

Old Brooklyn looking toward bicentennial

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Our story of how the Old Brooklyn neighborhood of Cleveland came to be continues this month, as I look back over its 200 year history. Again I marvel at the confusion surrounding the term "Brooklyn".

I smile as I recall talking to a man who'd purchased a second-hand copy of the *South Brooklyn* history book (written by the 1946 senior class at James Ford Rhodes High School) which I referenced in last month's article. He assumed that South Brooklyn was part of the borough of Brooklyn in New York City, and thought that he had found a highly valuable old book.

The man was, of course, disappointed to learn that South Brooklyn was just a previous name for our side of the Big Creek valley, 'South' being used to differentiate it from the

other Brooklyn neighborhood to the north. But if he were to find a collector or antiquarian book dealer who was looking for it, the man could still have had a good find.

Perhaps twenty-five years ago someone who wanted that title told me that the retail price at the antiquarian book store was \$35.

This month I've also been scratching my head over a very large floor mat I noticed at the Brooklyn Rec Center. It has the City of Brooklyn seal on it which includes the date 1867.

In last month's article I related that what is now known as the City of Brooklyn became a village in 1927 and a city in 1952.

So I am confused as to why the 1867 date is in the City seal. I think that it refers to the year 'north' Brooklyn (what we call Brooklyn Centre these days) became incorporated as a separate village. The search for truth continues!

It seems that as more populated centers in the original Brooklyn Township -- see last month's article -- developed, they petitioned the Ohio legislature to be incorporated as separate villages.

Thus, Ohio City was incorporated as a separate municipality on March 3rd, 1836 (two days before Cleveland was incorporated, though Cleveland was never part of Brooklyn Township) and Brighton Village (what we today consider 'downtown' Old Brooklyn) was incorporated in March, 1838.

Officially, however, Brighton was a short-lived village, because it was too often confused with another Brighton southwest of

here. That did not make for reliable mail delivery, so in February, 1839, the act which made Brighton a separate village was repealed, and its governance went back to being part of the larger Brooklyn Township.

Among the populace, however, the area was still referred to as Brighton.

In December of 1905, what was once Brighton was annexed to the City of Cleveland

and that was the beginning of politically delineating the area which is today's Old Brooklyn.

(...to be continued next month. Also, no one has yet told me a time when they first remember our neighborhood called Old Brooklyn.)



Mary Queen of Peace Church installs organ

Lynette Filips lifted information about the organ from a concert program

The snow was deep and the temperatures frigid, but on Sunday, January 26th, about thirty men and women from Mary Queen of Peace Church carried into the church the parts of a 1989 pipe organ which was formerly used at Georgetown University. Georgetown's chapel was being renovated, and Mary Queen of Peace's Music Director David Jaronowski learned that the organ was available. It had been built in 1989 by the Bedient Organ Company in Roca, Nebraska.

Although the organ is not a copy of any specific old instrument, it was particularly inspired by the



Photos by David Jaronowski

lute 18th- and 19th-century organs of Germany and France. It is characterized by gentle board fundamental sounds, a low pitched mixture, and an abundance of foundations. Because Dahlgren Chapel is a small room it is important that the organ not overpower the listener but at the same time be large enough to provide versatility and support congregational singing.



It is enclosed within an organ case built of white oak with decorative carvings of red gum. The case contains all of the organ's various systems -- key action, stop action, windchests, wind system, and pipes -- in an orderly fashion and it also serves as a resonant reflecting chamber for the sounds created by the pipes.

The organ's all-mechanical key action, which directly connects the keys to valves in the windchest, uses wood trackers made of sugar pine and tracker squares of white beech. The style of the action is center key pivot with backfalls, as was used in 19th-century instruments.

The wind system, located in the lower case, consists of an electric motor-driven blower which forces the air into a large horizontal bellows where it is stored until the organ is played. Air is delivered from the bellows to the windchests by solid poplar windtrunks. The tremulant affects the entire wind system.

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wood and the accidentals are maple. The pedal keys are made of oak and the accidentals are capped with rosewood.

The mechanical stop-action system consists of vertical rollers and horizontal rockers made of steel. The connecting linkages are made of white oak. The stopknobs are made of walnut, and other materials used in the stop action system include steel, bronze, and oak. The Hauptwerk and Pedal stops are integrated into a pair of windchests which occupy the front half of the case. The Schwellwerk is located behind the Hauptwerk. The largest pipes of the Posaune 16' are located on either side of the Schwellwerk enclosure and stand at the floor level of the case.

The 22 sets of pipes in the organ are combined into 19 individual stops and total 1,254 individual pipes. Most of them are made of alloys of tin and lead ranging from 2% tin for some sets of pipes to 70% tin for others, based on the intended sound and historical practices. The small percentage of wooden pipes in the organ are made of poplar and mahogany.

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Join us for a night of great food, snail racing, and fun! A benefit for Old Brooklyn Community Development Corp.



What:

- A "Night at the Races" with animated snails! This is the only race of this kind in Northeast Ohio!
- Italian chicken, penne pasta, California veggies, with salad & garlic sticks.
- Draft beer & pop included. Bring your own liquor & munchies/snacks if you like.

Sponsorship & advertising:

- Place an ad in the event program. 1/3 page for \$25; 1/2 page for \$40; whole page for \$60.
- Sponsor a race. Name every snail in a race and get a 1/3 page ad for only \$160. (\$25 savings)

When: Friday, March 28 at 6PM-10PM

Where: Knights of Columbus, 4730 Broadview Rd

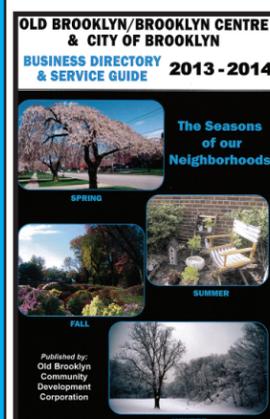
Tickets: \$15 for Members in advance, \$20 for nonmembers and at the door.

More info: jaymel@oldbrooklyn.com or 216-459-1000.



2014/15 Old Brooklyn - Brooklyn Centre & City of Brooklyn BUSINESS DIRECTORY & Service Guide

If you're a business owner and would like to be listed or run an ad in the OBCDC 2014/15 Business Directory, please call Sandy at 216-459-1000.



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Janey Oper

Anyone who's seen the mobility scooter zooming between Deaconess Krafft Center (3100 Devonshire Rd.) and the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo during the spring, summer, and autumn has probably seen volunteer extraordinaire and long-time Brooklyn/Old Brooklyn resident Janey Oper. Janey has been a volunteer with the Zoo since 2006, and can't wait until its warm enough to get back there.

Janey helps the tram drivers with crowd control at the tram stop. She volunteers at least three days a week from mid-May until early fall. She volunteered over 300 hours in 2012, but had fewer hours last year because of the weather.

The longest running tenant at Deaconess-Krafft, Janey's lived in Old Brooklyn since she moved there on December 3rd, 1982. She lived in the City of Brooklyn with her parents and brother before that, and graduated from Brooklyn High School in 1971.

Janey was born with cerebral palsy and has been disabled (though to a lesser degree early on) her entire life. That, however, has never stopped her from doing what she has wanted to do. Her long list of accomplishments include owning a printing business and working as a wedding invitation company representative; working at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) in a variety of capacities including a switch board operator and Business Manager and Assistant to the Editor for Tri-C's newspaper. She graduated from Tri-C in 1984 with an Associates of Arts degree.

Janey has also volunteered at the MetroHealth System's main campus, where she assisted patients who wanted to sign up for church on Sundays. She also volunteered and worked for Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries, helping to provide services to adult care homes. Last year, Janey 'took the gold' in corn hole in Senior Citizens Resources, Inc.'s Senior Olympics.

Janey has even been in protests, including an RTA protest in 1986 trying to make all of the buses handicapped-accessible. The RTA Board of Directors would not meet with

Janey's group so they stopped two buses as a protest. RTA started putting lifts on buses two years later. Janey has also been in protests regarding inaccessible curbing.

When asked what she loves most about volunteering with the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, Janey's eyes lit up. "I love the elephants," she declared. "They are my girls! I missed them when they were at the Columbus Zoo during renovations." (Janey lovingly refers to the four female elephants as "her girls".)



Janey Oper

Photo and article by Jayme Lucas-Bukszar

Based on their characteristics, Janey can name each elephant. Shenga has a crook in her tail; Moshi has one long tusk and one short tusk; Martika carries big chunks of straw between her tusk and trunk; and Kallie holds her head down more than the other elephants. Willy is the only male elephant at the Zoo and only has one tusk.

"One of my greatest highlights at the Zoo," Janey added, "was to feed an elephant. I fed Josephine one of these biscuits that they make for the elephants." Josephine passed away a couple of years ago. According to an article from July 16, 2012, Jo, the oldest elephant at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo died at the age of 45. (http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2012/07/jo_the_elephant_at_the_cleveland.html)

When I asked Janey what her next adventure was going to be and she said, "Besides volunteering at the Zoo this year, I want to get a miniature or toy-size dog, something I can care for and be responsible for." Then she added with a smile, "I can't wait to see everyone at the Zoo this spring! But, please listen to the lady at the tram!"

Update from Jeff Kipp, OBCDC board president

by Jeff Kipp

Hello Old Brooklyn residents and stakeholders,

In the next month or so, the Board of Directors of Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation plans to introduce the organization's next executive director to the community. As is the case whenever a leadership position is filled, this is an amazing opportunity for OBCDC as well as for the neighborhood. We look forward to sharing the news with you and trust you will join us in welcoming this community development professional into the neighborhood.

With news of a new executive director pending, this is a perfect time to compliment and applaud the full staff of OBCDC. They have worked diligently to maintain all services and operations of the organization during this time of transition. Sandy, Cynthia, Tom, Jayme, Barb, Sheila, Ed and Dave are the valuable employees that perform the work of the organization and carry out its mission on a day-to-day basis. On behalf of

the Board of Directors, I would like to thank them for their service and dedication. I look forward to working with them and all future staff to strengthen and improve Cleveland's Old Brooklyn neighborhood.



Lastly, as you'll see elsewhere in this month's edition, our annual fundraiser is occurring on March 28th. The Snail Races event is a fun-filled evening with friends, neighbors and local stakeholders. I hope you will consider joining us. The proceeds benefit our organization and its many programs - including the production of this newspaper. Your support is always appreciated. Have a great month!

Jeff Kipp, President
Old Brooklyn Community Development Corp.

LENTEN FISH FRIES

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

Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4470 Ridge Rd., Brooklyn. **Fridays, Mar. 7th - April 4th;** 4:30 - 7 pm. Walleye, cod, shrimp, pierogi, cabbage & noodle dinners, \$5 - \$9. Sides, \$1.25 - \$4. Take out available. Call 216-749-5585 for more info.

Mary Queen of Peace Church, 4427 Pearl Rd., Parish Hall. **Fri., Mar. 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th & April 4th & 11th,** 4:30 - 7 pm. Breaded baked fish, non-breaded fish, homemade pierogi, battered shrimp with choice of two sides. \$8. Eat in or take out.

St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral, 5720 State Rd. **Fridays, Mar. 7th - April 11th.** 4 - 7:30 pm. Salmon, baked or fried cod, or shrimp dinner with a choice of potato pierogi, homemade potato pancakes, fries or cabbage-and-noodles. All meals include coffee, soft drink, bread, bakery & choice of coleslaw, tossed salad or applesauce. Borscht & other items available a la carte. Children's meals and takeout available. 440-886-2108.

St. Leo's Lux Hall, 4900 Broadview Rd., Fri., Mar. 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th & April 4th & 11th; 4:30 - 7 pm. Dine-in or take-out. Four dinner selections: baked seasoned fish, fried fish, shrimp & pierogi, \$8; combo dinner, \$10. Dinners include main entrée, choice of fries or baked potato, cole slaw, roll & butter. Also fish sandwich platters, kids meals, a la carte items including macaroni & cheese, pizza, cabbage & noodles & dessert. Call 216-661-1006 for more info.

Join us at the 5th annual Ben Franklin Garden fundraiser

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN COMMUNITY GARDEN 5TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
Saturday, April 26, 2014
6-9 pm

Wing Warehouse
7979 Broadview Rd.
Broadview Heights 44147
(between Sprague & Wallings - ample parking!)



Tickets - \$20.00 in advance
\$25.00 at the door

- All-you-can-eat wings, pizza, salad, chips & salsa & desserts
- Beer, well drinks, & soft drinks
- Chinese raffle, side boards, 50/50 raffle, door prizes

Join friends & fellow gardeners for a great time and support Old Brooklyn's community garden.

For tickets or to donate to the raffle, contact Greg Noeth 216.789.2086

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NEWS & EVENTS

Rising Harvest Farms
2014 Market Basket Share Sign-Ups
 4103 Memphis Ave. Sign-up for 22 weeks of continuous local flavors starting May 31st. Go to "Market Basket" section of website rising-harvestfarms.org/marketplace/market-basket-shares for details. **Brown free-ranged eggs for sale** from Farm's free-range hens. Winter hours: Mon. - Fri., 8 am - 3 pm & 1st Sat. of month, 10 am - 1 pm.

Cuyahoga County Public Library
Parma-Snow Branch 2121 Snow Rd.
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Zentangle® Inspirations Club - Thurs., Mar. 6th & May 8th, 7 pm.

Teen Job Search - Sat., Mar. 8th; 2 - 3:30 pm; ages 14 - 18.

What it Takes to Write a Book - Sat., Mar. 8th, 15th & 22nd, 2 - 4 pm.

Tech-Savvy Job Hunter - Wed., Mar. 12th, 2-4 pm.

Book Discussions - Mon., Mar. 17th; 7 pm; *The Masters Muse* by Varley O'Connor, **Thurs., Mar. 27th; 11 am;** *The Sandcastle Girls* by Chris Bohjalian.

Computer Essentials - Wed., Mar. 19th, 10 am - noon.

Low-Maintenance Gardening - Wed., Mar. 19th, 7 pm.

Teen Programs - TAG Team - Sat., Mar. 22nd; 1:30 - 2:15 pm, grades 6 - 12; & Board Game Day & Wii Play, 2:30 - 4:30 pm, ages 10 - 18.

Cake Decorating Workshop - Thurs., Mar. 27th, 7 pm., Grades 6 - 12.

Ukrainian Pysanky Eggs - Tues., Apr. 1st, 7 pm.

Saturday, March 1st - Monday, March 31st
ATIKA Beauty Salon Raising Funds along with Harvest for Hunger
 Send donations to 4488 Pearl Rd., Cleveland, 44109. Make checks payable to: Harvest for Hunger. Each \$1 provides 4 nutritious meals. Call 216-459-8874 for more info.

Monday, March 3rd
Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society
 Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 7:30 pm. Deb Root Shells, volunteer curator & archivist at the Fairview Park Historical Society Museum/Archives, with a presentation called "Preserve Your Family Treasures". Contact CVGS president Mary Boehnlein, 440-736 7180, or visit www.cuyahogagenealogy.org, for more info.

Friday, March 7th
Wine/Beer Tasting & Silent Auction Benefit
 Grand Pacific Hotel, All proceeds benefit - Heritage Days & Olmsted Bicentennial. Tickets: \$30; available at Olde Wine Cellar & Shamrock & Rose Creations. Call Shawn, 440-714-9000, for more info.

Saturday, March 8th
West Creek Conservancy Second Annual Blues for Greens Fundraising Gala
 St. Michael's Woodside, 5025 E. Mill Rd., 6 - 11 pm. Tickets: \$55 individual; \$100 couples. To become a sponsor or donate call Dawn, 216-749-3720, ext. 10. Purchase tickets at www.2014bluesforgreens.eventbrite.com.

Monday, March 10th
Monday Night at the Movies "The Promised Land"
 River's Edge, 3430 Rocky River Dr. 7 pm. Free will offerings accepted. Optional discussion following. Register at www.riversedgecleveland.com.

Wednesday, March 12th
Westside Basket Guild
 St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., downstairs in fellowship hall. Class starts at 5 pm; come any time up to 6:30 to start weaving. Meets on second Wed. every month. **March 12th, Diamond basket tote, \$46. April 9th, Wine bottle basket/kitchen utensil basket; \$16.** Supplies to bring when weaving - old towel, bucket, clothes pins, ruler, pencil, scissors. Call Connie, 216-749-7912, to RSVP.

Thursday, March 13th
Antique Collectors Club Meeting
 Busch Community Meeting Room, 7501 Ridge Rd., 7 pm. *The Art & Skill of Wood Carving* presented by Stan Stary, President of Wood Carving Club & member of Fine Arts Assn of Parma. Call Publicity Chairman Robert Murdoch, 440-845-7046 for more info.

Thurs., March 13th & Saturday, March 15th
CityMusic Cleveland
 Thurs., Mar. 13th, Trinity Lutheran Church, 2031 W 30th. St., Ohio City; 7:30 pm. Sat.; Mar. 15th; 7:30 pm. Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3649 E. 65th St., Slavic Village; Visit www.citymusiccleveland.org for more dates & locations.

Saturday, March 15th
Friends of Big Creek - Hike
 Park & meet behind Brooklyn Fire Station, 8400 Memphis Ave., 10 am. Explore hidden treasure -- Brooklyn's "Oxbow" -- & learn about unique wetland habitat in abandoned streambed & plans to conserve, enhance & connect area with larger Big Creek greenway/trail system. Dress for the weather & muddy trail. Afterwards, hot beverages, Irish stew & desserts. Call 216-269-6472 For more info.

Sunday, March 16th
Bike Day - Let's Get Ready to Ride
 CanalWay Center, E. 49th St. between Grant Ave. & Canal Rd; 1 - 4 pm. Free hands-on activities to help build confidence in selecting, maintaining & fixing bicycles. Area clubs & professionals available to answer questions. Call 216-206-1000 for more info.

Monday, March 17th
St. Patrick's Day Parade
 Parade begins at 1:04 pm at intersection of Superior Ave. & E. 18th St. & ends at intersection of Rockwell Ave. & E. 6th St.

Monday, March 17th - 28th
Laborers' Local No. 310 Apprenticeship
 Applications available at Local 310, 3250 Euclid Ave., Mon. - Fri., Mar. 17th - 21st & March 24th - 28th, 9 am - 3 pm. Basic requirements - high school diploma or GED, at least

18 years old & physically capable of the work. **Deadline for completed application - Fri., Mar. 28th, 3 pm.** Non-refundable application fee of \$35 required. Visit www.local310.com for more info.

Friday, March 21st
Arts Renaissance Tremont Bach Birthday Bash!!
 Pilgrim Church, 2592 W. 14th St, 7 pm. Todd Wilson, director, Trinity Chamber Choir & Robert Schneider, organ. Admission freewill donation.

Saturday, March 22nd
United States Polka Association "Say Hello to Spring" Dance
 Holiday Inn, 15471 Royalton Rd., Strongsville; 8 pm - midnight. Doors open 7:30 pm. Music by Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push. Donation: \$13 per person. No BYOB - Special drink & room rate prices available. Call Barb, 440-886-6157 for more info.

Saturday, March 22nd
Free Legal Advice
2014 Brief Advice & Referral Clinics
 10 - 11:30 am, West Side Catholic Center, 3135 Lorain Ave. First come, first served. Bring important papers with you. Call 216-687-1900 or visit www.lasclev.org for other locations or more info. Sponsored by Legal Aid Society.

Monday, March 24th
Western Reserve Rose Society Meeting
 North Royalton Public Library, 7051 Wallings Rd., 7 pm. Program: "Whit Wells Mini-Flora Roses". Presenter: Dr. Jim Hering. Call Patti, 330-220-2213, or email her at webmaster@westernreserve-rosesociety.org for more info.

Wednesday, March 26th
Seventh Annual Career Fair
 Polaris Career Center, 7285 Old Oak Blvd., Middleburg Hts; 9 am - 12 pm. Hosted by Cuyahoga Job & Family Services & Polaris Career Center. Free & open to the public. More than 100 companies will gather to meet the needs of an estimated 700 job seekers. For more info visit www.polaris.edu

Saturday, March 29th
Route 66 Movie - "First ClassMouliak" 1961
 St. Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral, 733 Starkweather Ave; 1 pm. Sponsored by The Tremont History Project. Locally filmed episode features actor Robert Redford in an early role. Parking lot behind church. Freewill donations will support The Tremont History Project in its endeavors. Popcorn, soft drinks, coffee & tea available. Call Eileen, 440-785-6315, for more info.

March 29th & April 9th, 17th & 23rd
Ohio Boaters Education Class
 Rocky River Nature Center, 24000 Valley Pkwy., Rocky River. Class teaches fundamentals of safe boating, state boating laws & more. Last session includes test for certification of completion. Meets mandatory education requirement for persons born on or after Jan. 1, 1982 who plan to operate a watercraft of 10 horsepower or greater. Certification may also save money on boat insurance. Late fee applies one week before each class. Ages: 13 & over with participating adult. March 29th, 9 am - 4

pm. (Bring lunch.) April 9th, 17th & 23rd; 6 - 9 pm. Fee: \$25 adults; \$15 ages 13 - 16.

Saturday, April 5th
11th Annual Family Day
 ATIKA Styles Beauty Salon, 4488 Pearl Rd. 9 am - 5 pm. Call 216-459-9144 for more info.

Monday, April 7th
ATIKA Styles Beauty Salon Job Fair
 Cleveland Public Library, South Brooklyn Branch, 4303 Pearl Rd., 11 am - 2 pm & 3 - 6 pm. **For licensed professional hairstylists, manicurists & cosmetologists.** Bring resume & dress professionally. Individuals applying for manicurist position must have a person on whom to perform a demonstration. Call 216-459-9144 for more info.

Sunday, April 27th
CPA Spring Is In The Air
 St. John Byzantine Upper Hall (accessible by elevator or stairs), 1900 Carlton Rd.; 3 - 7 pm. (doors open 2 pm) Music by IPA Tribute Band from Chicago. Donation: \$13; 18 & under, free. No BYOB. Beverages available; snacks welcome. Call Sylvia or Paul, 216-228-1134, for large table reservations or more info. Or visit www.clevelandpolkaassociation.com or check them out on Facebook.

Street Operations: Potholes
 Residents can report potholes to 216-664-2510 & they will be added to the schedule for repair. Individuals whose vehicles are damaged may file a claim by calling 216-664-2671, Department of Law, Moral Claims Division. Instructions & claim form are on website -- www.city.cleveland.oh.us

Free Preparation of Your 2013 Income Tax Return
 Cuyahoga County Free Tax Preparation Sites: To schedule appointment visit www.211.org or call 211/United Way First Call for Help. **Westshore Neighborhood Family Service Center**, 9830 Lorain Ave., Career Center. Tues. & Thurs., 5:30 - 7 pm; Sat., 9 am - noon.

Help with Winter Heating Bills
 Apply for HWAP, HEAP & PIPP with one application form - the Energy Assistance Programs Application which may be obtained by calling ODSA at 1-800-282-0880. Applications also are available at libraries, some banks & local county auditor's office. Download the form at www.energyhelp.ohio.

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

Volunteer Drivers & Runners needed for Meals on Wheels
 Senior Citizen Resources need volunteer one day a week Mon. thru Fri. to Old Brooklyn residents. Call Kim at 216-749-5367 with any questions.



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Old Brooklyn Youth League

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Ben Franklin Community Garden to hold fundraiser this month

by Kim Repinski
BFG Operating Committee Chairman

As I write this article, two foot piles of snow line the driveway. Some people might say that it's hard to get excited about gardening on such a wintry day, but the thought of the Ben Franklin Community Garden (BFCG) is what helps many of us get through a day like today.

This year's Garden fundraiser - "Spring Fling #5" - will be held from 6 pm to 9 pm on Saturday, April 26th, at Wing Warehouse, 7979 Broadview Rd. in Broadview Heights. The new location, located just north of Wallings Rd., means a little bit longer drive for attendees; however the large restaurant promises more room for mingling.

The event will offer wings, pizza, salad and dessert along with "well drinks" and soft drinks and will feature a Chinese basket raffle with goods and services donated by local merchants. A 50/50 raffle and sideboards will also be available. In addition, the Gardeners will be selling their *Recipes from the Garden* cookbook and the new t-shirt designed by Carol Schiro.

Ticket prices are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Call Greg at 216-789-2086 to purchase tickets.

The BFCG concluded its 2013 season last October. Their goal (if Mother Nature cooperates) is to re-open on May 14th. Returning gardeners in good standing will be receiving applications for the 2014 season this month. After their plots have been assigned, applications will be mailed to the individuals on the waiting list. (Anyone who wishes to be added to that list should contact Sandy at the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation, 216-459-1000.)

The gardens will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee that all of the people on the waiting list will receive a plot. Visit www.oldbrooklyn.com/BFCG/ to learn more about the Garden and the application process.

Over the winter the BFCG operating committee has kept busy with reviewing the *Rules and Regulations* for the 2014 season; planning the April fundraiser; purchasing necessary tools and supplies; and exploring the need for some on-site maintenance.

As always, the snow will melt and the Garden will again be green and teeming with new life.

Consider forming neighborhood block club

by Barbara Spaan
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WHY participate?



CRIME WATCH

Crime Watch is a neighborhood watch program which enlists the active participation of citizens in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime in communities. Networks of neighbors are trained by crime prevention officers about how to protect themselves and their property as well as how to serve effectively as additional eyes and ears for law enforcement agencies in the community.

- Because crime and the distrust and isolation it creates hurts each of us, our neighbors and our children.
- Because *Old Brooklyn* is one of the safest places in the city of Cleveland to live, raise a family and work.
- Because it costs nothing to participate.

WHAT does it take?

- Neighbors getting to know each other.
- Everyone being trained to recognize and report suspicious and criminal activities on their streets.
- Neighbors continuing to communicate with each other and law enforcement officials.
- Attending a monthly meeting, set up by the coordinator.

HOW does a person get involved?

Call Barbara Spaan, the Crime Watch coordinator in this neighborhood for twenty-one years, at 216-459-1000. Presently there are 157 block clubs in the three wards which she oversees. Be aware, be cooperative, and remember that although law enforcement officers can't be everywhere at once, together we can make a difference.

WHY neighborhood watch?

- Over 50 million crimes are committed every year.
- Burglary, auto theft, rape, child molestation and arson are the most prevalent neighborhood crimes.
- One in six of all households are victimized by violence or theft.
- Property crime outnumbers violent crime 9 to 1.
- 90% of criminals are amateurs who commit crimes because of easy targets and opportunities.
- Household burglary is one of the easiest crimes to commit and prevent.
- Criminals know that this is a working class neighborhood, and count on residents to replace what they worked so hard for.

Crime Watch not just for residential sector; helps commercial and institutional sectors, too

by Barbara Spaan
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Old Brooklyn Crime Watch has been watching over merchants, doctors and churches as well as residents. They are just as important to this community as the residents, and Crime Watch can help businesses, too!

What happens in this community is up to each one of us; turn a blind eye or step up to the plate. The police cannot be everywhere; the residents have to help.

Old Brooklyn businesses are in the safest place in Cleveland and the residents care. We

still have our problems, but we work together with Cleveland Police's Second District and communicate with each other to keep our homes and streets safe. We need you to join us.

Businesses, are your windows clear and clean? Can people passing by see what's going on inside at all times? Are the grounds outside clean and welcoming, bushes clipped at two feet and trees trimmed at six feet?

Windows and doors should be solid, tight burglary-resistant glass. All windows and

doors should be part of the perimeter protection system. All valuable items in windows should be removed when the store is closed.

Very important is the outside lighting. Is it bright and inviting or dark where trouble is just waiting? Add cameras outside if possible and post signs saying there are cameras 24/7. These items can make it or break it for your success.

Good examples of night lighting are Charter Bank, Gyro Guys, Mary Queen of Peace and Memphis Taco Bell. I would visit them any time of night.

Inside, can you see your entrance? Is it clear, can you watch customers from anywhere? Are your aisles and shelves organized? All expensive items should be caged or displayed where customers have to ask to see them.

Backroom access should be limited to only authorized personal. Place signs or restrictive devices adjacent to this area. Cash registers should be anchored down and left open during closing hours. Keep an updated



CRIME WATCH

inventory of everything in the store. Do you need to add mirrors and cameras or additional lighting? You can never have too much of this. Customers appreciate it and feel a little safer shopping here.

Sounds like a lot for a business person to do, but once these things are in place, you'll just have to handle the everyday business.

As for communication, call police if you're having any problems -- 911 for a life-threatening emergency or 621-1234. Police dispatch needs help! For on-going problems, call Barbara Spaan, 459-1000, or email ksulzer@city.cleveland.oh.us, the Second District's Commander. He is very computer-savvy and will try to help with any police matters.

Get to know all the businesses around your business and keep in touch with each other. If something happens or someone is suspicious, warn each other. Also get to know regular customers and share information with them; they are eyes when you're not there. The residents walk and they will keep an eye out, even more if they are aware there is a problem. And it doesn't cost a penny for us to help each other. at people are involved in keeping our neighborhood safe. Please join us.

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Remember March of 2012? The average temperature in Cleveland was 51.4 degrees, and so many days in a row were above 70 degrees that 100 year records for the month were broken in both the high temperature and consecutive days above 70 degrees categories. And that was true for the rest of Ohio, too.

I was hoping for the same thing this year, but based on the weather reports I've been hearing, it's not sounding likely. Nonetheless, I'm feeling encouraged by the increased chirping of the birds and the snow drops blooming in my yard the past couple of weeks. In addition to arriving on the calendar, sooner or later, spring has got to arrive in reality.

As I traverse the commercial corridors of Old Brooklyn, one thing I have been particularly appreciating this winter is the effort which some of our businesses put into their display windows. And I don't mean just during just the time of OBCDC's holiday lighting contest; I mean year-round.

Of course, a big display area is helpful for being able to put together an eye-catching window, and not every retail space has such an amenity. Nonetheless, I would like to point out a few businesses whose windows merit a closer look --

I think that the stretch of stores along W. Schaaf Rd. just west of South Hills Dr. is particularly attractive. I am especially charmed by the creativity exhibited by the owners of

All Things for You at 2020 W. Schaaf. Just a few doors away, **South Hills Antique Gallery** at 2010 W. Schaaf has a much larger space to work with, and always has nicely-done window displays, too. And I saw a new sign above a storefront at 2030 W. Schaaf which reads **Mary's Vintage & Variety**. There are appealing antiques in the window, which leads me to believe that long-time Old Brooklyn resident and antique dealer Mary Fallon is back in business again.

In "downtown" Old Brooklyn, the window display at **Ameriflag, Inc.** at 3307 Broadview Rd. are attractively done year-round, too. Their theme, too, is often antiques, because the owner is an avid collector, but flags and something about Old Brooklyn are almost always part of the theme, too.

Obviously it's easier for someone with an antique, florist or beauty shop to put together an eye-catching window, but with a little effort, even an exterminating company can have one deserving of a second look. There are a child-size mouse pedal car and other fun bug-and-rodent-related -- as well as retail -- items in the windows of **Speed Exterminating** at 4141 Pearl Rd.

(Tell me if I missed an eye-popping window display which I should have mentioned and I will list it next month.)

Since I'm on the topic of businesses, maybe that would be a good theme for this month's column. We are so pleased when new ones bring life to empty storefronts and restaurants.

What **Drink, bar & grill**, 4250 Pearl Rd., has done to turn the former Theo's Restaurant into a night spot worthy of the poshest neighborhood is really quite remarkable. And on Saturday, March 22nd, they will be celebrating their first anniversary with a special evening.

The celebration is still being co-ordinated, but for sure it will be taking place from 4 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. (That night Drink. will be open an hour later than their usual Friday and Saturday hours.) There will be a band playing

background music, a table filled with complimentary appetizers, and a limited specialty menu for dinner. Reservations are optional but recommended, as some areas of the restaurant are already booked.

Every March **The Sausage Shoppe**, 4501 Memphis Ave., celebrates the anniversary month of its founding with special deals. This year the business will turn 76, and thanks to the internet, the specials and coupons are available online at www.sausageshoppe.com.

Unfortunately, not all businesses in Old Brooklyn have such longevity. Since our last issue, Old Brooklyn bid farewell to **Sassy Silhouette**, a plus-size clothing consignment shop which was a welcome addition to the neighborhood. In the short time it was open (since late last spring), it attracted a large base of consignors and customers, many of whom

hope that the owner will choose to reopen in another Old Brooklyn location.

Quite a number of other new businesses have been filling up our empty storefronts and buildings, including **Buckeye Dental** in the former Gildor Furniture at 4163 Pearl Rd.; **Candy's Corner** (a resale shop) in the former Gentile's Bakery, Deli & Catering at 5626 Broadview Rd.; and **Recovery Resources** in the former Medical Arts Building on Pearl Rd. between Devonshire and Altoona Ave.

Also, the **CVS Pharmacy**, 4240 Pearl Rd., will be reopening after its fire, but not in March. The date has again been pushed back and now they're saying April.

That's all for this month. Send your ideas for next month to Lynette Filips, 2339 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, 44109 or email them to Lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists meeting, Sat., Mar. 15th, 10:30 am till noon, at Brooklyn Branch of Cleveland Public Library, 3706 Pearl Rd., to plan strategies for phragmites-free zone. Bring ideas, suggestions & plans for action.

Brooklyn Genealogy meeting, Sun., Mar. 16th, 2 pm, Brooklyn Fire Station, 8400 Memphis Ave. at Roadoan. Paul Hartman, member of Greater Cleveland Genealogical Society, will talk about German immigration. For information about the group contact president Ann Wojtowicz, wojtowicz6809@roadrunner.com.

Historical Society of Old Brooklyn meeting, 7 pm, Fri., Mar. 14th, Pearl Road United Methodist Church, 4200 Pearl Rd. (Use rear entrance off parking lot.) Program: Mary Fallon speaking about antiques from her years of experience as an antique shop owner. Call president Constance Ewazen, 216-398-8969, for more info.

Laurel Garden Club of Brooklyn meeting, Tues., Mar. 11th; 7 pm, Brooklyn Fire Station, 8400 Memphis Ave., rear door. Program: Club will serve tea; bring own tea cup if desired. (prize for best tea cup.) Will plan activities for upcoming year at meeting. All welcome. Call Barb, 216-671-6777, for more info.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation board meeting, 6 pm, fourth Tues. of month; OBCDC meeting room, 2339 Broadview Rd. Meetings open to public for review & comments, but Board reserves right to close portions of meetings from public. Call 216-459-1000 to confirm.

Old Brooklyn Crime Watch meeting - Thurs. Mar. 6th; 7 pm. St. James, 4771 Broadview Rd. Call Barb Spaan at 216-459-1000 for more info.

Second District Police Community Relations meeting, Tues., Mar. 11th (& 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., Mar. 13th (& every second Thurs.), 7 pm, Calvary Chapel Church, 6770 Brookpark Rd.

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Tourism, the Industry

Northeast Ohio tourism is an industry just as manufacturing, healthcare, education and professional services tourism are industries. Be they ushers at the stadium or general managers of upscale hotels, thousands of people throughout Northeast Ohio work in hospitality. Travel and tourism generate dollars spent and re-spent locally. There are hundreds of attractions in Northeast Ohio which guests enjoy on a one-time visit or multiple-return trips, including the Akron and Cleveland Zoos, professional and minor league sports, the Rock and Roll Museum, and the Akron National Inventors Hall of Fame and Museum. The list is much too long to write in a column.

Cleveland has two new sites which will grow even more tourism: the new Cleveland Convention Center and the attached Global Center for Health Innovation (a.k.a., the Medical Mart).

Cleveland's mayor, Cuyahoga County's executive and Cleveland's president of City Council have announced a focused marketing campaign to have Cleveland host one (or both) of the 2016 national political conventions. The follow-up will be done by the recently created Cleveland 2016 Host

Committee. This committee will be staffed by professionals in the hospitality and tourism business who know how to sell Cleveland as the host city.

Meanwhile the Cleveland Foundation, working quietly over the last few years with a range of professionals and volunteers, secured an international event which will bring 30,000 people to the Akron-Cleveland corridor in August.

The Gay Games, which are open to anyone who wants to compete, will be played from August 9th to August 16th in multiple locations in the Greater Akron-Cleveland area. The emphasis is truly *open to anyone*, regardless of his/her athletic ability, gender or gender relationships. For liability reasons there is a minimum age requirement of 18.

There are 38 competitive events, some of which (e.g., darts, billiards and flag football) are non-traditional when it comes to international games. There is also a cultural category for competition in chorus and cheer.

The approximately 40 venue locations stretch across four counties, including Firestone Country Club and Edgewater Beach Park. Given that many visitors will stay somewhere close to the location of their selected venue, the 30,000 visitors will be distributed among dozens of hotels, motels and B&B's. It's also expected that many people will arrive before the start of the Games and stay after the Games, blending vacation time with the competition schedule.

The projections of the number of competitors and guests, based upon attendance figures dating back to the first Gay Games in 1982, are 30,000 people. That consists of

10,000 competitors and 20,000 accompanying spectators. Added to that number are the several thousand local residents who will participate or attend. By February 1st of this year, registrations had been recorded from 46 states and 25 countries and continue to grow.

General registration will be open through May 31st at a cost of \$195. Registration will remain open until July 15th with an added late fee of \$30. Detailed information is on the web site www.gg9cle.com.

This will be the ninth International Gay Games, hence the numerical 9 in the web site name. Read about the history of the Games and you will realize how hard Cleveland competed against more prestigiously recognized cities. There was no inferiority complex crippling Cleveland when it came to selling this city to the site selection committee!

The Festival Village will be on the newly designed Mall C overlooking Lake Erie and within walking distance of all the downtown hotels and restaurants. The

Festival Village will be open to everyone (no registration required) and will host entertainment and food vendors.

The opening ceremonies will be hosted at Quicken Loans Arena and the closing ceremonies at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.

Now back to the starting theme of this article: the tourism industry. In just over five months, thirty-thousand extra people will be in Cleveland, many for the first time, for the better part (or longer) of a week. Each one can depart saying, "Wow; I've got to tell people how fun and welcoming Cleveland is!"

How much money will be spent by all these visitors? I can't say for sure, but let's assume a minimal calculation of a four-day visit with each person spending \$200 a day on accommodations, food, entertainment and transportation. That would be \$24,000,000 new dollars spent in Northeast Ohio over one week. Much of that expenditure will be paid to hospitality/tourism employees who in turn will spend locally.

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Garden Walk 2014 update

The GardenWalk committee has again asked Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre to participate in GardenWalk 2014 on Saturday July 12 and Sunday, July 13. Each neighborhood will be asked to have the participation of 15 gardeners and their gardens.

Contact Tamara Sims, Old Brooklyn Coordinator by email trmrms@gmail.com or by phone 216-394-4318 if you would like to enter your garden or if you would like to be one of the two garden finders needed.

Garden Finder/Coordinator Gloria Ferris for Brooklyn Centre is stepping down this year. Therefore, two positions are open for that neighborhood. If someone does not step up for Brooklyn Centre, the neighborhood will not be part of GardenWalk 2014. Please contact Gloria at 216.351.0254 or email Gloria.ferris@gmail.com.

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Phragmites invade some areas

by Gloria Ferris
Brooklyn Centre Naturalist

This past January, Brooklyn Centre Naturalists (BCN) held their strategic planning session with Tom Romito facilitating. During the last five years, BCN has steadily knocked down the requirements to move from being a registered National Wildlife Community to a full-fledged certified community. After planning when and how to celebrate that milestone, BCN turned its attention to planning what's next.

BCN member Dennis Petro spoke to the group about the encroaching threat of phragmites along our highways and in the fields and wetlands of Brooklyn Centre, Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn. The tall reeds along the exit ramps are taking over more and more of the landscape in our neighborhoods.

Cattails are becoming harder and harder to find in the wet areas not only on the highways but also in the wetlands along our rivers and streams. They are being replaced with an invasive species of phragmites that are thought to have been introduced in the United States in the 1930s when they were used as ballast in ships.

In February, Dennis again stressed to us

how this invasive plant species is changing the biodiversity of our landscape, and in some areas actually, making it a monoculture. He showed fields where deer used to graze. Now, there are no grasses present except for row after row of the eight-foot high tall reeds which are so thick that no other shrubs, plants or trees can grow. The deer have begun to travel into populated areas to find food. In many places, the reeds are encroaching on the tree line.

Like BCN members, you may not have noticed this invasion because we are used to seeing a native type of phragmites in wetland areas. These stands of reeds compete with plants and animals for oxygen, water and soil. When these plants invade, salamanders, toads and frogs become even more stressed than they already are.



An example of the phragmites reed

After BCN's guided tour along I-480 and Brookpark Rd., they brainstormed on how to battle this invasive plant which is making our scenic and diverse wildlife habitat, home to many birds, amphibians and other animals, unable to support the biodiversity of our beautiful valleys and ridges.

BCN decided that their next strategic plan will address this problem through education, partnership with other organizations and an action plan so that "we can impact the world we give to our children and grandchildren by protecting our wildlife."

Homestead Exemption frequently asked questions

from the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer
<http://fiscalofficer.cuyahogacounty.us>

What is the Homestead Exemption?

The Homestead Exemption allows senior citizens and permanently and totally disabled Ohioans to reduce their property tax burden by shielding some of the market value of their home from taxation. The exemption, which takes the form of a credit on property tax bills, allows qualifying homeowners to exempt \$25,000 of the market value of their home from all local property taxes. For example, through the Homestead Exemption, a home with a market value of \$100,000 would be billed as if it is worth \$75,000. The exact amount of savings will vary from location to location. But overall, across Ohio, qualified homeowners should save an average of about \$400 per year.

Who qualifies for Homestead Exemption?

Any Ohio resident homeowner who: Is 65 or turning 65 years old the year they file for Homestead. Is totally and permanently disabled as of January 1, in the year of application

as certified by a licensed physician or psychologist, or a state or federal agency; or Is the surviving spouse of a person who was receiving the previous Homestead Exemption at the time of death and where the surviving spouse was at least 59 years old on the date of death. To qualify, an Ohio resident also must own and occupy a home as their principal place of residence as of Jan. 1st, for real property or Jan. 1st of the current year for manufactured home property. For individuals who own more than one home, the principal place of residence is the home where the person is registered to vote and the person's place of residence for income tax purposes.

How do I apply for the Homestead Exemption?

To apply, complete the application form (DTE 105A) - Homestead Exemption Application Form for Senior Citizens, Disabled Persons, and Surviving Spouses. Then file it with your local county auditor. The form is available from county auditors and from the Ohio Department of Taxation's Web site at tax.ohio.gov.

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Beekeepers, beehives becoming more prevalent in Old Brooklyn

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There are hundreds of beekeepers throughout Cleveland, and that includes Old Brooklyn. One hive can be home to 10,000 or more bees, and hundreds of pounds of honey can be extracted from a single hive. The hives also help feed us more than honey, because bees pollinate fruits and vegetables as well as flowering plants and trees. Thus bees help local gardeners like those at Ben Franklin Garden.

The color and taste of honey varies throughout the season; spring honey is lighter in color and fall honey is much darker and richer due to flowers that are available at those times.

Local beekeepers are providing a critical service. According to the National Wildlife Federation, bee numbers are dropping as hives disappear and scientists don't yet understand the exact cause—they just know that the bees are in danger and along with them, our food supply as well. "Honey bees pollinate approximately \$10 billion worth of crops in the United States annually," says the National Wildlife Federation's *Why Care?* report. (<http://www.animalplanet.com/angered-species/bees-in-crisis.htm>)

Not surprising, **Bruce Page**, co-owner and president of **Honey Hut Ice Cream**, is one of Old Brooklyn's bee keepers. Honey Hut Ice cream uses hundreds of pounds of honey because every flavor of their ice cream contains it. As has been its tradition, Old Brooklyn's Honey Hut Ice Cream Shop will open on Saint Patrick's Day, March 17th. Opening day flavors will include maple walnut and pistachio nut.

Bruce also stated that they "are installing a bee hive across from the Old Brooklyn Honey Hut Ice Cream Shop as a demonstration and plan to sell honey at the State Rd. location."

According to Bruce, "local honey is better for you because it has antioxidants and minerals that are in direct contact with your surroundings. Bees fly in about a three-mile radius of the hive, or about 600 acres. They benefit a huge area."

Neighbors can rest at ease because bees fly way up and away as they leave the hive.



Once they are fifteen feet from the hive, they are way above head level.

Bruce and many of the other local beekeepers are members of The Greater

Cleveland Beekeepers Association (<http://www.greaterclevelandbeekeepers.com/>). The association offers classes for new beekeepers and even mentors who can help with those wanting to learn how to successfully keep bees and extract honey.

Bruce explained that "the honey bee is the tamest animal on earth and are great for the neighborhood. They don't sting unless they are really harassed. They go find nectar and go right back to the hive."

Another Old Brooklyn beekeeper is long time homeowner and business owner, **Rick Moranz**. He has been keeping bees in his backyard for over nine years. A contractor by trade, Rick got into bee keeping after being invited by a beekeeper friend to help with honey extractions.

In 2011, Rick joined the Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association where he says he has gained a wealth of knowledge as well as friends. Rick is proud that he can save 95% of honey bees that he extracts on the job.

Rick thinks that bees are complex and fascinating. He related that "the queen's pheromone lets the colony know that the queen

is there, stimulates worker bees, attracts drones for mating, and regulates the drone population in the hive."

Bees also conduct a "honey bee waggle dance" where they dance in a figure eight to communicate where food is in relationship to the sun. The queen bee mates one time with dozens of male bees in mid-air; unfortunately for the males, they do not survive mating. This single mating allows the queen to lay tens of thousands of eggs throughout her life.

Rick recently gave a presentation to the Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association on the biology of bees including diseases and parasites to watch out for. Some of the diseases include "American Foulbrood" which is relatively rare but devastates hives; "Chalkbrood" which will eventually go away on its own; a more common problem, "Varroa Mites", which act as vampires, weaken the bees and shorten their life spans. Scientists are studying a bio-friendly way to deter Varroa Mites.

Rick loves extracting the honey from his hives but he says they are also great for his garden, "My blackberry and strawberry yields are amazing because of our bees. We get sixty to one hundred pounds of honey each year, one or two 5-gallon buckets worth. I use it on cereal, in tea, and as any sugar substitute really."

He says of beekeeping, "It is an interesting hobby of observation and you would be surprised at how many people in the neighborhood have bees". Rick echoed Bruce Page's sentiment that honey bees are docile and only sting when provoked. Anyone needing bee removal can contact Rick Moranz at 216-832-5635 or rmoranz@gmail.com.

Old Brooklyn is also home to the Cuyahoga County Bee Inspector **Phil Bartosh**. Phil and his wife Gayle have been beekeepers for three years. Phil became interested in beekeeping because his garden had low yields due to a lack of bees in the area. He and Gayle won a package of bees from The Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association, and they were off and running.

Gayle made honey mead wine this year; 20 pounds of honey yielded 30 bottles of wine. They also make creamed honey, which is a finely crystallized honey that is very spreadable. It is made using a starter seed, mixing honey into it on a 9 to 1 ratio.

Phil and Gayle won blue ribbons at the Cuyahoga County Fair for jellies they make with honey and in 2013 they won "Best in Show" in "Honey Class" with a candy made from creamed honey in dark chocolate.

Phil regards Rick Moranz as his mentor and said, "Everyone in the beekeeping community should have a mentor, and they can be



found through the Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association. We all help each other in the beekeeping community."

When asked what was most rewarding about keeping bees, Phil said, "The bees really help with our gardens. And you can get mesmerized by the bees; it is very calming to watch them." He shared an interesting fact about honey — it can be used as a natural antibiotic and said that the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo on occasion uses honey to help injured animals heal.

As the Cuyahoga County Bee Inspector, Phil works as a contractor for the County Board of Health which reports to the State of Ohio Department of Agriculture. He goes to apiaries throughout the County inspecting hives, mostly looking for diseases. If he finds a diseased hive, he notifies the beekeeper and reports to the County. Phil was recently appointed to the position, and looks forward to it as a learning opportunity.

The City of Cleveland issues permits for beekeeping, and Phil noted that the City of Brook Park is the only city in Cuyahoga County which does not permit beekeeping. He said that the majority of local beekeepers have about five years of experience and that everyone is learning and trying new things." He also noted that honey bees are very docile and do not want to sting because they die if they use their stingers.

Phil added, "The bees that bother you at picnics are yellow jackets, not honey bees. Honey bees are not carnivorous and thus are not interested in your food." Yellow jackets are a big nuisance for honey bees, too, because they kill bees and raid honey.

While researching this article, we sampled several types of honey from Rick Moranz and a creamed honey made by Phil Bartosh. We also sampled two different "Honey Mead" wines made locally. They were all delicious.

The Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the Rocky River Nature Center, 24000 Valley Parkway, in North Olmsted. It costs about \$100 to replace/purchase a honey bee colony, and approximately \$500 to get started.

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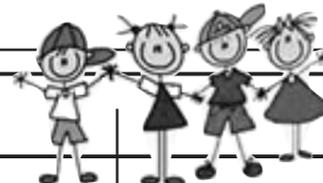


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Children's Museum of Cleveland
 10730 Euclid Ave. 216-791-7114
 www.clevelandchildrensmuseum.org
 Hours: Mon. - Sun., 10 am - 5 pm. Exhibit areas close 15 min. prior to Museum closing. Cost - \$7, children age 1 - 12; \$6, adults & children 13 & over; free, under 11 months.

Cleveland Botanical Garden
 11030 East Blvd.
 216-721-1600 www.cb.garden.org
Glasshouse Explorations - Enjoy the beauty & warmth of the Eleanor Armstrong Smith Glasshouse while discovering more during these daily scheduled activities - **Meet & Greet the Animals in the Madagascar Biome** - Tues - Sat., 11 am & 2:30 pm. Sun., 2:30 pm.

Butterfly Release in the Costa Rica Biome - 2 pm daily (based upon availability of hatched chrysalids each day).

Glass House Tours - Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat. & Sun., 1 pm. Wed., 1 pm & 7 pm. Free with admission, no registration required.

Cleveland Metroparks - Breckville Reservation
 Breckville Nature Center
 9000 Chippewa Creek Dr. Rt. 82 entrance
 440-526-1012
Drop-In Discovery - Survival Bracelets - Sat. Mar. 8th; 2 - 4 pm. Stop by any time in afternoon to make your own survival bracelet & find out how functional this trendy bracelet can be. Fee: \$3/bracelet

Cleveland Metroparks Winter Recreation Fun
 Enjoy 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 - Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation's CanalWay Center
 E. 49th St. bet. Grant Ave & Canal Rd.
 216-206-1000 or clevelandmetroparks.com

Turtle Meet & Eat - Sat. Mar. 15th; 1-2 pm. Meet a couple of turtles up-close & personal. Feed water turtles & land turtles.

Family Movie Night - Thurs. Mar. 27th; 7 - 8:30 pm. *The Bee Movie*. Adventure movie about important roles of bees. Snacks available for purchase. Register beg. Mar. 3rd.

Soup Hike - Sat. Mar. 29th; 11 am - 2 pm. Hike mountain bike trail then eat some potato soup. Dress for weather & wear sturdy hiking shoes; trail a little muddy; 3 miles. Fee: \$6. Registration begins Mar. 3rd.

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

Tobogganing - Open thru Mar. 9th: Thurs., 6 - 10 pm; Fri., 6 - 10:30 pm; Sat., noon - 10:30 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Sun., March 2nd, Dollar Day - \$1 hot dogs & \$1 sodas Sun., Mar. 9th, Family Four-Pack - \$40 for 4 toboggan passes, 4 hot dogs & 4 sodas. Thurs., Mar. 6th

student ID night \$7. Tobogganing \$10, adults; \$8, children ages 11 & younger. One-time ride tickets \$4. All riders must be 42 inches or taller & must wear gloves or mittens to ride chutes. Children, ages 11 & younger must be accompanied by adult. Call 440-572-9990 for more info.

Cleveland Metroparks Hinckley Reservation
 Buzzard Roost, at State Rd. & West Dr
Return of the Buzzards - Sun., Mar. 16th, 9 am - 2:30 pm; free. **Hikes** -- 9:15 & 10:45 am & 12:30 pm. **Bus Tours** of Hinckley Reservation - 10 & 11 am; noon & 1 & 2 pm. **Platform Presentations** - Live Birds of Prey Programs - 10 & 11:30 am & 1:30 pm. **Tent Activities** - Live Music 11 am & 12:30 pm • Buzzard Puppet Show, 10:30, noon, 1:30 pm • EarthWords Nature Shop selling unique buzzard merchandise. Exhibits & other activities. Free shuttle bus service from Spillway parking lot & Sledding Hill parking lots to Buzzard Roost. Call 440-526-1012 for more info.



Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Nature Center/Frostville Museum, Rocky River
 Reservation 24000 Valley Pkwy., North Olmsted 440-734-6660
Second Saturday Storytelling - Sat. Mar. 8th, 7:30 - 9 pm. Stories of flowers & trees & other nature tales. Tasty spring treat includes maple syrup as an ingredient; end with a story.

Skunk Cabbage Hike - Sun., Mar. 16th. First flower to emerge is skunk cabbage; find it in "skunk cabbage hollow" Rubber boots recommended.

Family Movie Night - Thurs., Mar. 27th, 7 - 8:30 pm. *The Bee Movie*. Adventure movie about important roles of bees. Snacks available for purchase. Register beg. Mar. 3rd.

Spring Family Scavenger Hunt - Sat. Mar. 29th, 3 - 4:30 pm. Self guided scavenger hunt on the trails. Prizes.

Cleveland Metroparks Watershed Stewardship Center WestCreekReservation
 2277 W. Ridgewood Dr. 440-887-1968
World Water Day - Sat., Mar. 22nd; noon - 4:30 pm. Learn about water's role in world & neighborhood. Free hikes, entertainment, exhibits & crafts for whole family. Call for more info.

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

Reduced Winter Admission - Now - Mar. 31st; both Zoo & RainForest. Adult admission, \$8.25; children 2 - 11, \$5.25; under two & Zoo members, free. Complimentary heated transportation; free parking. Open daily 10 am - 5 pm.

Summer Day Camp - Children ages 5 - 14, with special new half-day Nature Play Camp for kids ages 3 - 4. Summer Day Camp is June 9th - Aug. 15th in different week-long sessions, each with new theme. Sessions available in half-day (9 am - noon) & full-day (9 am - 4 pm.) increments. Campers grouped according to age to provide safe & nurturing learning environment. Campers age 11 - 12 learn about wildlife biology while exploring Zoo & Brookside Reservation; teens age 13 - 14 do "Counselor-in-training" camp to develop leadership skills, working alongside Zoo's Day Camp staff, partnering with Zoo Crew teen volunteers & participating in team building activities. Registration begins Mar. 1st for Cleveland Zoological Society members & Mar. 15th for general public. Limited space; register early to avoid being shut out. Registration available online at clevelandmetroparks.com/zoo or by calling 216-635-3391.

Cleveland Museum of Natural History
 1 Wade Oval Dr.
 216-231-4600 www.cmnh.org
 Hours: Mon. - Sat., 10 am - 5 pm; Wed., 10 am - 10 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Adults 19 &

up, \$12; \$6 after 5 pm on Wed.; Youth 3 - 18, \$10; College students with ID, \$10; Seniors 60 & up or with a Golden Buckeye card, \$10; toddlers 2 & under, free.

One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure
 Now through Mar. - Sat., 11 am & 3 pm; Sun., 1 pm. Children interact as they watch, drawing constellations & counting time it takes sun to set. Show aims to nurture child's natural sense of wonder about night sky. Members: free; nonmembers: \$4, plus general admission.

Cuyahoga County Public Library
 Parma-Snow Branch
 2121 216-661-4240;
 www.cuyahogalibrary.org
9 am - 9 pm, Mon - Thur.; 9 am - 5:30 pm, Fri. & Sat.; 1 - 5 pm, Sun.

Cake Decorating Workshop - Thurs., Mar. 27th, 7 pm; grades 6-12.

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

Home Depot
 homeimproverclub.com/kdsworkshops
Build a Trojan Horse Bank - Sat., Mar. 1st. Workshops offered 1st Sat. of every month, 9 am - noon. Free hands-on workshops designed for kids ages 5 - 12 at all Home Depot stores.

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

The You-niverse - For families with children of all ages. Sat. & Sun., 1:30, 2 & 2:30 pm; in StarLab. Locate moon, find planets, identify constellations & find out how they got their names. Then go home & discover the universe in your own backyard. Fee: \$3/person.

Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage
 2929 Richmond Rd.
 216-593-0575 www.maltzmuseum.org
Pre-Purim Community Day - Sun., Mar. 9th; Museum open 11am - 5pm. Family mask-making, 1 pm. Purim, 3 pm - Rated PG-13 rec-



ommended for ages 13+. Free with museum admission.

Quicken Loans Arena, 1 Center Court
 1-888-894-9424 www.theQarena.com
Disney Live! - Sun. Mar. 9th, 1 & 4 pm. Tickets: \$18, \$25, \$40 & \$50., Purchase tickets at Quicken Loans Arena Box Office or by calling toll free 888-894-9424 or TDD 855-416-0373 or at Discount Drug Mart.



Schools as Neighborhood Resources (SNR)
 James Ford Rhodes High School, 5100 Biddulph Rd. Mon., Wed. & Thurs. 6 - 8:30 pm. Sign up anytime, through April. Both children & adults can participate for free. If the Cleveland Municipal School District is closed on a Mon., Wed. or Thurs., either for a scheduled holiday or because of inclement weather, the evening classes will not be in session. Call 216-812-8700 or website:www.neighborhood-leadership.org/programs/snr for more info.

University Circle
 216-791-3900 www.universitycircle.org
The Rink at Wade Oval - Open now - Mar. 9th; Fri., noon - 9 pm; Sat., noon - 7 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Bring own skates or rent for \$3; hot chocolate & coffee available. Call 216-707-5033 for daily info.

Snowman Contest in Wade Oval - Now - Mar. 9th. Come out & make your own snowman & post it to our facebook page or at #wadeovalwinter. Have The Rink at Wade Oval in the background of your photo. Best snowman gets a great University Circle prize!



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THEATER NOTES



Beck Center of the Arts
 17801 Detroit Ave. Lakewood
 216-521-2540 www.beckcenter.org

Mackey Main Stage
Carrie The Musical
 Now - Sun., Mar. 9th. Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 3 pm; student matinee, 10 am. Tickets: \$10 - \$29.

Studio Theater
'Night, Mother
 Fri., Mar. 21st - Sun., May 4th. Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 3 pm; student matinee, No performances Apr. 18th - 20th. Tickets: \$12 - \$29.

Cleveland Public Theatre (CPT)
 6415 Detroit Ave. 216-631-2727 ext 205
 www.cptonline.org
James Levin Theatre
Big Box 2014
 Thurs., Fri. & Sat., now - Mar. 22nd; 7 pm. Tickets: \$12 - \$18.
 Mar. 6th - 8th - *Illuminated Lizard & Sisters*.
 Mar. 13th - 15th - *Same Difference*.
 Mar. 20th - 22nd - *Armature*.

Gordon Square Theatre
Titus: A Grand and Gory Rock Musical
 Thurs. Mar. 6th - Fri., Mar. 22nd. Thurs, Fri. & Sat., 7:30 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets: \$12 - \$28.

Opera Per Tutti
 Fri., Mar. 28th, 7:30 pm; Sun., Mar. 30th, 3 pm. Tickets: \$28.

Great Lakes Theater
Seven Ages
 Sun. Mar. 2nd - Wed., Mar. 5th; free touring production will visit 22 neighborhood venues in Northeast Ohio; one-act play comprised of 7 tales written by 7 Northeast Ohio playwrights. Sixty-minute program includes introduction & post-performance discussion. Visit www.greatlakes theater.org/education/out
Sun., Mar. 2nd, 2 pm, Reinberger Auditorium, Home of Talespinner Children's Theatre, 5209 Detroit Ave.; 216-264-9680;
Tues., Mar. 4th, 7 pm, Lakewood Public Library, 15425 Detroit Rd., Lakewood; 216-226-8275.

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

Cleveland Play House at the Allen Theatre
Breath and Imagination
 Now - Sun., Mar. 9th. Tues., 7 pm; Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 2:30 & 7:30 pm; Sun., 2:30 pm. Tickets: \$45 - \$72.

Cleveland State University's Dept. of Theatre & Dance at the Allen's Theater's Second Stage Theatre
Lysistrata
 Now - Sun., Mar. 9th, Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 7:30 pm; Sun., 2 pm. Tickets: \$5 - \$10.

Cleveland Play House at the Helen Rosenfeld Lewis Bialosky Lab Theatre
Too True to Be Good
 Wed., Mar. 5th - Sat., Mar. 15th; Wed, Thurs, Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat., 3 & 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$15.

Cleveland Play House at the Allen Theatre
Clybourne Park
 Fri., Mar. 21st - Sun., Apr. 13th. Tues., 7 pm; Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 2:30 & 7:30 pm; Sun., 2:30 pm. Tickets: \$45 - \$72.

Kennedy's Theatre
Flanagan's Wake
 Now - Sat., Apr. 26th. Fri. & Sat., 8 pm. Tickets: \$25.

KeyBank Broadway Series at the Palace Theatre
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
 Tues., Mar. 4th - Sun., Mar. 16th. Tues. - Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat., 1:30 & 7:30 pm; Sun., 1 & 6:30 pm. Tickets: \$10 - \$75.

Great Lakes Theater at the Hanna Theatre
Deathtrap
 Now - Sun., Mar. 16th. Wed., Thurs. & Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat., 1:30 & 7:30 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets: \$15 - \$70.

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CHURCH NOTES

Archwood United Church of Christ
2800 Archwood Ave. 216-351-1060
Ash Wednesday service, Wed., Mar. 5th, 7 pm with Rev. Sara Ross, pastor. All welcome.

Brooklyn Presbyterian Church
4308 Pearl Rd. 216-741-8331
Resale Shop - open to the public on 3rd. Sat. of month, 10 am - 2 pm. Used clothing all ages & sizes, household items & limited furniture. Affordable lunch & small food pantry for emergency provisions. To donate items, contact Rev. Sheryl Swan.

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The House of Glory
2337 Broadview Rd. 216-661-2080
Youth Bible Study - every 1st & 3rd Fri., 5 - 6:30 pm; free. Everyone age 13 - 23 welcome. Visit www.thehouseofglory.net for more info.

Mary Queen of Peace Church
4423 Pearl Rd. 216-749-2323
A Return to Mardi Gras Dance - Sat., Mar. 1st; 6:30 - 11 pm; Parish Center, upper hall. Call for tickets.

Cleveland Minutemen for Life Prayer Vigil - Sat., Mar. 1st, 8:30 am; Cleveland Surgi-Center.

Men's Prayer Group - Sat., Mar. 1st & 29th, 8:30 am; Parish Center.

Valparaiso University Chorale Concert - Mon., Mar. 3rd, 7 pm; upper church. Free, but freewill offering taken.

First Friday Mass & Eucharistic Adoration - Fri., Mar. 7th, 8 pm; upper church.

Ash Wednesday, Masses - Wed., Mar. 5th, 8 am (School Mass), noon & 7 pm; upper church.

Stations of the Cross - Fridays, Mar. 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th; Apr. 4th, 11th, 18th.

First Friday Mass & Eucharistic Adoration Fri., Mar. 7th; 8 pm. Church

Ladies Lenten Day of Reflection - Sat, Mar. 8th; 9 am - 2 pm. Marian Lounge & lower church.

Diocesan Celebration of Penance - Wed., Mar. 12th, 5 - 8 pm; upper church.

Men's Lenten Retreat Day - Sat. Mar. 15th, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm; Marian Lounge & lower church.

World Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour - Sun., Mar. 16th, 2 pm; lower church & Marian Lounge.

Great Music in a Great Space Series - "Rook" Sun., Mar. 16th, 7 pm; upper church.

Seniors Monthly Meeting & Luncheon - Wed., Mar. 12th, 11 am; Marian Lounge & lower church.

Free Community Meal - Sun., Mar. 16th, 1 pm; Parish Center cafeteria.

Lenten Cluster Communal Prayer Service - Sun., Mar. 23rd, 2 pm; upper church.

"Our Broken Cup: Lenten Prayer Service for those who have lost a loved one" - Sat., Mar. 29th; 2 - 4 pm; lower church.

Pearl Road United Methodist Church
4200 Pearl Rd. 216-661-5642
Ash Wednesday Joint Service (with people from former St. Luke's) - Wed. Mar. 5th; 6:45 pm.

Rummage & Bake Sale - Sat., May 17th; noon - 6 pm; 4 - 6 pm bag sale.

St. James Lutheran Church
4771 Broadview Rd. 216-351-6499
Sunday School - begins 9 am downstairs. Children 3 years through 8th grade invited to learn more about Jesus, sing & do special projects. Call to enroll a child or for more info.

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, Chair Bowling - 10:30 am, Arm Chair Exercises - 10:30 am; Pinochle - 12:15 pm, Line Dancing - 1 pm.

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

Thursdays:
Crafts - 9:30 am, Chair Volleyball - 10 am, Horse Racing - 10:30 am.

Fridays:
Ez-Exercise - 9 am; Current Events - 10 am, Corn Hole - 10:30 am, Wii - 11 am; Pinochle - 12:30 pm.

Free Groceries & Delivery for Low Income Seniors - Low income seniors over 60 & individuals with mobility challenges living in Old

Ash Wednesday Service - Wed., Mar. 5th; 10:30 am. & 7 pm. Both services will have the Rite of Imposition of the Ashes. Lenten services will continue for five more weeks on Wed. at both 10:30 am. & 7 pm. until April 9th.

Fifty Plus Group - Wed., Mar. 5th & 19th. Meetings upstairs in Gathering Room. **March 5th:** hot dinner, 11:30 am; cost \$3. A representative from the Cleveland EMS will give FREE blood pressure checks, glucose & cholesterol readings; noon. We will also look at dates in people's lives. **March 19th:** hot dinner will be served, 11:30 am; & a lively discussion. Cost \$3. Anyone 50 years or older invited.

Widows and Widowers Luncheon & Support - Mon., Mar. 24th, noon, upstairs Gathering Room. Menu: chicken parmesan, spaghetti, garlic carrots, salads & desserts. Cost: \$3 per person. Call to RSVP.

Brooklyn or Brooklyn Centre may qualify for a monthly delivery of free groceries from All Faiths Pantry. Call 216-496-4329 for info.

Volunteer Drivers & Runners - Meals on Wheels Senior Citizen Resources need volunteers one day a week, Mon. thru Fri. to Old Brooklyn residents. One hour offtime between 10:45 & 11:45 am. All routes originate from 3100 Devonshire Ave. Call Kim, 216-749-5367, to help or for more info.

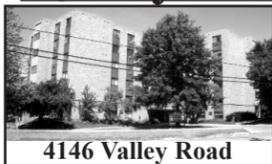
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Metro Health Senior Advantage sponsors LITE and EZ exercise classes for people 55 years of age and older. They are one-hour, strengthening and balance classes, 75% sitting and 25% standing. (The entire program can be done sitting.)

Class size averages 15 to 20 folks who meet at Estabrook Rec. Center on Mon., Wed. and Fri. mornings, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. There is a \$2 fee per class or \$20 pass for 15 classes.

It is a very supportive and non-competitive group. Each participant is encouraged to work at his/her own pace. A doctors release form can be picked up at MetroHealth Wellness Center or by stopping by the class at Estabrook. Observe a class at the same time.

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Chickens still laying and growing season extended at Old Brooklyn's Rising Harvest Farm

by Dave Goldense
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Rising Harvest Farm, at the site of the former Memphis Elementary School, continues to improve and solidify itself as a great neighborhood asset and testament to Cleveland's impressive progression towards promoting urban agriculture. Managed by Michael Bartunek and Andrea Heim, the farm is run by Koinonia, Inc., and helps employ individuals with developmental disabilities.



Rhode Island Reds and Golden Buffs are two of the breeds of chickens at Rising Harvest Farms

Home to largest number of hens in Cleveland, Rising Harvest has continued to work through the winter. Michael and Andrea are proud to offer some of the freshest and tastiest free range eggs in the area. The chickens reside at the farm throughout the year, and stay in a large enclosure that enables them to move around freely in a space that is three times larger than the typical cage free spaces for poultry.

Rising Harvest is home to 125 chickens of four different breeds, the most of any farm in the city. The majority of the hens are Black Australorps, and new younger additions to the roost include Rhode Island Reds, Golden Buffs and White Leghorns.

Compared to hens grown in more commercial settings, these chickens enjoy an elaborate diet and better quality of life, leading to better eggs. Michael and the staff engineered a special apparatus from which the chickens drink water.

During the winter, when the birds need more calcium to produce eggs, they enjoy crushed zebra mussels, an invasive species found in Lake Erie. They do well during the winter months and benefit from heaters and heat lamps which are on sixteen hours a day, extending the amount of daylight, and in turn helping the hens lay more eggs.

In addition to having free range, farm fresh eggs available year round, Rising Harvest is also able to grow some hearty greens like spinach throughout the winter. Thanks to a 20 foot by 72 foot hoop house which keeps the soil warmer and blocks the wind, the farm is able to extend the growing season.

Spinach, kale, collards and other hearty greens can be grown late into the fall, and inside the hoop houses, they can be planted earlier.

Rising Harvest Farm hopes to capitalize on the benefits of the hoop house by constructing two larger hoop houses on the property. These additions would result in a huge increase in their production capability, which is already expanding at an impressive rate.

The hoop houses and outdoor plots are all irrigated using a drip technique, a much more efficient method which uses less water. Drip irrigation is a great example of Rising

Harvest's commitment to sustainability. They also collect food waste from a few restaurants throughout the city to create compost. The Farm provides a great way to recycle unwanted goods; they can reuse anything from old egg cartons to coffee grounds.

The compost pile at Rising Harvest

Farm is well-covered during the winter to retain heat, and newly constructed storage units will be ready for materials and compost in spring. Other new additions on display at the farm this spring include an informational sign on the north wall of the barn facing Memphis Ave. and a flower garden near the picnic tables near the sidewalk and Memphis.

In addition to the free range eggs, Old Brooklyn residents can enjoy the Farm's selection of fresh vegetables through their Market Basket program, which begins on May 30th. For \$20 a week, customers will receive an assortment of seasonal vegetables, artisan meats and cheeses, and homemade sweets throughout the summer and autumn months. Payment plans are available. The half share Market Basket feeds 2-4 people, while a full share feeds 5-7.

When this harsh Cleveland winter finally yields to spring, veggies will be available at the Farm on Fridays from 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Rising Harvest has quickly become a positive living environment for people, plants and animals alike. Michael explained that the



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