

# Old Brooklyn News

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## Over 200 Old Brooklyn residents rally to save Hook & Ladder Company 42

by Jay Gardner  
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The fate of Cleveland Fire Department Hook and Ladder Company 42 could well hang on the impassioned pleas of 84 year old

a time of the year when we all get little notices from County Treasurer Jim Rokakis telling us our taxes are due. Maybe we should put that money into escrow if we're not going to even get basic safety services. I've lived here 68 years. I'll be here until the

neighborhood. The Fulton Road Bridge is scheduled to close for reconstruction in a couple of years. Fire trucks from as far away as W. 98th and Madison will be forced to respond to emergencies here in Old Brooklyn. We all know that seconds mean lives. Why hasn't there been any public discussion of this issue?"



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Hook & ladder (left) and engine (right) ready to respond from their current home on Pearl Rd. at Stickney Ave.



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Longtime Old Brooklyn resident Bernice Ferencz voices her opinion about potential changes at CFD Station 42 as Bob Fisher, president of Local 93 Cleveland Firefighters Union, Councilmen Kevin Kelley and Brian Cummins, and neighborhood protesters listen.

Brookside Avenue resident Bernice Ferencz. Rallying a crowd of well over 200 Old Brooklyn residents, Ms. Ferencz made it clear that the neighborhood would not sit quietly and allow the safety of the entire community to be compromised by the removal of Hook and Ladder Company 42 from the Pearl Road firehouse. Amid dozens of protest signs Ms. Ferencz noted, "This is

day I die, but I'm not putting up with this." Speaking before the large crowd both Ward 16 Councilman Kevin Kelley and Ward 15 Councilman Brian Cummins echoed Ms. Ferencz's passion and concern. Councilman Kelley stated, "The loss of Hook and Ladder Co. 42 could seriously compromise the safety of Old Brooklyn residents, particularly on the south end of the

Following up on Kelley's comments, Ward 15 Councilman Brian Cummins expressed alarm over the future safety of Old Brooklyn residents. "I'm having a hard time making any sense of this. If Hook and Ladder Company 42 goes, the nearest fully operational firehouse will be Station 20 in Archwood-Denison (i.e., Brooklyn Centre), more than a mile and a half away. That station also covers emergencies on I-480 and the Jennings Freeway. The loss of this company could have a rolling effect on the entire safety of Cleveland's west side. This is something that concerns everyone. This issue needs to be fully discussed with the public before any decision is made."

Old Brooklyn residents lingered at the rally for well over an hour cheered on by honks and victory signs from cars passing the station.

A follow up public meeting is planned for Tuesday, January 10th at 7 p.m. at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 5204 Northcliff Ave. Both councilmen as well as representatives from the City of Cleveland Department of Public Safety will be there to answer questions.

Residents are also encouraged to voice their concerns about the potential closing by contacting the Mayor's Action Center hotline at 216-664-2900.

## Area churches change format of this year's Christian Unity Week

by Lynette Filips  
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Ecumenism, the movement among religions which promotes unity through cooperation and understanding, has been a theological buzzword since the early Sixties. The concept has been concretely practiced in Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre since the late Seventies thanks to the efforts of the Greater Brooklyn Ministerial Association (GBMA). Comprised of representative clergy and/or staff from neighborhood churches, these Christians practice what Jesus prayed for the night before He died - "That all may be one..."

In past years, the GBMA conducted anywhere from one to three ecumenical worship services annually. One was always at the conclusion of Christian Unity Week in January; the other two were at Pentecost and Thanksgiving. All the services had a particular scriptural theme, and were followed by refreshments and a time for "fellowship"/socialization.

The weather, of course, played a part in attendance at the January service. Last year the snow was so bad that the service had to be cancelled; it was never rescheduled.

See *Christian Unity Week* page 4

## 2006-07 Business Directory & Service Guide distribution to include City of Brooklyn

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This year's edition of the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation's *Business Directory and Service Guide* will be extending its circulation to include businesses in the City of Brooklyn. The guide, which has long been the business and services bible for Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre residents, will now also be delivered to Brooklyn residents, raising its total circulation to 35,000.

Advertising options have been expanded as well. For a small charge of \$20.00 per year businesses in Old Brooklyn, Brooklyn Centre and the City of Brooklyn will be able to purchase a web site link to the OBCDC website that will allow residents to look

them up with a couple of strokes on their keyboard.

The addition of Brooklyn businesses to the Business Directory is part of a broader plan to extend circulation of the Old Brooklyn News to every household in the City of Brooklyn by March or April of 2006. This expansion of circulation is being done in cooperation with City of Brooklyn Mayor Ken Patton and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. News coverage will be extended to Brooklyn as well.

This is an exciting opportunity for businesses in both communities. In order to meet the spring deadline for distribution, businesses and institutions should contact the *Old Brooklyn News* at 216-459-1000 by February 1st to secure space in the Directory.

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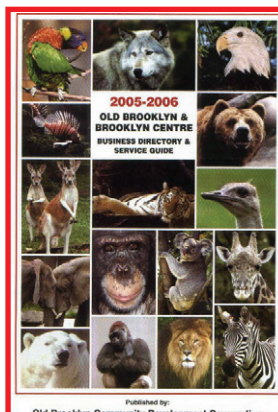
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## OBCDC hires Debra Zeleny to fill new code enforcement position

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**Debra Zeleny, new housing code enforcement specialist at OBCDC.**

The Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) is pleased to announce the hiring of Debra Zeleny to fill the newly created Housing Code Enforcement Specialist position. The position is being funded through Community Development Block Grant program dollars made available by outgoing Ward 15 Councilwoman Emily Lipovan Holan and incoming Councilman Brian Cummins. Both Emily and Brian agreed that uneven housing code enforcement was becoming a problem throughout the Ward and that City staff were being spread too thin.

Brooklyn, I've always been aware of its great housing and many assets. I'm thrilled to be working in my own neighborhood and with the great staff at OBCDC. They're all dedicated professionals who know what it means to be part of a team."

Ms. Zeleny, who is a Ward 15 resident, came to OBCDC with an impressive background. At Cleveland City Hall, Debra served as the Code Enforcement Representative and Field Liaison for nine Cleveland City Council members. Her work with non-profit neighborhood development groups has included stints with Broadway Area Housing Coalition/Slavic Village Development, Tremont West Development Corporation and Detroit Shoreway Community Development Corporation. Debra will be leaving Slavic Village to join the OBCDC staff. In all of her assignments she has developed a reputation for hard work and enthusiasm.

Ms. Zeleny's first assignment is working with other OBCDC housing staff to take a broad look at the entire neighborhood. She'll pinpoint those areas where deterioration has become a serious problem and systematic, concentrated enforcement is needed.

In accepting the position Ms. Zeleny stated, "Although I'm relatively new to Old

Although this will be her first priority, Debra will also be available to follow up on complaints from residents. In addition, she will be working with OBCDC's Commercial Programs Coordinator on building code issues.

Ms. Zeleny started with OBCDC on January 3, 2006. She can be reached at the OBCDC's 459-1000 phone number, or via email at debz@oldbrooklyn.com.

## O'Dell's Fish and More pet store opens on Pearl Rd. in Old Brooklyn



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**Bub O'Dell (left), John O'Dell (center) and Brian Budach (right), co-owners of O'Dell's Fish & More, 4416 Pearl Road, show off their pet Albino Burnese Python and African Spur Tortoise which can be seen at their store.**

If you're thinking about starting the new year with a perky turtle, a cuddly little snake, or maybe a few salt water swimmers, look no further than O'Dell's Fish and More pet store at 4416 Pearl Road. The store carries a complete line of fresh water and tropical fish, fish tanks of all sizes, aquarium supplies, and, of course, snakes and turtles.

it operated. They reopened in September.

Neighborhood fish aficionados may recognize that address (across from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church) as having been the location of All Champs Fish Store for thirty-eight years. New co-owners Bub O'Dell, John O'Dell and Brian Budach were virtually lifelong customers of the store, and when owner George Busovicki decided to retire, they were ready and willing to buy both the business and the building in which

Unlike the previous owner, who sold fish only, the new management sells fish, reptiles, small mammals and birds; word about the greatly expanded stock has been spreading among former customers. Like the previous owner, the trio claim to have the lowest prices around.

While the owners of O'Dell's Fish and More have turned their hobby into a business they have all, however, kept their previous jobs, Bub as a tool and die maker, John as a union laborer and Brian as a union plumber.

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**Tuesday, January 10th**

**Lose the confusion of Medicare prescription drugs at your Library**

South Brooklyn Branch, 4303 Pearl Rd. 10 am - 12:30 pm. Members of the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, & the Greater Cleveland Access to Benefits Coalition will be present to sign up recipients who need assistance. People with limited income & resources can also apply for extra help with prescription drug coverage. May 15 is the end of the initial enrollment period to pay a lower premium. Call 216-623-2902 for advance registration & list of items to bring with you.

**January 17th, 19th, 24th & 26th**

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**Wednesday January 11th**

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**Thursday, January 26th**

**Theology on Tap**

West Side Catholic Center, 3135 Lorain Ave. (Ohio City). Jim Schlecht, outreach worker, from Care Alliance speaking about "Witnessing God at Work". Happy hour at 6:30 pm; lecture at 7:30 pm. \$3 admission includes snacks, wine & Great Lakes Brewing Company beer. Reservations encouraged, but walk-ins welcome. RSVP to Laura McCaskey, 216-696-6525, ext. 1049 or lmcaskey@dioceseofcleveland.org.

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**COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

**The Brooklyn Genealogy Club** meeting, 2 pm, Sun., Jan. 15, Brooklyn branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 4480 Ridge Rd. Members will help each other solve genealogy problems. Refreshments will be served; prospective members welcome.

**Friends of Big Creek** monthly meeting, 6:30 pm, Wed., Jan. 18 (every third Wed.), Metropark Zoo's Reinberger Education Center, next to the Zoo's main entrance, 3900 Wildlife Way. Call 216-661-4998 for info.

**The Historical Society of Old Brooklyn** 7:30 pm, Fri., Jan. 13, Pearl Road United Methodist Church, 4200 Pearl Rd. (Use rear entrance off parking lot.) Retired librarian Kathryn Gasior Wilmer, author of two books dealing with Old Brooklyn's history, will speak about her experiences related to the publication of those books circa 1980. Call president Louise Evans, 661-4103, with any questions.

**Public Meeting about the City of Cleveland's plans to move hook and ladder fire truck #42 out of Old Brooklyn**, Tues., Jan. 10, 7 pm, Corpus Christi Church Hall, 5204 Northcliff Ave. (at Pearl Rd.). Ward 16 Councilman Kevin Kelly and representatives from the City of Cleveland's Department of Public Safety will be present.

**Second District Police Community Relations Committee Meeting** Jan., 10 (second Tues. of the month), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th Street. Hear reports from the Second District Police & Fire Departments, speak with the Second District Police Commander & Lieutenants & get information from safety-related guest speakers.

**Southwest Citizens Area Council** monthly meeting, 7 pm, Thurs., Jan. 5, (every first Thurs.), YMCA lower level, 3881 Pearl Rd.



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Lewis Backus, age 12, (left center) won a recent drawing contest sponsored by the Brooklyn/Old Brooklyn Kiwanis Club for the cover of their 2006 *Need Help?* brochure. Lewis is joined at the award presentation by Sheryl Hoffman (left), Executive Director of Art House, Jennifer Francis (right center), principal at St. Thomas More School, and Rick Montalvo (right, representing Kiwanis), owner of Montalvo Home Repair & Improvement Company. Lewis won a \$100 gift certificate, a Geppetto's pizza party for his class at St. Thomas More, and \$1,000 for the school to use toward technological equipment.

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What a bum Christmas present for donut lovers... On Christmas Eve, The Donut Connection, 2531 Broadview Rd., served its last donuts and coffee. Customers (left to right) Lenny Ludwig, Betty Kirsch, Amy Mahnke, Della White, Tony Rivera and Linda Masek were faithful to the end.

**Christian Unity Week from front page.**

This year, therefore, the members of the GBMA are trying another format. Still following this year's national theme "Where Two or Three Are Gathered in My Name...", (Matt. 18:15-22) they decided that this year's neighborhood observance would be conducted in each church rather than collectively. On the Sunday during Christian Unity Week (January 18-25) each congregation will offer the prayer which is printed at the conclusion of this article.

Twenty-six Protestant and Catholic churches in Old Brooklyn, Brooklyn Centre, the City of Brooklyn and Parma belong to the Greater Brooklyn Ministerial Association (but fewer are able to be active participants.) Among their activities are ongoing support of Brookside Center (our

area's food bank and resource center) and the "Our Churches Welcome You" listing which appears every month in the *Old Brooklyn News*.

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**Local school "Makes the Grade"**

by Lisa Casini

Third, fourth and fifth graders at the Greater Cleveland Gifted Academy, located in the Stockyards neighborhood at W. 65th and Denison, won the elementary school category in the "Make the Grade" challenge sponsored by the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The annual city-wide competition is based on a combination of reading achievement and overall test scores and grades, reflected in the first quarter of the 2005-2006 school year. School principal, Jane Hackett, noted that her students achieved 100% passage for the Reading Achievement test.

The pay-off was thrilling. As part of the honor and celebration, all students who 'made the grade' were treated to a visit with the world renowned Harlem Globetrotters.

Greater Cleveland Gifted Academy, which just opened this year, is a charter school run by Constellation Schools, Inc., located in Old Brooklyn. The

specialized programs at the Gifted Academy focus on children with exceptionally high IQ levels. According to Hackett, children are tested for IQ level prior to determine admittance eligibility.

"We have students that attend from all over, from Cleveland and from several suburbs, including Avon Lake, Bay Village and Berea. Any parent can bring their child in to be tested," Hackett said.

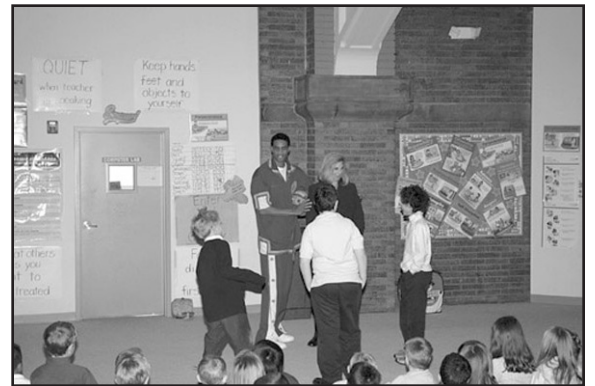


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Mrs. Jane Hackett, principal of Greater Cleveland Academy for Gifted Students, asks for volunteers to participate in a basketball demonstration with Wun "The Shot" Versher of the Harlem Globetrotters.

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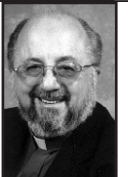
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May the faith traditions upon which our personal beliefs are based continue to be evident in our actions throughout the year. Allow the spirit within to guide you every month. What a wonderful gift!

Ready for another gift? Every Friday from noon to 1 pm, bring your lunch to St. Luke's. Read, relax or just listen to live music. Ms. Larissa Logan, a skillful pianist, offers a variety of music for your listening pleasure in an informal setting. Come when you can; leave when you must. Feel the stress melt away as music restores your spirit. It's our gift to you.

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





Happy New Year to all, and Merry Christmas to our Orthodox readers. As we gear down from the holidays and adjust our mental attitudes for the winter nights which lie ahead, we're likely to find that the Christmas credit card and the January real estate tax bills won't be as distressing as the ones for the gas to heat our houses. But take heart in the fact that at least the days are getting longer.

I hope that you had a chance to take in some of Cleveland's holiday decorations. While visiting the free *Festival of Trees* at the **Cleveland Playhouse**, I noticed that **The Flower Basket** on Memphis Avenue had decorated the tree sponsored by Dougherty Lumber Company (on Harvard Avenue). Corporations and groups sponsor the dozens of trees and then florists volunteer their time to decorate them, sometimes according to a theme related to the sponsor and sometimes just with a trendy holiday look. The annual display ran from mid-November until New Year's.

Viewing the trees and other holiday decorations at the **Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS)** isn't free, but being as they'll be in place through the middle of this month, at least you still have the opportunity to see them. Remember to allow plenty of time there so that you can take in some of the WRHS's other special exhibits, most notably — *Every Four Years: Ohio's Role in the Making of the American President*, which runs until February 27, and *Millionaire's Row, The Legacy of Euclid Avenue*, which runs through May 31.

If you missed out on the holiday entertainment options we wrote about in last month's column, know that although those productions are history, there're always more to come. I've recently learned about some options which will make taking in "the arts" more affordable.

Part of the mission of **Cleveland Public Theatre** at 6409/6415 Detroit Avenue has always been to make quality theater accessible to everyone. That is why they have a "Pay What You Can" policy. If you really want to see a show which you really can't afford, present yourself at the box office ten minutes before curtain time, and tell the cashier what you can pay for a ticket. If space is still available, it's likely that your offer will be accepted.

The **Ohio Ballet** has a similar "student rush" program which college students can take advantage of beginning 1/2 hour before performance time. By showing a current student ID at the box office, they can get up to four tickets for \$5.00 each. (When arrangements have been made in advance, Ohio Ballet's group ticket prices also start at \$5.00 each.)

Ohio Ballet offers a very special program for Girl Scouts. With a minimum of just ten people, Scouts can purchase a ticket to the performance, an interactive program on stage after the performance and a ballet badge for \$8.00 a person.

The Ohio Ballet performs in both Cleveland and Akron. Their next show in Cleveland will be February 17 and 18 at the Ohio Theater in Playhouse Square Center. Call Peter Grossetti, 330-972-6509, to learn more about these or other options, and/or to arrange for your group or Girl Scout troop to attend.

Now getting back to the clergy changes and student news we put on hold last month —

**Fr. Russell Lowe**, the pastor of **St. Leo the Great Catholic Church** since June, 2004, has been named the pastor of **Corpus Christi Church**, too. The dual appointment became effective in November and is no doubt reflective of the shortage of priests in the Catholic Church. These days, some smaller parishes must share a pastor.

Fr. Lowe will continue to reside at St. Leo's. Since his assignment prior to St. Leo's was at **St. Thomas More**, he now has the

unique distinction of having ministered in all three of the parishes in Old Brooklyn which the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland serves. (The priests at **Our Lady of Good Counsel Church** are from the Society of the Precious Blood.)

Corpus Christi's retired pastor, **Fr. Ron Szudarek**, had continued to live in Corpus Christi's rectory, but later this month, after he undergoes another back surgery, he will move into a nursing home for rehab. Fr. Ron had been the pastor of Corpus Christi since 1991, but for almost two years, due to his back problems, he was not able to be highly visible. During that time, **Deacon Chuck Zawadzki** kept Corpus Christi humming by serving as Parish Life Coordinator. Deacon Chuck has since returned to the status of being a Pastoral Minister, as are Corpus Christi's **Deacon Dave Lundeen** and **Sister Gail Sako, S.N.D.**

During their time of need, Corpus Christi was also blessed to have a priest from India in residence there. The chaplain at the Wade Park Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital, **Father L. David Mani** graciously took on some parish responsibilities, offering Mass at Corpus Christi on both weekends and weekday evenings. In late November Fr. Mani left Corpus Christi and the VA Hospital to assume a new position in Seattle, Washington.

While he's not part of the staff of **Our Lady of Good Counsel Church**, **John Baird** has been (and still is, weather permitting), a well-known member of the parish. He wrote to

us over the summer to say that because the upkeep at his house on Leopold Avenue was getting to be too much for him, he had decided to move to an apartment in North Park Retirement Community in Brookpark.

After living in Old Brooklyn for 70 years, that wasn't an easy decision. In his younger days, John was the director of OLG's Parish Center (for fifteen years) and was also active with OLG's Boy Scouts. Not wanting to lose touch with his lifelong community, John sent along his address for anyone who'd like to keep in contact — 4 North Park Circle, Suite G, 44142-3891. That's located off Holland Road.

As some of you may recall, in honor of Valentine's Day, last February we turned our attention in this column to caring organizations in and around our neighborhood. There were so many of them that the theme continued through May. That still didn't give us space to cover everything, but we had to get on with other news.

In next month's Town Crier we will return to the same subject. If you know of a caring organization you would like us to consider, please send their name to: Lynette Filips, The Town Crier, c/o The Old Brooklyn News, 3344 Broadview Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44109. Of course, you are welcome to send any other submissions, too. Even though we have a backup from months ago, we will get to them all eventually.

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By Tom Collins  
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The Old Brooklyn business community opened its doors to the 450 employees at the new Metro Health Systems South Campus on December 19. A welcoming package sponsored by Charter One Bank, Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation and Old Brooklyn Neighborhood Services provided over 40 coupons and gifts from 27 area businesses and institutions. Packaged in attractive canvas tote bags, these gifts were personally delivered to Metro South employees.

The 450 employees now working in downtown Old Brooklyn are all consumers of goods and services which can be purchased in Old Brooklyn. The welcome package is a friendly way to introduce many Old Brooklyn businesses to the newly arrived employees and invite them into the neighborhood.

The array of coupons has real value. Some are reduced price coupons; some are two items for the price of one or a complimentary item on the first visit. The promotional items included the three color canvas bag, an Old Brooklyn mug, superior quality pens, sewing kits, folding combs, badge holders, magnets and key chains. Each item identified a store or service in Old Brooklyn.

The success of this marketing campaign is measurable because each business will be able to count how many coupons are redeemed and if the consumer returns.

The reaction of the Metro personnel was enthusiastic and appreciative. Although they have not moved far, Old Brooklyn is a new setting for their work day and knowing that they are welcome is important to identifying with the community. This is the start of a growth market in Old Brooklyn.

Meanwhile Metro Health Systems is moving forward on renovating other portions of the hospital complex to provide a geriatric service center that will include a nursing home, adult day care center and outpatient geriatric services. The personnel component will grow to approximately 700, plus daily visitors, vendors and patients. The renovation is a long construction process that will continue into 2007. Metro Health Systems will provide more information as the project develops.

**Snow-Free Cleveland**

Well that is asking for more than Mother Nature will provide, but now that I have your attention let me renew my annual ranting about snow-free sidewalks. First, thank you to all the businesses and churches along the commercial corridors that diligently remove snow from their sidewalks. You

perform your duty without whining and you make winter more manageable for all the foot travelers in Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn. You make people feel welcome.

Now, for those who ignore the build-up of ice and snow, just what are you thinking? Do you not see people walking by everyday? Do you not want them to pass by safely or perhaps come into your business? Why would a neighborhood fast food restaurant clear the parking lot and ignore the sidewalk? Why would a services business expect timely mail and package delivery and not make the entrance accessible?

The businesses along the commercial corridors of the suburbs do a far better job of clearing sidewalks and making pedestrians feel welcome. The shopping malls and new "Main Street" centers make sure that all drivers and pedestrians can navigate both parking lots and sidewalks. This is one basic area where neighborhood businesses can beat the competition and create the image that defines a community.

This is not hard or expensive. Most storefront sidewalks can be cleared in a few minutes with a snow shovel. Business neighbors can ban together to clear an entire block, either among themselves or jointly hiring someone. There are plenty of landscape companies or individual contractors who can provide the service if that is preferable to removing it yourself. Ideally, a landlord should provide this service but if not, then the business should get it done. It is the business that gains from convenient access.

The City of Cleveland Codified Ordinance 507.13 covers the removal of snow and debris from sidewalks. Not being a lawyer, I am not going to interpret it

because some lawyer will take issue with my interpretation. I think it means that the snow must be removed and that is what I think good neighbors should do. Businesses that remove snow are making a visible statement about their service and respect for their customers and neighbors. So are businesses that do not remove snow.

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# Community Toolbox



## “You’re Home” page undergoes a renovation

“You’re Home” has been a staple on page seven in the Old Brooklyn News for approximately four years, bringing you helpful household tips and information. This month you’ll notice a new name and logo. “You’re Home” has been renamed “Community Toolbox” to better reflect the topics which we intend to cover in this column.

“Community Toolbox” will strive to provide readers, whether homeowners or renters, with valuable “tools” — neighborhood programs, safety and home maintenance — to both maintain and improve our neighborhoods and continue building a sense of community.

We hope you will read and enjoy our new “Community Toolbox” column.

## Safety in numbers

by Judith Pindell  
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In an emergency, it’s nice to know that we can count on 9-1-1 at all hours of the day or night, 365 days a year. Whether the fire department, police or EMS, they do their best to respond as quickly as possible. Many times, minutes or seconds can mean the difference between life and death.

But what happens when the emergency personnel can’t see your house address? Maybe it’s hidden by bushes, painted over, faded, or not even posted. Valuable life-saving minutes or seconds can be wasted while emergency personnel drive up and down your street searching for your home because your address is not easily visible. Unfortunately, this is a common situation.

Posting your home address is so important that there is even a City of Cleveland Ordinance requiring addresses to be visibly displayed. Did you know that failure to display an address violates Section 305.05 of the City of Cleveland Codes? Failure to comply with this ordinance can cost you between \$75.00 and \$100.00.

The following tips are a few things to think about to make your home easier to find in

case of an emergency:

**Put numbers on your home which are at least 3 or 4 inches tall.** This will ensure that they are visible from the street.

**Make sure that the numbers contrast with the color of your home.** Use light numbers on a dark home and dark numbers on a light home.

**Use an easy-to-read font for your house numbers.** Fancy fonts are more difficult to read from a distance.

**Make certain that your address is visible at night.** Hardware stores stock a variety of reflective and solar-lighted address numbers. Or place a decorative spotlight on your address for illumination.

**If you live in a multiple family home or apartment building, be sure that each unit is numbered.**

Help emergency personnel help you, and avoid a fine from the City. Take a moment to guarantee the safety of your home and family by making sure your home can be found in an emergency.

## New Year’s Resolution list:

- ✓ Start exercise program
- ✓ Volunteer once a week
- ✓ Fix up house (i.e., new bathroom)

by Lori Peterson  
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If you have made the dreaded New Year’s resolution and sworn “This year I’m really going to do it”, such as fixing up that bathroom or renovating your kitchen, Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC), can help make your New Year’s resolution become a reality. A variety of low-interest home-repair loans are available through banks, the City and grants. This is the first of a two-part series on the types of loans for which you might qualify.

**Cleveland Action to Support Housing (CASH)** - is a non-profit agency that makes home-repair loans from banks available to owners (owner-occupants and landlords) of one to four unit homes in the City of Cleveland. They work for the homeowner; therefore they will write the specifications and provide cost estimates. CASH provides construction oversight and pays the contractors based on satisfactory performance and your approval. CASH is designed to improve health and safety features of a home, which includes electrical, plumbing and heating systems. Loan monies can also be used for aesthetic improvements and other repairs.  
**Current Interest Rate:** 4.0% (may change quarterly)  
**Maximum Term:** 12 years  
**Minimum loan amount:** \$3,000  
**Maximum loan amount:** None

**Cleveland Fix Up Fund** - The Fix-Up Fund is intended to help correct health, safety and building code violations and make major improvement to the exterior and mechanical systems of your home. All Fix-Up loans are made by banks and saving and loan institutions; therefore applicants must be “bankable” (i.e., credit worthy). The Fix-Up fund loans are made through Dollar Bank and Fifth Third Bank. Your money is held in escrow until the work is completed and you are satisfied.  
**Current Interest Rate:** 5.99%  
**Maximum Term:** 15 years  
**Minimum loan amount:** \$500  
**Maximum loan amount:** \$15,000

**Cleveland Restoration Society Neighborhood Historic Preservation Program - Ward 15** - A low-interest, long-term home equity loan is available for owners of homes that are 50 years of age or older in participating wards, Ward 15, in the City of Cleveland. Houses that do not have vinyl or aluminum siding are eligible for both exterior and interior projects. Projects range from new roofs, painting, landscaping, porch repair, window repair, driveways, storm windows, kitchen and bath renovations and much more. The loan can be used to finance the repair of code violations, the rehabilitation and preservation of historic features, and other home improvement projects. Exterior rehabilitation is emphasized in the program to create a visible, positive impact in each neighborhood.  
**Current Interest Rate:** 2% fixed rate  
**Maximum Term:** 12 years  
**Minimum loan amount:** \$5,000  
**Maximum loan amount:** None

**Cleveland Restoration Society Heritage Home - Ward 16** - This loan is available to participating wards, Ward 16, for owners of homes that were built prior to 1949. Free technical assistance is available. This loan can be used to correct health and code violations for exterior and interior projects. Homes that currently have vinyl or aluminum siding or vinyl replacement windows throughout their homes are not eligible unless owners are interested in removing them. There are no out-of-pocket cost for the loan, no closing cost and no points. There are also no income restrictions; interest from the loan is tax deductible.  
**Current Interest Rate:** 3.5%  
**Maximum Term:** 10 years  
**Minimum loan amount:** \$3,000  
**Maximum loan amount:** None

Are you scratching your head and asking yourself which loan is best for me? Don’t worry we can help you decide which loan is best for you. You can set up a free consultation to find out which loan fits your needs and budget. Call Lori Peterson, Residential Program Manager at 216-459-1000 to schedule a consultation. Look for more home repair loans/grants that will be featured next month which will allow you to keep that New Year’s Resolution.

## Don’t borrow trouble; Talk to Neighborhood Housing Services first

by Lori Peterson  
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If you’re like a lot of people, you might have gone overboard with holiday spending. Now the celebrations are over and the bills are coming due. And if you were already stretched before the holidays, it might be tempting to think about some refinancing options. Before you do, it might be a good idea to talk to the pros at Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland.

A well thought-out refinancing plan may make some sense. On the other hand, a poorly thought-out one could spell disaster. There

are plenty of boarded up houses all over Cleveland that tell that tale.

Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland offers workshops on home refinancing at 6:30 pm on the second Wednesday of every month at their Homeownership Center at 5700 Broadway Avenue.

The Homeownership Center will also be offering home maintenance workshops on March 16<sup>th</sup>, May 18<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup>.

If you are interested in learning more about these topics, call 216-458-HOME (4663), ext. 24 to register for either workshop.

## “Oh the weather outside is frightful, but the fire is so delightful”

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

- \*Have your chimney cleaned regularly and inspected once a year.
- \* Burn only seasoned wood.
- \* Put smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home.
- \*Check the venting flues on your furnace to make sure animals or insects haven’t made their home inside.

- \* Keep flammable items away from your fireplace or wood stove.
  - \*Use a well-fitted screen or door to keep sparks contained.
  - \*Practice fire drills and have a designated meeting place to be sure everyone is out of the house.
  - \*Keep fire extinguishers charged and handy in order to get to them quickly.
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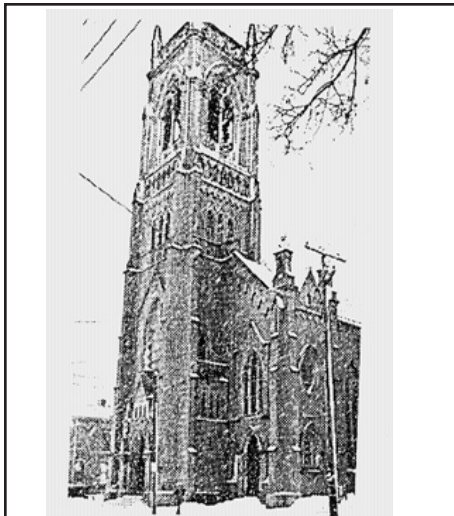


# Local church services evidence of Cleveland's German heritage

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What language does God speak (and understand)? All languages, of course! But people generally feel most comfortable communicating with Him in their native tongues. In a culturally diverse city like Cleveland, that translates into many church communities and their worshipping God — especially in bygone decades — in many languages.

Last month we talked about some of the churches which settlers from New England and immigrants from Germany built in and



St. Stephen Church, 1930 W. 54th St.

around our neighborhood. One of the churches mentioned in that article was **St. Stephen Church** at 1930 W. 54th Street. We have since learned that approximately five years ago, in recognition of the congregation's German heritage, Fr. S. Michael Franz, St. Stephen's pastor, began offering the 11 a.m. Mass on the first Sunday of the month in German.

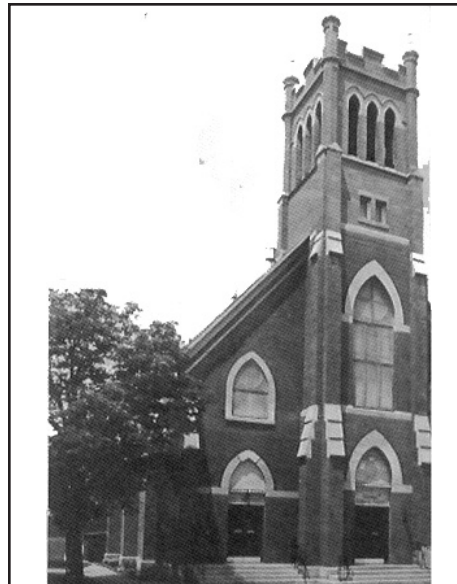
Our December article ended with a discussion about a closer church built by German Catholics — St. Michael the Archangel on Scranton Road. We also noted that the Tremont neighborhood has been home to more immigrant groups and more churches than any other area in the City of Cleveland.

Before moving on to some of the immigrant groups which settled in Tremont, however, we must first discuss more Lutheran churches built by German congregations, one of which is right down the street from St. Michael's. That church is **Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church** at 2928 Scranton Road (at Seymour Avenue). Founded in 1880, a hundred and twenty-five years later, it is still conducting one of its services in German every Sunday.

Immanuel Lutheran was established to serve the German-speaking Lutherans living in the area of Brooklyn Township we now call Clark-Metro and Tremont. It was a

"daughter" of **Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church** at 2031 W. 30th Street, just south of Lorain Avenue, the congregation which Lutherans regard as the mother of their west side churches. A school at Scranton and Seymour actually preceded Immanuel's church; Trinity erected it in 1874 so that the children living in the area wouldn't have to travel so far to the school on W. 30th.

Immanuel's worship services were conducted exclusively in German until the 1920s, at which time the young adults began marrying outside of their nationality. Wanting the children and their spouses to still attend the church, members realized that their services had to be in a language non-Germans could understand. (Anti-German sentiment related to World War I may also

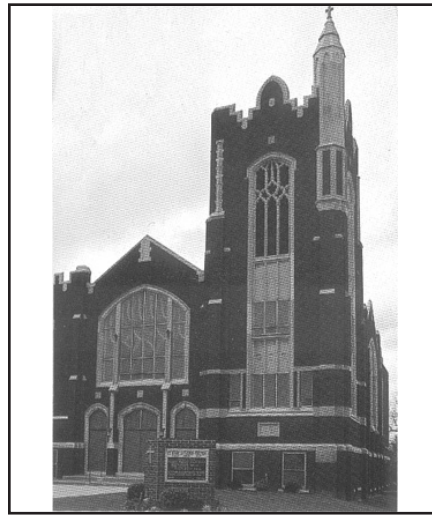


Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2920 Scranton Rd.

have been a contributing factor to adding services in English.)

These days, Immanuel's German service is at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings and the English service is at 10:30 a.m. Because it is one of the last congregations in the Missouri Synod of Lutheran churches to offer a service in German every week, Immanuel attracts 60 -75 people from a four-county area. They are mostly older people who came to America after World War II. Although most speak English, a small percentage of them do not.

For Christmas, too, Immanuel offered services in both English and German. The English Christmas Eve service, in candlelight, attracted over 100 people; attendance at the German service was approximately triple that. Rev. Horst Hoyer, Immanuel's German-born pastor, has been with the congregation for fifty years. His son, Rev. John Horst, has been the church's Director of Ministry since 2003. Both are Old Brooklyn residents.



St. Mark Lutheran Church, 4464 Pearl Rd.

**St. Mark Lutheran Church and School** at 4464 Pearl Road (at Ardmore Avenue) is the oldest Lutheran congregation on the south side of the Big Creek valley (and the fourth oldest congregation in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood, following the Methodists, precursors of United Church of Christ and Catholics. It dates from 1893, when the pastor of a Lutheran Church located near Immanuel began holding services in the home of one of his members who lived on Roanoke Avenue. Later that year, the congregation erected a small chapel on Ruby Avenue; two years later, the chapel was joined by a small school.

Ground was broken for a church and school at the current St. Mark location in 1908. Within a relatively short time the membership grew to such a degree that a bigger church and school were necessary.



Unity Lutheran Church, 4542 Pearl Rd.

The core of today's church and school was dedicated in 1925. St. Mark's was still conducting a monthly service in the German language until the early 1970s.

In last month's article we wrote about how Lutheran congregations were not always in agreement about keeping their

German character versus becoming Americanized. In our neighborhood, **Unity Lutheran Church** at 4542 Pearl Road (at Behrwald Avenue) is an example of such a split. In 1914 a group from St. Mark's decided that they wanted to add worship services in English, but the majority of people at St. Mark's weren't ready for that yet. Those who wanted English withdrew from St. Mark's, and with the help of the pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, began meeting in a room over a drug store on Pearl Road. Ultimately they purchased land farther south on Pearl Road and built Unity Lutheran. The partially completed church was dedicated in 1918; the completed church was dedicated in 1927.

In its section on churches, the *Old Brooklyn & Brooklyn Centre Business Directory and Service Guide* also lists four other Lutheran churches in our neighborhood. **Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran** was actually founded by Slovak Lutherans, so we'll talk about it when we progress through time to the period of Slovak immigration. We'll talk about **Gloria Dei Lutheran** later, too, because it has Swedish roots. The other two, **Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd** and **St. James Lutheran**, were established in relatively modern times, so whether to use the German or the English language was not an issue for them.

Although it is somewhat south of Old Brooklyn, we can still note how **Redeemer Baptist Church** at 7440 Broadview Road honors its German heritage. Each December it conducts a special Advent service with all prayers and hymns and the sermon in the German language. A hot meal featuring German foods follows the service. **The Gospel Christians of Christ's Universal Church** (organized in 1975) on W. Schaaf Road at W. 11th Street also follows the German roots of its founders by conducting a monthly bible study in German.

Even though we'll be out of the holiday mode by then, next month we'll continue our musings about churches which have or had had services in foreign languages. If you know of any we should be covering, please let us know.



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**Estabrook Recreation Center**  
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](http://www.iwasm.org).

**Lake Erie Nature & Science Center**  
28728 Wolf Rd.  
440-871-2900

**Planetarium Family Programs** - Programs, dates, times & fees vary. Call or visit [lensc.org](http://lensc.org) for more info.

**Western Reserve Historical Society Museum**  
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216-721-5722

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**MLK Day Celebration** - Jan. 16, noon - 4 pm. Fun day of family activities, stories and crafts that celebrate the life and legacy of Martin Luther King. Free admission. Call or visit [www.wrhs.org](http://www.wrhs.org) for more info.

## Free Computer Classes

South Brooklyn Branch Library, 4303 Pearl Road  
216-623-7067

**Internet Basics**, Jan. 3, 5-6 pm.

**Computer Basics**, Jan. 9, 5-6 pm.

**Free E-Mail**, Jan. 10, 5-6 pm.

**Microsoft Excel I**, Jan. 12, 5-6 pm.

**Microsoft Word - Beginning**, Jan. 14, 10:30-11:30 am.

**Resume**, Jan. 17, 5-6 pm.

**Microsoft Word - Intermediate**, Jan. 21, 10:30-11:30 am.

**Internet Basics**, Jan. 23, 5-6 pm.

**Online Job Search**, Jan. 24, 5-6 pm.

**Microsoft Excel II**, Jan. 26, 5-6 pm.

**Microsoft Power Point**, Jan. 28, 10:30-11:30 am.

**Free E-Mail**, Jan. 30, 5-6 pm.



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Brooklyn Kiwanis and Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation sponsored a Christmas party for kids ten and under at the Gavin Lee Party Center Saturday, December 10th. Jungle Terry, the popular children's entertainer from *Ash & Abula*, showed the kids snakes, turtles, a skunk, a hedgehog, a tarantula and a big alligator. In addition to the pizza and sweets they ate at the party, each child received a goodie bag containing more treats and a coloring book, and had his/her picture taken with Santa.

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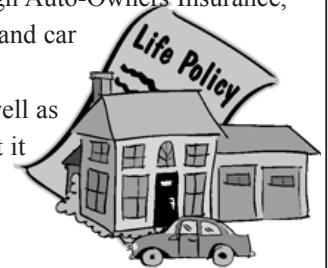
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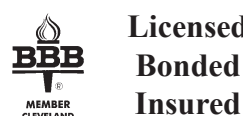
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## CHURCH NOTES

**Sunday, January 8**

### The Twelve Gifts of Christmas

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., special presentation of The Twelve Gifts of Christmas, 9:15 am, in the sanctuary. Internationally known singer/storyteller Michael J. Whitely takes attendees on a journey through Old Testament stories leading to Christmas. Free; for more info, call 351-6499.

**Sunday, January 15**

### Cookin for Christ

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., in the downstairs Stohs Hall, 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Menu includes open faced roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetables, dessert & beverages. Cost, \$7 per person; \$4, children under 10. For reservations

call 351-6499. Proceeds go to youth projects.

**Sunday, January 22nd**

St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, 4600 State Rd., 11am-1 pm in the church hall. Donation: adults, \$6; children, \$4. Dinner includes pasta, meatballs, salad, bread & butter, dessert & beverage. All proceeds go toward the parking lot paving fund. For more info. contact the church office, 216-749-7980.

**Tuesday, January 24**

### Widows and Widowers Luncheon

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., noon in the upstairs Gathering Room. Menu includes broccoli & ham stroganoff, golden cauliflower, beans, salads & dessert. Cost, \$3. Call the church office to reserve a place, 216-351-6499. All widows & widowers are invited.

## OBCDC Partners with Go Direct to promote direct deposit of Social Security payments

The Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) is partnering with *Go Direct*, a national campaign sponsored by the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Federal Reserve Bank, to encourage people who get Social Security payments by check to switch to direct deposit.

Enrolling people in direct deposit has been a longstanding effort by the Treasury Department. *Go Direct* is a great campaign for OBCDC to be involved in because direct deposit is the best way to receive Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. It eliminates the risk of lost or stolen checks, reduces fraud and gives people more control over their money. In addition, direct deposit provides people with immediate access to their money from virtually everywhere.

Despite efforts to spur the use of electronic payments, growth in direct deposit use has slowed in recent years to less than 1 percent per year. Only 75 percent of newly eligible Social Security recipients are signing up for direct deposit. In Ohio, approximately six and a half million paper checks (24%) are mailed each year. If beneficiaries converted to direct deposit, the savings to the government would be more than \$4.8 million. Given the fast-approaching wave of baby boomers due to begin retiring in 2008, that savings would surely increase.

*Go Direct* reaches out to check recipients through organizations and people they know and trust – people and organizations like us – to inform them about the benefits of direct deposit and to help them sign up for it. *Go Direct* also uses media outreach, direct mail, advertising and Web sites in English and Spanish.

OBCDC can play a key role in encouraging people who get federal benefits to switch to direct deposit because the *Go Direct* campaign makes it easy. They provide support tools, including a quick, step-by-step guide to train staff and volunteers on how to approach people about direct deposit, as well as campaign materials and program ideas. All these tools can be found on the special Partner section of the *Go Direct* Web site at <http://www.godirect.org/Partners.html>

The staff at OBCDC is pleased to support this important initiative to help ensure that people's finances are safe and secure – and accessible. Although the transition period may be confusing, difficult and even painful for those seniors who don't easily accept change, OBCDC hopes that it will be helpful in alleviating their concerns.

For more information about *Go Direct*, visit [www.GoDirect.org](http://www.GoDirect.org) (English) and [www.DirectoASuCuenta.org](http://www.DirectoASuCuenta.org) (Spanish); to enroll call 800-333-1795.

## 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.

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

### Post Office on Wheels

First Thurs. of every month. 11-11:30 am at The Schwab Center.

### Book Club

Call 216-749-5367 to register.

**Wednesday, February 1st**

**Groundhog Day 2006.** Trip to Punxsatawney, Pennsylvania. \$39 per person. Registration begins Tues., Jan. 3rd.

**Wednesday, February 22nd**

**Walkin' My Baby Back Home at Cleveland Playhouse.** \$32 per person. Registration begins Jan. 9th.

### Senior Living Guide

Provides professionals & consumers with comprehensive & current information about long term care resources & facilities. Distributed quarterly. For a free copy, call OBCDC, 216-459-1000.

### MetroHealth Senior Advantage

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#### Fulton Road Community Church

3354 Fulton Rd. Phone: 631-9199  
Rev. Freddie Ray, 355-2137  
Sunday School: 9:30 am Service: 10:30 am  
Sunday evening service: 6:00 pm  
Thurs., eve. Bible Study, 7pm  
Good gospel singing & preaching

### EVANGELICAL

#### Grace Church

2503 Broadview Rd. Phone: 216-661-8210  
Pastor: Jeff Doeringer  
Sunday: 9:30 am Children, Youth & Adult classes  
11:00 am Worship Service

### LUTHERAN

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

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

#### Immanuel Lutheran Church

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

#### Parma Evangelical Lutheran Church

5280 Broadview Rd. (North & Tuxedo Ave.)  
Phone: 351-6376 Pastor: Jeff St. Clair  
Saturday Services 5:15 pm, Sunday 10:20 am  
Sunday School & Adult Study 9:00 am  
TAI CHI classes call church office.

#### St. James Lutheran Church

4771 Broadview Rd. Phone: 351-6499  
Pastor: Paul W. Hoffman  
Sunday Worship 8 & 10:30 am  
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 am  
Saturday Services 5:00 pm  
Pre-school openings

### Unity Lutheran Church

4542 Pearl Rd. Phone: 741-2085  
Rev. T. Richard Marcis, Sr. (Interim Pastor)  
Worship Service 9:30 am  
Sunday School & Adult Study 11:00 am  
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Miracle Service: Friday 7 pm

#### Vine Bible Fellowship

3510 Broadview Rd. Phone: 741-1066  
Pastor: B. J. Isaacs  
Sunday Service: 10 am  
Wednesday Evening Adult Service 7 pm  
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### PENTECOSTAL

#### W.58th Street Church of God

3150 W. 58th St. Phone: 216-281-2958  
Pastor: David Pratt  
KIDZONE & Sunday School: 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am & 6:00 pm  
Life Development class: Wed. 7:00 pm  
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Email: W58COG@yahoo.com

### POLISH NAT'L CATHOLIC

#### St. Mary's Church

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Pastor: Rev. Roman Misiewicz  
Phone: 741-8154  
Sunday Masses: 9:00 am English; 11:00 am Polish  
Sunday School: 10:00 am

### PRESBYTERIAN

#### Brooklyn Presbyterian Church (USA)

4308 Pearl Rd. at Spokane Ave.  
Phone: 741-8331

Pastor: Rev. Jody C. LeFort  
Sunday Worship 10:00 am  
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### ROMAN CATHOLIC

#### Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

4423 Pearl Rd., Phone: 749-2323  
Pastor: Fr. LeRoy J. Moreeuw, C.P.P.S.  
Masses: Saturday 5 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am & 11:00 am  
Weekday Masses: Mon-Sat 8 am  
School Phone: 741-3685

#### Church of St. Leo The Great

4940 Broadview Rd.  
Phone: 661-1006  
Pastor: Fr. Russ Lowe  
Masses: Saturday 4 pm  
Sunday 8 am, 10 am, & 12 noon

#### Saint Barbara's Church

1505 Denison Ave.  
Phone: 741-2067  
Administrator: Fr. Michael S. Dyrz  
Masses: Saturday 5 pm,  
Sunday 8 am, 10 am, Polish, 11:30 am  
**Corpus Christi Church**  
5204 Northcliff Ave., Phone: 351-8738  
Pastor: Rev. Russell Lowe  
1st Friday of the Month: Communion Service 7pm  
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[www.archwooducc.org](http://www.archwooducc.org)

#### Brooklyn Heights U.C.C.

2005 W. Schaaf Rd., Phone: 741-2280  
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Sunday Worship & Church School 9:30 am

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2592 West 14th St., Phone: 861-7388  
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Sunday Worship 10:30 am  
Children's Church School 10:45 am  
Thursday Worship 6:00 pm  
Thursday Bible Study 6:30 pm  
[www.pilgrimalive.org](http://www.pilgrimalive.org)

#### St. Luke's U.C.C.

4216 Pearl Rd. corner Memphis Ave.  
Phone: 351-4422  
Pastor: Gerald Madasz  
Sunday Worship 10:15 am

#### Trinity U.C.C.

3525 West 25th St. (entrance off Scranton)  
Phone: 351-7667  
Pastor: Rev. David T Durkit  
Sunday Worship 10:30 am  
Christian Ed 9:15

email: [ucctrinitychurch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ucctrinitychurch@sbcglobal.net)  
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#### United Church of Christ in Brooklyn

8720 Memphis Ave: Phone: 661-0227  
Pastor: Rev. Robert Z. Lahr  
Sunday School & Worship 11:00 am.

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#### Brooklyn Memorial UMC

2607 Archwood Ave., Phone: 216-459-1450  
Rev. Jennifer Brown Steinfurth, Pastor  
Sunday morning Service 10:45 am.  
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Fiesta of Faith 1-2 pm.  
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#### Pearl Rd. United Methodist Church

4200 Pearl Rd., Phone: 661-5642  
Pastor: Rev. Robert Ludwig  
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**1**  
Od Brooklyn \$91,900  
**DECK WITH HOT TUB!**  
Beautiful 2-bdrm. Colonial with private park-like lot. Updated bath with jacuzzi, rec. rm. with wet bar, central air. Too many amenities to mention. A must see!  
**Eric Ebsch 216-749-6007 x251**



**2**  
Old Brooklyn \$139,900  
**SOUTH HILLS**  
3-4 bdrms. Waterproofed basement. Hardwood flrs. in liv. & din. rm. Neutral colors. Newer windows, furnace & C/A. New elect. upgrade. Appliances stay.  
**Frank Dzik 216-324-6007**



**3**  
Cleveland \$98,900  
**HURRY!**  
Double Bungalow. Natural woodwork, newer kitchen cabinets & two new baths. Built-in china cabinets. Window treatments & appliances stay. Fenced yard.  
**Joe Lacza 440-263-0419**



**4**  
Old Brooklyn \$94,900  
**TOWNHOUSE**  
Nice unit near cul-de-sac. Minutes to Downtown! Low maintenance fees. Attached garage. Full basement. Near Metropark Bike Trail Connector!  
**Frank Dzik 216-324-6007**



**5**  
Old Brooklyn \$99,900  
**YOUR PRIVATE ESCAPE!**  
Surrounded by nature! South Hills area Western Bungalow with 3 bdrms. & 1 bath, full basement. Newer windows, C/A & updated kitchen.  
**Mitch Weil 216-322-6007**



**6**  
Old Brooklyn \$114,900  
**PRICED RIGHT!**  
Standard 5-2 Double. Large rooms. 2-car garage. Updated electrical boxes. Easy to show!  
**Mitch Weil 216-322-6007**



**7**  
Old Brooklyn \$79,900  
**GREAT STARTER!**  
Newer 2.5 car garage. Newer kitchen with built-in dishwasher and stove. Natural Woodwork. Finished Basement.  
**Frank Dzik 216-324-6007**



**8**  
Old Brooklyn \$94,900  
**JUST MOVE IN!**  
Re-habbed Colonial. New roof/complete tear-off. New furnace, electric, windows, glass block, bathrooms. 1st fl. 1/2 bath & laundry rm.  
**Frank Dzik 216-324-6007**



**9**  
Old Brooklyn \$109,900  
**HURRY!**  
4 bdrms! New furnace & C/A. water softener system. Newer windows. Glass block. All appliances. finished bsmt/Naturestone flooring.  
**Frank Dzik 216-324-6007**



**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.  
**Mitch Weil 216-322-6007**



**11**  
Cleveland \$67,500  
**LAGE 2-FAMILY!**  
Located on quiet street with 2-car garage & fenced yard. Full basement. Great investment. Must see to appreciate. Great value for the area!  
**Melissa Colon 216-324-9537**



**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.  
**Mitch Weil 216-322-6007**



**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!  
**Mitch Weil 216-322-6007**



**14**  
Old Brooklyn \$105,500  
**QUALITY FROM THE PAST!**  
3-bdrm. Bungalow. Eat-in kitchen w/corner sink & disposal. 2 fireplaces. Updated bath, hardwood, & glass block. Newer roof, newer furnace & air.  
**Mitch Weil 216-322-6007**



**15**  
Cleveland \$84,900  
**PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP!**  
3 bdrms. Meticulously clean. Extra benefit of a finished basement. Large dining room, eat-in kitchen. Sliding doors off of dining room.  
**Melissa Colon 216-324-9537**



**16**  
Cleveland \$87,500  
**OLD WORLD CHARM!**  
4 Bedrooms. Vinyl siding. Full basement. Home warranty. Must see to appreciate! Easy to show.  
**Jeff Burke 216-780-6007**



**17**  
Cleveland \$79,900  
**GREAT TWO-FAMILY!**  
New 2-car garage. Newer roof - complete tear-off. Newer furnace. Needs decorating. Open layout downstairs. Easy to show.  
**Frank Dzik 216-324-6007**



**18**  
Old Brooklyn \$109,900  
**REHABBED COLONIAL!**  
Many, many updates. All new windows/newer vinyl/central air/re-wired electrical/paints/carpet/remodeled kitchen/bath/etc. Easy to show!!!  
**Frank Dzik 216-324-6007**



**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.  
**Jeff Burke 216-780-6007**



**20**  
Lakewood \$119,900  
**MOTIVATED SELLER!**  
Family owned & occupied. Great location with easy access to I-90. Big 5x5 with side door entry. Semi-finished attic. Solid garage. Enclosed front porch up.  
**Ed Roffey 216-961-1312**



**21**  
Old Brooklyn \$139,900  
**INVESTMENT!**  
Brick Colonial Multi-Family features 2-car garage. Down Unit vacant. Up Unit tenant occupied.  
**Ed Roffey 216-961-1312**



**22**  
Cleveland \$62,500  
**SPACIOUS!**  
Large Old World Style Bungalow. Possible 4th bedroom. Waterproofed bsmt. Brand new boiler. Water softener. Natural woodwork. Easy to see!!!  
**Frank Dzik 216-324-6007**



**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.  
**Melissa Colon 216-324-9537**



**24**  
Cleveland \$79,900  
**CLASSIC COLONIAL!**  
Move-in condition. Newer roof 2003 & new siding. Freshly painted. Newer garage. Updated electric. Updated bath. Great shape!!!  
**Frank Dzik 216-324-6007**



**25**  
Old Brooklyn \$115,000  
**INVESTMENT!**  
Two brick houses on one lot!! One 3-bedroom Bungalow & one 2-bedroom Ranch. Includes 1-car garage.  
**Frank Dzik 216-324-6007**



**26**  
Rocky River \$219,900  
**METICULOUS BEAUTY!**  
4 bdrms. & 2 full baths. Newer windows. Lrg. rm sizes. Sun porch. Newer refrigerator, dishwasher, & exterior waterproofing. 2 C/A Units for both levels.  
**Jeff Burke 440-780-6007**



**27**  
Cleveland \$89,900  
**INVESTMENT!**  
This double is easy to see and easy to own. Vinyl siding & 2-car garage. Full basement. Home warranty.  
**Jeff Burke 216-780-6007**



**28**  
Cleveland \$68,900  
**MORE BANG FOR YOUR BUCK!**  
3-bedroom Bungalow with eat-in kitchen & formal dining rm/sun porch. Manageable yard with 1-car garage. Updated electrical & copper plumbing.  
**Mitch Weil 216-322-6007**



**29**  
Old Brooklyn \$92,500  
**GREAT RENTAL!**  
Owner occupied for many years! Features 2-car garage & more.  
**Frank Dzik 216-324-6007**



**30**  
Cleveland \$189,900  
**4 UNIT MULTI FAMILY!**  
All Brick with Old World charm & character. Hardwood floors, crown moulding, leaded glass, & china cabinets. Long-time tenants.  
**Frank Dzik 216-324-6007**



**31**  
Western Lakewood \$154,900  
**UPGRADE DOUBLE**  
Improvements include roof, siding, up kitchen & bath, floors, doors, & some windows. Two-car garage. Elect. upgrades. Up vacant.  
**Ed Roffey 216-961-1312**



**32**  
Lakewood \$129,900  
**JUST LISTED**  
Western vinyl sided Colonial. 3-4 bdrms. Fireplace, C/A. Decorated & landscaped. This great buy on 1236 W. Clifton is not a drive by. Must see inside! Call Ed!  
**Ed Roffey 216-961-1312**



**33**  
Cleveland \$159,900  
**NOT A DRIVE-BY!**  
2nd flr has 2 stories w/vaulted ceilings & large loft bdrm. or rec rm w/full bath. Woodburner, updated kitchens & baths. C/A. Historic district. Large lot!  
**Frank Dzik 216-324-6007**



**34**  
Brookpark \$154,900  
**THIS IS IT!**  
Split level. Kitchen has vaulted ceilings, oak cabinets. Tiled bath & kitchen. Enclosed porch w/large pool & deck. 2-story garage. Family rm. w/fireplace.  
**Melissa Colon 216-324-9537**



**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.  
**Mitch Weil 216-322-6007**



**36**  
Cleveland \$142,000  
**2,052 FINISHED SQUARE FEET!**  
Lrg. Western Bungalow, 5 bdrms., 2-1/2 baths. Fireplace & C/A, hardwood floors, built-in china cabinets. Many walk-in closets! Deck, porch, 2-car garage.  
**Frank Dzik 216-324-6007**