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Newly-elected City Council Reps begin service to Wards 15 and 16

by Lisa Casini

The work of newly elected City of Cleveland Council Representatives is already underway in the Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre neighborhoods.

Ward 15 Councilman Brian Cummins and Ward 16 Councilman Kevin Kelley, sworn into office on January 1, are beginning the new year with new plans and goals and a renewed sense of hope and possibility for their respective wards.

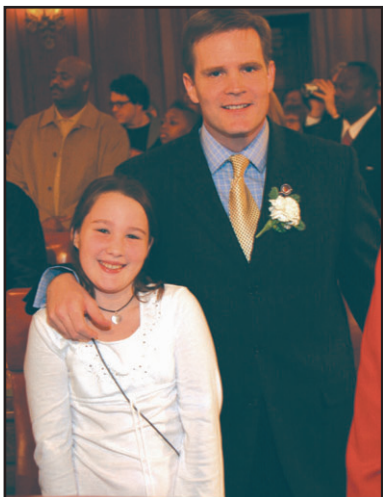
Both freshmen council reps outlined the challenges, concerns and issues that exist within the neighborhoods they serve; Cummins and Kelley both cited constituent concerns, basic city service issues, housing and safety issues and commercial restoration and growth as the main components of their ward plans.

Ward 15

Councilman Brian Cummins

Councilman Brian Cummins, who unseated incumbent Councilwoman Emily Lipovan Holan last November 8th, said he's already begun working with neighborhood leaders, OBCDC staff (Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation) and City reps to begin identifying issues and creating short and long term solutions.

A long-time resident of Brooklyn Centre and former executive director of the OBCDC, Councilman Cummins feels he has a personal understanding of resident needs



OBN photo by George Shuba

Councilman Kevin Kelley and daughter, Margaret, at swearing-in ceremony Monday, January 2, at Cleveland City Hall.



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Councilman Brian Cummins and daughter, Addy, at swearing-in ceremony Monday, January 2, at Cleveland City Hall.

and concerns.

Cummins' plan for Ward 15 is a three-pronged approach that focuses on constituent services, safety and health issues and planning and development.

The plan also addresses city-wide issues that play a role in the overall stability of every ward, including job growth and retention, environmental issues and general safety issues.

Cummins noted several neighborhood entities, both public and private that are a vital part of the history and future of the ward.

"We have a treasure of vital resources and stakeholders in the ward-from the Towpath Trail, to Art House Inc., to the Brookside Center, to our schools, parks and businesses, that we need to effectively forge strong partnerships with, which will have a major and positive impact throughout the neighborhoods," Cummins said.

While underscoring the significance of forging strong community partnerships, Cummins reiterated that neighborhood issues will always be a top priority.

"My number one focus is constituent services, including the maintaining and

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Hook & Ladder Co. 42 rally jams Corpus Christi Church

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On January 10th at Corpus Christi Church, City of Cleveland Public Safety officials and Councilmen Brian Cummins and Kevin Kelley faced a crowd of well over 500 Old Brooklyn residents demanding answers to the proposed closing of Hook & Ladder Co. 42. The Company is one of two located at the firehouse at 4665 Pearl Road (at the corner of Stickney Avenue).

Assembled on relatively short notice, the standing-room-only crowd filled the entire basement of Corpus Christi Church and spilled out into the adjoining kitchen, stairway and hallway. Both councilmen (Wards 15 and 16), former Fire Chief Kevin Garry, current Fire Chief Paul Stubbs, interim Safety Director Martin Flask and Firefighters Union President Bob Fisher, along with their support personnel made up the panel which addressed the crowd.

42 is removed. Station 20 is too remote and has too many other obligations to adequately serve the area. Seconds are lives and this is a serious mistake."

In a counter argument, current Safety Director Martin Flask pointed out that "the browning of Hook & Ladder 42 is not a new



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Back row L-R, Councilmen Brian Cummins and Kevin Kelley. Front row L-R, Roger Bundy, Old Brooklyn resident. Robert Fisher President, Firefighters Local 93, former Fire Chief Kevin Garry and Assistant Fire Chief Tim O'Toole.

issue. Certainly we need to take a fresh look at the consultant's report. In any case, a final decision will not be made until mid-April."

Fire Chief Paul Stubbs added, "The

City is faced with difficult choices. No one wants to see a brownout of 42. However, the station itself will not close. It's a manpower issue. The Engine Company will remain along with fire rescue capability. Furthermore, we won't make a final decision without public input.



The basement hall underneath the former school at Corpus Christi Church was "standing room only" at the meeting about the proposed closing of Hook and Ladder Company #42 on Pearl Road.

Ward 15 Councilman Brian Cummins opened the meeting by questioning the validity of a City-commissioned consultant report that recommended the "browning out" of Hook and Ladder Co. 42. "This is a dated report. I know there has been a ten percent increase in runs by Company 42. Company 20 in Brooklyn Centre already has the responsibility of responding to emergencies on I-71 and the Innerbelt. They can't handle the load in the south end of Old Brooklyn without compromising safety. We need the administration to give us a full review of the options. This is a life and death matter. The rolling effect of this one station closing could seriously affect much of Cleveland's west side."

Former Fire Chief Kevin Garry echoed Councilman Cummins' concerns stating, "The City cannot meet accepted fire response requirements in the southern ends of Wards 15 and 16 if Hook & Ladder Co.

It's clear from this meeting and the size of this crowd that Old Brooklyn residents support their firefighters."

After Fire Chief Stubbs addressed the crowd, Ward 16 Councilman Kevin Kelley summed up the central issues facing the neighborhood. He pointed out that "the Fulton Road Bridge will be closing soon at the same time that parts of the Jennings Freeway will be under construction. With Station 20 committed to emergencies along I-71, the next available response unit would be at W. 98th and Madison. Does anyone seriously believe that this won't compromise the safety of Old Brooklyn residents?"

A second public meeting is planned for a yet-to-be-determined date in mid-March. Contact either of the Ward offices or the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation for exact details closer to the meeting time.

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upgrading of basic city services and addressing safety issues. As residents, we're all concerned about quality of life issues, that's really the bottom line," said Cummins.

"People want to know that their hard earned tax dollars are being spent effectively. Our community has been visibly slipping the past several years, for many reasons, including the economy. Even though the economy may be a factor, we need to work to restore quality services to Ward 15 and also restore the confidence of residents in the City," Cummins stated.

He also noted that safety services and safety issues strike at the heart of neighborhood concerns in Ward 15.

"Crime activity, including illegal drug activity, is at the core of our safety issues--these issues must be addressed," Cummins said.

"People haven't seen much overall improvement in the past six or seven years and people do not want to see the lowering of fire and police services," he added.

Also included in quality of life issues, according to Cummins, are basic city services, which include trash removal, street and curb repair and maintenance and environmental issues, such as air, water quality and green-space preservation.

"I feel like we're at the end of the rope when it comes to basic, quality city services--we really have to work hard to restore and maintain these basic services, and I am committed to leading this effort," Cummins stated.

Ward 16

Councilman Kevin Kelley

Ward 16 Councilman Kevin Kelley, elected last November after being appointed to the post last May by outgoing Councilman Michael O'Malley, is already entrenched in the process of formulating a neighborhood plan focused on addressing resident's immediate concerns and long-term goals for the Ward.

"There will be a lot of study and planning happening over the next six months. I'm working on getting the Neighborhood Study out for bid, which will guide us in the direction we

want to go in over the next few years," said Kelley.

Kelley stated that the ward plan would include commercial and residential improvement and development projects, while maintaining a continual focus on providing and improving upon city services that "residents are accustomed to seeing."

Connecting the overall well-being of a community with the condition of its neighborhoods, Councilman Kelley perceives one of the most significant concerns in Ward 16 as the housing decline in some areas due to abandoned homes and absentee landlords.

"There are signs of problems on the horizon--vacant houses, irresponsible landlords and the recent number of foreclosures are all significant and must be addressed," Kelley said.

Kelley is working on a plan that will offer a "clear strategy to keep the housing stock stable." His strategy also includes bringing agencies together to address housing issues, including Cleveland's Housing Court.

"We need to attack these issues now, before our property values begin to suffer," he said.

He also noted that the closing of William Rainey Harper elementary school "left a real void in the neighborhood."

Kelley is currently working to save Hook and Ladder Station No. 42 from closing. "I want to be able to say in six months that we worked together to save 42," Kelley said. Another component to Councilman's Kelley's plan includes the expansion of the existing community development corporation (CDC) in Ward 16, the Old Brooklyn Neighborhood Services Corporation.

"I want to look at how we can best utilize our CDC, especially in terms of working on commercial and housing issues," Kelley said.

Kelley also talked about working to bring jobs back to Old Brooklyn, pointing out potential development projects such as the Memphis School site and MetroHealth expansion projects.

Working together seems to be the main goal and light of hope on the horizon for the councilmen in both wards and for all residents throughout the City.

Ladder #42: Working Example

by Judith Pindell
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Firefighters at Station #42 compiled the following list of actual events that took place within eight days last month. These occurrences emphasize the very real concern of not having enough fire safety services in our area of Cleveland. Without L-42, the situation will be further complicated.

January 5, 2006

Ladder (L) 42 went on a First Responder between 10:28 to 10:43 am. During that time, between 10:30 and 11:00 am, Engine (E) 42 went on a Box Alarm on Jennings Rd. to respond to a working fire. L-4 responded as the working Ladder Truck to the Jennings fire (because L-42 was on a call), while L-20 came on the Box Alarm assignment. It took L-4 ten to twelve minutes to respond to the Jennings fire.

January 10, 2006

A Box Alarm came in for a high-rise fire on W. 25th St. At the time, E-42 was out of service due to changing apparatus. L-42 was out on a First Responder on Broadview Rd. As a result, L-20 and L-4 responded to this high-rise fire. Had another Box Alarm come in while L-42, L-20 and L-4 were committed to other assignments at the same time, that would leave L-39 or L-13 as the nearest responders.

January 12, 2006

At 6:33 pm, E-20 was on a First Responder on Forestdale Ave. Another First Responder call for L-20 came in at 6:35 pm on Denison Ave. At approximately the same time,

a Box Alarm came in for W. 58th St. in which L-4, E-4, E-24 and others responded. At 6:38 pm another Box Alarm came in for Daisy Ave. E-42, L-42 and E-13 all responded.

In this case, L-42, L-20 and L-4 were all called out. Again, that left L-39 or L-13 to respond had another call come in. Call these City Officials to tell them to keep Ladder #42 staffed!

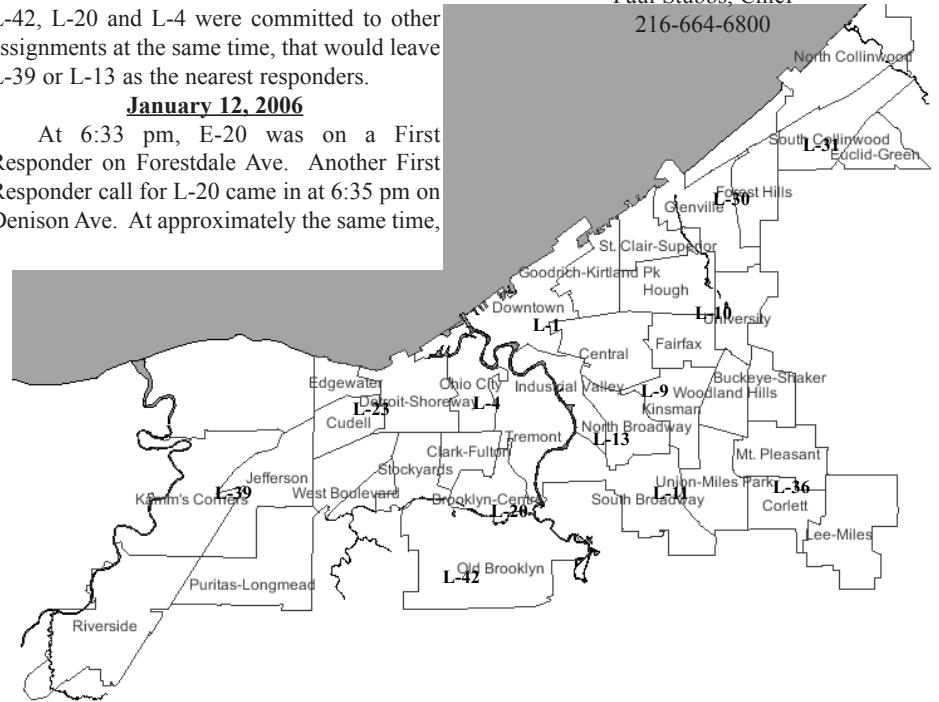
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Firefighter Jargon 101

In order to better understand the debate of a possible brownout of Fire Truck #42 proposed by the City of Cleveland, here are a few definitions firefighters use:

Box Alarm – the response to a report of fire or smoke inside or coming from a structure. The response is a "package" of two Engines, one Hook and Ladder Truck, one Rescue Squad one Battalion Chief.

Brownout – a "temporary" reduction in staffing which in turn reduces the equipment that can be staffed. In other words, it takes a certain number of firefighters to staff all equipment in Cleveland. Unless there is sufficient staffing on any given day, selected equipment will be left idle.

Company - the basic unit. This is made up of a single piece of apparatus (i.e. Engine, Hook & Ladder, Rescue Squad) and its four person crew.

Engine – the Engine is also referred to as a Pumper because of its ability pump water. In most cases, an Engine carries small ground ladders, a supply line to connect it with a hydrant, hand lines to fight the fire with a tank holding between 500 and 1,000 gallons of water.

Firefighter - basic worker. In Cleveland, there are four firefighters in a company. (Note: "Firefighter" is the generic term for all members of a fire department as well as a rank within the organization.)

First responder - the first trained individual or fire company and crew to arrive at the scene of an emergency to provide initial medical assistance.

Ladder Company – a combination of a fire truck with an aerial ladder, an assortment of ground ladders and forced entry tools and the manpower used to staff it. Ladder companies are responsible for rescue, ventilation and forcible entry duties.

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) - the association that develops and maintains nationally recognized minimum consensus standards on many areas of fire safety and specific standards on hazardous materials.

Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) – a company of firefighters whose sole function at a fire is to stand by in case a firefighter becomes injured or trapped and needs assistance. **Due to cuts in safety services, RITs are being put to work on the fire, rather being able to perform their function as stand-by's.

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Registration for the St. Leo Preschool began Feb. 2 at the preschool, located in the St. Leo Parish Community Center, 4940 Broadview Rd. \$50 nonrefundable fee & a copy of the child's birth certificate are required at the time of registration. The preschool offers programs for skill development & kindergarten readiness for three & four year old children. Children who are four years of age by Sept. 30 attend classes Mon., Wed. & Fri. Children who are three years of age 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.

Monday, February 6th

Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society

Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 7:30 pm. Martin Hauserman will speak about "Cleveland's City Archives, an ever growing record of the life of the City of Cleveland, its residents, & its endeavors." Records date from 1803 to present time. For more info call president Wally Huskonen, 440-526-1238.

Wednesday, February 8th

Fibromyalgia Support Group

Brookpark Recreation Center, 17400 Holland Rd. Monthly meeting, noon - 2 pm, second

Wed. of month. For more info call Wendy, 440-572-2232.

Thursday, February 9th

Dine & Donate Benefit

Max and Erma's, 5020 Tiedeman Rd., 11 am - 10 pm, will donate 20% of their sales to Brooklyn Animal Shelter. Must bring flyer, which can be picked up at Brooklyn City Hall, 7619 Memphis Ave., Brooklyn Library, 4480 Ridge Rd., & CPL South Brooklyn Branch, 4303 Pearl Rd., or download one from the website, www.brooklynshelter.org. For more info call Shirley, 216-749-4893.

Saturday, February 11th

Brookside Center 2nd Annual Benefit

Piper's III Restaurant, 8158 Broadview Rd., 6 - 10 pm. \$40 per person, \$400 per table sponsorship. Ace of Hearts Sponsorship, \$1000. Includes family style dinner, coffee, soft drink, cash bar. For tickets call 216-749-4295.

Sunday, February 12th

Winter Valentine Hike

Friends of Big Creek hike in the Brooklyn "Oxbow" area, 1 pm. Meet at the Grand Pavilion in Brooklyn Memorial Park, 7619 Memphis Avenue, near Brooklyn City Hall. Learn more about the Oxbow area & support efforts to preserve & connect it to Brookside Reservation with an all-purpose trail. Hot cocoa & chocolate treats at the pavilion after the walk.

Thursday, February 16th

Antique Collectors Club Meeting

Busch Funeral Chapel meeting room, 7501 Ridge Rd., Parma, 7:30 pm. Fred & Arlene Wahl speaking about "Ohio Canal Facts".

Sat., February 18th & Sun. February, 19th

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Saturday, February 25th

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Saturday, February 25th

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Monday, February 27th

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COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Brooklyn Centre Community Association

(formerly Archwood Denison Concerned Citizens) monthly meeting, every fourth Thurs., Feb. 23, 7 pm. Archwood United Church of Christ, 2800 Archwood Ave. For more info call Julie, 216-287-8195.

Brooklyn Genealogy Club meeting,

2 pm, Sun., Feb. 19, Brooklyn branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 4480 Ridge Rd. Judith Cetina, Ph.D., director of the Cuyahoga County Archives on Franklin Ave., guest speaker. Refreshments served; prospective members welcome.

Friends of Big Creek monthly meeting,

6:30 pm, Wed., Feb. 15 (every third Wed.), Metroparks Zoo's Reinberger Education Center, next to the Zoo's main entrance, 3900 Wildlife Way. For more info call 216-661-4998.

The Ohio & Erie Canalway Association, in cooperation with Ohio Canal Corridor & the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition meeting for Cuyahoga County, Wed., Mar. 1 & Thur., Mar. 2, Independence Technology Center, 6801 Brecksville Rd., Independence, 10:30 am, 1:30 pm, & 6 pm to review the fam-

ily of Canalway sign products aimed at solving logistic & strategic obstacles.

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Canalway signs will establish the identity of The Canalway, introducing the brand & the relationship of affiliated destinations, whether parks, historic neighborhoods, or museums, that incorporate kiosks & have their locations placed on wayfinding signs.

The Southwest Citizens Area Council,

Thurs., Mar. 2, 7 pm, Brooklyn YMCA's meeting room. Election of officers prior to the meeting. (In order to be elected to office and to vote for officers an individual must be a member in good standing. Membership open to any citizen of Ward 15. Annual dues, \$5.)

Councilman-elect Brian Cummins will address the group. Debra Zeleny the new housing code enforcement person & Lori Peterson, the residential program manager, will be introduced.

A representative of the police department is also generally present. The group is planning neighborhood safety walks & other programs to promote the area. All who are interested in the continued improvement & safety of the neighborhood are welcome. Sixty years of service to Ward 15. For more info call Dane Reich, 351-8260 or Mike Ladaika, 739-1455.

Free public meeting sponsored by Ohio Patients Rights,

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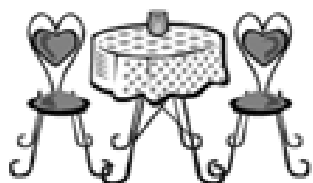
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As facilitator of local Pax Christi USA chapter, Old Brooklyn resident promotes peacemaking

by Lynette Filips
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In 1945, about the time that World War II was ending, a French laywoman decided that something had to be done to heal the relationship between the people of the churches in France and Germany, who had just slaughtered tens of thousands of each other's members. She founded a Peace Movement called Pax Christi (Peace of Christ) which would one day spread across the globe.

In 1972, during the height of the Vietnam War, when hippies in America were chanting "Make love, not war", a chapter of Pax Christi was established in this country. Eventually (in 1985) it would be headquartered in Erie, Pennsylvania and become a national peace movement, affiliated with the Catholic Church, but ecumenical in terms of its membership.

In 1976, when Tim Musser of West Schaaf Road was an engineering student at Cleveland State University (CSU), one of CSU's requirements for graduation was a course in black studies. In addition to reading the writings of renowned black authors, Tim's instructor, a young Jewish man, suggested that he read about a convert to Catholicism named Dorothy Day.

"My life was completely changed," Tim recalls. Dorothy Day, who had co-founded the Catholic Worker Movement in the 1930s, was a pacifist in regards to modern warfare. She was also a co-founder of the aforementioned American branch of Pax Christi.

A previous reader had left a pamphlet about Pax Christi USA in one of the books about Dorothy which Tim had borrowed from the library. He was impressed enough with the organization's mission to join it, but he was only a "paper member" until a few years later

when he started teaching a social justice class at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church to junior high public school students.

Some time thereafter, the pastor of Annunciation Church on W. 130th Street decided to start a chapter of Pax Christi. Tim was one of the people he invited to the organizational meeting, and ultimately the person he asked to facilitate the group. That was over fifteen years ago and, as the saying goes, the rest is history.



Pax Christi's mode of operation is prayer, study and action on the concept of Gospel nonviolence. Once a month, fifteen or twenty people meet in the rectory at Annunciation for a potluck supper, prayer and discussion of a film, an article or a chapter from a book, or a guest speaker. The action they take afterwards is often penning a letter to a person

in a political office.

Nationwide, 14,000 people, including 140 bishops, belong to Pax Christi USA. The organization has four priority areas: Nonviolence on the individual, community, national and international levels; disarmament, demilitarization and reconciliation with justice; economic and interracial justice in the United States; and the restoration of human rights both at home and globally.

A person need not be a pacifist to join Pax Christi, though Pax Christi invites people to explore what being a pacifist really means. (It does not mean being passive, Tim asserts.) Besides being opposed to resorting to war to resolve conflict, Pax Christi is also opposed to legalized abortion and the death penalty.

In addition to their monthly meetings, Pax Christi conducts an annual New Year's Eve prayer service for peace at Annunciation Church. And in conjunction with the

Cleveland Coalition against the Death Penalty, it conducts a "vigil" prayer service at one of a number of likeminded Protestant and Catholic churches on the evening before an execution. The people in attendance pray for the person to be executed and his victims and their families.

Reflecting on his involvement with the movement, Tim states, "I believe that it's important to worship Jesus, but Jesus never asked us for that. But he did ask us to follow Him and imitate His example, and He was non-violent to the point of dying because of it."

The Pax Christi chapter at Annunciation Church is one of three which meet in Greater Cleveland. (The other two are on the East side, plus there's a chapter in Akron.) The meetings at Annunciation are held on the third Saturday of the month, with dinner at 6 p.m. and the meeting at 7. They're usually over by 8:30 or 9 p.m.

For more information about Pax Christi USA, visit www.paxchristiusa.org. For more information about the Cleveland chapter, contact Tim Musser at 216-749-5223.

At its meeting on Monday, January 23, Cleveland City Council voted to approve a resolution "to state formally that the United States will not keep permanent military bases in Iraq and will allow the Iraqi government to freely determine its economic future and use of its oil resources, to immediately begin a humane, orderly and comprehensive withdrawal of United States military personnel and bases from Iraq, to couple the withdrawal with negotiations with all relevant Iraqi parties, including insurgents, in order to minimize concomitant or ensuing violence, and to provide full benefits to American soldiers who have served in Iraq."

Purple Bridges, a joint effort between local peace organizations and military families to advocate solutions to the war in Iraq, brought the resolution to the attention of Cleveland City Council. About 200 other US cities and towns have already asked the Bush administration to immediately begin making plans for an orderly withdrawal of US troops.



Therese Morris, OBM student of the week, feeds her teddy bear a cookie.

Parade Magazine and Share Our Strength (a leading national anti hunger organization) hosted this third annual bake sale. The children raised \$350. There are 13 million hungry children in the United States. The national fundraising



Four-year-old Kyra Lewis enjoys a cupcake purchased at the bake sale.

program is made possible through the sponsorship support of ABC Entertainment and Pam Spray.

To register, or to get more information, recipes, ideas and tips on holding a bake sale, visit the official site of:

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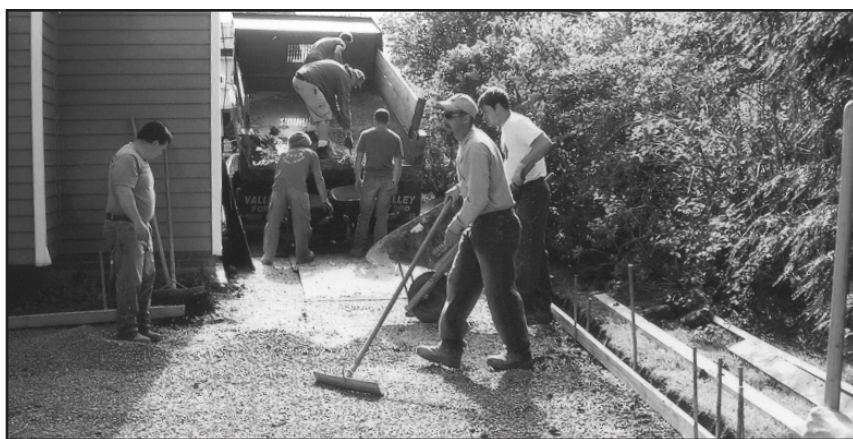
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As some of you may recall, last year we devoted our February Town Crier column to caring organizations in and around our neighborhood. There turned out to be so many of them that we ended up writing on the same theme in March, April and May, too.

To refresh your memory, here's a summary of the ones we already mentioned -

(February) Brookside Center; the hunger meal at Pearl Road United Methodist Church; the Mercy Street Mission; St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church's House of Hospitality; the United Hearts Life Mission Center; the Greater Cleveland Right to Life Society and thrift store; and the Saint Vincent DePaul Society and thrift store;

(March) more about the hunger meal at St. Mary's; Senior Citizen Resources' Meals on Wheels; the volunteers at the former Deaconess Hospital; and resident Joe Cannon's collecting shoes for children in Iraq;

(April) Senior Citizen Resources in general; and volunteering at MetroHealth's Skilled Nursing Care Facility;

(May) volunteering at MetroHealth's medical offices and hospital; and the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland's prison ministry which a deacon from St. Thomas More Church coordinates.

Although that's a lot, it's by no means everything nearby, but we had to get back to other news. So this month, we're back to looking at places where love is especially evident.

Perhaps in the News Notes section of the OBN you've noticed an announcement from time to time about **Cornerstone of Hope**. The bereavement center has been located at 6600 East Schaaf Road in Independence (just past Brooklyn Heights) since October, 2003.

The idea for Cornerstone of Hope was born out of the agony of its founders, Mark and Christi Tripodi, after the death (from bacterial meningitis) of their three year old son in

May, 2000. They found that individual counseling and attendance at support groups was not enough to get them through their loss. Knowing that others, too, must be feeling the same way, eventually they came up with the idea of establishing a center to help people work through grief.

Mark and Christi conducted a community forum meeting to determine potential support, formed a board, and traveled to other grief centers across the United States. When they opened their own facility in what had been vacant office space, Mark had left his former job to become Cornerstone's executive director, and a professional staff in a warm, welcoming environment was in place.

Cornerstone of Hope's mission is to provide support, education and hope to the grieving. Their counselors, social workers, art therapists, support staff and volunteers do that by offering affordable counseling and many free programs to their clients and to the general community. (All fee-for-service programs are based on one's ability to pay.) They're interested in helping the bereaved at all age levels - adults, teens and children.

Cornerstone's acronym, FLIGHT, listed in the titles of some of their programs, stands for *Families Living in Grief & Healing Together*. They are especially interested in tending to the children, though, as children's needs during the grieving process are often overlooked. Art therapists facilitate both individual and group support at Cornerstone's center and/or in the students' schools. A one-day summer camp and a variety of monthly creative workshops are two other vehicles through which Cornerstone reaches the children.

Funding for Cornerstone of Hope's programming comes from a variety of sources - fees from the educational seminars it conducts for professionals (nurses, school guidance counselors, clergy, funeral directors, etc.), corporate sponsorships, grants and three major fundraisers each year. (See information about an upcoming fundraiser in this month's News Notes.)

Cornerstone of Hope is obviously filling a need, as their ministry has so grown that this summer they will be breaking ground for a new building on Brecksville Road at Longano Drive (just north of Rockside Road). For more information, or to schedule an appointment with a counselor or for a group session, call 216-524-3787.

If you are in need of the kind of help which Cornerstone offers, know that some funeral parlors offer similar services. In our

neighborhood, for instance, **Tomon and Sons Funeral Home** on Pearl Road periodically offers one-day bereavement sessions, usually around the holidays.

Probably because it is part of such a large organization, **Busch Family Funeral Chapels** on Pearl Road has regularly scheduled bereavement sessions at such off-site locations as the Brooklyn Senior Center on Memphis Avenue (near Ridge Road). Go to Busch's web site at www.buschfuneral.com and click on "Grief Resources" to read about their support groups, topics for club presentations and annual workshop. Books, magazines and videos on the topic are available for loan from the lending

library at Busch's Old Brooklyn location.

We still have quite a few more caring organizations to discuss, and while we will continue with some of them next month, it's likely that others will have to wait until our Valentine's Day column next year.

Also, if you belong to a church which is doing something special for Lent, we'd be happy to mention such one-time or annual charitable works in this column, too.

Feel the love! And then send your examples or neighborhood caring and sharing to: Lynette Filipis, the Town Crier, c/o the Old Brooklyn News, 3344 Broadview Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44109

Spanish 101, a la Old Brooklyn Montessori School

by Timothy Kay

According to Cherie Kaiser, principal of Old Brooklyn Montessori School (OBMS), "Research has shown that children have a greater ability to acquire a foreign language at an earlier age." Thus, OBMS tailored a foreign language course to include grades K-8.

Ann Averbach - Senorita Anna, as she is called by her students - is Old Brooklyn Montessori School's Spanish teacher. With a degree in cultural anthropology from Northwestern University, the twenty-six year old says that her favorite thing about teaching Spanish is the ability to share with her students her love for the Latin culture. "I've traveled all over South America, and that's where I really learned Spanish - on the streets just by talking to and being with the people."

The purpose behind offering this class was to give students the benefit of a second language. "It's important to speak another language... and Spanish is the second most widely spoken language in this country," Ann pointed out. "If you want to travel all of Latin America, you need to learn Spanish."

Commenting on the daily class routine, Ann noted that "with the younger students we

do a lot of games, songs and movement activities so that they remember, but with the older students we have a textbook that we use. I try to get them to speak as much as possible and I speak to them in Spanish as often as I can."

Outside of the classroom, Ann and her students have found creative ways to stay busy. The class hosted a salsa party to raise funds which they sent to the town of Santiago in Guatemala where over 1000 people were killed by recent mud slides.

Part of what I'm here to do is to teach about other cultures," Ann said. "A big emphasis in my program is learning about Latin countries and peoples' lifestyles and how they are different from ours. It's really easy when you're in the United States to have a really closed view of the world... One of my favorite things about teaching this class is the ability to put more emphasis on making Spanish something that's cool, showing my students that it's advantageous, and trying to get them never to lose it."

Her mode of operation must be working because Cherie is convinced that "the multicultural awareness that Ann has brought to OBMS students is amazing; they have been exposed to a culture different than their own."



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Two new members of Brooklyn Kiwanis, Linda Rump (left), Business Manager of Sam's Club, and Rev. Robert J. Ludwig (right), pastor of Pearl Road United Methodist Church, and Lenoard A. Signer, the Kiwanis President, are all smiles as they display Linda and Rev. Ludwig's membership certificates.

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By Tom Collins
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The Storefront Renovation Program

As the commercial manager for the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) I can introduce business owners to a variety of economic development programs offered by the City of Cleveland. Most of those tools involve low cost loans focused on big projects and have numerous compliance requirements. The requirements are necessary to insure that public monies support public purposes and that the City, as an investor, takes reasonable financial risk.

There is a program that is directed to the small business owner and commercial property owner that can quickly improve a property and business image. It is the Cleveland Storefront Renovation Program (SRP). This, too, has compliance requirements but they are minimal and manageable.

Here is what the city can offer: Retail and commercial buildings, in targeted areas, can receive a rebate of up to \$25,000 for exterior renovations of the visible portions of the buildings. That generally means the front of the

building facing the street, the front and side if it is on a corner, or perhaps the front and two sides if it is a stand-alone building fully visible from a distance.

The rebate is equal to 40% of the renovation costs, capping at \$25,000. This means that an owner investing as much as \$62,500 will have 40% (\$25,000) returned after the work is completed and inspected. Of course, owners are free to invest in additional improvements that may exceed the SRP rebate cap.

The program allows for new windows and doors, awnings, signage, sidewalk replacement and lighting. If the building façade needs tuck pointing, cleaning or painting, that can be included also. The goal is to restore the building to its original architectural integrity or to make exterior renovations that respect the architecture of the surrounding area. This allows building owners to restore windows and doors that may have been long covered, to remove mismatched sidings and colors that were never appropriate, or create a building signage scheme that makes the businesses welcoming in appearance.

Yes, there are compliance issues. First the owner must submit an application and the renovation plans must be approved by a local design and review committee. The owner is free to use any qualified contractor who is licensed to do business in the City of Cleveland. There is no requirement for multiple bids or selecting the lowest bid. The contractor must pay prevailing wage if the labor on site exceeds \$2,000 and is performed by employees of the contractor. Independent contractors performing the labor themselves are exempt from the prevailing wage requirement. Materials manufactured or fabricated off-site (awnings, signs, windows, etc.) are not classified as on-site labor.

If the building has upper floor apartments, as many older commercial buildings do, the lead paint abatement regulations may be required. This is for health and safety reasons.

The building must be in a targeted area because the program is trying to achieve visible improvements in commercial corridors rather than isolated improvements that may not attract additional new investment. The target

areas encompass most of the Pearl Road, Broadview Road, State Road and Memphis Avenue commercial blocks.

There's More

For those who have more extensive and costly renovation needs, there is also a low-cost loan program that will cover additional items. The low cost loan program is a draw down of federal funds administered through the city and processed by Dollar Bank, First Merit Bank and Key Bank. The loan program can address the entire façade of the building, not just the visible front. It can also address roof and foundation issues. Interest rates are generally below market. The loan is capped at \$100,000. All loans are amortized for fifteen years but payable in ten years. This can mean a balloon payment in the final year, but that is negotiable. Applicants must select between the loan or the rebate because they are not both available for the same project. The loan option is attractive to someone who may also be making extensive exterior renovations.

As commercial manager I work with the applicants in Ward 15 to apply for either the rebate or the loan, assist with their renovation plans, monitor the compliance issues and help the applicant complete the project on time. Old Brooklyn Neighborhood Services administers the program in Ward 16.

If you are interested in the program please call me. One word of caution. No work can be started until the applicant has a signed contract with the City of Cleveland. Only pre-approved work is eligible for rebate or loan assistance.

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For more information contact Tom Collins, OBCDC Commercial Program Manager, 216-459-1000, tomc@oldbrooklyn.com.

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News and newcomers in the City of Brooklyn

by Erika Feigenbaum

Mayor Kenneth E. Patton has reason to boast about the City of Brooklyn — new businesses, an active schedule of events with area groups and organizations, and a new strategic plan in the works. Here's a peek at what's new with our neighbors in Brooklyn...

Brooklyn is home to Ridge Park Square, a retail area on Ridge Road at Northcliffe Avenue. The Square continues to attract new business and enterprises including the office supply store Staples, dental offices and Lutheran Medical Urgent Care Center.

Cascades Crossing, the retail plaza on Tiedeman Road between Brookpark and Biddulph Roads, recently welcomed a Chipotle Mexican Restaurant.

According to Brooklyn's Finance Director, Gale Fisk, bids are currently being taken for the new fire station to be built on

Memphis Avenue. The \$4.8 million project should begin this spring; the arrival of the new fire truck is anticipated in October.

Business and development in Brooklyn is coupled with plenty of room for citizen involvement. Ongoing activities include events at the Brooklyn Recreation Center, the Senior /Community Center and within a variety of city clubs.

A public meeting in mid-January finalized the master plan for the city based on committee and resident input. The master plan will be a 'roadmap' for citywide plans and initiatives ranging from housing to public affairs. The results of the community survey on the master plan can be found on the Brooklyn website at www.brooklynohio.gov.

From either a residential or a business angle, the City of Brooklyn has plenty to offer.

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Low Interest Home Repair Loans

by Lori Peterson
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In the January edition of the Old Brooklyn News I listed a variety of options to help you jump start your New Year's Resolution of fixing up your house. As promised, I am giving you even more options so there will be no excuse for not fulfilling that New Year's Resolution. This issue will highlight some low-interest home repair loans and grants that are available.

Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS)
NHS is a non-profit community development corporation that assists in construction management, competitive bidding, financing, credit repair and home maintenance workshops. A nice benefit of Neighborhood Housing Services is that they provide credit counseling and help you to formulate a plan to clean up your credit.

Current interest rate: 6 %
Maximum term: 30 years
Minimum loan amount: \$1,000
Maximum loan amount: \$60,000

Home Enhancement Loan Program (HELP)
HELP is a cooperative effort between the County Treasurer, the County Commissioners, thirty-three eligible communities and six participating banks. Loans can be used for alterations, repair maintenance or home improvement. Property taxes must be current on all parcels the borrower owns.

Current Interest Rate: 3% below market value
Maximum Term: 5 years
Minimum loan amount: \$1,500
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Repair-A-Home (RAH) Department of Community Development

RAH was created to help homeowners to maintain the exterior, interior and upgrade their property according to health and safety code standards. Monies must be used to repair homes for housing code violations. Repairs include:

Any building or housing code violations must be corrected first.

Mechanical systems - heating, plumbing and electrical - must be brought up to code standards.

Roofs, gutters, downspouts and cracks are repaired or replaced.

Weatherization measures such as insulation and weather-stripping will be incorporated if an energy audit deems necessary. Other exterior problems such as defective paint, siding and windows must be corrected.

Exterior code violations which include tuck pointing, stairs, railings and porches, door and window repair, chimney pointing and repair.

Kitchen and bath repair that are health and safety concerns.

Senior Housing Assistance Program (SHAP)
SHAP grants are available through the Department of Aging for health and safety repairs such as roofs, porches and electrical work for Cleveland residents age 60+ and disabled adults who reside in and own a single or two family home.

Income Guidelines

* Number in Household	Maximum Income
1 person	\$12,650
2 persons	\$14,450
3 persons	\$16,250
4 persons	\$18,050
5 persons	\$19,500
6 persons	\$20,950

*Personal assets & liabilities will be taken into consideration.

SHAP applications will not be mailed. A staff person will assist you in completing the application process.

Lutheran Housing Corporation (LHC)
Repair Assistance for Elderly Homeowners-Grants available for home repairs and improvement services to older residents. The scope of work includes, electrical, plumbing, heating and other minor repairs.
Furnace Repair- LHC employees test, adjust, and repair furnaces to get them working to

maximum efficiency. Must be a homeowner and living in the unit if owns a duplex will only service the unit that is occupied by the homeowner.

Keep in mind the old adage: Knowledge is power. These loan/grant options are meant to empower you. Call Lori Peterson, Residential Program Manager, at 216-459-1000 to schedule a free consultation and to help navigate you through the process.

Public Meeting
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Facing the challenge of abandoned properties

The Old Brooklyn News is pleased to bring our readers a two-part series by The Honorable Raymond Pianka, presiding Cleveland Municipal Housing Division Judge. Judge Pianka discusses the many aspects of abandoned properties, their causes, effects and what is being done about this epidemic.

The American Dream has turned into a nightmare for many, as court systems are overwhelmed with foreclosures and bankruptcies. It is a national problem that has hit northeast Ohio particularly hard.

Late night "infomercials", predatory lending, the cost of health care for the underinsured, no-money-down mortgages, and a weak job market are evidenced in the record number of foreclosure cases. Last year 12,000 foreclosure actions were filed in Cuyahoga County alone. Thousands of boarded-up properties reflect that the value of the properties is not worth the debt they are carrying.

Every day on the Housing Court docket I see owner-occupants and investor owners who find that they are still responsible for the maintenance of the property although they filed bankruptcy or are in foreclosure. During the months or years of the foreclosure or bankrupt-

cy process, a lot can happen to a vacant property. Routinely, properties that are vacant are stripped of plumbing and heating equipment and recyclable materials like aluminum siding, doors and gutters. Until that property is titled to someone else, the person in possession and control can suffer the penalty of a first degree misdemeanor of \$1000 fine and 180 days incarceration for each day the property is out of compliance with the City code.

The crisis is focused on the bulk of Cleveland's housing stock which consists of 100,000 one- and two-family houses whose median age is 80 years. Owner-occupants abandon their properties, are cited, and are surprised to find out that they cannot simply walk away from the property although they have filed bankruptcy or are in foreclosure. The owners still are responsible for the maintenance of the property and may be criminally liable for code violations. Investor owners who appear before the court for code violations not only many times lose their properties, but are also subject to severe penalties. Several of these investors are at the Warrensville Workhouse presently for failing to maintain
See Abandoned Properties page 9

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- To provide various mediation options involving residents, landlords, tenants, businesses, etc.;
- To offer several types of programs \ agencies referrals \ residential assistance;
- To assist people through the sometimes complicated paperwork, follow-up and contractor issues, etc.;
- To help people with housing and building-related issues by utilizing the talents and abilities of our team; and
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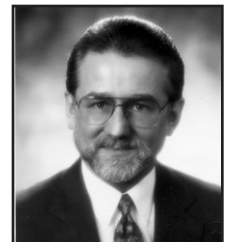
Ultimately the team efforts will result in creating higher property values and an ever increasing housing stock value. In preparation for the spring and summer seasons, a systematic and comprehensive approach is being utilized.

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Polish spoken here; churches which minister to the eastern European community

by Lynette Filips
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Visitors driving through the Clark-Metro and Tremont neighborhoods north of Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre often marvel at the presence of churches on virtually every corner. Cleveland is a city built by immigrants, and nowhere is that more apparent than along streets like Scranton Road, W. 11th Street and West 14th Street. Even among peoples of identical religious persuasions, every immigrant group wanted its own church.

As we continue to look at the languages in which people in our area have worshipped – and still worship God – we move forward in time from the earliest settlers (from New England) who spoke English, and the earliest immigrants (from England and Ireland) who spoke English or German, to the Slavic immigrants who began pouring into our city in the latter decades of the 1800s. As an industrial city, Cleveland had much to offer them in the way of jobs and economic opportunity.

The Poles were one of the first and the largest of the eastern European groups to immigrate here. Although the first ones had come to Berea in the late 1860s to quarry sandstone — thus **St. Adalbert Church**, established in 1873 — the majority of Poles began arriving later in the century to work in the steel mills.

In its earliest years, the area of Cleveland we today call Slavic Village was referred to as



St. Stanislaus Church

Warszawa; in 1873, **St. Stanislaus Church**, 6615 Forman Avenue, was established for the Polish people living there. Many of the men were employed at the Cleveland Rolling Mills in Newburgh (now Newburgh Hts.)

As the Polish population continued to increase, more and more Polish settlements sprung up around the city. Because the Poles were a Catholic people, a Catholic church eventually became a part of each community.

The two areas in which Poles settled closest to our neighborhood were *Kantowo* in the north section of the neighborhood we today call Tremont, and *Barbarowo* in the southeast section of the neighborhood we today call Brooklyn Centre. Both geographical names were derived from the names of the Polish churches.

The Poles who lived in *Kantowo* settled there in the late 1890s and early 1900s to work in the steel mills which by then had expanded west into the Cuyahoga Valley. The bishop



St. John Cantius Church

established **St. John Kanty/Cantius Church**, 906 College Ave., for them in 1898. In addition to being a place where they could worship together, the church was also where Poles socialized with their countrymen. (St. John Cantius' recreation alley still has a twelve-lane bowling alley which can be rented for private parties!)

Before the Second Vatican Council, when it was required that the Mass be said in Latin, only the Scripture readings, hymns and sermon could be in Polish. But after the Council changed the Catholic Church's position on Masses in the language of the people, the whole Mass was offered in Polish; at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday that is what still happens at St. John Cantius Church.

During Lent, a devotional service in Polish called "Lamentations" and benediction follow the 9:30 Mass. And a "mission" with a visiting priest is preached in Polish the week before Holy Week. (St. John Cantius also has two Masses in English each weekend.)

We wrote extensively about **St. Barbara Church** — established in 1895 — in the

Barbarowo Polish settlement at the time of the parish's 100th anniversary last October. Those Poles, too, worked at the steel mills — and at other industries in the Big Creek and Cuyahoga River valleys — but they arrived later, just after the turn of the last century. Their first church was south of Big Creek, on Valley Road at what is now Elston Avenue. After it burned, a new location at 1505 Denison Avenue was chosen for the church, and that is where it remains today.

Before the ecumenical council in the 1960s, St. Barbara's, like St. John Cantius, could only offer certain devotions in Polish.



St. Barbara Church

Now St. Barbara's has a totally Polish Mass every Sunday at 10 a.m. (in addition to three Masses in English each weekend.)

Like the German Lutherans about whom we wrote in our last two articles, not everyone in the pre-Vatican II Polish Catholic community agreed about which language to use for common prayer. For the Lutherans, though, it was relatively easy — German or English. For the Catholics it was more complex — Latin with a little Polish, or split with Roman Catholicism to be able to say the whole Mass in Polish. Thus, some Polish Catholics decided to break with the Roman Catholic Church and affiliate with the Polish National Catholic Church which was founded in 1897 in Scranton, Pennsylvania. (In addition to use of the vernacular language, disagreement over control of local church property was also an issue.)

The first Polish National Catholic Church in Cleveland was established in 1913. It was located at 2310 W. 14th Street, not far from St. John Cantius, and was called **Sacred Heart of Jesus Church**. (It is now the home of St. Andrew Kim Church for Korean Catholics, which will be discussed in a later article.) The second Polish National Catholic Church in Cleveland, **Our Lady of Czestochowa**, was established in 1915 by dissenting members of St. Barbara's. It was originally located at 3510 Broadview Road (on "short" Broadview, west



St. Mary's Polish National Catholic Church

1955 **St. Mary's Polish National Catholic Church** moved to a new church at 5375 Broadview Road (at the corner of Wexford), just a few streets south of Brookpark Road. The parish offers two Masses each Sunday, one at 9 a.m. in English and one at 11 a.m. in Polish. Although it's located in Parma, it is a member of the Greater Brooklyn Ministerial Association.

Corpus Christi Church, 5204 Northcliffe Avenue, (but really on Pearl Road at the corner of Archmere Avenue) is the youngest of the Polish churches in our neighborhood. It was established in 1935 to serve



Corpus Christi Church

first and second generation Poles who were moving south from the neighborhoods in which their parents and grandparents had lived. Our area was considered a likely spot for a new Polish church because a Polish National Home (the Ampol Club) had been built practically across the street.

While Corpus Christi no longer offers any Masses or classes in Polish, in the 1960s it was still conducting Polish language classes for neighborhood children, and in the early 1970s, it was still conducting Stations of the Cross in Polish during Lent and parish "missions", too. If we've missed any important parts of neighborhood Polish church history, please let us know, because we could include it in next month's article. Otherwise, we'll move on to our Slovak churches. Feel free to share any information about them with us, too.

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As I see it...

by
Pastor Jerry

Comedian Jimmy Durante was asked to perform before World War II veterans. At first he refused due to a busy schedule, but finally agreed to do one small monologue and then leave. The building was packed for the benefit performance. On stage, Durante thrilled the audience, first with one monologue, and another and a third. The applause grew louder with each one. He performed for 30 minutes. The man, who had originally asked him to perform thanked Jimmy for the additional performance. Durante said, "If you look out the front row, you'll see why I had to stay. In the front row were two men, one who had lost his right arm and the other his left arm, both in a war. They were standing together, each clapping with each of their hands, doing what neither could have done alone.

We, the people of God need to come together each with our limitations and handicaps to do together, what we cannot do alone. We can't love God without loving God's people.

Jerry Madasz is the pastor of St. Luke's United Church of Christ 4216 Pearl Rd. (at the corner of Pearl & Memphis)

Art House receives Art Education Award

by Erika Feigenbaum

This year Art House celebrates its five-year anniversary, but that isn't its only cause for jubilation. In November, 2005, The Northeast Region of the Ohio Art Education Association (OAEA) honored Art House's innovations and strengths in arts-in-education programming with the *Distinguished Business/Organization for Art Education Award*. The prestigious award reflects Art House's commitment to enriching the community and promoting learning through the arts by providing opportunities for people to create, learn and communicate ideas, and acts as a catalyst for positive change.

On first glance, five years seems like a short time, but Art House and its dedicated volunteers, donors, students and participants have accomplished many great things together. Art House has served thousands of people in its history and reaching this five-year milestone helps secure its place in the community.

Art House's success for the next five years is at least somewhat dependent upon

ongoing community interest and support. As Art House continues to serve more constituents from within and beyond the Cleveland region, it aims to attract art aficionados at all skill levels for classes, exhibits and community events. Art House wants to continue to secure a place for art in the neighborhood with programming that makes a difference in our local and regional community.

At a time when funding difficulties have increased class sizes and decreased programming in the arts, Art House brings creative arts and cultural activities to Cleveland students; the OAEA 2005 award recognizes these unique contributions.

The spring calendar at Art House holds an exciting session of classes for children, families, adults and professional artists and arts educators. If you are interested in learning more about upcoming events, volunteering or contributing to Art House, visit them online at www.arthouseinc.org or call 216-398-8556. Join the fun at Art House — the place where art lives.

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properties in foreclosure. Of course, the property owners are not the only individuals affected by vacant, abandoned property; the value of neighboring properties and the quality of life in those neighborhoods is diminished as well. In Philadelphia, a recent study found that the value of other properties on a block are decreased by 15% or about \$6,500 for the average property when there is a vacant, boarded-up property on that block.

The nuisance not only sends a signal to owners that perhaps they should stop investing in their property, but also causes concern for high-quality, prospective tenants, who feel safer and more ready to rent in an area that is not sending signals of distress.

The crisis in vacant, abandoned and foreclosed property has forged a coalition to address the problem, after a thorough analysis by nationally recognized experts under the sponsorship of Neighborhood Progress, Inc.

At long last, the City, its CDCs, intermediaries, foundations and others may move forward with the help of this study, "Cleveland at the Crossroads: Turning Abandonment into Opportunity."

(For a copy of the report, visit <http://www.neighborhoodprogress.org/>).

The recommendations for the prevention, reclamation and reuse of vacant and abandoned property in Cleveland are based

upon best practices in the country and are also applicable to the growing problems in Cleveland suburbs. The assessment team included Alan Mallach, director of Research for the National Housing Institute, Lisa Mueller Levy, Director of Technical Assistance for the National Vacant Properties Campaign and Knowledge Sharing Director for LISC and Joseph Schilling, Professor in Practice from the Metropolitan Institute at Virginia Tech and Director of Policy and Research for the campaign. For more information about the Campaign visit <http://www.vacantproperties.org/>.

The study found that "how Cleveland confronts the challenge of vacant properties during the next five years will have a dramatic impact on the future of the city and its neighborhoods. Cleveland stands at the proverbial crossroads that compel immediate action."

Internal factors have hindered the city's ability to effectively respond to this crisis, including the fragmentation of governmental authority and responsibility; the lack of adequate property information systems; the absence of a strong, clear, housing preservation policy; and the need for new property acquisition tools - both legal and financial - to deal with today's conditions. Still, there is hope.

Look for the second part of this article in March's issue of the Old Brooklyn News.

FAMILY FUN!

by Susan Nieves
susann@oldbrooklyn.com

The *Old Brooklyn News* is requesting submissions that highlight local activities & events appropriate for families & individuals. Submit information regarding upcoming events/activities to "Attention Susan Nieves," c/o The *Old Brooklyn News*, 3344 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, OH 44109; Fax: 216-459-1741; E-Mail: susann@oldbrooklyn.com.

Art House
3119 Denison Ave.
216-398-8556

Family Open Art Studio & Art Classes - 1st Sat. of every month, 1:30 - 3:30 pm, \$5 per person; children under 2, free; family of 4, \$18. All materials included. No registration required. For more info on other classes and activities for age preschool thru adult call or visit www.arthouseinc.org.

Cleveland Metroparks Canal Way Center
Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation - E. 49th St.,
216-206-1000

Storytelling - Sat., Feb. 11, 7 - 9 pm. Theresa & Ed Scott bring stories, rhythm & songs of their heritage to celebrate Black History month. Call for reservations.

Music - Fri., Feb. 24, 7:30 pm. Enjoy an evening of surf music with The Picknicks.

Cleveland Metroparks Mill Stream Run
Reservation Chalet Recreation Area -
Between Routes 42 and 82, Strongsville
440-572-9990

Tobogganing - Dates and times vary. Call for more info.

Cleveland Public Library-Brooklyn Branch
3706 Pearl Rd. 216-623-6920

Black History Month Resource Center
Tues., Feb. 7, 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Explore this database & find Black History Activities, biographical information, a historical timeline, & a Black History quiz. Brooklyn.Branch@cpl.org

South Branch
3096 Scranton Rd. (at Clark Ave.)
216-623-7060

Make a Kufi Hat to celebrate Black History Month Tues., Feb. 21, 3 - 4:30 pm. Ages 2-12 can design a kufi hat to take home. South.Branch@cpl.org

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
Wildlife Way
216-661-6500

Snow Leopard Day - Mon., Feb. 20, 10 am - 5 pm. Learn about the rare snow leopards & conservation programs to protect them from extinction.

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

Museum - Tues. - Sun., 10 am - 5 pm; Wed. & Fri., to 9 pm; Closed Mon. Free.

Cleveland Museum of Natural History
1 Wade Oval Drive, University Circle
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4125 Fulton Road
216-664-4149

Recreational Activities - Family Swim - Family Gym - Ceramics - Weight Room Call for schedule. Times vary. All above activities free. Call for more info.

International Women's Air & Space
Museum Burke Lakefront Airport, 1501 N. Marginal Rd., Room 165
216-623-1111

Museum - Mon. - Fri., 10 am - 4 pm. Free admission. The museum is a repository of information about women in aviation & space. Visit the website at www.iwasm.org.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center
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Planetarium Family Programs - Programs, dates, times & fees vary. Call or visit lensc.org for more info.

Western Reserve Historical Society Museum
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Millionaires' Row, The Legacy of Euclid Avenue - now thru May 31, 2006. Largest ever exhibit for WRHS; examines life among Cleveland's rich & famous 1880-1930. Sequel to 1991 WRHS *Showplace of America* which chronicled Euclid Avenue 1850-1910. Special lectures, hands-on children's activities, genealogy discussions & entertainment in addition to the nine-month exhibit. Wed. - Sat., 11 am - 5 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Admission - ages 3-12, \$7; adults, \$12; seniors 60+, \$10. Call or visit www.wrhs.org for more info.

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CHURCH NOTES

Sunday, February 19th

French Toast, Pancake & Sausage Brunch
St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, 4600 State Rd., in the school gym. 11:00 am. - 1:00 pm. Adults, \$5, Children, \$3. Brunch includes a choice of french toast or pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, orange juice & beverage. Take-outs available. All proceeds will go toward the parking lot paving fund. For more info., call the school office at 216-749-7980.

Sunday, February 12th

Cookin for Christ

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., in the downstairs Stohs Hall, 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Menu includes home-made stuffed cabbage, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, rolls, special cherry dessert, & beverages. Cost, \$7 per person; \$4, children under 10. For reservations call 351-6499. Proceeds go for church & community projects.

Tuesday, February 28th

Widows and Widowers Luncheon

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., noon in the upstairs Gathering Room. Menu includes Italian Pot Roast, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salads, & various desserts. Cost, \$3. Call the church office to reserve a place, 216-351-6499. All widows & widowers are invited.

SENIOR NOTES

Senior Citizen Resources 216-749-5367

Line Dancing - Tues., 1:00 pm. \$15 for six week session.

MetroHealth Lite & Easy Exercise - Mon., Wed., & Fri., 9:30 - 10:30 am. Light exercise class with a certified fitness instructor; \$3 per class.

Chair Bowling - Mon., 10:30 am, Deaconess Krafft Center; Fri., 10:30 am, The Schwab Center.

Open Square Dancing - Mon., 12:15 pm, Deaconess - Krafft Center.

Craft Classes - Tues. & Thurs., 9:30 - 11:30 am, Deaconess - Krafft Center.

Crochet Class - Fri., 9:30 - 11:30 am, The Schwab Center.

Fun & Games

Canasta - Mon., 12:30 pm, Deaconess-Krafft Center.

Fruit Bingo - Mon. 11:10 am, **The Schwab Center**; Wed., 10:30 am, **Deaconess-Krafft Center**.

Racing Game - Fri., 10:45 am, Deaconess Krafft Center.

Pinocle Playing - Tues., 12:15 pm, Deaconess Krafft Center.

Monday, February 13th

Flower Sale

The Schwab Center & Deaconess Krafft Center. 12:00 - 1:00 pm.

Thursday, February 9th

Home & Garden Show IX Center

\$12 per person. Registration begins Feb. 1st.

Monday, February 13th

Humphrey Popcorn Factory

\$4.50 per person. Registration begins Feb. 3rd.

Monday, February 27th

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The Schwab Center. 10:30 am. \$3.50. Registration begins Feb. 3rd.

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Racially motivated hate crime hits Old Brooklyn

by Judith Pindell
judithp@oldbrooklyn.com

When Dion Jones and his family returned to their home on W. 28th Street late in the evening of Friday, January 13, they were shocked to find that someone had broken into their home. They had a bigger shock when they entered the house.

The Jones family found their possessions tossed throughout the house. Almost every surface inside their home had been spray painted, including the Jacuzzi tub and sink in their newly remodeled bathroom. More alarmingly, their 8-year-old son found a racial slur spray-painted on the upstairs hallway wall. Later, the family found that the intruders had urinated and defecated on some of their clothing.

The Jones have been working with the Second District Police Department and, more recently, with the FBI to find the perpetrators. In the meantime, the family is staying in a hotel. Friends and neighbors have been helping them get the home. The family, which includes four boys ages eight to nineteen, says it is too traumatic for them to continue to live in their defiled home. Eventually they plan to move out of the Old Brooklyn neighborhood.

If you have any information regarding this crime, please call the Second District Police Detective Bureau at (216) 623-5218

Parma Evangelical Lutheran Church has a New Pastor!

Pastor Donald E. Frantz II graduated from Trinity Lutheran Seminary and was ordained in 1995. After ordination he immediately became the Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Wilmington, Ohio. He has been the Senior Pastor there for the past 10 years. Pastor Frantz was installed at Parma Lutheran on November 27, 2005, and has settled into the busy schedule of PLC.



Pastor Donald E. Frantz II with wife Susan

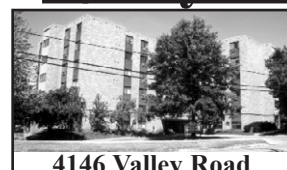
He earlier received a bachelors degree in education from Capital University in 1974 and took some post-graduate classes at Ohio University and at Bowling Green. The years in between were spent working in education, insurance and with United Parcel Company.

Like most second career pastors, Pastor Frantz was very active in church leadership youth work, Sunday school, choir, etc. for many years before he recognized his call and enrolled in the seminary. He is well equipped with both formal education/training and practical lay experience. Plus, a great sense of humor and a knack for dynamic sermons you can relate to and apply to your everyday life.

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Saint Barbara's Church

1505 Denison Ave.
Phone: 741-2067
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Double Bungalow. Natural woodwork, newer kitchen cabinets & two new baths. Built-in china cabinets. Window treatments & appliances stay. Fenced yard.
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Standard 5-2 Double. Large rooms. 2-car garage. Updated electrical boxes. Easy to show!
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GREAT STARTER!
Newer 2.5 car garage. Newer kitchen with built-in dishwasher and stove. Natural Woodwork. Finished Basement.
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Re-habbed Colonial. New roof/complete tear-off. New furnace, electric, windows, glass block, bathrooms. 1st fl. 1/2 bath & laundry rm.
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HURRY!
4 bdrms! New furnace & C/A. water softener system. Newer windows. Glass block. All appliances. finished bsmt/Naturestone flooring.
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10
Old Brooklyn \$114,500
CLASSIC SOUTH HILLS!
3-bdrm., 1-1/2 bath home. 100 amp upgrade. Newer windows. Updated eat-in kitchen. Real knotty pine paneling up & down. Rec room with fireplace.
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YOUR HOME HERE!



12
Old Brooklyn \$79,900
CENTER OF OLD BROOKLYN!
Great home! Newer vinyl, roof, and bath. Newer windows and furnace. Updated electric box. Owner very motivated and will look at all offers.
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13
Old Brooklyn \$84,900
GREAT STARTER OR RENTAL!
Well kept updated west side Bungalow. Newer kitchen & baths. Updated electric service. Easy to show, easy to own. Seller wants offers - will consider all!
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14
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A TOUCH OF CLASS!
Mint master brick bungalow in South Hills on a beautiful street! Lot size 51 x 222. Too many updates to list! 2 fireplaces! Finished basement!
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15
North Royalton \$189,900
BEAUTIFUL!
First floor living! Free standing cluster in Cinnamon Lakes subdivision features sunroom, 2-car garage, gas fireplace. 2 full baths.
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16
Cleveland \$87,500
OLD WORLD CHARM!
4 Bedrooms. Vinyl siding. Full basement. Home warranty. Must see to appreciate! Easy to show.
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17
Cleveland \$76,500
GREAT TWO-FAMILY!
New 2-car garage. Newer roof - complete tear-off. Newer furnace. Needs decorating. Open layout downstairs. Easy to show.
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18
Old Brooklyn \$109,900
REHABBED COLONIAL!
Many, many updates. All new windows/new furnace/central air/re-wired electrical/paints/carpet/remodeled kitchen/bath/etc. Easy to show!!!
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19
Cleveland \$89,900
ALL BRICK HOME!
Zoned multi-family but could be lrg. single family home. Updated kitchen down. Ready for owner occupant or tenants. Lrg. basement is heated.
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20
Old Brooklyn \$109,900
Multi-Family!
Investment Opportunity! 2-family Colonial with 2 bedrooms down & 3 bedrooms up. Partially fenced yard and 2-car garage.
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21
Cleveland \$119,900
PLENTY OF ROOM!
Beautiful must see large building. perfect for families of 4 or more. Deck, some appliances, fireplace, 2-car garage, full basement.
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22
Cleveland \$59,900
SPACIOUS!
Large Old World Style Bungalow. Possible 4th bedroom. Waterproofed bsmt. Brand new boiler. Water softener. Natural woodwork. Easy to see!!!
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23
Old Brooklyn \$95,000
HUGE BACKYARD!
3-4 bdrm. Colonial/natural woodwork. Hardwood flrs. Country kit. w/solid cherry cabinets. Finished 3rd fl. New driveway/glass block/waterproofed in 2000.
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24
Cleveland \$79,900
CLASSIC COLONIAL!
Move-in condition. Newer roof 2003 & new siding. Freshly painted. Newer garage. Updated electric. Updated bath. Great shape!!!
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25
Old Brooklyn \$115,000
INVESTMENT!
Two brick bungalows on one lot!! One 3-bedroom Bungalow & one 2-bedroom Ranch. Includes 1-car garage.
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26
Rocky River \$219,900
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INVESTMENT!
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28
Cleveland \$68,900
MORE BANG FOR YOUR BUCK!
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GREAT RENTAL!
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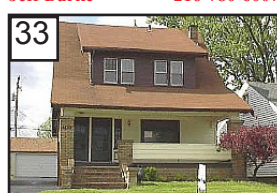
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Cleveland \$189,900
4 UNIT MULTI FAMILY!
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31
Cleveland \$78,900
CHECK IT OUT!
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32
Cleveland \$145,000
BRING OFFERS!
Large 2-family could be used as 3-suiter. Owner occupied lots of updates. Convenient to I-90, airport & downtown. 2-car garage.
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33
Parma \$149,900
MANY MANY UPDATES!
Large, single, 4/5 bdrms. (finished attic), 3 full baths/rear has separate entrance for bdrm/office & bath/1st flr. New kitchen. Lg. rms. 3-car finished garage.
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34
Brookpark \$154,900
THIS IS IT!
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35
Cleveland \$229,900
LAKEFRONT HARDWARE!
Real estate can be sold separately. Two 1-bdrm. apartments. Great location for small business. Huge traffic count & walkup trade from neighborhood.
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36
Cleveland \$142,000
2,052 FINISHED SQUARE FEET!
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