

GardenWalk to return to Old Brooklyn

GardenWalk Cleveland is a free, self-guided tour of over two-hundred fifty private gardens, farms and vineyards in neighborhoods throughout the city of Cleveland.

The fifth Annual GardenWalk will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 11th, and Sunday, July 12th; the Old Brooklyn neighborhood will again be participating this year after not participating in 2014.

There will be seventy-six gardens for visitors to enjoy in Old Brooklyn alone, a significant increase over the number of gardens on the tour in 2012 and 2013. There are no tickets necessary for the tour. Each neighborhood will have a designated headquarters where visitors can find garden maps, restrooms and water.

The headquarters for Old Brooklyn is located at O'Reilly Auto Parts at 4280 Fulton Rd. in the Fulton Plaza on the northeast corner of Memphis Ave. GardenWalk tourists will be able to get maps, posters and water at the headquarters. Master gardeners will be available between noon and 2 p.m. at neighborhood headquarters to answer questions.

Additionally, attendees can fill out a card for a grand prize drawing to win a

wheel barrow filled with gardening supplies and a one year membership to the Cleveland Botanical Garden. This can be done at any one of the five neighborhood headquarters.

The other neighborhoods participating in GardenWalk are Detroit-Shoreway, Larchmere, Slavic Village, and West Park.

Beginning July 1st, maps of the gardens in Old Brooklyn and in other neighborhoods will be available for downloading on the website www.gardenwalkcleveland.org.



Photo by Julia Rodriguez

The seventy-six gardens for Old Brooklyn can be viewed by visiting the website, scrolling to the "Neighborhoods" section, and clicking on "Old Brooklyn". This will show a map of the gardens as well as all of the addresses of the gardens in Old Brooklyn which are participating this year.

Attendees are strongly encouraged to visit one of the five neighborhood headquarters to ensure a proper headcount is completed and for the opportunity to win the grand prize.

Multiple Old Brooklyn residents led the charge to find and sign up such a large number of gardens. Julia Rodriguez and Brenda

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Improvements at Loew Park to begin this fall

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The City of Cleveland's investment in Old Brooklyn infrastructure extends beyond the street repair and major construction along Broadview Rd. and Pearl Rd.

Loew Park, a long time oasis and center of activity for Old Brooklyn families, is set to receive over one million dollars in capital improvements. A community meeting was hosted by Cleveland City Councilman Kevin Kelley on Tuesday, July 30th at the Loew Park Pavilion to review the improvements.

The enhancements will upgrade access, usability and safety components within the twenty-seven acre park, often used by Old Brooklyn Youth League and Old Brooklyn Area Little League.

This summer, the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation has been presenting weekly outdoor movies and family activities in the Park. These Tuesday night events, sponsored by MetroHealth, have attracted hundreds of guests each week.

"Loew Park is a great public park that combines many of the neighborhood's strongest assets," said Kelley. "These investments will continue to be a benefit for nearby residents and for visitors alike."

Already home to an outdoor pool and splash park, baseball and softball fields, a playground, open greenspace, and the grounds of William Cullen Bryant Elementary School, the improvements will expand opportunities for residents to use the park.

Included in the project construction will



be playground enhancements, improvements to the playing fields, more parking, and a multi-purpose path around and through the park.

The proposed multi-purpose path around and through Loew Park will remind many residents of the popular paths through the Cleveland Metroparks. This will benefit walkers, runners, cyclists and people on rollerblades looking for additional pathways for exercise.

Around the existing playground area near W. 25th St., new play structures will be installed. Safety-conscious flooring will act as cushioning in the instance that any children or adults fall while playing.

The proposed soccer field will formalize the existing play which often occurs in the far outfields of the ball diamonds, and relocating the existing tee-ball field will create a site less prone to natural flooding.

Finally, increased parking off the Oak Park entrance and parking lot will alleviate some of the congestion during busy hours and days of use within Loew Park.

Construction is scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2015.

Riverside Cemetery changes Jazz Festival name to Music Festival

Riverside Cemetery, 3607 Pearl Rd., will host its fifth annual music festival from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 19th. The free event is open to the public. Food and dessert trucks will be onsite with refreshments available for purchase.

This year's entertainment will be provided by the Amethyst String Quartet, the Barbara Knight Quintet, and the Northcoast Jazz Collective. Singer/Songwriter Todd Smith will be the Master of Ceremonies.

The Amethyst String Quartet, founded by Ms. Mary Beth Ions, has performed the last few years at Riverside; it is dedicated to the power and beauty of string music. The Amethyst String Quartet has been performing concerts featuring the music of Downtown Abbey and its era throughout Northeast Ohio.

Barbara Knight is one of Northeast Ohio's premier jazz singers; her trademark is performing fresh arrangements which present the songs of classic jazz in a new light.

Ms. Knight was the female vocalist with the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra for seventeen years. She continues to be a frequent guest artist with the Cleveland Pops, college jazz ensembles and regional big bands.

The *Northcoast Jazz Collective* plays straight-up modern jazz which has been described as 'creative, emotional and accessible'. Most of its repertoire is comprised of original compositions with some arrangements of modern jazz standards. Members include band leader Mark Grey on drums, John Gallo on acoustic bass, Dave Frank on tenor/soprano sax and flute, and Dan Maier on piano.

Master of Ceremonies Singer/Songwriter, Todd Smith has performed at music festivals, college/university campuses and the Smithsonian Institution;

his repertoire blends traditional songs with original compositions.

In the event of rain or inclement weather, the Music Festival will carry on at Archwood United Church of Christ, 2800 Archwood Ave.

Since its inception the annual Riverside Cemetery Jazz Festival has evolved in genre, length and popularity. According to Gregory Kapcar, Riverside's general manager, being as this is the fifth anniversary, it was a natural progression to continue the tradition as a Music Festival.

Located in the Brooklyn Centre neighborhood of Cleveland, ground was broken at Riverside Cemetery in April 1876. It was a 102.5 acre farm owned by Titus Brainard before it became a cemetery; the farm land was acquired originally by Titus' grandfa-

ther, Asa Brainard, when he came from Connecticut to the Connecticut Western Reserve in 1814.

The high land overlooks the Cuyahoga River and a valley of farms bordering it, which suggested the name Riverside. It was the first major cemetery association established on the west side of the River. In November, 1876 Governor and President-elect Rutherford B. Hayes participated in the dedication ceremony.

Riverside's Administration Building (1896) and the Stone Chapel (1876) are nationally registered buildings.



Cleveland Summer Cinema: *Under the Stars in Old Brooklyn*

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Loew Park
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Ghostbusters July 7th

Jurassic Park July 14th

Ferris Bueller's Day Off July 21st

Space Jam July 28th

Mighty Ducks August 4th

A League of Their Own August 11th

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Beer Garden courtesy of





Dan Londrico

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“Be prepared”, the Boy Scouts of America’s (BSA’s) motto advises, a concept which has helped Dan Londrico succeed in many facets of his life. At age 12 Dan joined Troop 88 at Mary Queen of Peace Church (MQP) under the guidance of Scoutmaster Edward Riegelmayr.

Citing the opportunity to go on camping trips and spend time with friends outside of school as his reasons for wanting to be a Boy Scout, Dan spent his early Scout years exploring various areas of training and merit before considering rank or advancement.

While at the BSA summer camp at Beaumont, Dan spent his first time away from family and learned about managing his own time and choices. He worked on various merit badges including rifle shooting, leather work, art, kayak certification, swimming, lifesaving, boating, shotgun shooting, chemistry and computers.

“It was a lot like college where you get to go off on your own and choose how you want to spend your time. It really teaches you about independence,” Dan said.

At camp not only did he spend time learning about various topics from others but he developed an appreciation for how things were taught; later in his Scout career this would come in handy as he would find success in helping others learn as well.

During his high school years Dan found early-on the challenges of managing one’s time and faced initial struggles. Through his training in Scouts, however, he soon became more confident and found success in academics, sports and his Scout troop.

“It was like it clicked all at once,” his mother recalled. Spending time on the swim team, getting into Advanced Placement and Honors courses and eventually achieving a 4.2 GPA (Grade Point Average) his senior year, Dan attributed his maturity and self-management skills to the Boy Scouts.



Dan Londrico

Fewer than 10% of Boy Scouts achieve the rank of Eagle Scout in their careers. Dan determined that he would earn the rank and after completing 21 merit badges, which included many of the most time-intensive activities aimed at developing and deepening character, he set about finding a community project to work on.

Reaching out to MQP pastor Father Doug Brown, Dan asked what kind of support he could offer the school. MQP was in need of a new outdoor shed for tools and equipment and so Dan developed a plan. After bringing together funding and support through donations, fundraising sales and in-kind service, Dan networked to design, build and complete the 100+ square foot shed.

Over several months Dan and his team laid a foundation and built a full-scale professional shed from scratch. During this time he learned various lessons including one to which the Boy Scouts are particularly adept at responding -- preparation for the reality that “things will never go 100% as planned.”

Completing his project and the necessary steps to earn his Eagle Scout rank, Dan paired the BSA achievement with an Honors Diploma from Normandy High School. He will continue his involvement with the Scouts as an adult leader and is applying to work as an Assistant Scout Master.

This fall Dan will start working toward a Mechanical Engineering degree at Cleveland State University.

From the desk of the executive director

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Construction season is in full swing. Both in Old Brooklyn and throughout Cleveland, orange barrels and detours have become part of the daily commute.

Roadways, bridges, ramps and parks are seeing a combination of scheduled improvements, emergency repairs and preparation for the 2016 Republican National Convention festivities. By this fall, next summer, or some short period thereafter, Cleveland and her citizens will enjoy much needed upgrades to the city infrastructure.

This construction is lauded. The state of infrastructure in all of America is subpar. Anecdotal, anyone who uses our trains, waterways or roads knows this to be true. Experts agree. The American Society of Civil Engineers releases a yearly report card grading the condition of over a dozen factors.

Our nation’s grade is currently a D+. In Ohio, we’re doing relatively well with a C. Over three trillion dollars would be needed in the next five years to bring that grade up.

For that reason, the already-and-soon-to-start construction for Broadview Rd., Pearl Rd., Loew Park, and more is welcomed with open arms. These projects will bring short term jobs and long term conditional enhancements that will make a statement about how this community cares for itself.

Further, as the main streets and assets of Old Brooklyn, the improvements are more than maintenance projects. Strong infrastructure investment yields greater levels of private investment through new businesses, residents and visitors.

Yet in casual conversation, it is impossible not to hear consistent complaints about this temporary and necessary inconvenience.

Granted, it can be frustrating to be caught in back-ups, stuck behind a bus, or waiting for a construction vehicle to back up across the road. In many communities, that slow down or stoppage is a regular occurrence. The population stagnation, economic shift, and sprawl have built conditions where traffic is not normal for Clevelanders.

Certainly there could be some best practices or operational efficiencies which all governments and contractors could consider and employ to potentially improve staggering or timing.

However, the reality of living in a four weather season in the current financial system limits the normal construction period to a tight period. Within that short time frame, nearly all work must be completed in a six to eight month time frame from late spring to late fall.



Those constraints lead to headaches and necessary short-term pains which will yield long-term gains.

Nearly all instances of growth come with some sort of pruning, hurt or damage. In nature this is true for all plants, it is commonplace for business growth, for humans it is true when growing in adolescent years, and often it is true for a community.

If we as a community want to focus our collective energy during this period, it should be to make intentional and repeated efforts to support the small businesses which continue to sell goods and services during this challenging period for them, not to be complaining about the construction. An extra display of support for our main street staples is needed when many drive-by customers will be challenged to pull over to support our local entrepreneurs.

It’s a temporary inconvenience, absolutely -- but worth every penny and every moment of frustration.

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Charles A. Mooney Preschool one of five in CMSD to receive State’s top rating

The prekindergarten program at Charles A. Mooney Schools was one of five preschool sites in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) which received the State of Ohio’s top ranking for quality. Along with Adlai E. Stevenson, Andrew J. Rickoff, Anton Grdina and Memorial, they earned five stars through *Step Up to Quality*, an evaluation system which Ohio launched late in 2013.

Ultimately, the goal is to have all CMSD preschool sites rated. Participation in *Step Up to Quality* is voluntary, but is required to receive funding from the Ohio Department of Education.

Access to high-quality preschool is one of the many reforms outlined in The Cleveland Plan, a customized blueprint for improving education in the city. Research shows that the preschool age is a critical period in brain formation and that a high-quality preschool experience can lead to greater success in education.

CMSD and private providers have joined forces in PRE4CLE (the name



coined to describe this pre-school program for Clevelanders), an effort to make high-quality preschool — defined as three stars or above on the State’s scale — available to as many of the city’s three- and four-year-olds as possible.

PRE4CLE began operations last year, and CMSD prekindergarten sites make up about two-thirds of the ninety locations.

PRE4CLE Director Katie Kelly stated that a five-star rating in *Step Up to Quality* is “the gold star seal for quality early learning programs in Ohio.”

(The information in this article was compiled by the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, Jeffrey Verespej, and Lynette Filips.)



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Now - September 16th

Historical Guided Walking Tours

Take a hike! **6 pm Tuesdays: Playhouse Square** -- Meet at State Theatre Lobby, 1519 Euclid Ave.; **6 pm Wednesdays: Historic Gateway Neighborhood** -- Meet at Arcade, 401 Euclid Ave.; **10 am Saturdays: Historic Warehouse District** -- Meet at Constantino's Market, 1278 W. 9th St.; **10 am Sundays: Canal Basin Park** -- Meet at Settler's Landing RTA Station, 1025 W. Superior Ave.; **6 pm Thursdays: Civic Center Tour** -- Meet at Old Stone Church, 91 Public Square. Sponsored by Dollar Bank. Call 216-771-1994 or visit www.historicgateway.org for more info. Reservations appreciated, donations encouraged. Held rain or shine.

Now through October, Cleveland Metroparks' Walking Works Program

Hike at least 8 of 13 designated Walking Works trails on your own. After completing each walk, sign & date Walking Works form & return to Cleveland Metroparks. Receive 2015 Walking Works shield & voucher good for free picnic lunch for four at Wayside Furniture Café. For list of designated hikes & directions & to download Walking Works form, visit clevelandmetroparks.com. Walking Works forms also available at Cleveland Metroparks nature centers.

Have-a-Heart Spay/Neuter Program Now Thru November 13th

Valley Save-A-Pet, in cooperation with 25+ veterinarians is offering low-cost spay/neuter services. Pets must be current on shots or be immunized for modest additional fee at time of sterilization. Call 440-232-2287 Mon., Wed., Thurs. or Fri. between 11 am & 2 pm to obtain form or for more info. Feral cat caretakers call Mon. only.

Now - Thursday, November 19th

President James A. Garfield Memorial & Wade Memorial Chapel

Lake View Cemetery, 12316 Euclid Ave., 9 am - 4 pm, every day; free. Small gift shop sells relevant memorabilia, puzzles, post cards & books. Video tells story of the President/Memorial & history of Lake View. Trained interpretive guides can answer questions.

Summer Food Service Program

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank participating in Summer Food Service Program. Meals provided to all children without charge; are same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. No discrimination in course of meal service. Meals provided at these sites & times: Cleveland Public Library - now - Jul. 31st; Mon. - Fri., lunch: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. **Brooklyn Branch**, 3706 Pearl Rd., **Fulton Branch**, 3545 Fulton Rd., **South Brooklyn**, 4303 Pearl Rd.

Cuyahoga County Public Library Brooklyn Branch, 4480 Ridge Rd., Mon. - Fri., 11:45 am - 12:15 pm.

Grace Church, 2503 Broadview Rd., now - Aug. 14th; Mon. - Fri., 11:30 am - 1 pm. For more info. or locations visit www.greater-clevelandfoodbank.org.

Wednesday, July 8th Westside Basket Guild

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., upstairs hall. Class starts at 5 pm; come any time up to 6:30 to start weaving. Meets on second Wed. every month. **Jul. 8th - Barb's surprise; Aug. 12th - Harvest Time; \$16.** Supplies to bring when weaving -- old towel, bucket, clothes pins, ruler, pencil, scissors. Call Connie, 216-749-7912, to RSVP.

Thursday - Sunday, July 9th - 12th St. Mary's PolishFest

St. Mary's Polish Church, 5375 Broadview Rd. Thurs., 5 - 10 pm; Fri., 5 - 11 pm; Sat., 2 - 11 pm; Sun., 1 - 5 pm. Ethnic food, live music, rides, beer tent.

Thursday, July 9th

Ben Franklin Master Gardeners Talks "Weed is Not a 4-Letter Word -- The Benefits of Weeds."

Ben Franklin Demonstration Gardens, 1905 Spring Rd. Also, Master Gardeners work during growing season on Thurs. mornings at 10 am in demonstration gardens (herb, perennial & vegetable), weather permitting. Public is free to visit, observe demo gardens & ask Master Gardeners questions.

Thursday, July 9th

Antique Collectors Club Meeting

Busch Community Meeting Room, 7501 Ridge Rd., 7 pm. Program: Women in the history of aviation & space. Speaker: Toni Mullee power point presentation. Call Publicity Chairman Robert Murdoch, 440-845-7046, for more info.

Saturday July 11th

Painting in the Park Family Fun Day

Lincoln Park, Tremont. 12 - 5 pm. Live painting presentations, various creative art activities for children, teens & adults, food vendors & more. For free tickets, go to www.eventbrite.com & type in Painting in the Park Family Fun Day or contact the Coordinator at 216-202-0784

Saturday & Sunday, July 11th & 12th GardenWalk Cleveland

GardenWalk weekend, 11 am - 5 pm. Tour gardens at own pace. Walk or bike in each of designated neighborhoods. Each neighborhood on Walk will have 'headquarters' with parking for cars & bikes, restrooms, water & maps. Email Janetkious@sbcglobal.net or geznadel@ameritech.net for more info.

Saturday, July 18th Vietnam War Veteran

Commemorative Ceremony & Picnic VFW 2850 Post, 3296 W. 61st St.; 4 pm. All local residents & military families invited to participate in ceremony honoring sacrifices of veterans & military families during Vietnam War, which

substantially escalated 50 years ago. RSVP by Fri., July 10th. Call John, 216-916-6654, or Jan Beckman, 216-631-2585, for more info.

Saturday, July 18th

100 Seasons at Cleveland Play House (CPH) Opening & Reception

Cleveland Public Library, 325 Superior Ave. NE, 2nd floor lobby Literature Dept. Speaker: CPH Artistic Director Laura Kepley & Managing Director Kevin Moore. Light refreshments. Exhibit & reception free & open to public. Exhibition is 15 display cases on 2nd & 3rd floors, open to public during Library's regular business hours (Mon. - Sat., 10 am - 6 pm). Available for viewing through Dec. 31st.

Sunday, July 19th

Riverside Cemetery Music Festival

Riverside Cemetery, 3607 Pearl Rd., 1 - 4 pm. Free & open to public. Master of Ceremonies: Todd Smith, Amethyst String Quartet, Barbara Knight Quintet, Northcoast Jazz Collective. Food & dessert trucks onsite. See article on page 1 of this issue, call 216-351-4800, or visit www.riversidecemeterycleveland.org for more info. In case of rain, Music Festival will be held at Archwood UCC, 2800 Archwood Ave.

Sunday, July 19th

Cleveland Polka Assoc. Summer Picnic

St. Sava Picnic Grove 2300 W. Ridgewood Dr. Live polka music by Buffalo Touch. Gate opens 2 pm; music & dancing, 3 - 7 pm. **NO BYOB**; beverages & some food available; snacks OK. Donation: \$10; 18 & under, free. Call Sylvania, 216-228-1134, for table reservations of 8 or more, or more info. Public welcome.

Sunday, July 19th

13th Annual Taste of Tremont Street Festival, Professor Ave. between Starkweather Ave. & Fairfield Ave., 12 - 8 pm. Free admission. Food vendors, live music, kids' activities, shopping & sampling cuisines from Tremont's famous restaurants. Pay each food vendor as you go. Beer & Wine Garden, beer, wine & signature rum drinks, \$5; water, \$1. Stages: **Beer Garden: Duo Decibel System** featuring Miss Melvis & John Scull, noon; *SLAP*, 1:30; *Big Ship*, 4:30 pm.

Tremont Farmers Market Stage: *Rachel Brown*, noon; *Nate Jones*, 2 pm; *Bret Kirby*, 4 pm; *Top Hat Black*, 6 pm.

Treehouse: *Mary's Lane*, 12:30 pm; *Boys from County Hell*, 4 pm.

Fahrenheit: *DJ Gusto*, 12 pm. For maps, participant list & directions visit www.tasteoftremont.com.

Tuesday, July 21st

Grindstone Knitters' Guild

Mahler Museum, 118 E. Bridge St., Berea, 7 pm. Monthly meetings 3rd Tues. each month. Program: *Helix Hat & Sew Four Squares for a Poncho*. Call 440-821-8891 or 440-826-1254 for more info.

Friday, July 24th - Sunday, July 26th

33rd Annual Cleveland Irish Cultural Festival Berea Fairgrounds, Bagley Rd., Berea; Fri., 5 - 11:30 pm; Sat., 1 - 11 pm; Sun., 1 - 10 pm. Sun. Mass, 11:30 am. General admission, \$12; children under 10, free. Parking also free. Irish bands, step dancers, children's activities, plays, food & Irish exhibits. Tir Na nOg children's area. Call 440-331-4233 for more info.

Saturday, July 25th

10th annual Wigs for Kids Day at the Zoo Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, 7 am - 5 pm. Run, walk or stroll. Cut-A-Thon, raffle prizes, face painting, kid zone, live entertainment & more. Fun for whole family. Prizes awarded for first three male & female runners in charity 5K run in designated age groups; door prizes raffled off. Awards given to teams with most participants & most donations. To participate: register to run or walk in one of races, build a team to raise \$1800 to sponsor a child, or fund-raise.

Saturday, August 1st

Parma Animal Shelter Summer Fair

Parma Animal Shelter, 6260 State Rd. 11 am - 6 pm. (rain date Sun. Aug. 2nd.) Food, entertainment, dog walk & pet blessing, DJ Doug Arnold, children's fair with face painting, balloon animals by Magic Mike, Mr. Ed the Metroparks Police horse, ACE rescue donkey, vendors/rescues, raffle baskets. Admission free. For more info. go to parmashelter.org.

Cuyahoga County Public Library Parma Snow Branch - 2121 Snow Rd. 216-661-4240 cuyahogalibrary.org

Adult programs in July

Unveiling the Victorians - Mon., Jul. 6th, 7 pm; registration required.

History of Superman - Thurs., Jul. 9th, 7 pm; registration required.

Summer Reads Book Discussion - Mon., Jul. 13th, 7 pm, or Thurs., Jul. 16th, 11 am; registration required.

Author Visit - Meet Theresa Argie, author of *America's Most Haunted*: Tues., Jul. 14th, 7 pm; registration required.

Discover Careers That Fit Your Personality - Mon., Jul. 20th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm; registration required.

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Warmer weather and longer days mean bike rides, baseball, picnics and unfortunately acts of delinquency. Even the smallest things call attention to this neighborhood and the caliber of people who live here. This month's article is a reminder about the most common complaints, all of which are 'ticketable' offenses.

*Car radios which are thumping or blasting; no audio system in a motor vehicle can be at such volume as to disturb the peace and quiet;

*Parking vehicles on any soft surface (tree lawn, front lawn, other part of the yard and/or vacant lots);

*Unlicensed or dismantled cars, junk or garbage in a yard or on a lot;

*Having high grass and/or weeds (in excess of 8 inches);

*Placing trash cans by the curb before noon on the day before collection, or leaving them by the curb past noon on the day after collection;

*Upholstered, indoor furniture — sofas, recliners, etc. — on a porch (They are health and safety hazards);

*Using an outdoor grill within 15 feet of a home or second-story porch;

*Using a fire pit within 15 feet of a home, burning garbage/trash in it, allowing the flames to burn higher than the width of the pit; and/or not attending to the fire pit at all times;

*Using toy vehicles and basketball hoops on the street rather than in the yard;

*Dogs outside of owners' yards which are not leashed or whose fecal matter has not been cleaned up;

*Shooting off fireworks; they are dangerous, so go to professional fireworks displays instead; and

*Minors not observing curfew — age 12 and under, dark to dawn;

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unless the child is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

In addition, remember that because summer is upon us, the kids will be on the streets. Slow down and watch out for the smaller ones who might run out from between parked cars.

To report problems, call the Cleveland Police & Fire at 216-621-1234; the Cleveland Department of Health at 216-664-2300; the Cleveland Department of Building and Housing at 216-664-2007; the Cleveland dog warden at 216-664-3069; or Old Brooklyn Safety Coordinator Barb Spaan at 216-459-1000.

Remember that you live in the city, where houses are generally closer together than in the suburbs. Respect each other in every way so that we will all be able to enjoy a great summer.



CSU grad joins OBCDC for ten week summer internship

by Leah Jones

Greetings, Old Brooklyn residents! I'm a resident on the east side of Cleveland and a recent graduate of Cleveland State University (CSU). I received a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Sociology degree. Prior to that I'd earned an Associate's Degree in Human Services from Cuyahoga Community College and received my High School diploma from Shaw High in East Cleveland.

During my collegiate career I acquired a passion to learn about the functions of societies and a desire to work with people. Human Services and Sociology are broad subjects which have enlightened me to gain an awareness of cultural sensitivity, an appreciation for diversity and developing a general understanding of how people are affected by their environments.

Earlier this year, CSU received grants to finance forty paid internships for students with liberal arts majors. Students were instructed to complete an application and to submit resumes to the Career Success Network to be forwarded to potential internships sites.

Fortunately, I was one of the students selected to participate in the *Career Ready Grant Programs*. When I was offered the opportunity to complete an internship with the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation I was ecstatic! I am here three days a week on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays and each day I enjoy coming to work and learning something new about the different aspects of community development.

Since I've been here my perspectives have changed in terms of how I view the city of Cleveland and the community in which I live. Commuting through the city seeing vacant buildings and empty spaces, stimu-



Photo by Sheila Quealy-Walter
Leah Jones

lates my imagination, and I ask myself, "What could go there? How can that area be used to benefit the community?"

It's amazing to observe OBCDC employees carry out the mission statement through their daily work and interactions with others in making a difference in the lives of Old Brooklyn residents. What's even more interesting is seeing the results of community engagement through local events and activities (especially seeing the beauty in all the efforts in the maintenance of the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden).

I always believed that everyone has something to offer. If resources are available to assist individuals in bettering their lives and increasing their socioeconomic status, it will not only benefit them personally, but it will also increase the social and economic value of their communities. Now I look forward to working with OBCDC and meeting some of you in the process.

SCR volunteer of the month: Jim Kuhr

by Bethany Hicks

Jim Kuhr is Senior Citizen Resources Inc.'s (SCR's) Volunteer of the Month. April, 2015 marked his five-year affiliation with Senior Citizen Resources as a Meals on Wheels deliverer. However, Jim's service to the community dates back to the 1980s, delivering with his mother and father through a congregation now called Brooklyn-Trinity United Church of Christ.

Aside from lending a helping hand with Meals on Wheels, Jim enjoys NASCAR and traveling from state to state to watch the races. One of his favorite racers to follow is Kenny Schrader; he's watched his one-hundred lap race in New York and Tennessee.

"By the end of the day, I've eaten lots of hotdogs and I'm sunbaked and dirty," Jim says of his experiences; "it's heaven!"

Among other travels, Jim attended the Brickyard in Indianapolis in 2000; he met Tony Stewart at a grand-opening for a Home Depot in Michigan. "Stewart's girlfriend at the time was titled 'Miss Home Depot' and I got to shake hands with both of them," Jim remembers.

When he is not traveling to watch a race, Jim can be found at home recording the race on DVR for his step-daughter, Justine.

"She's working really hard to become a dental hygienist, and she loves NASCAR as much as I do," Jim noted.

Looking back on his experiences with Meals on Wheels, Jim learned to always greet the homebound with a smile. "You never know what's going on inside the home by just driving by. A lot of them can tell you the most amazing stories in a short amount of time. I'm there to listen."

Senior Citizen Resources is thankful for its volunteers and is still in great need of Meals on Wheels deliverers. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer at SCR and making a difference in the community should contact Kim Susak at 216-749-5367 ext. 1119. Volunteers are a vital component of the organization and are greatly appreciated.



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The summer is whizzing by, with the publication of this issue of the *Old Brooklyn News* coinciding with the upcoming Fourth of July holiday. While many people are no doubt hoping for no more rain to spoil their outdoor plans, more importantly, let's hope that the long weekend will be a safe one for all of us.

Before I get into school news, I want to write about something which is overdue. Last year I had informally heard that **Fr. James Vesely**, the retired pastor of **St. Thomas More Church** in Brooklyn who now resides at **St. Leo the Great Church** in Old Brooklyn, had celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. But I didn't know any of the details.

Just this past Sunday I happened to attend Mass at St. Leo's, and Fr. Vesely was the celebrant. That reminded me of my previous desire to recognize his special day, even though it was last year. So I looked him up in the clergy section of the Diocese of Cleveland's website.

To my surprise, Fr. Vesely's 60th anniversary was just last December; he was ordained on *December 18, 1954*. (May or June are more typically the months for ordinations these days.) So I am just six and a half months late, not a full year!

Fr. Vesely was pastor at St. Thomas More from June 23, 1987 until October 3, 2005, when he retired and came to live at St. Leo's. Prior to St. Thomas More, he was pastor at St. Procop (the Czech parish on W. 41st St. which closed) for fourteen and a half years. He was also pastor at St. Charles Borromeo in Parma for three years (1967-1970).

The other parishes to which Fr. Vesely was assigned during his years in the priesthood were Our Lady of Lourdes and St. John Nepomucene, both 'founded by Czechs' parishes in Slavic Village; Ascension (now Blessed Trinity) on the west side of Cleveland; and St. Clare in Lyndhurst.

A belated *Ad multos annos*, Fr. Vesely!

So far I just have the details about one undergraduate college graduation in the neighborhood this spring -- that of **Terri Slivka** of Hillcrest Ave. Terri was on the 'five year plan' at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Computer Science, Spanish and Psychology -- that's a *triple* major -- at CWRU's May 17th commencement ceremony.

Terri's been working as a business analyst at a temporary internship at Sherwin Williams, but that will change in a week or two when she moves to Washington D.C. to start a 'real job'. It's in software development/consulting with Acumen Solutions in Mc Lean, Virginia.

Do contact me if you know of any other college grads who should be recognized, or of any high school grads who have received college scholarships.

I have heard from **Mary Queen of Peace School** about their eighth grade graduates who have received varying kinds and levels of high school scholarships.

MQP's Parent Teacher Unit awarded partial tuition scholarships to eight students this year. The winners, the amounts they received, and the schools they will be attending are:

Olivia Boczar (\$1000) St. Joseph Academy; **Samuel Hoag** (\$750) St. Ignatius High School; **Deloren Tisd** (\$625) St. Ignatius High School;

Dyami Collier (\$625) St. Joseph Academy; **James Parisi** (\$300) Holy Name High School; **Amari Johnson** (\$300) Cleveland Central Catholic High School; **Randy Spencer, Jr.** (\$200) Cleveland Central Catholic High School; and **Dalaney Kitchings** (\$200) St. Ignatius High School.

MQP eighth grade graduates also have the opportunity to win other scholarships, three of which memorialize deceased parishioners.

Brian Himes Memorial Scholarships are awarded to two students who will be attending Catholic high schools. The determination is made by how they treat others, their extracurricular activities, and the way they represent how a Catholic student should live. The 2015 recipients of these \$250 scholarships are **Janise Nunn**, who will be at Cleveland Central Catholic and **James Parisi** who, as stated above, will be at Holy Name.

The winner of the **Darlene Brezovsky Memorial Scholarship** was chosen based on essays the students wrote on the topic -- *How My Catholic Education Will Help Me in My Future Career*. The recipient of the \$500 is another repeat winner, **Samuel Hoag** (see above), who will be attending St. Ignatius.

The **Paul Armbruster Memorial Scholarship** is also given to a student who'll be attending a Catholic high school, and MQP pastor Fr. Doug Brown chooses who will receive it. This year the \$500 went to Adam Hurley, who will be at Holy Name.

The four winners of the **\$200 Donor Scholarships** were chosen by MQP's pastor and school principal. They are: **Nicolas Betancourt**, Holy Name; **Deloren Tisd**, St. Ignatius; **Dalaney Kitchings**, St. Ignatius; and **Amari Johnson**, Cleveland Central Catholic.

That's all the news we have room for this month. Send whatever you have to share for a future column, about students or other things, to: LynetteF@oldbrooklyn.com.

Garlic one of newer crops at BFC Garden

by Jennifer Terry
BFCG Garden Committee member

Spring has sprung and summer has begun at the Ben Franklin Community Garden. Everyone is hard at work tending to seedlings and plants. Between thunderstorms, weeding and trying to ward off pesky insects, there is one question on every gardener's mind -- "What will my first harvest be?"

While they are waiting for the peas to pop, radishes to root and lettuce to grow lush, something magnificent is maturing -- garlic.

Twenty-nine garlic plots are located at the north and west edges of the Ben Franklin Garden. The larger plots have been cultivated for the last ten years. Due to demand, the smaller plots were added about five years ago.

The Latin name for garlic is *Allium Sativum*. Garlic belongs to the *Amaryllidaceae* family and is a close cousin to the onion. There are two species of garlic: hard neck and soft neck, with hundreds of varieties of these subspecies. A head of garlic is called a garlic bulb. Garlic bulbs contain individual cloves, each of which is wrapped in a papery husk.

Garlic is grown across the United States and the world. This "stinky rose" dates back thousands of years, and originates in Asia. Garlic is known in history for its health and medicinal properties. It's rich in manganese and vitamins B6 and C. Garlic contains few calories.

When garlic is chopped or crushed it forms a sulfur compound called allicin. Allicin not only gives garlic its distinct smell, it also contributes to its health benefits. Garlic has long been used to lower blood pressure and cholesterol, and to lessen the side effects of colds. Garlic is also a natural bug repellent.

Garlic can be very easy to grow. It can be planted in the spring or the fall. The fall plantings will bear a bigger harvest. Garlic should be planted in loamy soil in full sun. It loves nitrates, so amending the soil with leaf humus or manure will help garlic flourish. Garlic is usually planted in October, a few weeks

before the first freeze. Here are a few tips for anyone who would like to grow their own garlic.

Do not plant garlic from the grocery store. Store-bought garlic is usually chemically treated to extend its shelf life and will not grow well. The best place to find seed garlic is in August and September at many of the stands at the local farmers markets.

A few days before planting, break the cloves from the bulb, leaving the papery husk intact. Pick the biggest cloves to plant, as they will produce the biggest bulbs. (Save the smaller cloves for cooking.) The cloves should be planted two inches deep and four inches apart. The wide root side of the clove should be facing down and the pointy top facing up. Because of the cold Cleveland winters, the garlic should be mulched with a heavy layer of straw. The garlic patch will not need care over the winter.

In spring the garlic patch may need to be weeded. In mid-May through June, the garlic may need watering every three to five days. In June, scapes will form on the hard neck varieties. It is recommended that these scapes be removed so that the plants' strength will go to the bulbs. The scapes are edible;

they can be eaten raw, made into a pesto or stir-fried. They add a great garlic flavor to any dish.

By mid-July, the garlic should be ready to harvest. After the tops of the garlic start dying back, it's time. Pick a day for harvest when the soil is not too wet.

Always dig up garlic, and never try to pull it out. A gardening fork works well for harvesting. Brush off any soil on the bulbs (using care not to remove the husk). The garlic will now need to cure in a dry, dark well-ventilated area.

After three to four weeks the garlic can be further cleaned by removing some of the outer skins. Remove the roots and stalks for storing in a mesh bag, or braid the stalks for hanging. Store garlic in a cool, dry dark area. Never store garlic in the refrigerator!

See *BF Garden* page 6



A garlic scape

Photo by Jennifer Terry

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Cafe Miami's new owner brings flavors from Central America to State Rd.

by Jason A. Powers
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Old Brooklyn's Café Miami, 4517 State Rd., has a new owner and she's bringing some Central American favorites to Old Brooklyn.

Mariella Paz was born and raised in Honduras, and attended La Universidad Global de Honduras (UNITEC), earning a degree in Media and Advertising. At age 26 Mariella moved to Miami where she started a graphic design company in Coral Gables and spent time occasionally visiting her mom and sisters in Cleveland.

Over a cup of her Miami Style coffee, with beans grown on her family's own farm back in Honduras, Mariella described her experience in coming to Cleveland. At first she noted the city was slower going than Miami, but over the years as she visited, she saw the change and was excited at the chance to make a new life here.

Mariella's mother and sister are both cancer survivors and shortly after arriving Mariella was encouraged to get a medical checkup, her first in some time. Though she had no reason to expect bad news her doctor informed her that she had stage one cancer but that it was early enough to operate with a high likelihood of survival.

Sure enough, the operation was a success and Mariella and her family all consider it to be part of an amazing story that her

move to Cleveland perhaps saved her life. "Everything happens for a reason," she said.

When Mariella first arrived she worked as a senior care giver but soon felt a calling to tackle more entrepreneurial opportunities. She had always wanted to run an eclectic store with a gift shop, art gallery and café. When her sister made an introduction to the former owner of Café Miami, she knew it was her chance.

"I kept thinking about opening a café and considered names like South Beach Café or Tropical Café." Mariella believes that "taking on this business and its name was fate."

Mariella decided that she would develop her restaurant around a style of mini cafeteria found in Miami where people could stop by and grab a quick Honduran café, Columbian empanadas or Cuban sandwiches. Mimicking Miami's mix of Central American flavors, her menu includes options from all over the region and rotates specials based on what is fresh and available.

Beyond its varied menu, the restaurant is also testing out new hours—offering earlier times for breakfast and evenings on the weekends to better serve the area.

Currently Café Miami has minimal seating outside but Mariella, never afraid to tackle more, has plans for expanding to a full-size patio as the weather continues to

stay beautiful. The Café also offers high speed wireless and festive music, making it a great place for customers to stick around and catch up on emails between errands and work.

Citing that it's important to be happy and not necessarily live just for money, Mariella explained that this is a business she's in for the love of it. Surrounded by art, including some of her own, wonderful aromas from the kitchen and exciting music, her choice clearly creates that happiness in her.

Check out Cafe Miami's Facebook page for updates on hours and food.



Photo by Jason A. Powers

Cafe Miami 4517 State Rd

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Soft neck varieties can be stored up to eight months. Hard neck varieties can be stored up to four months without sprouting; this can be extended to seven months if the stalks are left on the bulbs and the temperature remains at 32 degrees.

While garlic is very easy to grow there are a few things to be aware of. Several types of fungal disease can invade a garlic patch. For example, 'White Rot' will cause the leaves to turn yellow and die back. The roots will begin to rot causing the plants to fall over. White fungal will develop in the soil.

The treatment? Remove any bulbs which are infected. This fungus can stay in the soil for twenty years, so it is not recommended to plant garlic or onions in this area until it is disease-free.

Another adversary of garlic is Ditylenchus dipsaci, a nematode. These tiny worms live in the soil and enter through the roots, and eat the stems, leaves and bulbs. The symptoms of a nematode invasion are stunted plants and root damage. Crop rotation is recommended; avoid planting garlic or onions for several years.

The most common pest of garlic are thrips. Thrips are tiny winged insects which will cause discoloring and scarring of the leaves. Thrips can be controlled with an insecticide and are most damaging to young plants in the spring.

In the next few months, be on the lookout for fresh garlic at the markets. Try different varieties and compare them to the old supermarket garlic. You will taste the difference.

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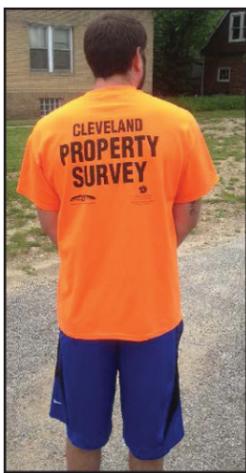
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The citywide survey, which will run through September, is being conducted by TCI in cooperation with the City's Department of Building and Housing, Cleveland City Council, and local community development corporations.

Surveying crews will start in the Collinwood neighborhood and generally work east to west. The 16-member staff consisting of mostly Cleveland residents will work in teams of two and gather information while on sidewalks and public rights-of-way. Information about each parcel – including whether it is vacant, the condition of any structures on it and a photo – is recorded on a tablet computer. The surveyors are all TCI employees.

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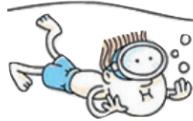
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What you need to know about swimming pool regulations for this summer

Source: The City of Cleveland,
Codified Ordinance 3117.02



A private swimming pool containing more than 1,500 gallons of water and/or 24 inches or more deep requires a fence and a permit from the City of Cleveland Building and Housing Department. The permit requirement includes semi-permanent pools i.e. inflatable pools, metal frame pools, etc.

The permit costs \$100.00 and the application is submitted to City Hall, room 505, Building Department.

With a variance from the City's Board of Zoning Appeals, there is a special provision for semi-permanent pools that can allow a protective cover or other approved protective device in lieu of a fence. The Appeal process can take 30-45 days and requires support from neighbors and the City Council Member that represents the owner.

For more information about this process, contact Board of Zoning Appeals staff at 216-664-2580. Hard sided pools and in-ground pools are considered permanent pools and always require protective fencing.

Other City regulations for residential swimming pools include:

A pool can not be located less than ten (10) feet from any property line.

The owner or person in control of every private swimming pool is responsible to maintain such pool and to prevent breaks or leaks which can cause water to overflow into adjacent public or private property.

If a homeowner is caught with a permanent or semi-permanent pool without a permit, he/she could be fined and incur Housing Court costs.

More information about swimming pool and other regulations can be found online at <http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/CityofCleveland/Home/Government/CityAgencies/BuildingHousing/Ordinances>.

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Brooklyn Township young men's (and other ancestors') lives impacted by Civil War, Part V

by Lynette Filips
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In this sesquicentennial year of the signing of the peace treaty at Appomattox Court House in Virginia which ended the American Civil War, we've been attempting to understand the effects which the War had on our ancestors by following the path of one of Cleveland's first regiments, the Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry (7th OVI).

The past four articles are available for reading at <http://oldbrooklyn.com/oldsite/OBN/>. In a nutshell, Part I (in the February, 2015 OBN), Part II (in the March OBN), Part III (in the April OBN) and Part IV (in the June OBN) of this series told of the North's organization and training of a militia after the Confederate bombing of Fort Sumter in April, 1861.

In Northeast Ohio, that included the 7th OVI, mustered in at Camp Taylor in Cleveland, and then transported by rail to Camp Dennison, seventeen miles north of Cincinnati. As these Cleveland boys learned to be soldiers, they constructed a training camp there and elected officers for both the whole Regiment and their individual companies. Then they received uniforms and weapons and were again taken by train, this time to western Virginia (now West Virginia), where they were initiated to the realities of war. The first battle in which they fought, at Kessler's Cross Lanes, Virginia, was a terrible defeat for them.

Heat exhaustion from long marches, little or no rations, serious sickness, insufficient shoes and clothing, inadequate protection from rainstorms, and ultimately having members of their companies injured, taken as prisoners and/or killed -- this was not what they had in mind when, in the name of patriotism, they'd originally enlisted in the Army for three months.

In the article in our June issue, we left the boys in December, 1861, after summer's heat had turned to winter's ice, snow and cold; food was again in short supply. I'd previously imagined that the troops went home for winter, but based on the day-by-day chronicle I've been

reading, such was not the case. Skirmishes with the rebels continued even during the cold months.

Activity came to center around the northern end of the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia and culminated in the Battle of Kernstown, 19 miles south of Winchester, on March 23rd.



I have the good fortune to own the major portion of a letter which one of the soldiers wrote to his wife from Winchester on March 21st, 1862. The letter has been in my family ever since my father found it in a book which he bought at a second-hand book venue.

Since there is nothing to compare to learning history through the eyes of a person who experienced it, we have chosen to print as much of the letter as I have. I have written, explanations of words which I bold-faced following the letter.

The letter was written with no paragraph structure, and with no capitalization or punctuation to delineate sentences. I share the letter as it was written, but to make it easier to read, I have added the appropriate punctuation marks in parentheses.

*Winchester March 21st 1862 V.A.
Dear wife(.) i received your letter of the eleventh and it is the only one i have had in three weeks(.)*

i wrote you one when we first took Winchester(.) we have only returned from another expedition we started on Tuesday and we chased the secession forces for fifty miles(.) the first time we came up to them they crossed the shanandoah (sic) river and burnt the bridge and of course they made a stand(.) they opened the fire by throwing shells at us(.) in the mean time we were drawn up in line of battle and the fighting commenced in earnest(.) we kept up firing till it was dark and neither sides could fight any longer(.) we were then taken back in the woods and camped for the night(.) we had marched that day thirty miles and my dear alice(.) i(.) John(.) was so tired that I could not move(.) and what was worse than all(.) I had to stand camp guard that night(.) but morning came and we were on the march again(.) the sappers and miner had fixed a bridge so we could cross(.) the seccesh (sic) had gone but we had to follow them up and we came on to them again and were drawn up in line of battle again and our artillery opened on them again(.) our regiment were

deployed out as skirmishers and our company was within half a mile of their batteries and the way their shells burst around was a

caution(.) they flew all about and strange to say there was no one hurt(.) there was four horses killed(.) we took some prisoners(.) we should have went further but we were ordered back by General shields(.) we had a force of eighteen thousand men and a good force to start with(.) I think well we took possession of the Railroad that goes to manassass (sic)(.) we also took possession of strasburg(.) a rebel vilage(.) a large place. when we started to come back we were quartered in a large church(.) in the morning we started for winchester and we had to walk about thirty miles and it rained all the way(.) we got back to camp at nine oclock at night and while I am writing I can hardly move(.) dear alice(.) this is very hard for me but I will try and do my duty(.) we have got orders for six days rations(.) we must be going a long distance(.) my dear wife (.) I am sorry to hear that such reports are going around town about our company and officers being cut up(.) it is all false(.) we are all here and well(.) thank god(.) we have in engagements come out all right(.) without a scratch(.) we are considered to be the best regiment in this part of the country(.) there was at one time on the march about twelve regiments ahead of us and our colonel gave us the order double quick and we passed them all(.) you ought to have heard us cheer as we passed them(!) they are not able to keep up with us in any respect(.) they all call us the regulars for we go with a battery of regulars (I can't read the next word) to support them from being attacked by the secesh infantry(.) and if there is any danger we are sure to be exposed to their fire(.) but enough of this(.) dear alice(.) I still have to complain about the paymaster(.) he has not come yet(.) we are moving all the time and it is hard telling when we will be paid(.) i have no money now(.) I have not had any in a long while(.) I am happy to hear you are drawing some money(.) it is time(.) I think(.) to tell (I can't read the child's name) she is going to speak in the school examination(.) I hope she is a good girl(.) and flora(.) to(.) i would like to see you all very much but it is impossible at present(.) dear alice(.) i will send you money when i get it(.) i do not want for anything(.) only i should like to have your likeness but you cannot spare....

(The portion of the letter I have ends here.)



Definitions and spelling corrections:
a caution - this appears to be a mid-19th century expression for needing to exercise extreme vigilance to avoid danger or harm.

double-quick - the same as double time; a marching pace of 180 three-foot-steps per minute, which is more like running than marching.

likeness - a pictorial, graphic or sculptural representation of something.

make a stand - a determined effort to defend something or stop something from happening.

manassass - Manassas Junction, site of the Battles of Bull Run in July, 1861 and August, 1862.

miners - a soldier, often a specialist, engaged in mining operations (underground tunnels which could cave in or have explosives laid in them to explode if 'the enemy' marches on them or a vehicle goes over them).

regulars - soldiers who belong to a nation's permanent standing army.

sappers - military engineers who specialize in field fortification activities and/or lay, detect and disarm mines.

seccesh/seccesh - short for the Army of the Secession, another name for the eleven states which seceded from the Union to form the Confederate States of America.

shanandoah river - the Shenandoah River in northern Virginia, between the Allegheny and the Blue Ridge Mountains.

skirmishers - small groups of combatants engaged in preliminary or minor battles in war, either between small forces or between large forces avoiding direct conflict.



Another view of Kernstown

In addition to dealing with direct combat, the Seventh OVI was also dealing with serious relationship problems among some of its officers. The saga will continue next month.

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THEATER NOTES

Beck Center
17801 Detroit Ave.
216-521-2540 www.beckcenter.org
Mackey Main Stage

"American Idiot"

Fri., Jul. 10th - Sun., Aug. 16th; Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets: \$10- \$29.

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

Connor Palace

Rodgers + Hammerstein's "Cinderella"

Tues., Jul. 21st; - Sun., Aug. 2nd; Tues. - Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat., 1:30 & 7:30 pm; Sun., 1 & 6:30 pm. Tickets: \$30 - \$100.

Kennedy Theatre

"Dawg Pounded"

Fri., Jul. 17th - Sat., Aug. 8th; Fri. & Sat., 8 pm. Tickets: \$25.

BW Summer Garden Music Series

Now - Mon., Aug. 31st; 12 - 1:30 pm. US Bank Plaza; Free live instrumental performances by Baldwin Wallace University Conservatory of Music. Presented by PlayhouseSquare District Development Corporation.

Free musical performances outside at the U.S. Bank Plaza, E. 14th St. & Euclid Ave.

Labatt Blue Light

Lime Outdoor Concert Series

Thurs., Jul. 23rd; 5 pm. -- Almost Famous (Classic 80's Cover Band)

The Lantern Theatre
Canal Corners Farm & Market,
10901 Tinkers Creek Rd.
Wingstock info: 216-624-3916
Box office - 216-401-5131
www.lanterntheatreohio.com

Johnny Appleseed: An Ohio Legend - Now - Sun., Jul. 19th.

Summer Days Gone By: Fri., Jul. 24th - Sun., Aug. 9th. Fri., 7 pm; Sat. & Sun., 2 pm. Running time: 1 hour. Admission: adults, \$12; children 12 & under, \$8. Can bring picnic supper to eat before show. Also bikes; Canal & Towpath are across the road.

Wingstock 7 - Sat., now - Nov. Special evenings of music in Big, Red Barn. **Sat., July 11th, The Smokey Blue Band** - Classic Rock Picnic areas open 5 pm; concerts begin 7 pm. Bring food & drink & dine al fresco in Cuyahoga Valley. Admission: \$10.

Cleveland Shakespeare Festival
"Merchant of Venice"

Sat., Jul 18th, CCC Campus, 11000 W. Pleasant Valley Rd., Parma; **Sat., Jul. 25th**, Lakewood Park, 14532 Lake Ave.; **Sat. & Sun. Aug. 1st & 2nd**, Lincoln Park in Tremont. All performances begin at 7 pm. Bring own chairs or blankets. Check www.cleveshakes.com for alternate indoor locations if inclement weather or more info.

Garden Walk from front page

Robinson are both on the GardenWalk Committee and functioned as the official garden finders for Old Brooklyn. Further assistance was provided by Greg Cznadel, a former participant in the event.

That group canvassed the streets of Old Brooklyn by car and foot to look for homes which stood out and had something special. For example, some homes had an abundance of flowers in spring which made it clear to see that the home owner might be an avid gardener or some homes had interesting garden art.

Nearly every home owner approached had a special story or special item of interest in his/her garden. Not all residents had heard of GardenWalk Cleveland, so the event was explained as a free, self-guided tour of lovely gardens such as their own.

For lovers of nature, gardens, and good neighbors, GardenWalk Cleveland promises to be a delightful exploration of Old Brooklyn and beyond.

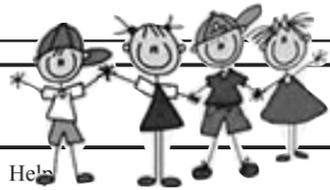
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Children's Museum of Cleveland
10730 Euclid Ave. 216-791-7114
www.clevelandchildrensmuseum.org

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.

City of Cleveland Outdoor Pool & Spray Basin Division of Recreation
216-664-2561

Summer Outdoor Pools:
Loew Park - 4741 W. 32nd St.;
Meyer Pool - 3266 W. 30th St.;
Lincoln Park - 1200 Starkweather Ave.;
Halloran Park - 3550 W. 117th St.
Open second weekend in June thru second weekend in Aug., Wed. thru Sun., noon - 7:30 pm.

Cleveland Botanical Garden
11030 East Blvd.

216-721-1600 www.cb garden.org
Glasshouse Explorations - Enjoy beauty of Eleanor Armstrong Smith Glasshouse during scheduled daily activities -
Meet & Greet Animals in Madagascar Biome - Tues - Sat., 11 am & 2:30 pm; Sun., 2:30 pm.
Butterfly Release in Costa Rica Biome - Tues. - Sun., 2 pm (based upon availability of hatched chrysalids each day).



Cleveland Metroparks Brecksville Reservation - Plateau Picnic Area
440-526-1012

Family Creek Exploration - Sun., Jul. 19th, 1:30 - 3 pm. Catch (and release) some of many varieties of aquatic critters in Reservation's creeks. Be prepared to get wet.

Cleveland Metroparks Brookside Reservation
John Nagy Blvd. (off Ridge Rd.)
216-635-3200

Flowers and 'Flies - Wed., Jul. 15th, 2 - 3:30 pm. Hike with Naturalist Mark Warman on an identification exploration of fascinating butterflies & their favorite July flowers.

Cleveland Metroparks - CanalWay Center E. 49th St. bet. Grant Ave & Canal Rd.
216-206-1000 or clevelandmetroparks.com
Hunt of the Month (through Jul. 31st): **Suns**. Mon. - Sat., 9 am - 5 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Look for suns hiding throughout Center, then go for hike.

National Teddy Bear Picnic Day - Fri., Jul. 10th, 10:30 am. - noon. Bring lunch, blanket & favorite teddy bear to Park. Relaxing walk with the bears and then lunch outside while taking in sights & sounds of nature. Ages: 8 years & under with adult.



CanalWay Storytime at Night - Tues., Jul. 7th, 6:30 - 7:15 pm. Bring favorite teddy bear & come for storytime & hear stories about bears.

Bike the Canal - Sat., Jul. 25th, 1 - 6 pm. Bike from CanalWay Center along Towpath to CVNP Canal Exploration Center. Time to look around before biking back to CanalWay. Register by phone or online.

Bats Along the Canal - Fri., Jul. 24th, 8:30 - 9:30 pm. Watch bats dine on bugs. One of

Ohio's nocturnal animals, bats have some amazing adaptations. Sit on lawn chair or blanket to hear discussion about life of bats.

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

Summer Dancing Series: African Drum Circle - Thurs., Jul. 16th, Urban Line Dance - Thurs. Jul. 23rd & 30th; 6:30 - 8 pm. Bring own drum or borrow one of Center's, to experience high energy sounds/traditional rhythms; experienced percussionist will facilitate African Drum Circle. Fun for entire family.

Cleveland Metroparks Hinckley Reservation Ledge Pool & Recreation Area
1151 Ledge Rd. between State & Kellogg Rds.
www.clevelandmetroparks.com

Family Kayaking - Sun., Jul. 26th, 10 am - 12:30 pm or 1:30 - 4 pm. Naturalists will help families explore Lake from kayaks. Look for great blue herons & other wildlife. All equipment provided. Hinckley Lake Boathouse & Store. Ages: 8 years & over. (Under 18 must be accompanied by adult.) Fee: \$10. Call 440-526-1012 to register.

Dive-In Movie I - Happy Feet Two - Fri., Jul. 17th, 8 pm; free. Inner tube reservations - \$5, single tubes; \$7, double. No outside floating devices permitted in swimming area. Refreshments available. Call 330-239-2911 for inner tube reservations or more info.



Cleveland Metroparks Mill Stream Run Reservation - 9485 Eastland Rd, off Valley Parkway, west of Pearl Rd/Rte. 42

Voyageur Canoe Paddle - Wallace Lake - Sun., Jul. 26th, 11 am, 12:30, 2 or 3:30 pm. Step back in time to fur trade era & help paddle 34-ft canoe. Hear stories, sing songs & taste traditional soup. For individuals, families & groups (5 years & over). Fee: \$5. Register online. Call 440-786-8530 for more info.

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

Stinchcomb Concerts - Wed., Jul. 8th - The GeezeCats; Jul. 15th - Liverpool Lads; Jul. 22nd - Brigid's Cross; & Jul. 29th - Rio Neon. Stinchcomb Memorial, located off Hogsback Lane between Valley Pkwy. & Riverside Dr.

Watershed Stewardship Center at Cleveland Metroparks West Creek Reservation 2277 W. Ridgewood Dr.
440-887-1968

What Floats Your Boat? - Sun., Jul. 5th; 1 - 3 pm. Make boat that floats from dry leaves & sticks. Race boats down West Creek & learn about nature. Monarch Bluff Picnic area.



Go Fish - Sat., Jul. 18th; 2 - 3:30 pm. Catch & count fish with nets called seines with Naturalist Mark Warman. (Minnow seines are a great way to scoop up schools of fish.) Closed toe shoes or boots required. Some boots available for loan. Monarch Bluff Picnic area.

Creation Myths Campfire - Sat., Jul. 18th; 7 - 8:30 pm. How did the night sky come to be? It depends on whom you ask! Watch & listen to creation myths from different cultures being acted out. Bring camp chair to sit in. Fee: \$3. Patio behind Center. Call to register.

Build a Bird - Sun., Jul. 19th; 1 - 3 pm. Hike around West Creek to observe birds in natural habitat with Naturalist Joe Higgins. After hike, activity to create own unique species of bird.

Insect Hunt - Sun., Jul. 26th; 1 - 3 pm. Help naturalist catch & release insects to monitor what is present. Find Butterflies & praying mantises & record what you find.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
3900 Wildlife Way 216-635-3391

Professor Wylde's Live Animal Show - Savanna Theater. Professor Wylde's show blends humor, fast-paced facts & all-star animal cast to engage audiences of all ages. Show performed 3 times daily thru Mon., Sept. 7th. Free with Zoo admission.

Edgewater Beach - Lakefront Reservation off Route 2 West Shoreway; take Exit 192
216-635-3200

Edgewater Live - Thurs., now - Aug. 13th, 5:30 - 8:30 pm; free.

Bring blanket or chair & enjoy sunset over Cleveland skyline. Local food trucks available for dining. Take part in hands-on nature activities. **Jul. 9th - Almost Famous; Jul. 16th - The Spazmatics; Jul. 23rd - Thunder Gun Express; Jul. 30th - Rock the House; Aug. 6th - Brigid's Cross; Aug. 13th - Revolution Pie.**

Log Cabin Make & Take - Sat., Jul. 11th, 1 - 3 pm. Lorenzo Carter Cabin, 1283 Riverbed in the Flats. Learn about Cleveland's pioneers, tour cabin, play with old fashioned toys & make craft. Call 216-206-1000 for more info.

Citizens Cinema at Sunset - Lower Edgewater Park - The Lego Movie; Sun., Jul. 12th, 6 pm. Bring blankets & chairs to enjoy family movie under stars. Pre-movie festivities include food trucks & activities; movie begins at dusk. Sponsored by Citizens Bank.

Home Depot homeimproverclub.com/kdsworkshops
Learn to build a Minions Scooter - Sat., Jul. 4th, 9 am - noon. Workshops offered 1st Sat. of every month. Free hands-on workshops designed for kids ages 5 - 12 at all Home Depot stores. Children must be present at store to participate.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center
28728 Wolf Rd.
440-871-2900 www.lensc.org
Open daily: 10 am - 5 pm; free admission.
SkyQuest: Back to the Moon for Good. Thurs. & Sat., Jul. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 18th, 23rd & 30th; 8:30 pm. Program 45 minutes in length. Fee: \$5.

Family Rocket Night - Sat., Jul. 25th, 6:30 - 9:30 pm. Fee: \$12, adult; \$6 child ages 5+ each rocket \$25 (includes dinner) Learn about aerodynamics with demos, work together to build & launch own rocket, enjoy pizza dinner & look through telescopes (weather permitting). Registration required.

Full Dome Children's Feature Show: Our Place in Space - Explore cause of day & night, importance of sun, beauty of constellations & variety of objects making up Universe. Approximately 30 minutes. Recommended for children ages 3+. Fee: \$5.

Full Dome Feature Show: Chasing the Ghost Particle, from the South Pole to the Edge of the Universe - Learn about neutrinos & how they're being used to explore most extreme places in Universe like exploding stars & black holes. Approximately 30 minutes in length; Recommended for pre-teens through adults. Fee: \$5.

Lakefront Reservation
5555 North Marginal Rd.
216-431-3349
E55 On the Lake - Live Music - now - Sat., Sept. 5th, 8 - 11 pm. **July 4th - Big Ship; July**

11th - Blue Eyed Soul; July 18th - City Heat; July 25th - Fletch and the Catch; Aug. 1st - Shockwave; Aug. 8th - Chad Hoffman; Aug. 15th - Equinox; Aug. 22nd - Swamp Boogie Band; Aug. 29th - Bad Habits; Sept. 5th - South of the Moon. Also Sun., Sept. 6th - Cats on Holiday (6 - 9 pm).

Mapleside Farms
294 Pearl Rd. Brunswick
330-225-5577
www.mapleside.com

Concerts Over The Valley - Concerts every Fri. through Aug 28th. Gates open, 6 pm; concerts, 7 pm. Beer, wine & BBQ available. All concerts \$2 per person; 16 & under free. **Jul. 10th - Disco Inferno; Jul. 17th - Renegade; Jul. 24th - Parrots of the Caribbean; Jul. 31st - Escape.**

Cuyahoga County Public Library Parma-Snow Branch
216-661-4240; www.cuyahogalibrary.org
9 am - 9 pm, Mon. - Thurs.; 9 am - 5:30 pm, Fri. & Sat.; 1 - 5 pm, Sun.
Swiftly The Clown Balloon Show - Sat., Jul. 25th, 10 am. Registration required.

Teen Programs - Wed., July 15th, **TAG Team**, 1:30 pm, grades 6 - 12 & **Board Game Day**, 2:30 pm, ages 10 - 19.

Songs of Peace With Muszikat-Shalom - Sat., Jul. 18th, 2pm. Grades 4 & up. Registration required. Interactive program will showcase songs that inspire peace. Everyone invited to make peace-themed craft to take home.

Memphis Kiddie Park
10340 Memphis Ave.
216-941-5995
memphiskiddiepark.com
11 amusement rides for children, concession stand, arcade & miniature golf course. Ticket prices: book of 25 tickets - \$31; strip of 10 tickets - \$19 single tickets - \$2.25 All miniature golf - \$4 per player. Sun. - Thurs. 10 am - 8:30 pm. & Fri. & Sat. 10 am. - 9 pm. Children must be under 50 inches for most rides. Email: Kiddiepark@aol.com for both general & party info.



Sweeties Golfland
6770 Brookpark Rd
216-472-1340 www.sweetiesgolfland.com
Sweeties Golfland has concession stand serving hot dogs, nachos, beverages & more, plus ice cream with over 100 candy toppings available. Sun - Thurs: 10 am - 10 pm; Fri. & Sat: 10 am - 11 pm. \$7 - 18 holes (per person); \$12 - 36 holes (per person); 4 & under free. Early Bird special - 10 am - 3 pm, Mon. - Fri., \$5 per person, 18 holes. Last group of golfers taken 45 minutes before close. Open thru Labor Day.

Wade Oval Wednesdays University Circle,
www.universitycircle.org
Jun. 11th - Aug. 27th
Free concerts, 6 - 9 pm. Wide variety of live music. Shop local artists, eat & relax in beer & wine garden. Visit www.universitycircle.org or call 216-707-5033 for more info.
Jul. 8th - Brent Kirby & His Luck! Rock/Pop/Jazz.

Jul. 15th. - Karizma/Motown/Jazz/R&B; Movie Night: Paddington
Jul. 22nd - Flame /Rock/Country; celebrating the 25th anniversary of ADA

Jul. 29th. - The Cleveland Bluegrass Orchestra / featuring Cleveland Orchestra members, with special appearance by Great Lakes Light Opera - light classical music.

July Fireworks

Saturday, July 4th
Cleveland
Shot from where Lake Erie meets the Cuyahoga River in the Flats; dusk

Berea
Grindstone Festival, Coe Lake; 4 - 11 pm. Fireworks; 10 pm.

Independence
Elmwood Park; 10pm.

Lakewood
Lakewood Park; Concert 7 pm. Fireworks; 9:45 pm.

Sunday, July 5th
North Olmsted
Bicentennial Boom! Great Northern Mall. Food & fun, 7 pm. Fireworks; dusk.

Friday - Sunday, July 10th -12th
Brook Park
Brook Park Home Days, Recreation Center, 17400 Holland Rd. Fireworks: Sun., 10 pm.

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CHURCH NOTES

Broadview Baptist Church
4505 Broadview Rd.
216-351-8414

Vacation Bible School - Fri., Jul. 24th, 6:45 - 8:45 pm & Sat., Jul. 25th, 10 am - 4:30 pm; lunch included. Children Pre-K through 5th grade. **Pre-Registration Party - Sat., Jul. 11th, 1 pm.** Games, prizes, crafts & snacks. Both events free.

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.

Music Program for families & adults; guest musicians & choirs throughout year. Visit www.brooklynpc.org for more info.

Brooklyn Heights United Church of Christ
2005 West Schaaf Rd. 216-741-2280

Room for rent - bridal & baby showers, birthday parties - handicapped accessible. Call to schedule.

Community Care Christ Church
in Gloria Dei Church
5801 Memphis Ave.

North Campus Vacation Bible School - Tues Jul. 21st - Thurs., Jul. 23rd; 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

July Worship Service - Sat., Jul. 25th; 5 pm. Amonthly worship service is held the last Sat. of the month. Call Pastor Dominic Verdell, 440236-8282 for more info.

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

First Friday Mass in Latin & Eucharistic Adoration - Fri., Jul. 3rd, 8 pm; upper church.

Men's Prayer Group - Sat., Jul. 4th & 18th, 8:30 am; Parish Center.

Mary Queen of Peace Seniors - Wed., Jul. 8th; lunch at noon with meeting & social to follow; Marian Lounge.

Mobile Food Pantry (free produce offered by Cleveland Food Bank) - Sat., Jul. 18th, 9 am - 11 am; upper level garages.

Blessing & Investiture in Confraternity of Brown Scapular - Sat., Jul. 18th. after 4:30 pm Mass; **Sun., Jul. 19th** after 8:30 & 11 am Masses.

"Time Warp to the '90s" Dance - Sat., Jul. 18th, 7 - 11 pm; Parish Center. Tickets, \$10.

Free Community Meal - Sun., Jul. 19th, 1 pm; Parish Center cafeteria.

World Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour - Sun., Jul. 19th, 2 pm; lower chapel.

LEAF meeting (Ministry to Families who have loved ones incarcerated) - Wed., Jul. 22nd, 7 pm; Parish Center Room 204. Child care provided.

Knights of Columbus informational meeting - Sun., Jul. 26th, 5 pm; Parish Center.

Mary Queen of Peace Summer Festival - Sat., Aug. 1st; noon - 8 pm. Music by Ralph Szubski Accordion Man & Party Band, DJ, Euclid Beach rocket car, food by Little Polish Diner, Jungle Bob & his animals, bingo, beer garden, children's games & more.

St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Church,
10205 Lorain Ave., Cleveland
Cleveland Mass Mob XV, Sunday, July 26th, 11 am.

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

Wednesday Night Services - Began Jun. 10th, 7 pm; in air-conditioned Gathering Room. Summer sermon theme: *King David - The Dancing King*.

Fifty Plus Group - Wed., Jul. 1st, noon; upstairs Gathering Room. Bring bag lunch & see some old Lucy shows; popcorn provided. **Wed., Jul. 15th**, noon. Hot lunch served, \$3 person. See travelogue about Ireland. Anyone 50 years or older invited.

Vacation Bible School - Mon. - Fri., Jul. 13th - 17th; downstairs Stohs Hall. Children invited to free supper at 5:30 pm & then they participate in classes, crafts & games 6 - 8:45 pm. This year's theme -- "SonSpark Lab." Free! Call to register or for more info.

Christmas in July Services - Sat., Jul. 25th, 5 pm; & Sun., Jul. 26th, 10 am. Sing Christmas carols & hear Christmas message without usual distractions. Christmas goodies & punch after services. Everyone invited.

SENIOR NOTES

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

(Free van transportation,
lunch & variety of activities)

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.

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BCN offers tips re: starting healthy gardens

by Gloria Ferris
Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

Summertime may seem like an odd time for birdwatching since spring, fall and winter are the traditional times when we watch for backyard visitors. But summer, too, holds its own delights for attracting birds into a backyard retreat.

Birds at this time of year are more concerned with finding nesting materials or insects and caterpillars to feed their young. It's a great time to find out that native plantings are providing the food and materials needed to make one's yard a place for nesting birds.

Cardinals, chickadees, finches, grackles and of course, sparrows will continue to visit feeders, although not as often. Therefore, heavy feeding is not needed. A sparse amount of food will keep these visitors coming back for more.

Summer is when nectar feeders begin to pop up throughout the neighborhoods. Two things need to be considered when purchasing one of these feeders -- consistency and cleaning.

Hummingbirds will find one of these feeders within two to three days of its being hung, and therefore it will become part of their pattern for finding food. Keeping it full will be necessary.

When choosing the feeder be sure it is easy to clean. Sugar water can mold quickly; therefore, it should be easy to disassemble, and when taken apart, it should be easy to clean. Special tools are available but a bottle brush, pipe cleaners, and an old toothbrush will also do the trick. A clear dispenser helps to see when it's time to refill.

A good nectar solution is four parts water to one part sugar. If boiling water for dissolving the sugar sounds like too much trouble, using superfine sugar can eliminate this step. Adding red dye is not necessary, and adding something artificial to the bird's diet seems unwarranted.

Bees and other insects will also be attracted to the feeder so making sure that plastic grids are part of the feeder may be a

good option. Also, if a family member has allergic reactions to bees, the desire to have a nectar feeder should be reconsidered.

Larger birds such as orioles, woodpeckers and house finches will also be attracted to a nectar feeder. These types of birds require more protein in their diets so adding a nectar feeder with larger perches and altering the nectar mix to include beef broth -- one part broth to one part water will ensure that they are getting a balanced diet.

Cleaning these nectar feeders should be done every three days if possible, and at least once a week. Mold is a real concern with these feeders, and so it's necessary to do everything possible to keep the risk at a minimum.

Platform feeders are a great way to view birds because there are no obstructions to the view. Nectar eaters enjoy dried cherries, grapes, raisins, slices of orange, and chopped suet.

There are two downsides to these feeders --

1. Rain which will soak the seed and fruits; and
2. Other animals such as deer, chipmunks and squirrels in the habitat.

People who add one of these feeders to their backyards may want to figure out how to put it out and bring it in with no muss or fuss.

There is still time to add flowers to the landscape which will attract "hummers". Garden centers want to sell the last of their annuals so it is a good time to purchase these bird and butterfly favorites -- snapdragons, fuchsia, petunias, nasturtiums and pineapple or scarlet sage.

Sitting in a garden on a summer's evening is always quite pleasant, but adding one moonflower could make it quite enjoyable to many different, beautiful moths. Adding white to the landscape allows the reflection of moonlight to add a new dimension to the appreciation of a garden.

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists hope that their fellow residents will create many memories in their backyard retreats this summer.



A clean, attractive bird bath with only two inches of water will welcome birds to your backyard.

On Sunday, May 31st, the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn journeyed to the Dunham Tavern Museum, 6709 Euclid Ave. The purpose of the trip was to see a piece of furniture which HSOB member Mollie Alstott had donated there last autumn. (both pictured to the right.) The wood-pegged, cherry 'Post Office Letter Cabinet' had been in Mollie's late husband Louis' family home in Belle Valley (in southeastern Ohio) for years. The piece came to Old Brooklyn when Mollie and Louis moved here about 50 years ago.



Photo by Anna Maria Hamm

Mollie wanted it to have a permanent home, and the 1824 Dunham Tavern (the oldest building in Cleveland still on its original site) seemed like the perfect place. The Tavern rearranged the Ladies Parlor to accommodate it, and now it looks as though the cabinet had been there since the beginning.



Photo by Larry Fistek

The rain held off, and thanks to the event's organizers' creativity, the grounds and piazza of Mary Queen of Peace Church, 4423 Pearl Rd., had a Caribbean feel at the parish's newest fundraiser, *Taste of the Tropics*, on Saturday, June 13th. The Tiki Bar is pictured above.

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