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## Brilliant Sign and General Electric collaborate on national Christmas tree

by Jay Gardner  
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Although General Electric's (GE) Nela Park Christmas lighting display has left generations of area children spellbound, most Clevelanders are not aware of GE's other holiday role — illuminating the National Christmas tree. The Nela Park Consumer and Industrial lighting facility on Noble Road in East Cleveland has been designing and manufacturing the Christmas lights for the national tree since 1944.

Twelve years ago, GE brought in Brilliant Sign Co., headquartered in the Hinkley Industrial Park off W. Schaaf Road, to fabricate the ornaments for the tree. Much of this involves dedicated custom work. In business since 1929, Brilliant Sign has a national reputation for its lighting display work.

Most of us don't think about Christmas lights until after the leftovers from Thanksgiving have found their way into sandwiches, but when you're your working with a 39 foot tree that will be lit by the President and First Lady, things become much more complicated. Work on the lights for the national Christmas tree begins in February when GE design staff, representatives from the Pageant of Peace, the National Park Service and the White House get together to discuss themes for the coming year.



Photo by George Shuba

**Jim Groh, president and CEO of Brilliant Electric Sign Co., Ltd., shows off some of the colorful large ornaments that his Old Brooklyn company produced for this year's national Christmas tree in Washington, DC.**

According to Kathy Presciano, a lighting designer for GE Consumer & Industrial in Cleveland for the past 12 years, it's always been an interesting challenge. "Every year,

people wait to see what we've come up with next. We start from scratch every time. This year, we thought it might be refreshing to bring back a tree that reminds us of the simple pleasures of the holidays."

Once the design has been completed, the work is handed over to Brilliant Sign. At Brilliant between 20 and 25 employees are directly involved in various stages of production. The final result is over 300 unique ornaments. (The national tree is decorated by 500 sets of twinkling lights and 125 lighted ornaments the size of a bicycle wheel.)

According to Brilliant Sign Co. owner Jim Groh, "Each year it's a totally new product with a new theme, but we love the challenge. So many of our employees get involved in the making the ornaments. They all take a great deal of pride in their work. Every year they get the satisfaction of watching the President flick on the national tree featuring their handiwork. It's a great moment for the entire company and something that every Clevelander can share in."

The lighting of the National Christmas Tree is set for December 7th at approximately 5:57 p.m. during a nationally televised event. This year the Cleveland chapter of the Singing Angels will sing at the lighting ceremony.

Although stores have been promoting holiday wares for weeks, the tree-lighting ceremony will be the official start of the 2006 holiday season.

## Bishop Amos leaves Cleveland for Iowa

Bishop Martin J. Amos, one of Old Brooklyn's most recognized clerics, left Cleveland last month to become the Bishop of Davenport, Iowa. He had grown up in Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, but attended Benjamin Franklin Elementary School and Rhodes High School (class of 1959) before enrolling in Borromeo Seminary and being ordained in 1968.

The *Old Brooklyn News* featured Martin Amos in a joyful front page article in June, 2001 when he was raised to the order of bishop. Now, five and a half years later, he is again on our front page as we reluctantly bid him farewell.



Photo from the Universe Bulletin

**Auxiliary Bishop Roger Gries, left, and former Auxiliary Bishop Martin Amos, right, share a moment of episcopal camaraderie before Bishop Amos' departure.**

## What will be coming next year to the former Deaconess -- and what's already done at Deaconess-Krafft and Deaconess-Zane

by Lisa Casini

Three years later, everything old is becoming new again at 4229 Pearl Rd. in Old Brooklyn, where the silent, darkened hallways of the South and North Towers of the former Deaconess Hospital now echo the hopeful sounds of buildings in rehab.

Fortunately those disturbing TV images of patients being whisked out of Deaconess Hospital in the middle of a snowy night are becoming a distant memory, replaced by the MetroHealth System's commitment to restoring senior health care services in the community. And those services will reach patients far beyond the borders of Old Brooklyn.

The senior health care facility will become a reality next year with the completion of Phase One of the Senior Health and Wellness Center, a \$65 million investment in the former site of Deaconess Hospital.

The North and South Towers of Deaconess Hospital are currently under a complete renovation, bringing nearly 600 construction jobs, and when completed, an additional 300 permanent health care jobs to the MetroHealth South Campus.

When fully completed, patient care floors in both Towers will provide a range of medical services for individuals over the age of 55, including temporary in-patient stays

of up to 30 days for acute care, hospice care, rehabilitation care and wound care, and also a complete range of outpatient care, preventative care and primary and specialty care. The center will not offer emergency services.

According to Dr. James Campbell, director of MetroHealth's Geriatric medicine, the Senior Health and Wellness Center is slated to open for outpatient services in September, 2007.

"The Center's entire focus is senior care. The facility will not provide emergency care. However, seniors will be able to get same-day appointments. If a senior needs to see a doctor for a minor issue, such as the flu, they will fare much better (at the new Center) rather than waiting in a hospital emergency room," he said.

Several floors located in the Towers will house patients who require temporary stays. This phase is expected to be completed by February, 2008.

"If a patient is in a hospice program and still living at home and complications arise, this will be the best place for him or her to stay temporarily, until the issue is resolved. The Center will have trained specialists in hospice and palliative care, which most hospitals lack. Patients can stay here and get the acute and stabilizing care they need before

See *MetroHealth page 4*



**The former Deaconess Hospital at 4229 Pearl Rd. is well on the way to becoming MetroHealth South Campus.**

## Two neighborhood fires; two different outcomes

by Judith Pindell  
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Joyce Dzik of Tarlton Ave. awoke in the early morning of Friday, October 27, to the faint smell of smoke. She thought she was having a dream... or a nightmare. When she became fully conscious, she realized that it wasn't a dream. Smoke was coming from her oldest daughter's upstairs bedroom.

Joyce ran upstairs and found Stephanie, 21, trying to douse an accidental fire which had started on her mattress. Joyce was able

to get Stephanie, and her other daughter, 11 year old Jessica, out of the house safely while her husband Eric called 911. All six of their pets were rescued, too.

Joyce expressed gratitude to the firefighters, whom she said responded immediately and were very professional and sensitive to the family's situation. She also is grateful to Mayor Jackson for staffing the neighborhood Hook and Ladder truck and to those who fought to keep the Hook and Ladder in our neighborhood.

See *Neighborhood fires page 2*



Photo by Judith Pindell

**On Wednesday, November 29th, Red Cross Disaster Relief staff and volunteers joined Cleveland Fire Fighters in distributing smoke detectors and fire safety materials to neighbors surrounding the Fulton Rd./Bangor Ave. fatal house fire.**

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## Exploring the City of Cleveland's trash set-out and parking codes

By Judge Raymond L. Pianka  
Cleveland Municipal Court Housing Division

As Judge of the Housing Court, defendants in my courtroom frequently assert "I didn't know that was illegal..." as a defense. Indeed, there is often lack of knowledge, misunderstanding, or even "urban myths" about some of these topics. A high volume of Housing Court cases, as well as problems in the neighborhood, involve trash set-outs and parking issues. Let's take a moment to go over these important quality-of-life issues, and get the facts straight:

**Trash set-out.** City residents are not permitted to "set out any solid waste or any waste container for collection earlier than 12:00 noon on the day preceding a regular collection day." CCO § 551.04(d). If a person sets out a container for collection, he or she must "remove it from the tree lawn or other designated place for waste collection no later than 12:00 noon on the day following the date of collection." CCO § 551.04(e). Failure to follow these guidelines may result in a fine of up to \$100. CCO § 551.99(b).

In addition, all garbage containers must be located on private property and not on a street, alley, sidewalk, or other public place. A garbage container may not be stored in front of a residential property; this includes porches and the area between the street and the front of a residential structure (commonly called the "setback" line). CCO § 551.06(e). Failure to abide by this could result in a first-time fine of \$25, and subsequent fines of \$50. If someone in your neighborhood is in violation of these ordinances, contact the Cleveland Department of Public Health at 664-2300.

**Parking.** Both the Traffic Code and the Zoning Code restrict parking. In Cleveland, parking is forbidden: on the treelawn (CCO § 451.23(a)); in vacant lots (CCO § 451.241(b)); between the sidewalk and setback line, except on a driveway (CCO § 451.22); and on all soft surfaces, which includes yards and vacant lots (CCO § 349.07). These code provisions can be enforced by the Police or the Department of Building and Housing, or both.

One little-known section of the Codified Ordinances prohibits all parking in

front of the setback line (that is, between the front of the house and the treelawn); and, further prohibits parking within ten feet of any wall of a building if the wall contains ground floor openings to provide light or ventilation. C.C.O. § 337.14. In many of Old Brooklyn's neighborhoods, the houses are built very close together, and parking in the driveway between your house and your next door neighbor's could be an infraction of the Code; violation of this section is a first-degree misdemeanor.

Finally, Cleveland Codified Ordinance § 337.18(a) requires driveways to be "surfaced with concrete, asphaltic concrete, asphalt or similar surfacing material, maintained in good condition and free of debris and trash." Gravel driveways installed prior to the enactment of section 337.18 (December 14, 1959) are 'grandfathered'. However, this 'grandfathering' only applies if less than 50% of the gravel has ever been removed. If 50% or more of the original gravel installed prior to December 14, 1959 has been removed, the owner is not 'grandfathered' and will need to install a new driveway in compliance with the code - that is to say, a hard surface.

Violations of the Traffic Code can be reported to the Cleveland Police Department, Second District at 623-5200. Violations of the Zoning Code can be reported to the Department of Building and Housing Violation Hotline at 664-2007.

Exploring our Code is a way of arming yourself with the knowledge of what the law permits and forbids, and what you can do to help keep your neighborhood in compliance with local law. It therefore helps to abate nuisances quickly and efficiently. In addition to reporting the violations of these Code provisions to the appropriate department for criminal prosecution, you may also call the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation at 459-1000 for more information on how to contact your Councilperson or the City of Cleveland Law Department to file a civil action. For a comprehensive list of Cleveland nuisance abatement tools, call the Housing Court at 664-4295 or visit the Housing Court's website at <http://www.clevelandhousingcourt.org>.

## Cleveland Public School District's NJROTC fills backpacks for kids of deployed parents

by Maribeth Feke

....."Hut-two-three-four; company halt!" Sounds of marching and drilling are routine when a junior ROTC units come together. On October 28, however, junior ROTC units from Rhodes, Lincoln West, Euclid, Collinwood, Admiral King and Kennedy High Schools met at the Army National Guard Armory on Engle

"The cadets at Rhodes wanted to help these kids and they also wanted to meet their fellow cadets at other schools in something other than a competition. This gave them that opportunity. The cadets sold tickets and solicited donations of the items in the backpacks from their parents and area businesses."



Photo by George Shuba

James Ford Rhodes NJROTC, Area 3 Unit, participated in Operation Military Kids at the Army National Guard Armory on Engle Road in Brookpark on Oct. 28. Children of members of the Army met to help fill backpacks for kids with parents overseas. The backpacks were stuffed with a journal, stationery, pens and pencils, a camera, a stuffed animal, coloring books, small toys and other accessories.

Road in Brookpark to help kids with parents overseas. These cadets helped assemble "hero packs" -- backpacks stuffed full of supplies like stationery, disposable cameras, journals, books, teddy bears and other gifts to make missing a parent a little easier.

This military kids program is part of a national program that is operating in 34 states across the country. Their mission is to help children with a deployed parent, according to Robin Stone, ROTC coordinator at Rhodes High school who helped organize the event.

Over 100 cadets came and filled the backpacks stuffed with the goodies for these kids. Afterwards, they celebrated with a Halloween party for all the units who participated. The National Guard invited the cadets to watch their units drill and then donated the use of the facility for this worthy cause.

Operation Military Kids also provides other services to children of deployed parents such as summer camp and a variety of other activities to help deal with the absence of a parent on military duty.

### Neighborhood fires from front page

While the daughters lost most of their clothing and belongings, and Stephanie suffered burns on her back and shoulders, the family is just profoundly thankful that everyone survived. Joyce said that she feels blessed her family is safe and feels devastated for the families of the Fulton Rd./Bangor Ave. house fire on November 7th, 2006.

While the Fulton Road fire is still under investigation, the *Sun News* reported that "several factors came together to create the tragedy". The lack of working smoke detectors was one factor that contributed to the loss of life. Two children and one adult escaped with their lives, but four children died in the blazing inferno.

Programs are in place to assist the Brownlee and Howell families. A Memorial Fund has been set up in the name of the three Brownlee children, Austin, Tyler, and Cory, who died in the fire. It will assist the family

pay their funeral expenses. Donations can be made to: Bollinger-Catavolos Funeral Home, 9810 Denison Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102.

A fund to help the family of Daina Howell has been set up at Charter One Bank. You may make a donation at any Charter One Bank branch.

The American Red Cross and the Cleveland Fire Department provide free smoke detectors to qualifying Cleveland residents. The program is called **Operation Save A Life** in which free smoke detectors and batteries are distributed to residents who are low-income, elderly or disabled, or families with children. Cleveland firefighters install the smoke detectors at no cost to residents. Call the Red Cross 24-hour Smoke Detector Hotline at 216-361-5535 for information and application processing.

For more Holiday Fire Safety tips, please refer to the Community Toolbox article on page 7.

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**Saturday, December 23rd**  
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**Saturday, December 30th**  
**Closed for the New Year's holiday.**

**Every Tuesday**  
**Food Stamp Information & Sign Up**  
 Brookside Center in the lobby area. Representative from Project B.R.E.A.D. will be available to provide info & help eligible people sign up. Call Maria Rodriguez, 216-432-4770, for more info.

**December 1st - 21st**  
**Brookside Center, 3784 Pearl Rd.**  
**Distributing holiday food with the regular food service :** Dec. 1 - 21, 10 am - 2 pm. Bring current address identification for each adult & child, medical cards, shot records, birth certificates, etc.  
**Small gifts will be distributed** to children up to 16 years Dec. 18, 19, 20 & 21, 10 am - 2 pm. Bring current address ID & ID for each child, medical card, birth certificate, shot records, school records, etc.  
**Closed** Fri., Dec. 22nd & Mon., Dec. 25th; reopen Tues., Dec. 26th.

**Sunday, December 3rd**  
**Christmas Shopping**  
 Brooklyn Historical Museum Gift Shoppe, 4442 Ridge Rd. open for Christmas shopping Sun., Dec. 3rd, 2 - 4:30 pm. & all Tuesdays until Christmas, 10:30 am. - 1:30 pm. Scarves, hairy dorm flip flops, hand-loomed rugs, stationery, towels, baby boutique, fleece throws & misc. crafts available. Featured Christmas items -- slates, aprons, runners with napkins, potholders & glass ornaments. Tours available during these times. For more info., call Barb, 216-941-0160.

**Monday, December 4th**  
**Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society**  
 Independence Civic Center, White Oak Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 7:30 pm. "A Memories Exchange". Bring a holiday wrapped keepsake or memorabilia from their ancestors. The packages will be placed on a table then selected by someone who will unwrap it. The person who brought that "gift" will give a short presentation about the item & why it was significant to him or her. For more info., call president Wally Huskonen, 440-526-1238.

**Thursday, December 7th**  
**Market Gardener Training Program**  
 Carnegie West Library, 1900 Fulton Rd. Information session, 6 - 7 pm. Training program in business planning & urban agriculture for Cleveland area residents. Learn to earn money selling produce from your garden, useful business & entrepreneurial skills and growing methods that create higher yields. Find available land in the city for production. To register or request an application call 216-429-8238 or email cityfresh216@yahoo.com. Applications due Dec. 29th; training program will begin in January.

**Celebrate Christmas with the Ohio Boychoir**  
 Conductors Michael & Becky Seredick invite you to enjoy the rich celebration of both new & familiar Christmas music at free concerts. (A free-will offering will be received.) **Fri., Dec. 8 - 7:30 pm**, Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus,

3649 E. 65th St., Slavic Village;  
**Sat., Dec. 9 - 7:30 pm**, Grace Lutheran Church, 13001 Cedar Rd., Cleveland Heights;  
**Sun., Dec. 10 - 3 pm**, Holy Family Church, 7367 York Rd., Parma;  
**Fri., Dec. 15 - 7:30 pm**, Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland. For more info, call 216-556-2222 or visit www.ohioboychoir.org.

**Saturday, December 9th**  
**Certified Home Buying Class**  
 The Spanish American Committee, 4407 Lorain Ave., 10 am - 5 pm. One day course in successful home ownership. To register, call 216-961-2100.

**Sunday, December 10th**  
**2006 Candlelight Christmas House Tour**  
 Brooklyn Centre residents open their doors to share the spirit of the holiday season, 1-6 pm. Discounted, pre-sale tickets - \$12, adults; \$8, seniors & students. Day of the event tickets - adults, \$15; seniors & students, \$10. For more info call Julie Miragliotta, 216-287-8195.

**Tuesday, December 12th**  
**Holiday Craft Bazaar**  
 East Park Retirement Community, 6360 Elmdale Rd., 11:30 am - 3:30 pm. Unique gift items, holiday lights centerpieces, Longaberger baskets, country crafts, Mia Bella candles, Pampered Chef items, Premier jewelry, Tastefully Simple & more. Door prizes. Call 216-267-7067 for more info.

**Friday, December 15th**  
**Symphony West Orchestra Annual Christmas Concert**  
 Gamble Auditorium, Kulas Musical Arts Building, 96 Front St., Berea, 8 pm. Victoria Marra, conductor, in partnership with Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory Outreach Dept. Featuring the Chestnut Intermediate school choir directed by Christine Birney. The Orchestra will perform traditional & modern Christmas favorites. Tickets -- \$6, adults; \$5, seniors; \$3, high school & college students; children free. Free parking available in city lots 1 block west across from the Giant Eagle & 1 block south off Church St. St. & on Seminary St.

**Saturday, December 16th**  
**Cookie Sale**  
 Ridge Manor Party Center (corner of Ridge Rd. & Biddulph Rd.), 9 am till noon. Over 20 homemade varieties of cookies including kolachky, cream rolls & Russian tea cakes.

**Saturday, December 16th**  
**Volunteers Needed For Mayor's Holiday Basket Give-Away**  
 Michael J. Zone Recreation Center, 6301 Lorain Ave., 6 - 9:30 am. To register visit www.cleveland-oh.gov or fax volunteer form to 216-664-2815. For more info call Loretta Joyce at 216-420-8279.

**Sunday, December 17th & 31st**  
**Community Meal**  
 Brooklyn Memorial United Methodist Church, 2607 Archwood. No meal Dec. 24th. Santa Claus will visit with gifts Dec., 17th. Meal sponsored by Brooklyn Kiwanis.

**Saturday, December 30th**  
**South Brooklyn Branch 101st Anniversary**  
 South Brooklyn Branch Library, 4303 Pearl Rd., 2 - 4 pm. Carol Staree-Kmiecik from the Women in History troupe will portray Dorothy Fuldeheim at 2 pm. See photos from the past & learn about the history of Old Brooklyn. Refreshments.

**Sunday, December 31st**  
**New Year's Eve Dinner-Dance**  
 Ampol Hall, 4737 Pearl Rd. Dinner at 8 pm; music from 9 pm - 1 am. Doors open at 6 pm; bar opens at 7 pm. Donation -- members, \$40; guests, \$50. Beer, wash, pop, ice, wine, hats & noise makers provided. BYOB. Music by Jason Uzl's Ethnic Jazz. For more info. call Steve, 216-883-7627, or Helenrae, 216-661-5227.

**Volunteer Opportunity**  
 WSEM Food Center at Brookside, 3784 Pearl Rd. Volunteer to teach introduction to microsoft word, excel & internet classes (at least two hours per week). WSEM Food Center open Mon. - Fri., 8:30 am - 4 pm. For more info or if interested in volunteering, call Janet Thomas, 216-749-4295.

**Free Evening Classes at Mooney**  
 Schools as a Neighborhood Resource (SNR) Program at Charles Mooney School, 3213 Montclair Ave., Mon., Wed. & Thurs., 6 - 8 pm, now thru Mar., 2007. Activities for children & adults. **Computers** - M,W&Th; **Walkercise/Exercise** - M,W&Th; **Basketball** - M,W&Th; **Karate** - M & W; **Drawing** - 14 yrs. & up, Mon.; **Scrapbooking** - Mon.; **Crafts** - M & W; **Games** - Thurs.; **Cooking** - 16 yrs. & up, Wed.; **Woodburning** - 13 yrs. & up, Thurs. All classes free. Sign up anytime during the year.

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**St. Leo Preschool Registration**  
 St. Leo Preschool, 4940 Broadview Rd. The preschool offers programs for skill development & kindergarten readiness for three & four year old children. Children who are four years old by Sept. 30 attend classes Mon., Wed. & Fri. Children who are three years old by Sept. 30 attend classes Tues. & Thur. Class times are 8:15-10:45 am or 11:55 am-2:25 pm. For more info call Jeanne Sabol, 216-661-5330.

**St. Mark Lutheran School Registration**  
 St. Mark Lutheran School, 4464 Pearl Rd. Applications accepted throughout the school year for Kindergarten - 8th grade & participates in the Cleveland Scholarship & tutoring program. On-site before & after school daycare, hot lunch program, sports, music, newly updated computer labs, accelerated reader program interactive white boards & Girl Scouts & Cub Scouts. For registration info or to schedule a private tour, call the school office, 216-749-3545.

**Volunteer Drivers & Runners Needed to Deliver Meals On Wheels**  
 Senior Citizen Resources, Inc. Only 1 hour of time between 10:45 am & noon, one day a week. Help bring a little sunshine into the lives of a homebound resident in the Old Brooklyn area. Call Rosemary, 216-749-5367.

**COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

**Brooklyn Centre Community Association** (formerly Archwood Denison Concerned Citizens) meeting, Thurs., Dec. 7, 7 pm, Archwood United Church of Christ, 2800 Archwood Ave. For more info call Julie, 216-287-8195.

**Second District Community Relations** meeting, every second Tues. of the month, Tues., Dec. 12, 8 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th St.

**Southwest Citizens Area Council** members Christmas dinner, Thurs., Dec. 7, 7 pm Gino's Tavern, 1314 Denison Ave. (basement hall). Regular monthly meetings will resume in March.

**Ward 16 Democratic Club Meeting.** Tue., Dec. 19, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5801 Memphis Ave., 7 pm, every 3rd Tues. of the month. Community issues & upcoming elections to be discussed. **Annual Christmas Party** 6:30 pm; food, conversation & family fun.

**Wednesday, December 6th**  
**Meeting about Pollution from Mittal Steel**  
 Village Grace Mission Center, 3561 Independence Rd., 7 - 9 pm. Neighbors of Mittal Steel & Ohio Citizen Action releasing a new report on pollution from Mittal Steel & its impact on neighbors. For more info., call Liz Ilg, 216-861-5200 or lilg@ohiocitizen.org. Save empty asthma treatment canisters or old inhalers. Mittal Steel, the biggest polluter in Cuyahoga County, put 806,000 pounds of fine particles & 1.4 million pounds of sulfur dioxide into Cleveland's air in 2005. The collected inhalers & canisters will demonstrate the impact Mittal Steel has on the lungs of northeast Ohioans. Look for drop-off points around town and in the December issue. To learn more, visit www.ohiocitizen.org.

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# All too often, predatory lending leads to financial ruin and foreclosure

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The City of Cleveland has had a problem with predatory lending for many years and it is one of the reasons Ohio is leading the country in foreclosure rates. (A study completed by the Woodstock Institute in 2004 concluded that there is a direct relationship between the amount of sub-prime/predatory lending and the rate of foreclosures.)

Because the current rate of foreclosures in Cuyahoga County is close to 1,000 filings per month, Cuyahoga County has set up a foreclosure prevention program in an effort to give relief some of the homeowners who are in that predicament due to predatory lending.

The foreclosure prevention program provides education and assistance for the entire county. This one-stop shop is consolidated into the 2-1-1 hotline in which clients can be referred to the appropriate agency for the help that they need.

S.B. 185 is called the "Homebuyers Protection Act" and is Ohio's new anti-predatory lending law and specifically prohibits certain acts by brokers in the prime and sub-prime lending business.

The main acts prohibited are — being restricted from providing an interest rate after default that is higher than the interest rate before default; providing loans which are based on the equity of the home's value with-

out regard to the consumers ability to repay; telling a consumer to ignore a lender's or suppliers written information; charging a late fee more than once on a single late payment; and failing to disclose to the consumer that the consumer is not required to complete the transaction.

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), too, has been battling the onslaught of predatory lending since the spring of 1999. HUD has been doing this via a variety of research, developing regulations, promoting consumer education and enforcement actions against lenders, appraisers and real estate brokers.

Mark Wiseman, director of the Cuyahoga County Foreclosure Prevention program, has recently given a series of presentations to Cuyahoga County and Ohio agencies that work tirelessly to prevent predatory lending and educate consumers.

Agencies like Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation learned what community leaders and legislators are working on to help halt the unethical practice of predatory lending and stunt the increased rates in mortgage foreclosures.

If you feel that you are someone you know may be falling victim to predatory lending and or may be falling into the foreclosure process, please call the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation for further information or Cuyahoga County's 2-1-1 line for immediate assistance.

## MetroHealth from front page

returning home, including support services for the whole family," said Dr. Campbell.

The Center will also include an adult day care center, which promises to be a safe and enriching place for frail seniors to go during the day while family members are at work. In addition, the Center will also house fitness programs and retail services, including a hair salon.

Dr. Campbell expects that the Senior Health and Wellness Center will not only improve the emotional and physical quality of life for seniors who utilize its services, but will also infuse new economic energy and growth into the Old Brooklyn neighborhood and into the entire Cleveland community.

"Whatever their health care needs, people over the age of 55 will be able to get it here. This will be a one-stop shopping for seniors," said Dr. Campbell.

More importantly, Dr. Campbell noted that the Center will serve as a national model for geriatric care, unique in that it will employ 25 full-time physicians certified in geriatric medicine.

Dr. Campbell also noted that the success of the project is connected to a collaborative effort between MetroHealth and the community. He cited several local agencies whose involvement has been critical -- Senior Citizen Resources, Inc. (SCR), located in Old Brooklyn; Deaconess Zane and Deaconess Kraft residential facilities, located just behind the MetroHealth South Campus; the Visiting Nurse Association's Hospice and Palliative Care; the Benjamin Rose Institute; Concordia Health Services; Ward 15 Councilman Brian Cummins and Ward 16 Councilman Kevin Kelley; the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation; and numerous business and neighborhood leaders.

The legacy of care and outreach that defined Deaconess Hospital for more than a century is well on the way to resurrection. When the Senior Health and Wellness Center at the Metro Health South Campus

opens next September, a new chapter on geriatric medicine will begin. Not only will it elevate the well-being of the thousands of patients who will enter it, but it will also fortify the collective soul of the entire Old Brooklyn neighborhood.

## Renovations also happening at Deaconess-Krafft and Deaconess-Zane

The renewal occurring at the MetroHealth South Campus is also reflected at the adjacent senior residential facilities, Deaconess-Krafft and Deaconess-Zane.

According to Steven Shroka, Senior Housing Administrator with the Deaconess Community Foundation, a \$1 million renovation at the Deaconess-Krafft Center has recently been completed.

"The Center now includes a new outdoor courtyard, a completely renovated and updated senior center (where Senior Citizen Resources, Inc. operates on a daily basis) and a complete renovation and expansion of the parking lot, including all new lighting and landscaping. These renovations also benefit Deaconess-Zane Center tenants as well," Shroka stated.

Seniors and individuals with physical disabilities will have easier access to and from Deaconess-Krafft and Deaconess-Zane and the Medical Center with the planned construction of an enclosed walkway connecting all the facilities.

"We are working with MetroHealth on connecting our two campuses to allow easy access for our tenants and senior center participants to the services available at Metro and vice versa. In addition, we are working with Metro's Senior Advantage program on providing programming at our newly renovated senior center," Shroka said.

Taking into account what's happened and what's about to happen for seniors in Old Brooklyn thanks to MetroHealth and the Deaconess Community Foundation, (and not even considering all Senior Citizen Resources has to offer), it would appear that Old Brooklyn is and will continue to be an excellent place to spend one's golden years.



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Sometimes I've written December *Town Crier* columns with a unified Christmas theme. Unfortunately, that can't be the case this year because we have too much other unrelated news pieces which have already been waiting too long to get into print.

First, though, we need to crow a bit about one quite recent event. Five photographs taken by *OBV* photographer, **George Shuba**, are featured in a soft cover book released just last month by Gray & Company, Publishers. Entitled *Cleveland Rock & Roll Memories* and authored by Carlo Wolff, the book is a collection of quotes and photographs about rock and roll music from the people who were most involved with it (and obviously George falls into that category).

The Shuba photos featured in the new book are — the Beatles in their limo at Cleveland Hopkins Airport; Neil Diamond at a WIXY 1260 Appreciation Day at Chippewa Lake; Mick Jagger on stage; The Who on stage; and Keith Moon on stage. George's recollections of photographing the 1964 Beatles concert at Public Hall are among the many quotes of memories in the book.

George's rock and roll photos are currently getting more exposure in another venue, too — on November 20, a one-man show exhibiting 40 of them opened at the Beachwood Civic Center, (next to Beachwood City Hall at 25325 Fairmont Blvd). The free show runs through December 10, and the photos in it are all for sale.

Another one of our neighbors has been in the spotlight lately, too. The **Sausage Shoppe**, 4501 Memphis Ave., was one of three hot dog processors featured in an article in the August, 2006 issue of *Gourmet* magazine. The story was titled "Going to the Dogs". The two other companies featured were Vienna Beef in Chicago and Palena, a restaurant in Washington, D.C. A Clevelander wrote the article.

The Sausage Shoppe is the only facility in Greater Cleveland that still makes wieners from scratch. It is owned and operated by the Heinle family — Norm, Carol, Al and Renee.

As they do every year, a contingent from **Senior Citizen Resources (SCR), Inc.** traveled to Cuyahoga Community College's (CCC) Metro Campus on August 9 to participate in Cleveland Senior Summer College, a special program of free classes which CCC cosponsors with the City of Cleveland's Department of Aging. At the awards program

at the end of the "Learning for a Lifetime" day, SCR was recognized as the senior center having the most people in attendance.

Have you heard about the **Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA)** latest creative fundraiser? For the last few years they've sponsored "lockups". That means they find people willing to be "arrested" and in advance of that pretend event, those people solicit money from their friends to be donated to MDA as their "bail".

**Father Bill Bouhall**, pastor of **St. Thomas More Church**; **Sandy Worona**, Advertising and Sales Manager at the **Old Brooklyn News**; and **Barb Reese**, the head teller at **USBank's Pearl-Broadview branch**, were among those "arrested" on October 31. The Brooklyn Lock Up raised more than \$7,300 for Muscular Dystrophy.

And now for some serious "police" news — On November 1, **Brenda Theurer** of Memphis Ave. graduated from the **Citizens Police Academy**. She completed 24 hours of training that covered topics such as police officer training and preparedness, patrol techniques, police legal issues, presentations by various police units and tours of the outdoor shooting range, communication/dispatch center and the Justice Center/Cleveland Department of Police Headquarters.

This training has given Brenda, a Street Captain, behind-the-scenes insight and information into the workings and operations of the Cleveland Police Department.

If you would like to learn more about the Citizens Police Academy or how to enroll, call Barb Spaan, Crime Watch Coordinator, at 216-351-0315.

After being an avid recycler my entire adult life, and writing an extensive series about the topic in this paper a few years ago, I was recently surprised to learn that I'd missed something which happened in 2005 — that the **City of Cleveland** now takes all numbers of plastic, not just numbers 1 and 2, in the recycling bins it has positioned throughout town.

In case you missed it, too, you can now place number 1-7 plastics in the bins, which, in our neighborhood, are located in the parking lots of **Estabrook Recreation Center** on Fulton Rd.; **Discount Drug Mart** across from Estabrook; **Brooklyn Heights United Church of Christ** at the corner of Broadview Rd. and W. Schaaf Rd.; and the **Ridge Rd. Transfer Station**, 3727 Ridge Rd. Call the City's Recycling Hotline at 216-664-3717 or visit [www.cleveland-oh.gov](http://www.cleveland-oh.gov) for more information about this or any other type of recycling.

Soon the colleges will be sending us new lists of area students who have either graduated or were on the dean's list, and we haven't even printed all the ones we've received from the spring and summer quarters yet. So...

At **Bowling Green State University's** summer commencement exercises on August 5, **Lisa Milano** of Timothy Lane in Old Brooklyn received a Bachelor of Science of Business Administration degree, **Aaron Barnard** of W. 63rd St. in Old Brooklyn received a Bachelor of Science in Technology

degree, and **Kevin Dranuski** of Morton Ave. in Brooklyn received a Master of Education degree.

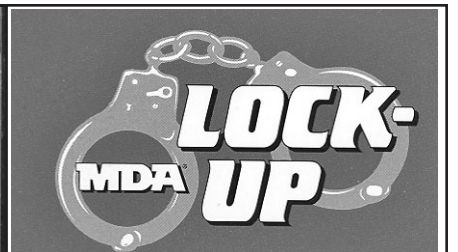
At **Ohio State University's (OSU)** spring commencement exercises on June 11, three Old Brooklyn and four Brooklyn students were awarded diplomas. **Deborah Gamble** received an Associate of Applied Science degree, **Rinnell Garrett** received a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree, **Heather Kimmel** received a Juris Doctor (i.e., a law) degree, **Max Morlocke** received a Bachelor of Science degree, **Brandon Stevens** received a Master of Social Work degree, **Rachel Szczepinski** received a Bachelor of Arts degree and **Thinb Bao Van** received a Bachelor of Science in Allied Health Professions degree.

For their academic work during spring quarter, **Volodymr Karpa**, **Kristin**

**Krajewski**, **Theresa Serna** and **Rachel Szczepinski** of Cleveland and **Jennifer Lemasters**, **David Luther** and **Matthew Saunders** of Brooklyn were named to OSU's honor roll.

Old Brooklyn, Brooklyn Centre and Brooklyn students on the Dean's List at **John Carroll University** last spring were **Melissa Coleman**, **Allison Dusenbury**, **Samuel Flores**, **Leo Fong**, **Annamae Heiman**, **Kathryn Kasych**, **Linda Kawentel**, **Justin Krocek**, **Jonathan Krol**, **Tammy Layton**, **Paul Miller**, **Sherry Magrey**, **Rob Ramser**, **Courtney Randall**, **Kelly Smith** and **Andrew Summersun**.

Please continue to send us your submissions. Eventually they will appear in this column! Lynette Filips, *The Town Crier*, c/o the *Old Brooklyn News*, 3344 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44109.



Sandy Worona, Advertising & Sales Manager of the *Old Brooklyn News*, didn't get to see her fellow MDA jailbirds because their arrests were staggered over several hours so the defendants wouldn't all arrive at the "jail" at the same time. She's pictured here behind bars at Slam Jams on Memphis Ave. in Old Brooklyn.

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When Steelyard Commons, the one million square foot big box shopping center in the Flats, was evolving from concept to construction, the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) was one of several community organizations that asked what this will do to neighborhood business districts.

The reason for this question was the recognition that this was going to be a transfer of purchasing dollars from some other areas to this new collection of retail stores and restaurants. This is not an introduction of new goods and services to Cleveland consumers; it is just a new place to buy things that are now being purchased elsewhere.

Moving the dollars means that some shops lose and some shops gain. That is the way it is in a market economy where consumers determine where they are going to spend their money.

The question was not if this should be built, but what is the impact of this large scale change to existing businesses in proximity to

Steelyard Commons. The developer, Mitchell Schneider, President of First Interstate Properties, agreed that the question was valid and it should be answered with real facts and figures rather than speculation. This meant hiring a specialist who thoroughly knows the retail industry to study the situation and answer the question.

First Interstate Properties donated \$50,000, to have an independent third party to hire a consultant and oversee the study. Cleveland Neighborhood Development Coalition (CNDC) is the umbrella organization for all community development corporations) became the overseer. Months of discussions ensued about just what to analyze and where. Consensus was achieved without sacrificing the purpose of the study.

On November 21st the consultant, Michael J. Berne of MJB Consulting, briefed members of the Cleveland City Council Economic Development Community Development Committee on his analysis and findings and now he is about to issue the final report.

I have been involved in this study since its conception so I should not be considered a totally objective reviewer of the study, but in my opinion this is a very candid and sober analysis of what the impact of a big box shopping center will be on the six neighborhood business centers studied. Those six are: Old Brooklyn, Clark Metro, Lorain Station, Ohio City, Slavic Village North Broadway and Tremont. The impact extends well beyond these neighborhoods but funding limited the study to neighborhoods closest to Steelyard Commons.

The study will be released in several weeks. Copies can be obtained from this office. The analysis and recommendations will not be

shocking, but if you are one of those glass half full or glass half empty people you will be left floating. Our business districts all need major makeovers that will not be totally market-driven.

The City and community development corporations must set the stage for retail investment. We have to chase the national chains that seek urban markets and show them the purchasing power in the neighborhoods.

We have to concentrate retail investment in specific commercial blocks and reverse the sprawl along streets like Pearl, State and Broadview. Miles of small commercial buildings were built to serve streetcars in a city with a population of almost a million people.

The Cleveland population is now less than half that amount and is not going to experience growth in the foreseeable future. Streetcars have been gone for over fifty years. Cleveland is overbuilt with aging commercial buildings. Many will have to go or be converted to live/work space and apartments.

The City must aggressively recruit immigrants who will save and invest in their new lives in Cleveland as was common prior to World War II. This city can compete favorably on low cost living and home buying if it will target market outside the region.

City leadership will have to make small business growth a priority that is funded and managed. Recruiting the large employer companies need not be sacrificed but it can not be the solo economic development mission. We can work two fronts at the same time. Small business development grows neighborhoods. Large employment centers grow jobs but not necessarily Cleveland residents.

If Steelyard Commons brings people through our neighborhoods, it is up to us to

make them want to stop and look around. First visits can yield return visits. It happens in Little Italy, Collinwood, Detroit Shoreway, Tremont, China Town and Ohio City where the stage is being set. This study is a blue print for setting the stage.

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Approximately 200 area children attended a free Halloween party for kids up to age 10 at Grace Church, 2503 Broadview Rd., on October 28th. Among the afternoon's activities was a costume contest according to age group. The winners are pictured in the top left photo. The bubble lady in the top right photo was the event's main entertainment, and she sure kept the kids' attention. (bottom photo). Snacks, treat bags filled with candy and other items and balloons were also given to all the children.

Photos by George Shuba



Photo by Sandy Worona

A renovated building and creative new signage have brightened up the northwest corner of Oak Park Ave. and Broadview Rd. for several months now. The appealing streetscape at Janie's Sewing Corner, 4768 Broadview Rd.; Roger Bundy, Attorney At Law, 4766 Broadview Rd.; and Dan's Broadview Barber Shop, 4764 Broadview Rd. is a delight for passersby and also helps to attract new customers for these businesses.

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## Holiday fire safety tips

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### Fireplaces and wood stoves

If you are fortunate enough to have a fireplace or wood stove, there are several things you do to keep your fires burning safely and you and your family safe:

- Have your chimney cleaned and inspected once a year.
- Burn only seasoned wood; do not put wrapping paper in the fireplace, as it can throw off dangerous sparks and produce chemical buildup in the home.
- Check the venting flues on your furnace to make sure that there are no animals or insects inside.
- Keep flammable items away from your fireplace or wood stove.
- Use a well-fitted screen or door to keep sparks contained.
- Keep fire extinguishers charged and handy in order to get to them quickly.
- Enjoy your toasty, warm fire and watch the snow pile up outside safely with your family.

### Christmas tree and light safety

- Don't let the tree dry out; keep the tree stand filled with water.
- Use a large tree stand to prevent the tree from falling over.
- Set up your tree away from fireplaces, heating vents, portable heaters and other heat sources.
- Keep your tree away from doorways and normal foot traffic.

- If it is an artificial tree you desire, choose one with a fire resistant label.
- Examine light strings for frayed wires, bare spots, loose connections, damaged sockets or excessive wear.
- Do not overload extension cords.
- Place extension cords against the wall to avoid tripping hazards.
- Do not run cords under a rug.
- Always turn off tree lights and decorations when leaving the house or going to bed.
- Use only indoor lights indoors, and only outdoor lights outdoors.

### Portable electric space heaters

- Keep the heater at three feet away from combustible/flammable materials.
- Turn off the heater when leaving the room.

### More fire safety tips

- Install carbon monoxide detectors in your home and smoke detectors on every level. Be sure there is one outside the bedrooms.
- Be sure to test the batteries each month. Change them at least once a year.
- Have a home escape plan in case of fire. Have 2 exits from each room & an outside meeting spot.
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## Standard foreclosure process, part II

by Donn Heckelmoser  
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Last month's article about the foreclosure process only skimmed the surface of the county and statewide problem of vacant and abandoned properties. This month I will answer the question of why the City of Cleveland can not just demolish a property and be done with it.

There are a variety of stakeholders involved with the foreclosure process — the homeowner, the lien holders (which may include the City of Cleveland) and the mortgage company. These stakeholders all help to hold up the process while it moves through the bureaucracy at City Hall.

Before a vacant and/or foreclosed home can be demolished, a few things must first be determined. If the home is vacant because it is has fallen into foreclosure it can not be demolished unless it can be declared a public

nuisance. Reference the City of Cleveland Codified Ordinance 3103.09 for a list of qualifying factors and stipulations that are used to make this decision.

The stakeholders in this situation have the opportunity to remedy any problems that the home has in an effort to maintain the property. This process may take quite a long time and the home may still remain vacant while the process unfolds.

If the home can be determined to be a public nuisance, the standard demolition process starts (i.e., the City needs to follow the competitive bidding process for the work to be completed).

If the home is vacant for any other reason than falling into foreclosure, it can be declared a public nuisance for the same reasons as a foreclosed house. Again, stakeholders have the opportunity to make claims at the property and receive any compensation for what they are entitled to.

Should the home be vacant because of a

## Volunteers help with autumn clean-up

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It was held in conjunction with newly appointed President Richard Durst's inaugural celebration.

November 4th was a wonderfully crisp autumn Saturday, and what made it an even better day in Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre were the hundreds of young volunteers who converged upon our neighborhood for a service event. Dozens of Boy Scouts, 300 volunteers from Grace Church and 25 volunteers from Baldwin-Wallace College wanted to make a difference in the communities that they call home.

A collaborative effort between Grace Church, Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC), Councilman Kevin Kelley, Councilman Brian Cummins, Baldwin Wallace College and the Boy Scouts of America all helped make this day possible.

Grace Church hosted an area wide youth conference aptly named Global Impact. In an effort to increase young students' interest in reaching out to their communities, Global Impacts Project Coordinator Suzie Brown approached junior high and high school students from around the area to do community service.

About 300 of the 400 teens who attended Grace's conference participated in various service projects in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood, including: raking leaves, washing windows and trimming branches for senior citizens; cleaning-up vacant lots; picking up trash along streets and sidewalks; weeding public flower beds; raking, weeding and general clean-up of two schoolyards; and cleaning-up parking lots for several area businesses.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation was one of 22 Greater Cleveland organizations at which over 250 Baldwin-Wallace students donated their time on their Saturday Day of Service.



Photos by Lori Peterson

Among the teens volunteering in Old Brooklyn on Nov. 4 were over 300 students who helped clean up Pearl Rd. and Lower Big Creek Valley following the Global Impact youth conference at Grace Church.

In addition, the Greater Cleveland Boy Scouts of America conducted their annual "Yard Charge" on November 4. Citywide, over 1,000 Scouts worked in conjunction with the Department of Aging to rake leaves for local senior citizens. Eighty senior citizens in Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre benefited from their efforts. Matt Baker is the District Executive Director of the Boy Scouts of America.

The energy that these young men and women imparted is what helps to keep our neighborhoods thriving. If you would like to be apart of revitalizing our neighborhood through volunteer efforts please contact OBCDC at 216-459-1000.

damaging emergency situation, the process is moved along much more quickly with what is called a 'forthwith demolition'.

At every step of the foreclosure process, another wrench can be thrown into the spokes and send the process down another path. (The OBN does not have the room to give

examples of every such situation and occurrence!)

The simple and straightforward answer to the question of why we can not just promptly tear down a foreclosed property is "There are stakeholders who have the right to make claims on the home."

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## Churches and Christmas — Looking back to more of Cleveland's English roots

by Lynette Filips

A year ago we published what might have been a one-time article with a Christmas theme — how the English and Germans, two of the earliest nationalities to settle in Cleveland, observed (or refused to observe) the holiday we'll celebrate later this month. Because that holiday is religious in nature, the discussion included churches.

One thing led to another, and before I knew it, I was immersed in researching a topic which has long been on my historical "to-do list" — Cleveland's ethnic communities and the church congregations they established, especially those close to our neighborhood.

At the conclusion of last month's article about Ukrainian churches, I stated that I would move on to Russian Orthodoxy this month. But since that segment of Christianity doesn't celebrate Christmas until January, it didn't seem appropriate to feature it in our December issue. And so I've decided to delay discussing those churches until January.

This month we'll take a step backward to look at more of the Christmas practices of Cleveland's early settlers, and at some of the churches we neglected to discuss when we talked about the nationalities which especially practice that religion.

In a nutshell, the Christmas traditions we have today, while they vary a bit from group to group, are still a relatively modern invention, dating only to Victorian times. As we mentioned last year, not all of the English settlers in the Western Reserve observed Christmas in either a religious or a family way. An entry in *Cleveland: The Making of a City* recounts a news item from 1823 which announced "that the Christmas sport would be 'to expose to the aim of our sharpshooters a few dozen geese, pigs, dunghill fowls, etc. Pigs at 350 feet, 9 cents a shot; dinner for all and spirits at a low rate.'"

We also wrote last year of the Germans who brought to this country their custom of the Christmas tree. The candlelit trees were decorated with gingerbread figures, popcorn strings, tinsel and paper decorations. In 1847,

a German immigrant in Wooster put up what is believed to be the first Christmas tree in America; in 1852, the congregation at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in downtown Cleveland put up what is believed to be the first Christmas tree in the United States.

Although many of the New Englanders who were already established here considered the practice repulsive, the eventual popularity of Christmas trees in churches, in homes and in public places throughout America is no doubt testimony to both the number and influence of the Germans who came to this country.

A comment about Christmas of 1889 in *Cleveland: The Making of a City* was mainly concerned with the unseasonably warm temperatures that year — 66 degrees (an *El Nino* year like the upcoming holiday, perhaps?). It also mentioned that turkey was the traditional fare to grace "the holiday board", and that the relaxations in which Clevelanders engaged on that Christmas Day included "outings, lawn tennis and fishing"!

While that's better than the entry from 1823, neither fit our romanticized image of a visit from St. Nick, a candlelit Christmas Eve church service, a fir tree with homemade decorations and/or a family gathering around a holiday table fit for a Norman Rockwell painting.

Public Square eventually became the center of some Christmas observances, and one of Cleveland's oldest church congregations, **First Presbyterian Church**, still faces the Square's northwest quadrant. The earliest members of the church were largely New England Puritans, Scots-Irish and Welsh.

The Presbyterian society which founded the church popularly known as "**Old Stone Church**" was organized in 1820. The first church was built from 1831 to 1833, and a second church (the shell of the current one) was built from 1853 to 1857. Fires have necessitated extensive rebuilding of the interior, and spires have been added, removed and replaced. Entries in *Cleveland: The Making of a City* from the 1930s note that the pealing of Old Stone Church's bells and its organ chimes playing carols were important parts of that decade's Christmas festivities.



**First Presbyterian Church**  
"Old Stone Church" 91 Public Square

**Trinity Cathedral** (on the southeast corner of Euclid Ave. and E. 22nd St.) is another of Cleveland's churches which we never mentioned in our discussion of congregations established by English-speaking settlers from New England. That was because it seemed rather far from our neighborhood, plus we didn't realize that its parent church was organized in Brooklyn Township and moved east a few years later.



**Trinity Cathedral**  
southeast corner of Euclid Ave. and E. 22nd St.

Although Episcopalians had been present in Cleveland since the time of Moses Cleaveland's arrival in 1796 (and they occasionally conducted organized worship services in those very early years), it was not until 1816 that **Trinity Parish** was officially founded — in the house of Phineas Shepherd of Brooklyn Township. Because many of the members lived in the Township, from 1820-1825, that is where the congregation worshipped. In 1826, the Trinity congregation decided to relocate east of the Cuyahoga River, and over the years, it occupied two central downtown locations.

Because not all of the original members of Trinity Parish liked meeting downtown, in 1834, several families left the congregation to establish **St. John's Episcopal Church** back in Brooklyn Township. Four years later their gray sandstone Gothic-style church at the corner of Church St. and Wall (W. 26th) St. in Ohio City was completed. Although it has since been damaged by both fires and a tornado, it retains the distinction of being the oldest church edifice still standing in the Cleveland area.

Trinity moved to its current location in 1890 and built its glorious Gothic-design "Millionaire's Row" cathedral between 1901 and 1907.

We have not heard of any specifically Episcopal Christmas practices in the first century of our city, but we are aware of one old English holiday tradition which Trinity Cathedral has revived — the Boar's Head Festival. This year's costumed pageant will be presented at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 30, in the cathedral. No admission tickets are necessary.

Like Christmas Day itself, the Boar's Head Festival is the result of the Church's Christianizing an ancient pagan feast, in this case one which centered around the Winter Solstice, lengthening days, the Lord of the Manor and the Yule Log. In the 1960s, Episcopal churches across America began presenting it between Christmas and New Year's; their 2006 production will be Trinity's 44th.

Next month we'll be back on track with Eastern European churches. In the meantime, in addition to worshipping with your own congregation, consider visiting a different church for a new holiday religious experience.

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by Judith Pindell  
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**Cleveland Metroparks Chalet Reservation**  
**Valley Pkwy. - Mill Stream Run**  
**440-572-9990**

**Tobogganing** - Season begins Fri., Nov. 24. Thurs. through Sun., hours vary. \$8, adults; \$6, children ages 11 & under. Group rates & season passes available.

### Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Nature Center

**24000 Valley Parkway, North Olmsted**  
**440-734-7576**

**Family Holiday Hike** - Fri., Dec. 29, 1 - 3 pm. Don your hiking shoes & join Naturalist Chris Larson-McKenzie to explore one of the trails at Rocky River Nature Center. At trail's end enjoy snacks & a campfire at the nature center's outdoor amphitheater. Register Dec. 1-27.

### Cleveland Metroparks Zoo 3900 Wildlife Way, 216-661-6500

[www.clemet zoo.com](http://www.clemet zoo.com)

**Zoo's annual Breakfasts with Santa** - Sat., Dec. 9 & 16, 10 am & noon. Reservations required. Admission, \$14 per person (ages 2 & older); kids under 2, free. Price includes admission to the Zoo & Rainforest. For more info or to reserve a spot, call Aramark Catering at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, 216-398-5750.

**December Days: Some Like it Hot, Some Like it Cold** - Dec. 18 - 24 & 26 - 30; Zoo admission half price. Seasonal activities for the whole family including animal programs, seasonal music, eco-friendly crafts, holiday cookie decorating & more.

**Noon Year's Eve party** - Sun., Dec. 31, 11 am - 1 pm. Half price admission. (No need for kids - or their parents - to stay up late to celebrate the arrival of 2007!) Kid-friendly activities the whole family will enjoy.

### Cleveland Museum of Art 11150 East Blvd., 216-421-7340

**Barcelona & Modernity Exhibit** - Now thru Jan. 7, 2007. Tues. - Sun., 10 am - 5 pm; Wed. & Fri. to 9 pm; closed Mon. Picasso, Gaudi, Miro & Dali. Adults, \$15; children ages 6 - 18, \$7; under age 6, free. The museum is still

closed for renovations, but one gallery is open for this special exhibit.

**Cleveland Public Library, Brooklyn**  
**3706 Pearl Rd., 216-623-6920**  
**Pre-school Story Time** - every Fri. thru Dec. 15, 11 am. Stories & related activities for preschool children.

**After School Fun** - Dec. 7 & 14, 4 - 5:30 pm. A movie, music, poetry or games in the meeting room.

**Holiday Craft** - Dec. 19, 4:30 - 5:30 pm. Hot cocoa, holiday music & crafting holiday decorations & ornaments.

### Cleveland Public Library South Brooklyn Branch, 4303 Pearl Road,

**216-623-7067**

**Toddler Time** - Tues., Dec. 5, 10:30 - 10:50 am. Children ages 2-3 & their caregivers are invited for stories, songs & rhymes.

**Preschool Story Time** - Tues., Dec. 5, 11:30 am - 12 pm; Thurs., Dec. 7, 10 - 10:30 am. Preschoolers ages 3-5 & caregivers listen to stories, sing songs & participate in activities.

**Play & Learn** - Fri., Dec. 8, 11 am - noon. Children & parents/care givers learn together with educational toys at a quality playtime free from distractions.

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### Western Reserve Historical Society Museum 10825 East Blvd., 216-721-5722

**Three Museums** - The History Museum, Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum & Library. Mon. - Sat., 10 am - 5 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Hay-McKinney Mansion tours daily, noon - 5 pm. Admission - \$8.50 adults; \$7.50 seniors; \$5 students. Parking, \$5. For more info visit [www.wrhs.org](http://www.wrhs.org).

### A Christmas Story House

**3159 W. 11th Street, 216-298-4919**

Now thru Dec. 25, 10 am - 5 pm. \$5 general admission; \$3, children age 12 & under. The house used in the holiday classic "A Christmas Story" has been restored to its 1983 "movie-condition" & takes visitors on a nostalgic journey to where Ralphie Parker dreamed of receiving a genuine Red Ryder 200-shot Carbine Action Air Rifle for Christmas.

### Hale Farm & Village

**2686 Oak Hill Rd., Bath, 330-666-3711**  
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**Sat., 11 am - 5 pm & Sun., 2 - 5 pm.**

**Gifts from The Gatehouse** - Dec. 3, 10 & 17. Visitor Center, Hale Farm & Village. Create a simple homemade craft. Children's "make & take" craft area; visit in the Hale Café; Past & Presents gift shop full of books, decorations, gifts & toys; special displays & demonstrations about Civil War era crafts & goods; music & treats. In the spirit of the season, no admission fee for this event.

**Lantern Tours** - Fri. & Sat., Dec. 8, 9, 15, 16, 21 & 22. Leisurely guided tour around the Village of Wheatfield, circa 1861. Visitors enter the "homes" around the village green & gain insight into holiday celebrations during the Civil War era from a wide variety of village residents. Groups welcome. Reservations required. Admission fee.

# THEATRE NOTES

### The Beck Center for the Arts

17801 Detroit Ave. 216-521-2540  
[www.beckcenter.org](http://www.beckcenter.org)

### "Beauty and the Beast"

Now thru Sun., Dec. 31st, Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; Sun, 3 pm. Box office & gallery hours - Mon. - Sat., 9 am - 8 pm; Sun., 12 - 5 pm. Call for special holiday hours. Parking, \$2.

### Cassidy Theatre of Greenbrier Commons

6200 Pearl Rd. 440-842-4600

### "The Slipper and the Rose"

Now thru Sun., Dec. 17. Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; Sun. matinee, 3 pm. Tickets - \$20.

### "Babes In Toyland"

Youth Theatre, childrens production. Sat., Dec. 2 thru Sat., Dec. 9th, 11 am & 2 pm. \$10 general admission includes visit with Santa.

### "Singing Angels"

Mon., Dec. 11th, 8 pm. Reserved seating. Tickets, \$10.

### The Cleveland Playhouse

8500 Euclid Ave. 216-795-7000  
[www.clevelandplayhouse.com](http://www.clevelandplayhouse.com)

### "A Christmas Story"

Now thru Sat., Dec. 23. Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., evening, 8 pm; Sat matinee, 4 pm; Sun matinee, 2 pm; Thurs. matinee, 1:30 pm. Tickets start at \$40.

### "The Nutcracker"

Tues. - Fri., Dec. 12-15 & 19-21 student matinees, 10 am & noon, \$7. Weekends Dec. 16, 17, 22 & 23, 1 & 3 pm, \$16 children; \$21 adults.

### "The Santaland Diaries"

Wed., Thur. & Fri. Dec. 8, 15, 21, 22 & 23, 9 pm. Tickets, \$20.

### Cleveland Public Theatre

6415 Detroit Ave. 216-631-2727

### "The Santaland Diaries"

Thurs., Fri., Sat., now thru Sat., Dec. 23, 7:30 pm, James Levin Theater. Tickets, \$10-\$15.

### "The Rocky Horror Show"

Thurs., Fri., Sat., now thru Dec. 23; Thurs. &

Fri., 8 pm; Sun., 7 pm; Sat., Dec. 9, 12 am. Tickets, \$10 - \$18.

### Great Lakes Theater Festival Ohio Theater, 1501 Euclid Ave.

Playhouse Square Center 216-241-6000  
[www.greatlakes theater.org](http://www.greatlakes theater.org)

### "A Christmas Carol"

Now thru Sun., Dec. 17. Thurs., 7:30 pm; Fri., Sat., 1:30 & 7:30 pm; Sun., 3 pm; Tues. & Wed., Dec. 19 & 20, 7:30 pm; Fri., Dec. 22, 1:30 & 7:30 pm; Sat. Dec. 23, 1:30 & 7:30 pm. Tickets, \$10 - \$56 depending on day & time. Call 216-241-6000 for tickets.

### Kalliope Stage

2134 Lee Road (Cleve. Hts.) 216-321-0870  
[www.kalliopestage.com](http://www.kalliopestage.com)

### "Nite Club Confidential"

Wed., Dec. 6 - Sat., Dec. 9. Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 2 pm. Tickets - child, \$14-\$32; student, \$19-\$32; adult, \$23-\$32 (depending on day of week).

### "The Tiniest Gift"

Wed., Dec. 13th - Sat., Dec. 23rd. Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 2 pm. Tickets - child, \$14-\$32; student, \$19-\$32; adult, \$23-\$32 (depending on day of week).

### Karamu House Inc.

2355 East 89th St.  
216-795-7077 or 216-795-7078.  
[www.karamu.com](http://www.karamu.com)

### "Black Nativity"

Fri., Dec. 8 - Sat., Dec. 30. Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets, \$20 - \$30.

### Playhouse Square Center

Palace Theatre, 1501 Euclid Ave.  
216-777-4444  
(216-241-6000 for tickets)

### "Jesus Christ Superstar"

Tues., Dec. 5th - Sun., Dec. 10th. Tues. - Fri., 7:30; Sat., 1:30 & 7:30 pm; Sun., 1:30 & 6:30 pm. Tickets, \$10 - \$60.



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Cleveland Metroparks opened two new Towpath Trail pedestrian bridges on November 9th. One is on Granger Rd. and Canal Rd.; the other is on Warner Rd. and Canal Rd. The bridges are 580 feet long and have 65 feet high towers. Constructed for reasons of safety, the bridges cost \$3 million each. They were funded by the Federal Highway Administration through the Ohio Department of Transportation, Ohio Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Program and Cleveland Metroparks.

## As I see it...

by  
**Pastor Jerry**



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May the joy of the Christ Child be in your hearts and on your lips this holiday season and throughout the year.

*Jerry Madasz is the pastor of  
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**Open Square Dancing** - Mon., 1 pm, The Schwab Center.

**Craft Classes** - Tues. & Thurs., 9:30 - 11:30 am, The Schwab Center.

**Crochet Klatch** - Tues., 9:30 - 11:30 am, Estabrook Recreation Center.

**Chair Exercise** - Tues., 11:30 am, The Schwab Center; Wed, 10 am Deaconess-Krafft, Thurs., 10:30 am, Estabrook.

**Post Office on Wheels** - First Thurs. of every month, 9:30 - 10 am, Deaconess-Krafft. 11 - 11:30 am, The Schwab Center.

**Line Dancing** - Tues., 1 pm, \$15 six week session. The Schwab Center.

**Book Club** - Call 216-749-5367 to register.

### Estabrook on Tuesdays

- 8:30 am Bocce ball.
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- 9:45 am "SCR Strollers" Walking group
- 10 am Ping Pong
- 11:15 am Tai Chi
- 12:45-1:45 Arthritic water exercise.

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**Canasta** - Mon., 12:30 pm, Deaconess Krafft.  
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**Racing Game** - Fri., 10:45 am, Deaconess-Krafft.  
**Pinochle Playing** - Tues. & Fri., 12:15 pm, Deaconess-Krafft.

**Tuesday, December 5th**  
Christmas Mystery Trip, \$39.

**Thursday, December 7th**  
A Christmas Story on stage at the Cleveland Playhouse, \$27.50, SCR.

**Monday, December 11th**  
Singing Angels annual Christmas concert at Cassidy Theatre, \$14.50, SCR.

**Friday, January 5th**  
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**Friday, January 19th**  
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# CHURCH NOTES

**Wednesday, November 1st**  
Luncheon Card Party

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 4423 Pearl Rd, 12 - 3 pm, \$5. Door prizes & raffle. Sponsored by St. Anne's Women's Guild. For more info call Julia, 216-351-9970.

**Wednesdays, November 1st & 15th**  
St. James Senior Meeting

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., upstairs, noon. Interesting topics & good fellowship. Bring a bag lunch; beverages provided. All Old Brooklyn seniors invited.

**Tuesday, November 28**  
Widows and Widowers Meeting

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., Gathering Room, noon. Menu - chicken & rice, corn pudding, salads & desserts. Cost - \$3 per person. Call 216-351-6499 for reservations.

**Sunday, December 3rd**

**St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church Ethnic Dinner**, St. Mary's Crystal Chalet, 3600 Biddulph Ave. (corner of Biddulph & State Rd), 11 am - 1 pm. Donation: Adults, \$7; children, \$4. Two menu selections -- stuffed cabbage or kielbasa with kraut. Both include mashed potatoes, corn, bread & butter, dessert & beverage. Cabbage & noodles, macaroni & cheese available a la carte (\$2 for adults & \$1 for children. Proceeds go toward parking lot paving fund. For more info contact the school office, 216-749-7980.

**Wednesday, December 6th**

**St. Ann's Womens Guild Card Party**  
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Center, 4427 Pearl Rd., 12 - 3 pm. For more info call Julia, 216-351-9970.

**Friday, December 8th**

**"Annual National Night of Prayer for Life"**  
St. Leo The Great Catholic Church, 4940 Broadview Rd., 8 pm - midnight. Eucharistic adoration, rosary & prayer. For more info call St. Leo's, 216-661-1006.

**Wednesdays, December 6, 13 & 20**  
Advent Services

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd. 10:30 am. Services entitled "O Come, All Ye Fearful." Luncheon each Wed., following the service. Free will offering taken.

**Wednesdays, December 6th, 13th & 20th**

**Evening Advent Services**  
Parma Evangelical Lutheran Church, 5280 Broadview Rd., 7 - 7:30 pm.

**Saturday, Dec. 9th & Sunday, Dec. 10th**  
Christmas Cookie Bake Sale

St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, 4600 State Rd., Sat., 5 - 6 pm & Sun., 11 am - noon. \$5 per pound; containers provided. Proceeds go toward parking lot fund. St. Mary's Choir sponsoring a Christmas basket Chinese Auction during the cookie sale. For more info call the church office, 216-749-7980.

**Sunday, December 10**

**Archwood UCC Christmas Craft Fair & Bakery**  
Archwood United Church of Christ, 2800 Archwood Ave., 12:30 - 4 pm. (during Brooklyn Centre Christmas House Tour) Wide selection of arts & crafts & home-made baked goods for sale. For more info call 216-351-1060.

**Sunday, December 10th**  
Christmas Concert

Brooklyn Hts. United Church of Christ, 2005 W. Schaaf Rd., 6:30 pm. Admission is one new unwrapped toy per person for needy children at Brookside Center. Cash donations also accepted. For more info call 216-741-2280 or visit www.bhucc.com.

**Sunday, December 17th**

**30th Annual Cleveland Landmark Concert**  
St. Theodosius Cathedral, 733 Starkweather Ave., 3 pm. Free admission. Cathedral Choir will present a program of acappella liturgical music of The Orthodox Church followed by sing-along caroling for all. Free tours 1- 2:30 pm. For more info call 216-741-1310 or visit www.sttheodosius.org.

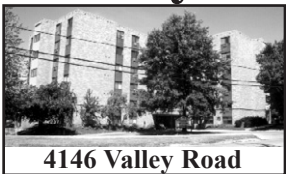
**Tuesday, December 19th**

**Widows & Widowers Luncheon**  
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., noon. Menu -- cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salads & desserts. Cost -- \$3 per person. Reserve a place by calling the church office, 216-351-6499.

**Sunday, Dec. 24th & Monday, Dec. 25th**  
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd. Christmas Eve services at 3 & 7:30 pm. Service is called "Jesus Our Gift"; everyone will receive a special memento. Christmas Day service at 10 am. Service is called, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" & features a

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#### Fulton Road Community Church

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Sunday School: 9:45 am  
Wednesday Prayer 7 pm

### BYZANTINE CATHOLIC

#### St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church

4600 State Rd. Phone: 216-741-7979  
Pastor: Very Rev. Steven Koplinka  
Divine Liturgies: Sat. Vigil, 4 pm.; Sunday, 10 am; Holy days, 9 am. Crystal Chalet  
phone: 216-749-4504  
School #: 216-749-7980 Pre-School #: 216-351-8121

### EVANGELICAL

#### Grace Church

2503 Broadview Rd. Phone: 216-661-8210  
Pastor: Jeff Doeringer  
Sundays: Open cafe hour, 9:15am.  
Worship service: 10:30 am. Teen night: 6 pm.  
Wed. nights: call for available adult classes.

### LUTHERAN

#### Gloria Dei Lutheran Church E.L.C.A.

5801 Memphis Ave.  
Phone: 216-741-8230  
Sunday Worship & Sunday School: 10 am.

#### Immanuel Lutheran Church

Scranton and Seymour Ave.  
Phone: 216-781-9511 Pastor: Horst Hoyer  
German Worship: Sun. 9:00 am  
English Worship: Sun. 10:30 am

### Parma Evangelical Lutheran Church

5280 Broadview Rd. (North & Tuxedo Ave.)  
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4542 Pearl Rd. Phone: 216-741-2085  
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### St. James Lutheran Church

4771 Broadview Rd. Phone: 216-351-6499  
Pastor: Paul W. Hoffman  
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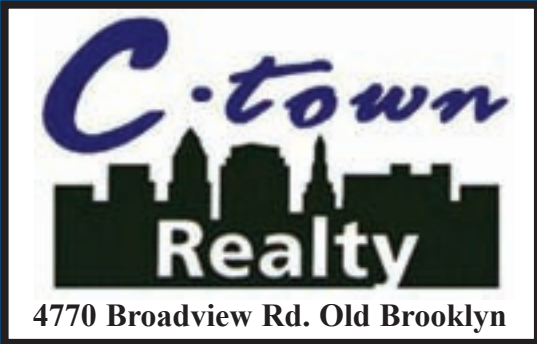
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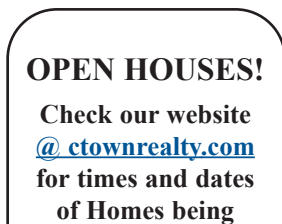
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