

Two Old Brooklyn roads to receive major improvements in 2015

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Two of Old Brooklyn's major thoroughfares, Pearl Rd. and Broadview Rd., are scheduled for major improvements in the upcoming year. In addition to a \$9.8 million upgrade to Pearl Rd. and a \$3.5 million resurfacing project on Broadview Rd., a number of smaller side streets will also receive improvements in 2015. They total \$400,000 in Ward 12 and \$350,000 in Ward 13.

These projects are part of a larger effort by the City of Cleveland to systematically address the conditions of many of the city's roads. As part of this effort, a comprehensive *Pavement Management Plan* analyzing the condition of every street in the city is underway. In addition to other improvements happening on major roads through State and County funds, the results of the analysis will allow the City to repave the worst 5% of side streets each year.

The Pearl Rd. project will involve complete road resurfacing from the W. 25th St. exit at I-71 to Brookpark Rd. The project will also include substantial investment between Wildlife Way and State Rd. including new curbing, sidewalks, landscaping, decorative sidewalks, decorative mast arms for traffic signals and public art. The construction dollars have been awarded by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the project is scheduled to begin near the end of 2015.

A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20th, at 6:30 p.m. at Mary Queen of Peace Church, 4423 Pearl Rd., for all community members who would like more information and an opportunity to ask questions.

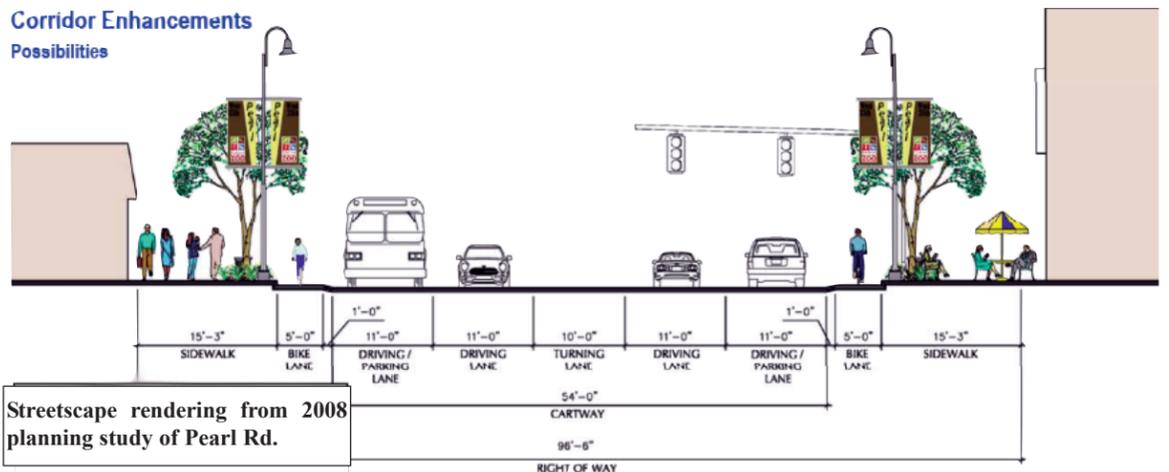
The Broadview Rd. construction is scheduled to begin in June and run through October. It will include road resurfacing, restriping to include bike lanes and new ADA ramps at intersections. After several intense winters, major potholes have made travel along this thoroughfare difficult.

"These improvements will provide important benefits to both residents and small businesses along the corridor," according to Ward 12 Councilman Anthony Brancatelli.

The addition of bike lanes will also make Old Brooklyn a friendlier neighborhood to the increasing number of cyclists in Cleveland.

The City has successfully leveraged the

Corridor Enhancements Possibilities



Streetscape rendering from 2008 planning study of Pearl Rd.

\$700,000 investment from the capital improvements budget to secure the remaining 80% of funds through the Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency (NOACA).

Ward 13 Councilman and Cleveland Council President Kevin Kelley said, "We're fortunate to get Broadview Rd. done because it's too large for a local councilman's side street provision, but too small a road for Issue One. Broadview was picked because of the hard work and advocacy at the City to use NOACA's new program for this project."

Access along both Pearl Rd. and Broadview Rd. will be maintained throughout the projects. Residents are encouraged

to attend the May 20th meeting at Mary Queen of Peace to learn more about the Pearl Rd. project.

What: Public Meeting about Pearl Rd. streetscape

Hear updates about this major construction project affecting our main street.

When: Wednesday, May 20th, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Mary Queen of Peace Parish Center - upstairs hall
 4423 Pearl Rd., Cleveland

Pedal for Prizes returns; explore Old Brooklyn by bicycle May 16th & win prizes

by Jeff Sugalski
 Pedal for Prizes Committee Member

It's time for cyclists to tune up their bikes and get ready to ride because one of the biggest (and free!) cycling events in Northeast Ohio will be returning to Old Brooklyn this month. Hundreds of cyclists of all ages and skill levels will be participating in Old Brooklyn *Pedal for Prizes* on Saturday, May 16th. Starting time is 11 a.m. at Estabrook Recreation Center, 4125 Fulton Rd.

After registering at Estabrook on the day of the event, participants will receive a map of 20 destinations and points of interest in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood. Participants are challenged to ride their bikes to as many of these locations as they can. At each stop, they'll receive a stamp on a punch card.



Later in the afternoon, the cyclists will return to Estabrook to redeem their cards for tickets which they'll enter into a Chinese-style raffle featuring over \$1,000 worth of prizes. All the raffle items have been donated by local businesses in Old Brooklyn and throughout Northeast Ohio.

Now in its sixth year, *Pedal for Prizes* has become a tradition for both the neighborhood and the Cleveland cycling community. More than 2,000 riders have participated in the event since its inception in 2010.

"Every year, people tell us how excited they are to return to the neighborhood to patronize the businesses they see along the ride," says John Young (of Speed Exterminating), one of the organizers.

"*Pedal for Prizes* is also a great way for Old Brooklyn merchants to welcome a few hundred potential new customers into their shops, stores and restaurants."

John Young is part of the all-volunteer

group which coordinate the award-winning event each year. The other committee members are Becky Derwis Brake, Bruce Page (of Honey Hut), Jacqueline Silva and Jeffrey Sugalski.

"*Pedal for Prizes* is our way of sharing everything we love about Old Brooklyn," Becky said. "Biking is a fun and active way to experience all the best Old Brooklyn has to offer."

Additional information about Old Brooklyn *Pedal for Prizes* is available at pedalforprizes.org, as well as [facebook.com/pedalforprizes](https://www.facebook.com/pedalforprizes) and @pedalforprizes on Twitter.

OLD BROOKLYN Pedal for Prizes

Saturday, May 16, 2015
 Register beginning at 11:00 AM
 Raffle drawing at 3:30 PM

Estabrook Recreation Center
 4125 Fulton Road
 Cleveland, Ohio

Explore Cleveland's Old Brooklyn neighborhood by bicycle and experience some of the best of its local businesses and other points of interest.

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Pedal for Prizes is a grassroots volunteer initiative organized by a small group of neighborhood residents and merchants.

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Bill Reider

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Sitting in the dining room on Merl Ave. surrounded by pictures and mementos it becomes clear that Bill Reider is a man dedicated to his family. His parents moved to Old Brooklyn from the Tremont area before he was born and settled on Woburn Ave. near Our Lady of Good Counsel Church and School. Growing up just a few hundred feet from his school, Bill fondly remembers the neighborhood full of kids and a feeling of community. From hanging out at the Bader Drugstore near Brooklyn Ave. and Pearl Rd., to venturing near Snake Hill, or "snakey", where older kids teased younger ones that danger lurked in the woods, "Those are the kinds of things that make up a community, those stories and memories".

A lifelong Old Brooklyn resident, Bill and his wife Sue bought their first home on Wetzell Ave. Our Lady of Good Counsel/now Mary Queen of Peace has long been the center of their lives, with their children attending school there and Sue working as an educational aide. Growing up Bill remembers that the church was literally like a beacon in the community and figuratively a massive institution that brought together thousands of households.

Bill loved growing up in Old Brooklyn. He explained that there were always pickup baseball or football games; kids would get together at the Rhodes High School practice field and play every day. Full of stories, Bill remembers that where the Amphitheater at the Zoo now stands was once a huge public pool where the whole neighborhood seemed to show up during the summer. "It really was extremely great growing up here," Bill reminisced.

Bill's parents instilled in him a strong work ethic and he often held down two to three jobs at a time. His first such employment was working on the campaign for Councilman Joe P. Cannon. After spending long days canvassing the neighborhood, the Councilman would take his group of volunteers out for dinner at Lord Burger on Memphis Ave. "That was a big deal to a kid; we had a good meal and sat with a local leader!"

Bill attended college where he refined his skills, taking to fine art photography as a personal interest. After graduating and earning his BFA in Photography Bill began



Photo by Ruggero Fatica
 Bill and Susan Rieter with son Nikolas and daughter Emily.

working locally at an institution of higher education. During his time there he worked in marketing and public relations photography but caught a big break when he met a band about to shoot a video for MTV.

"Some friends were doing an interview with this band that I liked and I went up to them. We talked about photography and I was invited to do video and photos for their production. I earned enough from that one gig to buy new equipment and really get my name out there." Soon after, Bill began shooting concerts at a local venue and has photographed such legends as Sir Elton John, Aerosmith and Prince.

After twenty-two years at his former job, Bill was hired as Chief Photographer for the City of Cleveland, and he has been thrilled to work there for the last three years. "It was a great birthday gift," Bill commented, referring to his hiring notice. Working for the City, Bill photographs a wide variety of subjects from "grip-and-grins", to events

From the desk of the executive director

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It is difficult to imagine a project of greater impact to all who experience Old Brooklyn than the rehabilitation of Pearl Rd. A long-envisioned dream of many members in the Old Brooklyn community, it is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to physically impact one of our main streets. That dream will become a reality because the City of Cleveland has been awarded 9.8 million dollars to reconstruct Pearl Rd. from Brookpark Rd. to I-71. Details of the construction project are in the front page article.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation invites the entire community to attend a public meeting to hear about the proposed construction and design on Wednesday, May 20th at 6:30 pm. It will be held in the upper hall of Mary Queen of Peace Church's Parish Center, 4423 Pearl Rd. The meeting will include representatives from the City of Cleveland, the engineering team involved in the project.

Community involvement is critical for any project this significant to a neighborhood. The resulting project will not only have an immediate short-term effect during construction but also have an enduring long-term effect. Infrastructure projects shape communities and have wide reaching impacts beyond just the road.

Other infrastructure projects in Cleveland (e.g., Uptown in University Circle to Gordon Square) have had dramatic influences on their neighborhoods.

How a roadway is built impacts small businesses' ability to succeed and reflects how a community feels about main streets. Visitors' impressions are created when traveling by foot, bike or automobile on Pearl Rd. Residents' walkability creates a healthy neighborhood built on relationships and the individuals who live and work here. In addition to landscaping and public art, all benefit from improved public transit and bicycle amenities.

Although sometimes forgotten in our world, human beings need not be reactive to the built environment, but rather the built environment should be designed first and foremost to serve people.

If, as a neighborhood, we feel that our main streets should serve our community interests, community involvement is required. Please consider attending the upcoming meeting, telling a neighbor, and bringing a friend.

and award ceremonies, to scenes of our great city. It's in this diversity that he finds satisfaction from work.

"No two days are alike," Bill said. "I get to go in everyday and experience a new event, meet a new person or hear great stories." After the opening of the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Art Gallery at Hopkins International Airport, Bill and his colleague

photographed twenty women in Greater Cleveland whose lives had been affected by the late Congresswoman. Meeting them and hearing their stories was just another amazing part of his life. "I'd have never met those women or heard their stories. It's moments like those that I realize why I love this city."

HSOB to sponsor May 25th cemetery service

by: Lorene Olsen Bowles
 Secretary, HSOB

The Historical Society of Old Brooklyn will be sponsoring a Memorial Day Service at 12 noon on May 25 at the Brooklyn Union Burying Ground. The cemetery is located on Broadview Road just north of Spring Road, next to Gabe's restaurant.

The Rev. Carol Leahey will be conducting the service, and the James Ford Rhodes ROTC organization will be assisting. It is suggested that those who attend bring a lawn chair if they will want to be seated during the service.

If further information is needed, please contact Constance Ewazen at 398-8969.

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BROOKLYN HEIGHTS CEMETERY & MAUSOLEUMS

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Pre-Planning discounts are now available in our newest Mausoleum, the Sanctuary of Angels South.

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www.BrooklynHeightsCemetery.com

NEWS & EVENTS

March into Kindergarten Campaign

Parents of children who'll be attending kindergarten or a new school this fall need to register with their school districts now so parents, children, teachers & schools are prepared & children get the best start in school. Families can call United Way's 2-1-1 to connect with their local school district & log onto www.marchintokindergarten.com for information on what they'll need to register, local school district contacts & tips on preparing their children for a new school experience.

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

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

Saturday & Sunday, May 2nd - 3rd

67th Annual Polish Constitution Day

Parma - Festivities include parade, post-parade party, Mass, wreath-laying ceremony, Miss Polonia & Junior Miss Polonia contests, Polonia Ball. **Sat., May 2nd, Polonia Ball**, St. Charles Hall, 6 - 11 pm. Cash bar. Tickets \$10, light refreshments will be available for sale. **Sun., May 3rd, Wreath laying**, 9 am. Pulaski Cannon next to City Hall. **Pancake Breakfast**; 8 am - noon. St. Charles Church; **Parade**, 2 pm. Parma Circle, on Ridge Rd.

Saturday & Sunday, May 2nd & 3rd

The Retro American Glass Show & Sale

St. Mary's Crystal Chalet, 3600 Biddulph Ave., Sat., 10 am - 5 pm; Sun., 11 am - 4 pm. Admission - \$5 (good both days); under 30, free. Free parking. Glass seminars, table displays of vintage glass, "Retro Glass Bingo" to win prizes as you shop. Free glass ID available. Go green, go vintage. Western Reserve American Glass Club meets first Mon. of month, except for July, Aug. & Sept., at Brooklyn Hts. United Church of Christ, 2005 Schaaf Rd., 7:30 pm. Dues: \$15 single & \$20 couple. All welcome. Call 440-439-5243 for more info.

Monday, May 4th

Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society

Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 7 pm. Jane Gramwell, genealogy & local history librarian in Special Collections Division of Akron-Summit County Public Library, will speak about *Looking for Irish Ancestors*. Contact CVGS president Mary Boehlein, 440-736-7180, or visit www.cuyahogagenealogy.org for more info.

Tuesday, May 5th

Polish Genealogical Society Meeting

St. Mary Polish National Catholic Church, 5375 Broadview Rd., Parma, 7:30 pm. Call 440-838-5743 for more info.

Wednesday, May 6th

Cleveland Climate Action Fund Workshop
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd. 5:30 pm. Workshop includes: Learn the basics of climate science; Assess the vulnerability of cultural & natural resources in Cleveland; Learn about Cleveland's Climate Action Plan; Identify specific neighborhood assets & concerns as they related to climate. Develop a vision of climate action for each neighborhood through project ideas; Generate climate action project proposals to apply for

micro grants; Review the application process & other area funding sources available. Call Rosemary, 216-459-1000 x 209 or www.eventbrite.com/e/cleveland-climate-action-fund-old-brooklyn-workshop-tickets-16565484811 for more info.

Saturdays, May 9th & 16th

Pancake Breakfast - All You Can Eat

American Legion Post 469, 4910 Memphis Ave., 8 am - noon. Price: \$7, adults; \$3, children under 7. Call 216-741-1880 for more info.

Saturday, May 9th

Cleveland Walk to Cure Arthritis

Cleveland Zoo. Nearly 2,500 people expected to participate in non-competitive 5K walk (3.1 miles) with 1-mile option available, to raise approx. \$165,000 to support local Arthritis Foundation programs, services & research. Walkers who raise at least \$750 as an individual or at least \$3,500 as a team receive access to Super Star VIP Area. Any walker raising \$100 or more receives official 2015 *Walk to Cure Arthritis* T-shirt. Zoo & Rainforest admission included with walk registration/donation. Zoo members should bring membership ID cards. For the safety of Zoo animals, dogs not permitted on Zoo property. After the walk, enjoy the Health & Wellness Expo in Zoo's Palava Hut pavilion with complimentary refreshments, exhibit booths, raffle prizes, and more. Sign up as an individual walker or form a walk team of family members, friends or co-workers online at www.arthritiswalkclevelandkintera.org. For information about sponsorship opportunities or to register, contact Courtney Durbin, Community Development Manager, 216-285-2829 or 800-245-2275, ext. 6409 or email her@cdurbin@arthritis.org.

Saturday, May 9th

In Fashion

WRHS History Center, 10825 E. Blvd., 11 am - 3 pm. Celebrate fashion, mothers, daughters & friends. Enjoy "Tailored & Trendy Tea" & hear about Cleveland's historic garment industry while viewing vintage clothing modeled by VIVA. Shop for local fashions at second annual Trunk Show featuring local clothing boutiques & artisans. Admission: \$35 for WRHS members; \$45 for general public. (includes admission to museum, trunk show, tea & "Off the Rack" presentation) Visit www.wrhs.org/upcoming-event/in-fashion for more info.

Monday, May 11th

Community Conversation: The Future of Brooklyn Branch Library

Brooklyn Branch Library, 3706 Pearl Rd, 6:30 - 8 pm. Join the Cleveland Public Library in a community conversation about the future of library services in Brooklyn Centre. Bring your creative thinking, valuable experience, & innovative ideas. Light refreshments, raffle. Call 216-623-6920 for more info.

Monday, May 11th

Monday Night at the Movies "Fed Up"

River's Edge, 3430 Rocky River Dr., 7 pm. Optional discussion following. Free, but free will offerings appreciated. Register at www.riversedgecleveland.com.

Tuesday, May 12th

Rain Barrel Workshop Rocky River Nature Center, 24000 Valley

Pkwy., North Olmsted. 6:30 - 8 pm, \$60. Call 440-734-6660 to register.

Wednesday, May 13th

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. **May 13th - waste paper basket; June 10th - egg basket.** Supplies to bring when weaving -- old towel, bucket, clothes pins, ruler, pencil, scissors. Call Connie, 216-749-7912, to RSVP.

Thursday, May 14th

Antique Collectors Club Meeting

Busch Community Meeting Room, 7501 Ridge Rd., 7 pm. Program: Euclid Beach Grand Carousel restoration. Presented by: John Frato, president of the EBPN. Call Publicity Chairman Robert Murdoch, 440-845-7046, for more info.

Saturday, May 16th

25th Annual RiverDay:

Historic Lower Big Creek Valley Tour

Meet for the tour in parking lot behind Sal's Restaurant, 3850 Pearl Rd., 1 - 2:30 pm. Discover Big Creek's history hidden under Pearl Rd. (Brooklyn-Brighton) Bridge. Meet property owners, other speakers & learn about two of Cleveland's earliest settlements & adjoining industry. View historic bridge remnants & other infrastructure. Learn about new developments related to the Greenway Plan for the Valley. Refreshments served. Contact Bob Gardin at BGardin@BigCreekConnects.org or 216-269-6472 to RSVP or for more info. Sponsored by Big Creek Connects, www.BigCreekConnects.org, formerly Friends of Big Creek & Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation.

Saturday, May 16th

2nd Annual Zumbathon

Seven Hills Recreation Center, 7777 Summit View Dr., 2 - 4 pm. Tickets: \$10 at door. Dance to support Parma Animal Shelter.

Sunday, May 17th

Polka Event

Peppermill Pub & Grill, 7011 Mill Rd., Brecksville; 3 - 7 pm. (Mill Rd. is just north of Rt. 82.) Food inc. kielbasa, sauerkraut, pierogies will be available. \$5 cover charge. Call Mike or Ross, 440-838-6455, for reservations.

Tuesday, May 19th

Grindstone Knitters' Guild

Mahler Museum, 118 E. Bridge St., Berea, 7 pm. Monthly meetings 3rd Tues. each month. Current project is *Magic Loop demonstration*. Call 440-821-8891 or 440-826-1254 for more info.

Wednesday, May 20th

City of Cleveland's Senior Day

Cleveland Public Hall, 500 Lakeside Ave.; free. Information fair, 10 am; program, 11 am; lunch, noon; entertainment, 12:30. Call 216-664-2833 or visit www.cleveland-oh.gov for more info.

Saturday, May 23rd

Butterfly Gardens

Rocky River Nature Center, 24000 Valley Pkwy., North Olmsted. 2 - 4 pm. Learn logistics behind flutterby-recruiting garden. Call 440-734-6660 to register.

Tuesday, May 26th

Western Reserve Rose Society Meeting

North Royalton Public Library, 5071 Wallings Rd., 7 pm. Topic: "Fertilizers: Food to Grow Good Roses" Presenter: Dr. Gary Rankin & Dr. Monica Valentovic. Refreshments; all welcome.

South Brooklyn Library

4303 Pearl 216-623-7067 www.cpl.org
SoBrk Toshokan - Tues., May 19th, 4 pm. Enjoy anime, read manga & connect with others interested in Japanese animation & comics.

Duct Tape Universe - Wed., May 20th, 3:30 pm. Duct tape can become a prom dress or tuxedo as easily as it seals an air duct. Explore ways to craft this popular tape into useful everyday objects.

Book Discussion - Thurs., May 21st, 4 pm. "Fighting Chance" by Elizabeth Warren

City Music

May 2015 Concert Series

Masonic Auditorium, 3615 Euclid Ave.
Thurs., May 28th, 8:30 am. - 3:30 pm. Super conference on homeless children.

Concerts: Thurs., May 28th, 8 pm. & **Fri., May 29th**, 8 pm. Concert tickets: \$20 - \$100. www.clevelandmasonicauditorium.com or call 216-881-6350; www.ticketfly.com or call 877-987-6487

Cuyahoga County Public Library

Snow Branch - 2121 Snow Rd.

216-661-4240 cuyahogalibrary.org
ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) - Mon., Wed., Fri. mornings, 9:30 am - noon.

Gaining Historical Context for your Ancestors (adults) - Mon. May 11th, 7 pm. John Sabol will show how to reconstruct environment & social network in which they lived, & some little-known events of their lives.

Adult Books Discussions - Mon., May 18th, 7 pm - "I Am Malala" by Malala Yousafzaig, **Thurs., May 28th**, 11 am - "The Art Forger" by B.A. Shapiro.

Shipwrecks of Lake Erie - Weds. May 20th, 7 pm. Lake Erie has long history of military & commercial vessels lost on her waters. Representative from Erie Wrecks will share wreck types & stories in chronological order.

Frank Sinatra's Music: The Prime Years Frank (1953 - 1993). Weds. May 27th, 7 pm.

Saturday, June 6th

Tremont History Project Church Tours

The churches on the tour are St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 2587 West 14 St. Michael Catholic Church, 3114 Scranton Rd. Scranton Rd Baptist Church, 3095 Scranton Rd & Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2928 Scranton Rd. The tour begins with check in 11:45 am. at St. George & ends at 4 pm. Refreshments will follow at Prosperity Social Club, 1109 Starkweather. Reservations must be prepaid, cost \$20. Tour is for age 12 & older, no walkups & no strollers are allowed. Call Dorothy at 440-617-0498 for reservations or more info. Reservation deadline is Wed., May 27th.



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GardenWalk comes back to Old Brooklyn

submitted by
Old Brooklyn GardenWalk
Coordinators

After a one year hiatus, GardenWalk Cleveland (a free, self-guided tour of residents' gardens, urban farms, vineyards and orchards in several Cleveland neighborhoods) will be back in Old Brooklyn this summer. The dates are Saturday, July 11th, and Sunday, July 12th, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. But to make it happen, the GardenWalk coordinators need gardens in Old Brooklyn to spotlight.

Residents who view themselves as having a green thumb might want to show off (for example) — a special vegetable, perennial or herb garden; diverse varieties of hosta or grasses; attractive, aging trees; a water feature; a gazebo; a rose or vine-covered pergola; or an unusual piece of garden art. No one needs to show off his/her entire yard. The signs out front will say Front, Back, or Side as the homeowner indicates.

Bee keepers are encouraged to show off their yards, too.

Visit <http://www.gardenwalkcleveland.org> and pick the "Get Involved" tab, then scroll down to "2015 Garden Application". Fill out each page. A GardenWalk volunteer will contact those who apply and will also send a card in the mail. Applications must be completed by the end of May.

To make this a GardenWalk (i.e., with clusters of gardens in close proximity to each other) ask neighbors to get involved, too. Email: Janetkious@sbcglobal.net or gznel@ameritech.net for more information.

On GardenWalk weekend, tour the gardens at your own pace. Walk or bike in each of the designated neighborhoods. Each neighborhood on the Walk will have a headquarters location where visitors will find parking for both cars and bicycles, restrooms, water and maps.

BCN considers pros and cons of April showers

by Gloria Ferris
Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

By their very nature, gardens are works of art. The challenge of creating a garden which welcomes wildlife and draws neighbors/family/friends into it is a wonderful way to spend time together — planning, creating and sharing plants. Look around Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn and use natural wilderness as a way to show how created gardens and natural habitat can be welcoming places for both humans and wildlife.

The month of May brings with it a new opportunity to garden for wildlife. Brooklyn Centre Naturalists (BCN) suggest going native when choosing new garden plants. Native plants have strong, long root systems which enable them to survive times of drought.

Birds and butterflies are attracted to plants which are part of their natural habitats; their presence is part of what will enable a garden to become a National Wildlife Federation (NWF) backyard retreat.

Attracting birds with trees and evergreens is an easy way to provide them with food, cover and a place to raise their young. Cedars, oaks, beeches, birches and dogwoods are excellent choices, not only providing good sources of food but also adding year-round beauty to the landscape.

(When choosing a dogwood be sure that it is a native species whose fruit will provide nourishment for the birds. An exotic species of dogwood will only display inedible fruit.)

Hummingbirds are a uniquely American bird in both the North and the South. They are great pollinators as well, and are enjoyable to watch. Flowers with long, tubular blooms are a good source of food for these brilliant, beautiful birds. American honeysuckles, salvias, and bee balms are great choices, as is the color red. Readers who also choose to hang hummingbird feeders should

understand that good maintenance is important for the health of the "hummers".

A sunny corner which gets low wind is a good place to plant a butterfly garden. Butterflies prefer flowers with flat flower heads such as asters, coreopsis, yarrows, sunflowers and coneflowers. Joe Pye weed, goldenrods and American red cedar will help provide a windbreak. Common milkweed as a host plant for monarch butterflies is a must.

Planting white flowers with a musky scent such as yucca and moonflowers will attract nighttime moths. Providing a shallow terracotta dish filled with stones or glass marbles and water will provide water for butterflies as well as other tiny wildlife which cannot reach a birdbath.



The natural assets which lie within our boundaries — Big Creek, parkland and green-space, the Metroparks trails and bike paths, as well as places to sit to take in some great views of the city as well as the Cuyahoga River should be recognized.

BCN and their neighbors and friends have joined together to certify zip code 44109 as a National Wildlife Community through the NWF. We hope you consider joining the effort when you realize that your garden probably already qualifies as one.

Residents who've already certified their backyards as habitats could share the program with neighbors so that others can see how easy and enjoyable planting for wildlife can be.

Research from the University of Illinois shows that residential habitat for birds and butterflies near public preserves is very beneficial and more important than previously believed.

Anyone who would like to join the effort should visit www.nwf.org/create and sign up. Anyone who has more questions after reading it may call Gloria Ferris at 216-351-0254 or email bcnaturalists@gmail.com.



Ben Franklin Garden recaps its fundraiser

by Kim Repinski

Ben Franklin Garden held its annual fundraiser on Saturday, April 18th, at the Local Tavern in Parma. One hundred and eighty five people attended the three-hour event. (It was a sell-out.)

Year the Garden received strong support from forty businesses and eight individuals who donated goods and services. The Chinese Basket Raffle spread to four tables and included items ranging from Ameriflag gift certificates to tickets to the Cleveland Zoo.

In addition to food, drinks and conversation, the evening also included two sideboards in both \$1 and \$2 denominations and a 50/50 raffle in which the winner received \$512. (Carla Vanpelt donated \$100 of it back to the Garden.) The evening ended with the Second Chance drawing. Lisa Young, secretary of the Garden's Operating Committee, won that.

Of course the true winner of the night was the Ben Franklin Garden. The funds

raised will be used to keep the Garden operating — purchasing the necessary tools and equipment to help ensure that all gardeners achieve success.

The Operating Committee would like to thank everyone who helped to make the fundraiser a success. Thanks go out to: everybody who came to the event and participated in the festivities; the businesses and individuals who donated prizes; OBCDC for advertising the event and assisting with the sale of tickets; all the people who provided dessert for the evening; and the Local Tavern for being a generous host.

Coming up next for the Garden is the kickoff meeting on Wednesday, May 6th. The kickoff meeting provides the opportunity to talk to a large percentage of gardeners about Garden rules, composting, special events, 2014 highlights and produce donations. The gardeners also have the opportunity to pick up a few packets of free seeds and get a first look at the 2015 plot map.

The Garden's tentative opening date for 2015 is May 16th.

Ben Franklin Garden thanks businesses and individuals for Garden fundraiser donations

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Our furnaces and boilers are still in operation, but the spring bulbs are blooming and the flowering trees on some of our thoroughfares are looking beautiful, too -- amazing, considering the harsh winter they endured. I'm looking forward to the beautiful month of May...

I'll begin this month's column, before moving on to upcoming events, with some follow-ups to news discussed in past issues.

Going back to the March *Old Brooklyn News*, one of our front page articles was about the new dialysis center which opened in the former **McIntyre Center/R.A. Gall building** at 4805 Pearl Rd. In it I'd asked a question about other businesses which that beautiful brick building had housed over the years.

One of the building's 'neighbors' on Archmere Ave., a lady who's lived in her home since the late 1960s, (but who wants to remain anonymous in this column) called to tell me the tenants/businesses which she remembers --

- Acme Supermarkets had an office there;
 - The Volunteers of America held Bingo games there two nights a week;
 - Barbre Nursery School was there; and
 - a cable company called Power Direct did phone solicitation from the space.
- There was also a Chinese grocery store in

a building south of the brick ones. It was torn down so that there would be ample parking space for the new dialysis center.

In March, and again in April, I wrote about the **Cleveland Orchestra's 2015 residency in Slavic Village**, and the centerpiece of that residency, a concert at Our Lady of Lourdes Church which was coming up on Friday, April 10th.

Thanks to the generosity of the Ward 12 Councilman's office, I was able to attend the concert. I sure wish that the Orchestra would decide that Old Brooklyn would be a perfect place to set up camp for one of their future neighborhood residencies!

To get a feel for what it was like to have a neighborhood church filled with the musical sounds of the Cleveland Orchestra, visit this site -- http://www.cleveland.com/music-dance/index.ssf/2015/04/cleveland_orchestra_concert_in.html#incart_river.

Now moving on to future events --

May is the month when the **Ben Franklin Garden** will open for the season, and that means that **Fr. Doug Brown, Pastor of Mary Queen of Peace Church**, will again bless the plots. This will be the third year that he's visited the Garden for this purpose. The blessing will be on Tuesday, May 19th at 5:30 p.m.

Blessing the land is a very old custom, actually, which in some European countries goes back to the Fifth Century. It's tied to pre-Vatican II, pre-Ascension Thursday observances called "Rogation Days".

Rogation is derived from a Latin word which means 'to ask', and given some of the horrors of life in earlier centuries, the petitioners were asking God to ward off calamities (like plagues) and shower His blessings upon the crops.

I was pleased to see that **Cleveland Public Theatre** and **Ward 3 Councilman Joe Cimperman** will be presenting a second year

of **Station Hope** in and around historic **St. John's Episcopal Church**, 2600 Church St. in **Ohio City**. It will take place from 6 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 9th.

The free event is open to all ages. Other partners helping to make it happen are St. John's Church and the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio, Ohio City Incorporated, the Friends of St. John's Church, Restore Cleveland Hope and the Cozad-Bates House, Cuyahoga Metropolitan housing Authority and the City of Cleveland.

Station Hope takes its name from the stop on the Underground Railroad (for slaves escaping to Canada and freedom) which once existed at St. John's. It will again be a multi-arts event -- dance, theater, music, poetry and multimedia installations.

May is also the month which two men with neighborhood connections have been waiting and preparing for *for years*. At 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 16th, **Deacon Rob Ramser** and **Deacon Jeff Barnish** will be **ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist**. The ceremony is actually open to the public, but the seats fill quickly, so if you have thoughts of attending, plan to get there well in advance.

Although he and his family now belong to St. Stanislaus Parish in Slavic Village, Deacon Rob grew up in Old Brooklyn and attended **St. Leo the Great Elementary School**.

Deacon Jeff is from St. Mary's Parish in Hudson, but he has been helping out on week-ends at **Mary Queen of Peace Church** for the past several months.

Read this month's *Church Notes* for details about their celebratory First Masses at **Mary Queen of Peace** later this month.

(The Diocese has not yet announced the future Father Ramser's and Father Barnish's parish assignments.)

St. Leo School, by the way, is in the process of forming an **Alumni Association**. Although the first meeting has already taken place, it's still possible for former students to become involved in its organization. Visit www.leothegreat.org to see how to join online.

Other changes are underway at St. Leo School, too, namely a change in leadership at the end of this school year. After twelve years as **St. Leo's current principal, Mrs. Diane Weiss**, will be retiring this year. In addition to her years as principal, Mrs. Weiss also taught at the school in the mid-1980s.

St. Leo's new principal will be **Sister Erin Zubal, OSU** (an Ursuline sister). Sister Erin is currently the Athletic Director at Beaumont High School in Cleveland Hts. She has also been a theology teacher and worked with young women at the Cuyahoga County Jail. Sister Erin has a master's degree in education and another master's degree in social work.

Student accomplishments will likely be a big part of summer *Town Crier* columns. If you have high school or college scholarship news and/or college graduation news to share, send it to Lynette Filips, *The Town Crier*, c/o the *Old Brooklyn News*, 2339 Broadview Rd., 44109 or email lynettetf@oldbrooklyn.com.

SCR volunteer of the month: Frank Anderson

by Bethany Hicks

Frank Anderson is Senior Citizen Resources (SCR), Inc.'s *Volunteer of the Month*. His history of participating as a *Meals on Wheels* volunteer dates back to 2000 at the Schwab Center. He'd recently retired and desired to use his free time as an opportunity to help others and meet people.

"It's a very rewarding and interesting organization to be a part of," Anderson said of SCR. "I want to be able to share with others the benefits of being involved here."

Frank was prepared from an early age to help nurture the lives of others. He came from a family of both biological and foster siblings; his parents got an award in Cleveland for fostering about a dozen children. Frank is still in contact with two of them.

Frank fulfilled his four-year duty with the United States Navy, working on motor vehicles in both Japan and Korea. "I helped resolve a lot of issues and grievances while I was stationed," Anderson recalled. "I was a guest in their countries and I respected the people."

During his retirement, in addition to his volunteer work with SCR, Frank sings bass in St. Thomas More Church's senior choir. He also bikes outdoors.

Together, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson enjoy spending time with their three daughters, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

They'll be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on September 11, 2015. "I couldn't have gotten this far without her, that's for sure," Anderson said fondly of his wife. "She's supportive and understanding. She helped me grow a lot." For their 25th wedding anniversary, the Andersons boarded a United Airlines Champagne Flight to Hawaii, the first time Mrs. Anderson had ever flown.

Volunteers are a vital component of Senior Citizen Resources organization, and SCR is thankful for them. SCR is in great need of additional *Meals on Wheels* volunteers.

Anyone interested in making a difference in the community by delivering meals to seniors should contact Kim Susak, 216-749-5367, ext. 1119.



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Crime Watch coordinator gives home security tips

by Barb Spaan
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Spring is here! Take an afternoon and secure your homes. If you or your family members lock yourselves out of the house, would you still be able to get in? Maybe you keep an unlocked window in the back or a hidden key in the mail box or on top of a window ledge. You may think that this is a good idea but — if you can break in, so can a burglar.

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

Check Locks and Doors

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

Sliding glass doors need commercial locks or a broomstick or dowel in the track. Lock double-hung windows with key locks or "pins" by drilling a small hole into a 45-degree angle between the inner and outer frames, then inserting a nail that can be removed. Basement windows should have secure grills or grates. Instead of hiding a key outside, give an extra key to a trusted neighbor. If moving into a new house or apartment, rekey all the locks.

Check outside

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

Cut back tree limbs which a thief could use to climb to an upper-level window.

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

Check inside

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

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

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

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

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

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



Photo courtesy of Rosemary Mudry

On Monday, April 20th, Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation and Ben Franklin Community Garden hosted Part III of the *Tree Steward Training Program*. Attendees worked with arborists from Western Reserve Land Conservancy and Holden Arboretum to put into practice skills learned in the first two sessions (e.g., like tree pruning). Thanks to the many participants who attended, Ben Franklin's fruit trees have been pruned, received root excavation and been properly mulched. The final session to be scheduled will teach participants how to properly plant trees. Upon completion, attendees will be Certified Tree Stewards who can work partner with other organizations to complete tree projects around the neighborhood.

Speaking of Old Brooklyn..., II interviews

by Lorene Olsen Bowles, Secretary
 Historical Society of Old Brooklyn

The Historical Society of Old Brooklyn (HSOB) will soon begin recording oral histories for a sequel to *Speaking of Old Brooklyn ...*, published in December, 2011. They hope to publish Volume II in November or early December so that it will be available for Christmas gift-giving.

The HSOB plans to interview people age 78 or older who are or were long-time residents of Old Brooklyn—attending the local schools and/or churches, shopping in the stores, participating in community activities, etc. They'll also be interviewing current or former business owners whose Old Brooklyn businesses have been (or were formerly) here for twenty years or longer. The business own-

ers do not have to be 78 or older.

If you or someone you know would like to be considered for an interview, call Lorene Olsen Bowles, 216-749-7416, or Constance Ewazen, 216-398-8969, for further details.

The original *Speaking of Old Brooklyn ...* is completely sold out. Because HSOB has been receiving requests for it, arrangements have been made for a second printing of 25 copies. These will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Call Constance Ewazen to place an order for one or more of them.

Another option for anyone who wants to read the original *Speaking of Old Brooklyn ...* is to look at the copy which was given to the South Brooklyn branch of the Cleveland Public Library (at the intersection of State Rd. and Pearl Rd.)

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Purchase and rehab homes through Heritage Home Purchase ProgramSM

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Sources: Margaret Lann, Cleveland Restoration Society
www.heritagehomeprogram.org/loans/loans.php

Cuyahoga County, First Federal Lakewood and the Cleveland Restoration Society (CRS) have partnered to create the Heritage Home Purchase ProgramSM. This new and innovative program provides funds and technical assistance to transform any house which is 50 years old or older into a dream home. Taking advantage of the low-cost housing opportunities on the market today has not been easy for owner-occupant buyers without a large amount of cash on hand. For qualified buyers, this Program combines free technical assistance from CRS, a home purchase loan from First Federal Lakewood and a Heritage Home Purchase ProgramSM special fixed-rate home improvement loan facilitated by CRS and First Federal Lakewood.

Here is how the program works:

- Find a house in a *Heritage Home Program*SM participating community which is more than 50 years old that you want to buy and fix up. Almost any home in Ward 13 would qualify; Ward 12 is not a participating community. For any questions about what ward a home is in, call Jayme Lucas-Bukszar at 216-459-1000.
- Develop a wish list of exterior and interior repairs and improvements to complete; almost everything is eligible. Improvements which are not eligible for funding include landscaping, luxury items such as a pool or hot tub, and exterior vinyl products such as siding or replacement windows. Driveways are acceptable on a limited basis – the cost of the driveway needs to be 25% or less of the entire project scope.
- Consult with CRS about the repairs and improvements and get unbiased and impar-

tial advice regarding materials, contractors and the scope of work.

- Get contractor quotes. CRS can help determine exactly what to request from the contractor and can help connect buyers with qualified contractors.
- Apply to First Federal Lakewood for both a home purchase loan and a *Heritage Home Program*SM rehab loan. First Federal Lakewood will obtain an after-rehab appraisal of the property and lend to qualified buyers up to 90% of the appraised value or 95% if the property is located in a low/moderate census tract or the borrower’s income falls in to a low/moderate range.
- For the 95% loans: In low/moderate Census tracts one or two person households can earn up to \$75,120; in non-target tracts, one or two person households can earn up to \$62,600. Old Brooklyn has both low/moderate and non-target Census tracts. To find out if a home is in a low/moderate Census tract, call Jayme Lucas-Bukszar at 216-459-1000.
- No real estate tax or insurance reserves will need to be posted at closing unless requested by the homebuyer, allowing buyers to put more cash into upgrading the property.
- The City’s building department will verify that the contractor selected has the required insurance and where required, bonding to give buyers peace of mind. CRS will also monitor the rehab process, eliminating the headaches that usually come with a remodeling project.
- Move in to a beautiful, customized dream home.

For more information about the Heritage Home Purchase ProgramSM, contact Cleveland Restoration Society at 216-426-3116. CRS staff will help the homebuyer connect with a loan officer at First Federal Lakewood to get started with the mortgage application.

Cleveland residents can get free rain barrels

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Since 2008, the Cleveland Division of Water, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS), Youth Opportunities Unlimited and the Mayor’s Youth Summer Employment Program have partnered together to distribute almost 3,000 free rain barrels to Cleveland residents. Between twenty and forty rain barrels are provided annually to Old Brooklyn residents with the help of Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation. Free rain barrels will be available again this year on a first-come, first-served basis.

Through the program, residents and YOU youth employees are educated about the Lake Erie Watershed, storm water capture, and other aspects of water sustainability. A rain barrel is a form of storm water management which collects rainwater by

diverting some of the water from a downspout into the barrel. The collected water can be used for various purposes (e.g., watering gardens/lawns and washing cars). Up to 40% of summer water use is for irrigation, so using rain barrels is an important contribution to water efficiency.

A resident who is interested in participating in the 2015 Summer Rain Barrel Program must:

- Be a homeowner in the City of Cleveland;
- Complete the required paperwork and submit to the local CDC by June 26th, 2015;
- Have a 2”x3” rectangular downspout on their home or garage that is not visible the street, and drains to sewer (*not onto a driveway, sidewalk, etc.*);
- Install the free downspout diverter by the time the rain barrel is delivered.

For more information or to sign up for a free rain barrel, contact Jayme Lucas-Bukszar at 216-459-1000 or jaymel@oldbrooklyn.com.

ESOP property tax loan program helps seniors

Sources: Deonna Kirkpatrick, ESOP,
http://www.esop-cleveland.org

Every year thousands of Cuyahoga County’s older homeowners fall behind on their property taxes. The amounts of the delinquencies are often relatively small, but it can still be a major hurdle for older homeowners with limited incomes. Without options, senior homeowners often resort to payday lenders and/or fall victim to a scam in an attempt to save their homes. The ESOP Senior Property Tax Loan Program provides loans to homeowners age 55 and older to help them pay delinquent property taxes and avoid foreclosure.

There are no income guidelines and an ESOP financial counselor will complete a personal financial assessment for every applicant to ensure the payments are affordable. In addition, ESOP is a member of the Ohio Benefits Bank and can assist seniors with determining what financial benefits he/she may be eligible for and helping to apply for those benefits.

Underwriting for the Senior Property Tax Loan Program is flexible, based on each individual’s need. Terms of the loan are structured to make payments fair and affordable for our aging population. ESOP will also work with third parties to pay off property taxes if a tax certificate has been sold by Cuyahoga County.

Basic guidelines for the Senior Property Tax

- Loan Program include:
- Loan limit up to \$6500
- Cuyahoga County properties only
- Property must be owner occupied
- Borrower must be age 55 or older
- Borrower must participate in financial counseling at ESOP
- Borrower must enroll in Cuyahoga County Easy Pay program to keep taxes current

Other loan qualifications may apply. Each applicant will be assisted on a case-by-case basis; counselors can do in-home applications for seniors with mobility needs. ESOP is located at 7000 Euclid Ave., on the Greater Cleveland RTA Health Line. For more information contact ESOP at 216-361-0718.

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Oil and gas reserves have local history long before there was Brooklyn Township - Part II

by George Mychkovsky
Guest Writer

A continuation of the history of oil and gas in Brooklyn Township from the April Old Brooklyn News.

Drilling and Production History

Discovery of the Cleveland Gas Field:

In the early part of 1912, after a decade of failures, four good wells were completed in the Clinton sand at the plants of the Winton Motor Car Co. and the National Carbon Co., near the western limits of the City of Cleveland. Other manufacturing firms began drilling shortly after, with most of the successful wells drilled on factory sites within or close to the city limits. Their success attracted widespread attention, so that within four years of the discovery more than nine-hundred wells, most of which were successful, were completed in an area of about twenty-five square miles.

Early over-drilling characterizes the earliest drilling period:

Excessively close drilling in many parts of this area resulted in a rapid decline of the output of individual wells. During 1914 approximately three-hundred wells were completed in Lakewood and West Park. In some places wells were sunk within one-hundred feet of one another on lots scarcely large enough to accommodate the drilling rig, since most of the drilling was done by small companies controlling one or more suburban lots. Another example of over-drilling was exhibited by a seventy acre tract in Lakewood that contained thirty-seven wells. Drilling was comparatively simple due to the fairly uniform distribution of the gas, the regularity of the strata, and the general absence of water except at certain well-defined horizons. This plus the proximity of the field of operations to a great center of supplies and the low cost of hauling over paved roads and streets combined to reduce the cost of drilling and to

make the investment attractive. Surprisingly, rather than acting as a deterrent, the rapid decline of the wells seemed to act as a stimulus to further drilling.

As a result of this over-drilling, the older part of the field was unfortunately short-lived. To illustrate the short life of these over-drilled wells, about two-fifths of them were abandoned by 1917, i.e., less than five years after they were drilled. In fact, many wells in the earliest areas to be drilled were plugged less than one year after going into production. This stands in stark contrast with wells drilled in Cuyahoga County since 1970, which average more than ten years of productive life.

Specific reference to wells in Brooklyn Township:

Rogers writes, "There are a few wells south of the city line, in the area between Linndale and Brooklyn, and several of these report a small production of oil ...". Furthermore, wells in the northeast corner of the township, near the intersection of Jennings Road and Dennison Avenue, produced gas from the so-called Newburg sand (porous intervals within the Lockport Dolomite), which is above the Clinton. Rogers continues, "[In] February, 1914, a well credited with an initial flow of 12,500,000 cubic feet was completed at the Stadler Rendering & Fertilizing Co.'s plant, on Cuyahoga River just north of the mouth of Big Creek ... In March two other good wells were brought in, and within six months 68 wells had been drilled in the immediate vicinity ..."

Drilling Methods

Early wells were drilled with cable tools, in which "making hole" was achieved by a heavy bit at the end of a wireline pulverizing the rock at the bottom of the borehole. An extremely time-consuming operation, it took about a month from spudding (initial breaking of the earth's surface) to reaching total depth ("TD") for a Clinton well. The classic image of the old-time permanent derrick towering over a well is a reminder of yesteryear's cable tool-drilled wells.

Since the 1970's almost all wells in Cuyahoga County have been drilled with rotary tools. This involves a drilling bit located at the bottom of drill pipe, with pipe increments (joints) added at the rig floor to "make a connection" for additional hole penetration, and cuttings circulated to the surface either by water, drilling mud, or air. Rotary drilling reduced time to drill a Clinton well to five days, but on the other hand left a far larger "footprint" at the well-site, requiring more reclamation than did a site drilled by cable

tools. The greater penetration rates and depth capability provided by rotary drilling paved the way for the deeper drilling to the Trenton and Trempealeau.

To-date all the wells in Brooklyn Township have been vertical. Directional wells have been drilled in parts of southern and eastern Cuyahoga County, where folding and/or faulting of the entire sedimentary rock column has enhanced reservoir characteristics to yield exceptional production in neighborhoods with relatively sizeable parcels of land when compared to the average parcel in Brooklyn Township. Horizontal wells in an aerial view resemble an "octopus", as several wells drilled from a single platform proceed a relatively great distance (sometimes exceeding a mile) laterally into the target reservoir. Horizontal drilling has been limited primarily to the Marcellus and Utica Shale wells of central-eastern and southeastern Ohio.

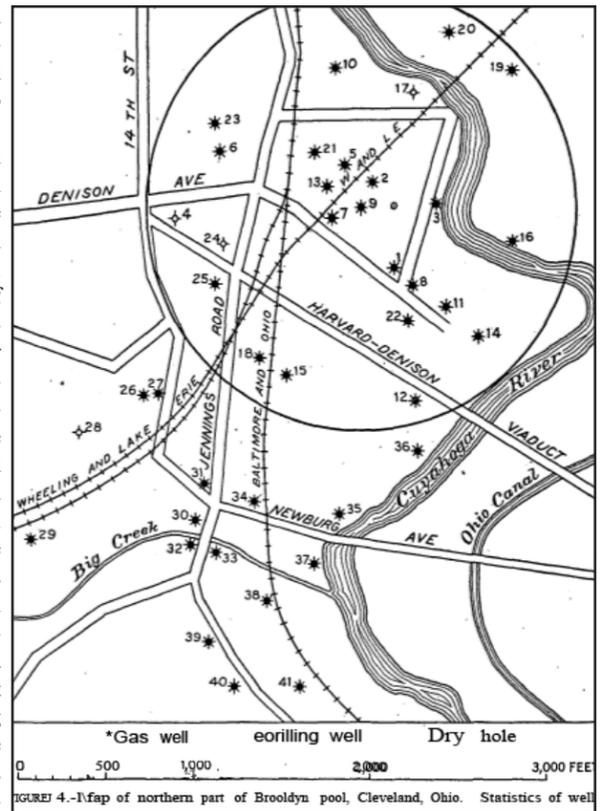
Economic Impact of Oil and Gas Industry

Northeast Ohio's prominent position started to decline with the discovery of huge oil and gas reserves in the southwestern states, Canada, South America, the Middle East, and the development of offshore drilling. For the last 100 years production from northeast Ohio oil and gas wells has been sufficient to support only small independent operators, who have had to virtually account for each nickel they spend on a well. The exact dollar value of the industry at this time to Greater Cleveland is unknown; however, without a doubt, the proportional significance of the industry to the regional economy is only a shadow of its former self.

Well Costs, Current Production, and Uses

A conventional completed Clinton well in Brooklyn Township currently costs approximately \$380,000. A directionally drilled well would add about \$150,000 to the total cost. A completed exploratory ("wildcat") well to produce from the elusive Trempealeau would cost approximately \$600,000.

Of the one-hundred twenty wells drilled to-date in Brooklyn Township, only five are currently producing, and they are operated by Duck Creek Energy, Inc, of Brecksville, Ohio.



These wells were drilled between 2001 and 2004, and all produce from the Clinton Sandstone at depths ranging from two-thousand eight-hundred fifty feet to three-thousand fifty feet. Interestingly enough, one of these producing wells, P# 60116, the #1 Mary Harkness, was initially completed as a Newburg well by the East Ohio Gas Company in 1914, with a total depth of two-thousand three-hundred ninety-three feet. This well, located north of the Jennings - Bradley Road intersection, was deepened in 2002 in the Clinton sandstone to a depth of two-thousand eight-hundred ninety feet. Consistent with other production in the area, the Duck Creek wells are overwhelmingly gas-bearing. In 2013 the total production from these wells was seven-thousand seven-hundred eighty-four Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas and only two-hundred twenty-four barrels (one barrel = forty-two gallons) of oil.

To be continued...

About the Author: Consulting geologist George Mychkovsky is a former resident of Old Brooklyn and graduate of James Ford Rhodes High School (class of 1973). He received his BS and MS degrees in Geology from Kent State in 1976 and 1979, respectively. He has over 34 years of experience in Ohio's oil & gas and coal mining industries, and would like to commemorate the bicentennial of Old Brooklyn and the centennial of the discovery of the Cleveland Gas Field with this article.

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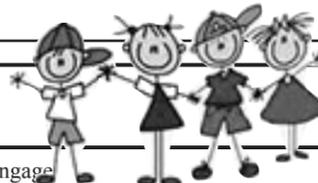
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Children's Museum of Cleveland
10730 Euclid Ave. 216-791-7114
www.clevelandchildrensmuseum.org

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 beauty & warmth of Eleanor Armstrong Smith Glasshouse while discovering more during these daily scheduled 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).



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

Cleveland Metroparks - CanalWay Center
E. 49th St. bet. Grant Ave & Canal Rd.
216-206-1000 or clevelandmetroparks.com
Hunt of the Month: Fish. Mon. - Sat., 9 am - 5 pm, Sun., noon - 5 pm. Lots of fish in the canal, river & lake. Stop by the Center & find 20 hidden fish. Fishing programs coming up throughout warmer months.

Children's Fishing Derbies - Sat., May 17th, Ages 4 - 8 fish 9 am - noon; ages 9 - 15 fish 1 - 4 pm. Free fishing while learning fishing basics (e.g., how to cast). Compete for prizes. Loaner fishing equipment available. Bait provided while supplies last. Water specially stocked with rainbow trout & channel catfish. Bring tackle, coolers & ice for day's catch. Event held rain or shine; registration not required. Call 216-206-1010 for more info.

CanalWay Storytime at Night - Wed., May 6th, 6:30 - 7:15 pm. Listen to stories celebrating love for mothers & their love for us while learning valuable life lessons.

Second Saturday Storytelling - Sat., May 9th, 7:30 - 9 pm. Talk theater, narrative, voice performance. Stories told by experienced storytellers provide entertaining evening. After refreshments, share own tales.

Evening Cart Tour - Mon., May 11th, 6:30 - 8 pm. Evening cart tour along Ohio & Erie Canal. Look for signs of wildlife roaming in evening.

Bike the Canal - Sat., May 16th; 1 - 4 pm. Load up your family, friends, bicycles & head out for a casual bike ride along the Towpath. Stop to discuss some of the wild life that call the Cuyahoga Valley home. Register by phone or online.

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

Afternoon Adventure - Sun., May 3rd, 10th, 24th & 31st; 2:30 - 3:30 pm. Weekly outings include exploring the garden, insect investigations, soil safaris & nature-related crafts.

Worms at Work - Sat., May 30th, 10:30 - 11:30 am. Kids bring empty two-liter bottle & learn to make counter-top composter. Red worms turn food waste into natural organic compost. Adults can attend Vermicom posting 101 while kids participate in this program. Fee: \$2. Call to register.



Cleveland Metroparks Mill Stream Run Reservation - Strongsville Park Operations
9485 Eastland Rd, off Valley Parkway, west of Pearl Rd/Rte. 42 440-526-1012
Pond Dipping - Sun. May, 31st, 2 - 4 pm. Bonnie Park Picnic Area. Learn about animals in ponds & unique adaptations. Use nets to catch & release animals.

Children's Fishing Derbies - Sat., May 16th, Wallace Lake, Ages 4 - 8 fish 9 am - noon; ages 9 - 15 fish 1 - 4 pm. Free fishing while learning fishing basics (e.g., how to cast). Compete for prizes. Loaner fishing equipment available. Bait provided while supplies last. Water specially stocked with rainbow trout & channel catfish. Bring tackle, coolers & ice for day's catch. Event held rain or shine; registration not required. Call 216-206-1010 for more info.



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

Morning with Mom - Sun., May 10th, 10 am - noon. Treat mom (or another special woman) to a peaceful escape. Bagel bar, fruit & beverages surrounded by nature & soothing music. Everyone receives a 15% discount on Mother's Day. Special lady-of-the-day receives coupon for 25% off one item on future visit. Family photostaken & ready to take home as Mother's Day memory. Reservations for each half-hour & \$3 fee required by Fri., May 8th. Call 440-734-7576 for reservations & more info.

Bioblitz - Mon. May 25th, 10 - 11 am. Nature hike with Naturalist Jen Brunfield. Birds, butterflies, plants, frogs & turtles. Exactly one hour to find as many species as possible.

Antique Engine Show & Classic Car Cruise In - Sun., May 31st, 11 am - 4 pm. Frostville Museum. Lagrange Engine Club displays collection of big & small antique farm engines & classic cars. Museum houses open. Food & beverages available. Call 216-789-5298 or olmstedhistoricalsociety.org for more info.



Cleveland Metroparks West Creek
Reservation 440-887-1968

Campfire with Stories & S'mores - Fri., May 8th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Naturalist Matt Knittel leads short walk to see & hear crepuscular creatures stirring, then campfire with stories, songs, s'mores & hot chocolate. Bring chair & story or song to share. Monarch Bluff Picnic Area. Fee: \$2; 5 years & under, free. Registration by phone or online required.



Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
3900 Wildlife Way 216-635-3391
Mother's Day at the Zoo - Sun., May 10th, 10 am - 5 pm. All moms receive free admission.

KidsDays - Sat. & Sun., May 23rd - 24th; 10 am - 5 pm. Meet animal keepers, see special animal enrichment demonstrations, make crafts, dance, visit favorite animals & exhibits, & on Sat. meet several costumed characters from popular WVIZ shows.

Professor Wylde's Live Animal Show - begins Sat., May 23rd. in 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.

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Learn to build a Picket Fence Photo Frame - Sat., May 2nd, 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
Full Dome Children's Feature Show: Rusty Rocket's Last Blast - Travel through Solar System with Rusty Rocket & his friends as they learn everything they need to know to become space rockets. Full dome "movie" is 32 minutes long. Recommended for children ages 4 - 12. Fee: \$5

Full Dome Feature Show: Space Aliens - Alien "experts" Hopeful & Skeptical try to convince each other whether or not life exists beyond Earth. Full dome movie is 30 minutes long. Recommended for pre-teen through adults. Fee: \$5.

SkyQuest: The "Dawn" of New Discoveries? Thurs. & Sat., May 2nd, 7th, 14th, 16th, 21st & 28th; 7:30 pm. Program 45 min. Free: \$5.

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

Animals Alive - Sat. & Sun., 12 - 12:30 pm. Fee: \$3/person; all ages. Fun & informative animal show in Log Cabin. Each week focus is on different topic/animals. Collect stickers to earn fun Nature Center prize bag.

Family Fishing Day - Sun., May 17th; 9 am - noon. Fee: \$7. Learn how to cast, where to fish & what kind of fish you'll catch - then head to Lake Erie to throw your line in the water. All equipment provided. Adults & teens ages 16+ who wish to fish must possess a valid fishing license. One adult must accompany every 2 children registered. For families with children ages 5+. Register in advance.



Lake Erie Day - Sat., May 23rd; 10:30 am. - 2:30 pm. Fee: \$4 ages 4 & up. Lake-related activities, planetarium presentations about our Great Lakes & Sea Grant experts on-hand provide updates & answer questions.

Cuyahoga County Public Library

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216-661-4240; www.cuyahogalibrary.org
9 am - 9 pm, Mon. - Thurs.; 9 am - 5:30 pm, Fri. & Sat.; 1 - 5 pm, Sun.

Teen Programs - Sat., May 9th, TAG Team, 1:30 pm, grades 6 - 12 & Board Game Day, 2:30 pm, ages 10 - 19.

Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage

2929 Richmond Rd.
216-593-0575 www.maltzmuseum.org
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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. Open Sat. & Sun. in May, 10 am - 5:30 pm, depending on weather & crowd size. Children must be under 50 inches for most rides. Email: Kiddiepark@aol.com for both general & party info.



Stearns Homestead Historical Farm - Parma 6975 Ridge Rd
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Opening Day - Sun., May 17th, noon - 4 pm. Open to the public, Sat. & Sun., May - Oct. Free admission. Lots to see & do.



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

Mackey Main Stage
"Oliver"
Fri., May 15th - Sun., May 24th. Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat. & Sun., 3 pm. Tickets: \$10 - \$12.

Studio Theater
"The Young Man from Atlanta"
Fri., May 29th - Sun., Jun. 28th; Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets: \$12- \$29.

Cleveland Public Theatre (CPT)
6415 Detroit Ave. 216-631-2727 ext. 205
James Levin Theatre

"Dontrell, Who Kissed the Sea"
Thurs., May 21st - Sat., Jun. 6th. All performances Thurs., Fri., Sat., 7 pm. Tickets: \$12 - \$28.

Gordon Square Theatre
"Johanna: Facing Forward"
Thurs., May 28th - Sat., June 13th. Thurs., Fri., Sat.; all performances 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$12 - \$28.

Near West Theatre
6702 Detroit Ave. 216-961-6391
www.nearwesttheatre.org

"Shrek"
Now - Sun., May 17th. Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 7:30 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets: Star seat single; \$20, adult general; \$10, child, \$8.

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

Cleveland Play House at the Allen's Outcalt Theatre
"Fairfield"
Fri., May 1st - Sun., May 31st. Tues., 7 pm; Wed., Thurs. & Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat. & Sun., 2:30 & 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$29 - \$69.

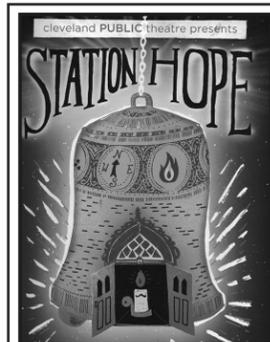
The Connor Palace Theatre
"The Adventures of Robin Hood"
Sat., May 9th & Sun., May 10th; Sat., noon & 3 pm; Sun., 2:30 pm. Tickets: \$10 - \$15.

"I Love Lucy Live on Stage"
Fri., May 15th - Sun., May 17th. Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat., 1:30 & 7:30 pm; Sun., 1 & 6:30 pm. Tickets: \$10 - \$60.

The Ohio Theatre
"Memphis"
Fri., May 22nd - Sun., May 24th; Fri. & Sat., 7:30 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. All tickets: \$15. Presented by Cleveland Municipal School District & Great Lakes Theater.

The State Theatre
"The Singing Angels: Why We Sing"
Sun., May 17th; 2 pm. Tickets: \$17 - \$42.

U.S. Bank Plaza (outdoors)
"Thor Platter Band"
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Saturday, May 9th
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Brooklyn Heights United Church of Christ 2005 West Schaaf Rd. 216-741-2280

Room for rent - for small events - Call to schedule.

Brooklyn Trinity United Church of Christ 8720 Memphis Ave.

Salad luncheon - Sat., May 9th; 11 am - 1 pm. \$5, includes salads, desserts & drink.

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
Reverse Raffle - Sat., May 2nd, 6:30 pm; Parish Center. Call for tickets.

May Crowning - Sun., May 3rd, during 11 am Mass; upper church.

Mass of Remembrance for those who have lost a child - Wed., May 6th, 7 pm; lower chapel.

Avilas Holy Hour to pray for religious vocations - Thurs., May 7th, 8:30 am; lower chapel.

Ladies' Spring Tea & Luncheon - Sat., May 9th, noon; Marian Lounge. Call for tickets; \$7 ea.

Girl Scout Spaghetti Dinner - Sat., May 9th, 4 - 7 pm; Parish Center cafeteria. Tickets available at door.

Mary Queen of Peace Seniors - Wed., May 13th; lunch at noon with meeting & social to follow; Marian Lounge.

Men's Prayer Group - Sat., May 9th & 23rd, 8:30 am; Parish Center.

Mobile Food Pantry (free produce offered by Cleveland Food Bank), Sat., May 16th, 9 am - 11 am; upper level garages.

Prayer Service for Those Touched by Cancer - Sat., May 16th, 7 pm; upper church.

Free Community Meal - Sun., May 17th, 1 pm; Parish Center cafeteria.

World Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour - Sun., May 17th, 2 pm; lower church.

Mary Queen of Peace School Band Concert - Wed., May 20th, 1:45 & 6:30 pm; upper church.

"Five Dollar Fish Dinner" - Sat., May 23rd, 5:30 pm; Parish Center cafeteria. Tickets available at door.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Father Rob Ramser - Sun., May 24th, 11 am Mass; upper church.

Memorial Day Mass - Mon., May 25th, 9 am; upper church.

LEAF Meeting (Ministry to Families who have loved ones incarcerated) Wed., May 27th, 7 pm; Parish Center upper hall.

Dinner & A Show "Broadway Medleys" - Sat., May 30th, 5:30 pm; Parish Center upper hall. Call for tickets; \$10.

Diocese of Cleveland Vincentian Recognition Mass - Sun., May 31st, 8:30 am; upper church.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Father Jeff Barnish - Sun., May 31st, 11 am; upper church.

Contrapunctus Concert - Sun., May 31st, 3 pm; upper church.

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

Fifty Plus Group - Wed., May 6th, 11:30 am; upstairs Gathering Room. Bring sack lunch & play Fruit Bingo afterwards. **Wed., May 20th**, hot meal served, cost \$3. Mrs. Esther Hofener will tell about her trips to Israel. Anyone 50 years or older invited.

Widows & Widowers - Mon., May 18th, noon; luncheon & support. Menu includes Italian pot roast, mashed potatoes, vegetables & more. Cost: \$3. RSVP by contacting church office.

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.

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 & indi-

Memorial Day Recognition - Sat., May 23rd, 5 pm & Sun., 8 am & 10:30 am. Will remember & thank God for living & departed veterans. Also view moving video, "Memorial Day Tribute."

Saint Stephen's Catholic Church,
1930 W. 54th St., Cleveland
Cleveland Mass Mob XIII - Sun., May 24th, 11 am (Pentecost Sunday).

Unity Evangelical Lutheran
4542 Pearl Rd. 216-741-2085

The Sound of Harps - Sun., May 17th, 9:30 am. Two harpists will provide music during Divine Service. All welcome to stay for fellowship, coffee & Bible Study/Sunday School for all ages.

viduals with mobility challenges living in Old Brooklyn or Brooklyn Centre may qualify for monthly delivery of free groceries from All Faiths Pantry. Call 216-496-4329 for info.

Volunteer Drivers & Runners needed for Meals on Wheels

Senior Citizen Resources. We deliver Mon. - Fri. to Old Brooklyn residents. Call Kim Susak, 216-749-5367, with any questions.

Single Seniors Meetings
Zabor's Community Center, 5666 Pearl Rd.; 7 pm, 2nd & 4th Sun. of every month. Southwest widowed, divorced or separated Christian group. Make new friends. Call 440-888-3316 for more info.

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Brooklyn-Cleveland Kiwanis - every Tues., noon - 1:30 pm; Golden Corral, 8676 Brookpark Rd.

Brooklyn Genealogy Club meeting, Sun., May 17th, 2 pm, Brooklyn Fire Station Community Room, 8400 Memphis Ave. at Roadoan). No word yet about speaker or topic. For information about the group contact Ann Wojtowicz, wojtowicz6809@roadrunner.com.

Brooklyn Historical Society meeting, Wed., May 27th, 7 pm, BHS museum, 4442 Ridge Rd. Tim Daley speaking about history of Soldiers & Sailors Monument. All welcome; call Barb, 216-941-0160, for more info.

Cleveland Republican Organization meeting, Tues., May 11th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Brooklyn Hts. UCC, 2005 W. Schaaf Rd. Call 216-832-9195 for more info.

Laurel Garden Club meeting, Tues., May 12th, 7 pm, Brooklyn Fire Station Community

Room, 8400 Memphis Ave. Planning for annual plant sale, Sat., Jun. 2nd. Refreshments; all welcome.

Historical Society of Old Brooklyn meeting, Fri., May 8th, 7 pm, Pearl Road United Methodist Church, 4200 Pearl Rd. (Use rear entrance off parking lot.) Historian Judy McKeegan from Cleveland Metroparks will give powerpoint presentation about history of the Zoo. Call president Constance Ewazen, 216-398-8969, for more info.

Old Brooklyn Crime Watch meeting, Mon., May 4th, 7 pm, Mary Queen of Peace Church, 4423 Pearl Rd. Call Barb Spaan, 216-459-1000, for more info.

Second District Police Community Relations meeting, Tues., May 12th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th St.

Southwest Citizens Area Council meeting, Thurs., Apr. 2nd, (& every first Thurs.), 7 pm, Gino's, 1314 Denison Ave.

Ward 13 Democratic Club meeting, Tues., May 19th (& every third Tues.), 7 pm, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5801 Memphis Ave.

Local teens celebrated film to be screened

by Jeffrey T Verespej
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Moments of inspiration come from a variety of sources and often yield transformations of wonder. Skyler Edge, a junior at Facing History New Tech High School at the Charles Mooney School, both benefited from and become an inspiration through a class that led to a new short film recently premiered at the Cleveland International Film Festival entitled "House Not Home."

A sophomore class that combines sociology and anthropology called *Facing History and Ourselves* led Skyler to write a short story about a transgender youth and the experiences facing that community. The teacher, Martha Verde, integrated the Scenarios USA REAL DEAL writing curriculum into her daily lessons for her students to eventually submit their final stories for the Scenarios writing contest.

Shortly after Skyler's story was submitted, it was announced that it was one of the semi-finalist stories, then finalist and finally was selected as the winning Cleveland region story to be turned into a film by Scenarios USA. Eight months later, with the assistance of Hollywood director Joshua Butler (*Vampire Diaries*, *Pretty Little Liars*), leaders in the LGBT community, local film professionals and Scenarios USA staff, Skyler's story came to life as a film on the big screen.

"This is a very important topic that is not often brought up for discussion" said Skyler. The inspiration for the story began through the class that exposed him to past award winning films that approached serious and difficult topics such as gay youth and rape survivors. Although not autobiographical, Skyler relates to the story as a transgender youth. When the school project began, he was not out to his parents or classmates, but has been embraced and supported by the whole community since coming out.

"It is very hard to find examples of transgender characters in fiction or film, with a rare exception being Sophia Burset" from the Netflix hit series *Orange Is The New Black*, says Skyler. Through the creation of the main character, a transgender youth in the middle of the process of coming out, he hoped that audiences would identify similarities to relate to and gain empathy for the situations that those individuals face.

Scenarios USA is non-profit headquartered in New York City that focuses on marginalized youth through film and writing. After Skyler's film was selected by Scenarios, he began to work with the director Joshua Butler

and writer Rob York to evolve his short story of seven pages into a screen play. Through a multi-month process, the script was developed and moved into production. The LGBT Center of Greater Cleveland served as the host site for audition, a process in which Skyler participated.

In addition to playing at the Cleveland International Film Festival, "House Not Home" will play at the Scenarios World Premiere and Celebration on May 12th at the Angelika Film Center in New York City, where Skyler and his teacher will participate on a panel afterwards.

Members of the Old Brooklyn community will be able to view the film as well. In partnership with Scenarios USA, Facing History New Tech High School, and the LGBT Center of Greater Cleveland, Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation is hosting a film session and discussion on Thursday, May 14th at 6:00pm at Charles Mooney School, 3213 Montclair Avenue. All are encouraged to come to this event to celebrate the remarkable achievement of Skyler, view the film, and participate in a discussion following the showing. Snacks will be provided.

Skyler speaks with a sense of maturity and exuberance about the project. With a long time interest in writing, he has developed a new sense of interest in screen writing in addition to fiction. His desire is to have his work make an impact on the lives of others, as it already has.

After a showing for a local school during the Cleveland International Film Festival, a student approached him to explain how the film was moving due to that student's personal experiences. Anyone who sees the film will likely feel the same.

Film screening and discussion

"House Not Home"
by Skyler Edge

Thursday, May 14th
Doors open 5:30 p.m.
Film begins 6:00 p.m.

Charles A. Mooney School
3213 Montclair Ave

Parma store, Catherine's, helps Old Brooklyn Food Pantry with clothing drive



Photo by Maria Pagano

On Saturday, April 11th, one of our Old Brooklyn food pantries, which also provides clothing for the less fortunate, got some help from a Parma clothing store, Catherine's, which caters to women of larger sizes. The United Hearts Life Mission Center, 3339 Broadview Rd., was again the recipient of the clothing collected during a drive held by Catherine's, located at 8247 Day Dr. The first drive was held last year thanks to an idea by Dawn, Catherine's manager. The *Clean Your Closet* drive encouraged women to clean out the clothing items they no longer wear and donate them. In return the women would get a coupon for \$10 off anything in the store costing \$25 and also \$25 off a \$50 purchase. The bags of donated clothing were piled up near the doorway of Catherine's, and Catherine's turned them over to United Hearts Life Mission Center to make available to their clients. Everyone involved is grateful to Catherine's for their generosity.

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