe intends to deal with the crime situation by incorporating auxiliary police and crime watch programs, working with residents for a safe neighborhood. Joe wants safe parks for our children to play in. He would like to see roads that won’t damage our cars as drive over them. We have seniors that need a lot of help as well. They need repair on their homes, but can’t afford to repair them. Joe would like to set up a fund to help seniors get the help they so desperately need.

Joe will be a visible and reachable councilman. If you have questions please feel free to call or email.

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