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American flag once again flies over "Benjie" garden



Photo by Sandy Worona

(Left - right) Jay Gardner, Tom Sargent, Don Workman, Bill Smith, John Jenkins and Councilman Brian Cummins symbolically raise the flag over Benjamin Franklin Community Garden.

by Tom Sargent

After an absence approaching three decades, the flag of the United States once again graces the grounds of the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden, thanks in large part to the efforts of a local businessman.

The pole from which the flag is flown had been placed in service an unknown number of years ago. A tree of undetermined type, but of exotic origin, was planted in close proximity to the flag pole. A problem arose when the tree continued to grow but the flag pole didn't. Eventually, the tree completely enveloped the pole and rendered it totally unsuited for its intended

function. So, if the flag pole were ever to be used as a flag pole again, one of two things had to happen: either the tree had to go or the flag pole had to be moved.

It is safe to assume that no one gave serious thought to cutting the tree, so for several years, "Benjie" gardeners and other interested individuals just looked at the pole puzzled over what might be done.

Enter Don Workman, owner and operator of AmeriFlag, 3307 Broadview Road, a store for flags and other related items. While visiting the garden one day, he noted the plight of the flag pole. He took it as a *See Flag page 9*

Back to the beginning -- more of OBCDC's history

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When writing any history — family, church, community — a person is always at an advantage if he/she can get information from primary rather than secondary sources. And so, as I put together this last article in our saga about the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC), I am fortunate that the organization is just over thirty years old.

Thus I've been able to confer with some of the individuals who have been involved with it for many years: three of the early (and "repeat") board presidents — John Young, Jack Amburgey and Don Kuenzer; one longtime former executive director, Gerald Preseren; and the architect who repeatedly drew up plans regarding the Broadvue Theatre, John Rakauskas. They've had the insight to point out issues and events which I might have otherwise overlooked.

This month, as we wrap up this OBCDC memoir, we again go back to the beginning, as a couple of aspects of OBCDC's history might need some clarification.

First and foremost, at the time of its founding, the area which the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation was interested in revitalizing was not determined by political ward boundaries, but rather by the boundaries of the Old Brooklyn neighborhood. They were: the Big Creek Valley on the north; the City of Brooklyn (an irregular line along Ridge Road, W. 61 Street and W. 66 St.) on the west; Brookpark Road/Parma on the south; and the Cuyahoga River/ Brooklyn Heights on the east.

When OBCDC was founded in 1975, wards in the city of Cleveland were partitioned and numbered differently from today's wards. The Archwood-Denison neighborhood (what we now call Brooklyn Centre) viewed itself as separate from Old Brooklyn; it had generally older housing stock, different challenges and its own Community Development Corporation named *Crossroads*.

That changed when a variety of problems at *Crossroads* caused it to fold. Then Ward 15 Councilman Jim Rokakis (Ward 15 encompasses both Brooklyn Centre and the *See OBCDC history page 4*

OBCDC and OBNS consolidate operations

After six months of intensive planning, the boards of directors and staff of the two community development corporations serving Wards 15 and 16 have combined into one. Although there had been talk within the neighborhood of joining operations of the two groups for years, the harsh realities of dwindling federal resources and the consequent need to deliver essential development services more efficiently has now made consolidation the logical course of action. The consolidated operation began serving both wards July 1.

The combined group will operate under the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation's (OBCDC) charter from the State of Ohio, but will combine board and staff operations under a new name to be selected by the joint board later in July. The Old Brooklyn News will continue publication as a subsidiary of the agency.

Old Brooklyn Neighborhood Services (OBNS) will cease to exist once its legal obligations have been discharged.

"The CDCs and Cleveland City Council are aware that there is less and less money being allocated by the federal government," said Councilman Brian Cummins. "We can develop expertise within one larger organization that will, hopefully, be able to do larger and more significant projects. Old Brooklyn, particularly, is split by wards, but for all intents and purposes, residents and businesses don't care what the boundaries are as long as the development takes place. Boundaries have made it confusing and limited the CDCs' reach."

The consolidated agency is the first community development corporation (CDC) in the City of Cleveland to serve two entire wards, placing it on the leading edge of a citywide trend towards fewer but better CDCs. Major thoroughfares that had been bisected by ward boundaries can now be assisted as one street and neighboring precincts in different wards but with common concerns and visions can work together toward common goals. Examples of major streets that had been divided by ward boundaries include Memphis Avenue, Broadview Road, Denison Avenue, Pearl Road, W. Schaaf Road and Fulton Road.

Combining the two agencies successfully required the cooperation of both boards and both councilmen. Councilman Kevin Kelley of Ward 16 and Councilman Brian Cummins of Ward 15 have encouraged and supported the consolidation. The consolidated CDC will continue its predecessors' functions of administering City of Cleveland housing and commercial programs along with pursuing emerging development opportunities in both wards.

Reflecting on the removal of ward lines in furthering community development projects, Old Brooklyn Neighborhood Services

Board President Anthony Petti said, "At the end of this long process, we have a stronger, larger board and a rejuvenated staff serving a bigger area that makes sense geographically," The Zoo impacts both neighborhoods. Memphis School impacts both neighborhoods. It makes so much sense to combine the wards. The geographic (ward) cut-off goes down large avenues. Some of the more prolific CDCs do better than with just ward lines. I'm excited that we have two energetic councilmen working together. There is a certain synergy here and I'd be hard-pressed to find anyone to come up with a reason why this shouldn't happen."

The service area of the combined CDC will stretch from Brookpark Road to the south, the Jennings Freeway to the east, Ridge Road to the west and Woodbridge Avenue to the north.

"I'm optimistic about the finished product and the services that will be available once the consolidation is in place," said Ward 16 Councilman Kevin Kelley. "I am aware that there will be certain challenges with this process, but I believe that the residents of Old Brooklyn will be better served by the new organization."

Although a new name for the combined organization has not been officially selected, members of both boards hope that the name change will tap into the rich history of the community. That history includes a number of village and municipal consolidations that ultimately led to annexation by the City of Cleveland. Among these historical jurisdictions are the Villages of Brooklyn, Brighton and South Brooklyn.

According to OBCDC president Maribeth Feke, "We need to acknowledge our past history in the selection of a new name. We also need a name that will be instantly recognizable by local residents and engage their interest. The historical integrity of the new CDC territory is one of our primary concerns."

In addition to board presidents Anthony Petti and Maribeth Feke, the other board members who are serving on the consolidation committee are (OBNS) Matt Reitz, Alice Ratka and Kevin Senich and (OBCDC) Sue Randall-Alexander, Connie Ewazen, Paul Kazmierczak, Christina Kowalski and Rev. Jerry Madasz.

Maribeth said that when the consolidation occurs on July 1, residents will immediately see a tremendous difference. "We want to hit the ground running," Maribeth said.

"We have already begun coordinating housing programs, housing services, target areas, block clubs and safety elements. I think that one of the real opportunities is the Broadview-Pearl commercial corridor,"

Maribeth continued. "We will be much more effective in delivering a comprehensive master *See Consolidation page 2*

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plan for that area and hopefully, extend the historic district into Ward 16 and maintain the character of the buildings in this important commercial corridor. It's really great for Old Brooklyn. We will provide a higher level of services for the residents of both wards, eliminate a lot of duplication and overhead and spend federal dollars more efficiently. We're going to be the first bi-ward CDC in the city. So it's exciting."

Temporarily the reorganized CDC will continue to be housed in the existing offices within each ward. For approximately three months, until larger offices are located, some of the staff will continue to work out of the former Old Brooklyn Neighborhood Services office on Pearl Road. The rest of the staff will work out of the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation offices in the US Bank building on Broadview Road.

It is anticipated that by October 1, both staffs will be under one roof in a larger, more dynamic space. Until the move is completed, residents are encouraged to contact the offices of the former Old Brooklyn Development Corporation at 216-459-1000 for matters concerning both wards.

Jay Gardner, Lynette Filips and Sheila Long all contributed to this article.

Steelyard Commons project update

by Susan Nieves
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Construction is well underway at Steelyard Commons—the largest open-air retail center ever to be built in Cuyahoga County, and the first in the City of Cleveland.

Since the ground-breaking last September, environmental clean up of the 125-acre former brownfield site is almost complete.

Utilities (gas, water and electric) are in place and dramatic lighting now adorns the site where the structures that will house retail establishments will rise from the ground in coming weeks.

Mittal Steel recently donated two artifacts from the former steel mills—a 260-foot, 55-ton utility bridge and a 110-ton rail car—which will become part of an educational display preserving Cleveland's industrial past within Steelyard Commons.

Mitchell Schneider, president of First Interstate Properties, a local real estate development and management company, and the developer for Steelyard Commons, is pleased with the progress. "We are exactly where we wanted to be at the project's half-way point and we are especially pleased with the impact of the illumination of the site, making this an attractive neighborhood asset," said Schneider.

The initial construction phase, consisting of 650,000 square feet of retail space comprised of numerous retail stores and four restaurants, is slated for completion by the spring of 2007.

Over 590,000 square feet of that retail space has already been leased and a 95 percent occupancy rate is projected for the grand opening.



Photo courtesy of Erinne Kovi

Dramatic new lighting at Steelyard Commons illuminates the future Steelyard Drive.

In addition to the larger retail tenants which include Home Depot and Target, lease contracts for Best Buy, Burger King, Dollar Tree, Dots, Dunkin Donuts, Famous Footwear, Fashion Bug, I-Hop Restaurant, Marshall's, Payless Shoe Source, Petco, Radio Shack, Sally's Beauty Supply, Staples, Steak-N-Shake and Taco Bell are either executed or under negotiation.

After the grand opening, an additional 250,000 square feet of retail space will be built over an 18-month period.

To provide better access to the new shopping complex, road improvement projects are also in the works. A modern roundabout, providing for a continuous flow of automobiles, will be constructed at the end of I-71 and Jennings Freeway ramps connecting to W. 14th Street and Quigley Road providing access to Steelyard Commons.

Other Quigley Road improvements will provide a widened, resurfaced thoroughfare with additional street lighting, traffic signals and landscape enhancements to the area.

Jennings Road will also undergo reconstruction, which will include an extension of almost two miles, to Spring Street. New pavement and curbs, sidewalks and street lighting, traffic signals and storm sewers will also be part of the project. The bridge over Big Creek, south of Harvard, will also be reconstructed.

Steelyard Drive, a five-lane, tree-lined boulevard through Steelyard Commons, will be built to accommodate the anticipated truck and bus traffic on the roadway. The drive will connect with Quigley Road to the north and Jennings Road to the south.

A new sidewalk along the north side of Steelyard Drive will connect with the sidewalk on the east side of W. 14th Street. On the east it will connect with the Towpath Trail at the entrance into Steelyard Commons.

In terms of economic impact, the \$120 million Steelyard Commons redevelopment project, with over 50 new stores and restaurants, is expected to generate 1,800 jobs, \$40 million per year in wages, and \$3 million per year in property taxes.

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Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, May 27 - Sept. 4. Annual contest. Amateur shutterbugs of all ages encouraged to enter their best Zoo photos throughout the summer.

Saturday, July 8th

Alliance of Poles Annual Picnic

St. Sava Picnic Grounds, 2300 Ridgewood Dr. (between Broadview & State Rds.) Gates open 2 pm. Music from the Old School. Dave Walter & Frankie Liszka. Dancing from 3:30-8 pm. Food & refreshments available. Donation \$8. Children under 12 free. For tickets & more info call Alliance of Poles, 216-883-3131, or Stanley Rejnjs, chairman, at 440-237-7203.

Saturday, July 8th

Health Fair

Nueva Vida Church, 2327 Holmden Ave. 10 am-2 pm. FREE mammograms, clinical breast exams by MetroHealth doctors. For women 40-64 years old with no health insurance. Breast cancer education, giveaways, food, health screenings & more. Contact Ami Peacock, 216-778-8328.

Saturday, July 8th

Bowling for Boxers Fundraiser

Meszar's Lanes, 4231 Fulton Rd. Tickets \$20 in

advance, \$25 at the door. Includes bowling, shoe rental, pizza buffet, salad bar, dessert, reduced cash bar & door prizes! Raffle with great prizes, 50/50 raffle, items for sale, including tee shirts & crate mats. To order tickets call 216-749-2423 or email Renee at Renee.Puleo@lighthouseboxerrescue.org. For more info visit: www.LightHouseBoxerRescue.org.

Saturday, July 8th

State Road Beautification Project

Meet at Old Brooklyn Neighborhood Services office, Pearl Rd. at Delora Ave. to help plant flowers in 25 tree boxes on both sides of State Road, from the library to the cemetery. 10 am - 3 pm. Refreshments afterwards at Cafe Miami. Two pairs of Indians tickets given away to volunteers. (Old Brooklyn Greenhouse already donated weed killer & weed-killing services.

Sunday, July 9th

Flea Market for Brooklyn Animal Shelter

Brooklyn Community Center, 7727 Memphis Ave., 9 am - 2 pm. Collectables, antiques, vintage items, crafts & large variety of items & bargains. Lunch, bakery, silent auction, door prizes, candy bars, tee shirts, etc. Admission free; donations welcome.

Monday, July 10th

Grantseeker Orientation Session

Brooklyn Branch of Cleveland Public Library, 3706 Pearl Rd., 6-8 pm. Proposals may be sent by mail or hand delivered; must be at The Foundation by 5 pm, Fri., Aug. 11th. Neighborhood Connections, The Cleveland Foundation, 1422 Euclid Ave., Cleve., 44115.

Monday, July 10th

Community Walks Mondays This Summer

W. 54th & Denison (parking at St. Boniface Church parking lot.) 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Organized by Stockyard Redevelopment Organization & Neighborhood Family Practice. Family, pet, health & community friendly. For more info call 216-961-7687, ext. 202 or 216-281-8945, ext. 285.

Monday - Friday, July 10th - July 14th

Summer Used Book Sale

Cleveland Public Library, 525 Superior Ave. Members-only preview, Mon., 3 pm - 6 pm; (members bring card for admittance.) Sale to the public, 1-5 pm; Tues. - Thurs., 9 am - 6 pm; Fri., a bag of books for \$4, 9 am - 3 pm.

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Saturday, July 15th

Domenic M. & His Band (Latin music)

Zoo Amphitheater. Local artist Grupo Fuego opening the show. Gates open 8 pm. Showtime, 8:30 pm. All seating general admission, rain or shine. Tickets, \$12 advance; \$20 day of show. Tickets available at the Zoo box office, or Ticketmaster outlets. To order tickets by phone, call Ticketmaster at 216-241-5555. Free parking. Lawn chairs, blankets, umbrellas, food & non-alcoholic beverages permitted. Glass bottles, alcoholic beverages, video camers & recording devices not permitted.

Sunday, July 16th

First Time For Richie

The Cleveland Polka Association

St. Sava's Picnic Grove, 2300 W. Ridgewood Dr., Parma. Music by Jersey Polka Richie (from Florida) & The Krue (from Michigan). Public welcome. Doors open, 1 pm; music 2 - 8 pm. Donation, \$10. No BYOB. Children 18 & under free if accompanied by an adult. For more info call Paul or Sylvia, 216-228-1134.

Wednesday, July 19th

Southwest Citizens Area Council

Unity Walk

Meet at 1700 Denison Ave., 7 pm. For more info. call Judith, 216-459-1000.

Thursday, July 27th

White Elephant Yard Sale

East Park Retirement Community, 6360 Elmdale Rd., 10 am - 2 pm. Many bargains. Tours of retirement community available. Rain or shine. Refreshments. Call 216-267-7067.

Friday, July 28th

Multicultural & Health Festival

Corner of Archwood Ave. & Pearl Rd. 5:30 - 9 pm. Sponsored by Brookside Center & the Brookside Cluster of Churches. Free events including multicultural performances, information from health & community agencies, fun activities for children & adults. Call Cathy, 216-749-4295, for more info.

Friday, July 28th - Sunday, July 30th

Jehovah's Witnesses District Convention

Wolstein Center, Prospect Ave. & East 21st Street. Convention theme highlights *God's promised deliverance from this wicked system*. Morning sessions begin 9:30 am Fri. & Sat.; afternoon sessions begin 2 pm; Sun., afternoon session begins 1:40 pm. Presented by the Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. Open to the public; no collection taken. Call Larry Mack, 440-331-3665, for more info.

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July 15th

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Brooklyn Centre Community Association (formerly Archwood Denison Concerned Citizens) monthly meeting, every fourth Thurs., July 27, 7 pm, Archwood United Church of Christ, 2800 Archwood Ave. For more info call Julie, 216-287-8195.

Second District Community Relations meeting, every second Tues. of the month, Tues., July 11, 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th St.

Southwest Citizens Area Council monthly meeting, Thurs., July 6. 7 pm, (every first Thurs.), YMCA lower level, 3881 Pearl Rd. Discussions on a search for a new meeting location, safety walk on July, 19th & 60 yr. anniversary celebration at the end of Aug. Meet Councilman Brian Cummins & bring your concerns to his attention. Business owners & managers are welcome.

THEATRE NOTES

Near West Theater

St. Pat's Club Building, W. 38th & Bridge 216-621-3242. www.nearwesttheatre.org

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OBCDC history from front page

northern part of Old Brooklyn) decided to begin channeling to OBCDC some of the block grant money for programs previously administered by *Crossroads*.

(Over the years, numerous community development corporations (CDCs) have existed in Ward 16, too, some funded by council people, some by other means. More information about *Crossroads* as well as the Ward 16 CDCs will be discussed in a future article.)

Another interesting aspect about OBCDC's early years was the interest our neighborhood's revitalization efforts received from the wider community. OBCDC's Herculean efforts to rid Old Brooklyn of the porn theater in the middle of its once-thriving "downtown" area were recognized throughout Northeast Ohio, not just in Old Brooklyn or Greater Cleveland. For example —

Mary Strassmeyer, the society editor of the Plain Dealer, wrote about OBCDC in her column. Granted, she lived in Old Brooklyn from her childhood on, but even so, amidst all the other people who were begging her for mention, she gave some print to OBCDC's efforts.

At Kent State University, students in the School of Architecture and Environmental Design studied our neighborhood and then made suggestions for revitalizing and restoring it. The Cleveland Foundation and the Greater Cleveland Growth Association were major contributors to the funding of this 1975-1976 study.

In 1977, the OBCDC Board of Trustees endorsed the Kent State study. They then hired the architectural firm of Henshaw, Hartt and Van Petten, Inc., Planners to evaluate the students' recommendations and develop them into a specific plan. Even in those days, funds for such things were already available from the City of Cleveland Department of Community Development's Block Grant Program.

Dr. Raymond Lewis, the long-time and well-respected pastor of Old Stone Church, and Charles Spahr, the CEO of Sohio, were also involved in what was going on in Old Brooklyn. Board president John Young was very active at Old Stone, and Dr. Lewis, in addition to being the pastor of the Presbyterian flock there was also the vice-president of the

board at the Cleveland Public Library. John invited Dr. Lewis to look at the models for the new South Brooklyn branch of the Cleveland Public Library which the Kent architecture students had made. Then Dr. Lewis and Charles Spahr helped secure the property at the Pearl-State "Y" on which the current library was built. It was dedicated in 1979.

One of Cleveland's unions was also intensely involved with OBCDC during the years that it was working on the Broadvue. That came about because OBCDC board member Chuck Weiss was a member of the Plasterer's Local #80. He joined the board solely because he wanted to help restore the theater.

When the union asked Chuck to fill an open teaching position in their trade school, he agreed, but with the stipulation that the classroom be moved from the basement of Max Hayes High School to the Broadvue Theatre. Casting shops were promptly set up in the basement of the theater and in one of the empty storefronts in the theater complex.

The apprentice training program was funded by federal government, so the plastering contractors' union paid the students the regular daily rate when they worked at the theater. OBCDC only had to pay for the materials. Work commenced with the 1985 school year, and again we were featured in the Plain Dealer, this time in a separate article, not in "Mary, Mary".

OBCDC caught the attention of some of the younger set, too, not just for the Halloween and Christmas parties they hosted for neighborhood kids, but also because of the softball teams which they sponsored in the 1980s and 1990s (at least).

Old Brooklyn is home to two of the loveliest, most desirable neighborhoods in the City of Cleveland — the South Hills area (north and south of Broadview Road and W. Schaaf Road) and the Brookside area (south of Brookside Park and a bit northeast of the intersection of Ridge Road and Memphis Avenue).

Brooklyn Centre, especially along Archwood Avenue, boasts of many homes built by even earlier generations of prestigious Clevelanders; happily, many of them have been and/or are being restored to their former grandeur.

It is good that a porn theater is no longer in the center of Old Brooklyn. It is good that it is no longer scary, even in the middle of the day, to wait for a bus or go to the Post Office at Pearl Road and Broadview Road. It is good that people can enjoy lunch at a picnic table at Foote Memorial Park at the northeast tip of the road leading down to the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. It is good that our neighborhood has fewer and fewer boarded-up windows on vacant buildings.

Most recently, in a continuing vision to revitalize the community, OBCDC board and staff have worked with Cleveland's Ward 15

and Ward 16 councilmen and the board of Old Brooklyn Neighborhood Services to consolidate the two organizations into one larger, more effective unit. (This news is reported in another front-page article.)

The consolidated agency will be an even better example of "your tax dollars at work." We who have been most intensely involved with OBCDC are grateful to everyone who has supported and continues to support their efforts.

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**Schedule of Events for 2006
Growing Season at the Community
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Thurs., July 13: Perennials/ground covers demo.

Thurs., July 20: Herb garden demo -- unscented geraniums, the herb of the year -- Recipes to share and food samples to taste.

Thurs., August 3: A diagnostic walk through the perennial, vegetable and herb gardens with Tim Malinich, Cuyahoga County Extension Educator, Horticulture.

Thurs., September 14: Vegetable garden demo -- tomatoes, peppers, cabbage. Taste the veggies & learn about the mulches used this past summer.

All demonstrations will be Thursdays at 10:30 am & will take place regardless of the weather. Bring your own chair; none will be provided.

The demonstration gardens are open to the public every Thursday through September, from 10 am to noon. Master gardeners working in the demonstration gardens will be available to answer your questions.



Staff and supporters of Applewood Centers, the former Jones Home on West 25th Street and Daisy Avenue, celebrate the groundbreaking for a new Dual Diagnosis Residential Treatment Center that is to be built on the Daisy Avenue vacant lot across from the organization's headquarters. The facility will house young men ages 14 to 18 who are diagnosed with both mental health disorders and substance abuse disorders. (left to right): Councilman Brian Cummins (Ward 15); William Denihan, CEO, Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board; Michael Matoney, CEO, New Directions; Roberta King, CEO, Applewood Centers; Councilman Joe Santiago (Ward 14); Russell Kaye, PhD, Executive Director, Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Cuyahoga County; Jeff Bogart, Bogart Architecture; and Frank Caporossi, WCC Inc. DBA Lakewest Construction.

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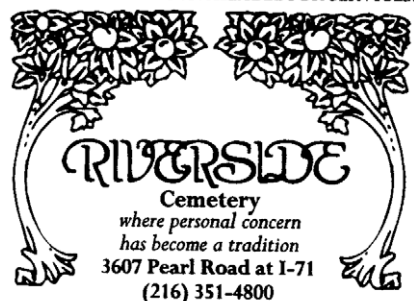
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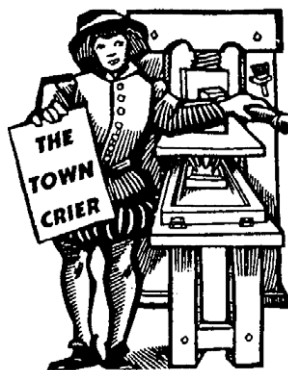
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This month's edition of the *Old Brooklyn News* should be hitting your doorsteps at the same time that your Fourth of July gatherings are getting underway. After the fireworks are over and you settle down with the newspaper, here are two pieces of trivia related to the Declaration of Independence and the holiday for you to consider —

(1) The Declaration of Independence was largely written by Thomas Jefferson, and the ideas he espoused in it were nothing new; he borrowed them from John Locke, Algernon Sidney and other English theorists.

(2) Although the Continental Congress verbally approved the document on July 4, they didn't actually sign the Declaration until July 8.

Now getting back to current events, we begin this month as we often began *Town Criers* at this time last year, with news about church personnel.

On Sunday, June 25, **Sister Elaine Theresa Burrows, SIW**, a pastoral minister at **St. Thomas More Church (STM)** for the past 20 years, celebrated her fiftieth anniversary as a Sister of the Incarnate Word. The parish festivities included a special Mass at noon in the church, followed by a reception in the church hall.

Sister Elaine Theresa had barely turned 15 when she entered the convent. (In those days

it was common for young girls to do that.) She knew the Incarnate Word nuns because they taught CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) classes at her home parish, Assumption in Broadview Heights.

For the first 24 years of her ministry, Sister Elaine was an elementary school teacher. She had a fourth grade class at STM in 1960 (her first year of teaching) and an eighth grade class at STM in 1966. The other locations at which she taught were St. Richard in North Olmsted, St. Patrick in West Park, St. Bartholomew in Middleburg Heights and Incarnate Word Academy in Parma Heights. In the years when Catholic education was at the height of its popularity, the number of students in Sister's classroom sometimes numbered in the low-to-mid-seventies.

At the same time that Sister Elaine Theresa's celebration was going on, another gathering was happening for the nun who's been pastoral minister for the past eight years at **Corpus Christi Church**. It was a "farewell" social for **Sister Gail Sako, SND**, who is moving on to another assignment in Florida.

June 30th was Sister Gail's last day at Corpus Christi, and when she said good-bye, it wasn't just to a job, but also to the church and school from which she graduated from eighth grade in 1962.

Sister Gail will work specifically as a pastoral "compassionate" minister in her new position at St. Teresa Church in Titusville, focusing on seniors, the sick and the homebound. Corpus Christi will not replace her in terms of hiring a new pastoral minister, but in time they will be adding a director of religious education to their staff. (Details will follow, when we receive them.)

There's a big staff change at **Pearl Road United Methodist Church**, too; effective July 2, the congregation will have a new pastor. The current *full-time* pastor, **Rev. Robert Ludwig**, who was at Pearl Road for the past year, will be moving to Marengo, Ohio (a

farming community south of Mount Vernon).

The Bishop of the Eastern Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church has assigned a *part-time* pastor, **Rev. Julianne Gebbie**, to replace Rev. Ludwig. Pearl Road will be the first church she pastors; up until now, she has belonged to Garfield Memorial United Methodist Church in Pepper Pike.

Ministry is a second career for Rev. Gebbie; In her "previous life" (1975-1988), she was in the hospitality industry, including being general manager of a Holiday Inn. She received her Master of Divinity degree from Ashland Theological Seminary in 2005.

In terms of previous education, Rev. Gebbie received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Cleveland State University in 2000 and high school diploma from Saint Joseph Academy in Columbus in 1967. She and her husband and their seventeen-year old son live in Solon.

An Old Brooklyn landmark just down the street from the Methodist Church is also on the verge of a change, and this change will be its last. According to **Councilman Kevin Kelley's** office, funding has been obtained to tear down **Memphis School**. The councilman is now in the process of securing bids, as it will be an expensive job. Perhaps a year ago the City bought the building from a private owner, but while it was vacant, vandals set it on fire. That fire so weakened the structure that now it must be torn down.

About two months ago arsonists also made trouble in the parking lot of **Brooklyn Heights United Church of Christ**. In the mid afternoon they ignited one of the Abitibi Paper Retriever bins the church has there. Neighbors saw the problem, but before anyone could get there with a fire extinguisher, **Company #42** was on the scene, putting out the flames. Since the plastic lid melted and the paint was scorched off by the heat, the whole bin had to be replaced.

Gray & Company, Publishers has released its seventh edition of *Cleveland Ethnic Eats*, and author Laura Taxel has again included many neighborhood restaurants and businesses in it, one for the first time. The restaurants mentioned in Old Brooklyn are **Goodman's Sandwich Inn** on Pearl Road and **83 Degrees Caribbean Cuisine** on Memphis

Avenue (the new listing); the restaurants in Brooklyn are **Aldo's** on Memphis Avenue and **Agostino's Ristorante** on Ridge Road.

The Old Brooklyn grocers selling ethnic foods listed in the 2006 edition of *Cleveland Ethnic Eats* are **Gaelic Imports** and **Kobawee Oriental Food Market** (both of which are on Pearl Road); **Michael's Bakery** (on Broadview Road); the **Sausage Shoppe** (on Memphis Avenue); and **Sachsenheim Hall** (on Denison Avenue).

Student news is starting to come in, so next month's *Town Crier* is likely to focus on that. The information you give us helps to make this column happen! Send your submissions to: Lynette Filips, *The Town Crier*, c/o the *Old Brooklyn News*, 3344 Broadview Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44109.

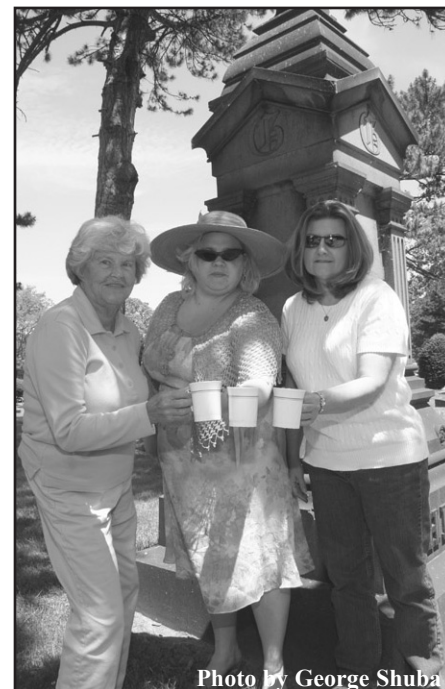


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Brooklyn Centre conducted its second annual garden tour on the afternoon of Sunday, June 11th. There were sixteen stops on the tour, most of which were private homes. This year, a Victorian-style tea party at Riverside Cemetery was added to the itinerary. Here, (left to right) Sybil Larcy, Julie Miragliotta & Diana Thielman raise their tea cups to show their approval of the event.

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By Tom Collins
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Entrepreneur: "One who organizes, manages and assumes the risks of a business or enterprise," as defined by Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary. Basically this is the man or woman who invests his or her money, time and talent in operating a business that he or she owns. It is not for the feint of heart because the challenge of making a profit, even a modest profit, is a constant. Failure is an ever present threat. Every day brings both new opportunities and new obstacles. Entrepreneurs are the risk-takers that comprise the independent businesses of America. They are the economic stars of the American free enterprise system.

In Cleveland we search for new entrepreneurs to help strengthen the regional economy, establish a Northeast Ohio niche in the developing technology sector and mend the loss from the declining manufacturing industry. The competition to find and attract entrepreneurs is intense. If you are an entrepreneur this is good news because it follows the simple supply and demand dynamic. With supply being low and demand being high there are numerous resources available to help entrepreneurs grow to success.

Recently I attended an all day meeting to learn about the vast array of resources and agencies dedicated to promoting entrepreneur-

ial business. Most people think the term entrepreneurial implies that the business must be new. Not so; looking at the definition above, being new is not a qualifier. New business is always desired because it generates new jobs, revenue, purchases, taxes and wealth, but expansion by established entrepreneurs is just as important.

In my work as commercial manager for the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) I meet with people about three times a month who desire to start a business or expand an existing business. The expansion people are much more knowledgeable about what they want to do than the first time entrepreneurs. The first-time people bring a passion and enthusiasm that is so refreshing that it is fun to help them get underway. Getting underway means having a business plan that will guide the entrepreneur for the first three years of business.

Business plans have multiple purposes, but the most important purpose is to secure financing from lending institutions to get the business operating. If a bank thinks you and your business plan can succeed, then you know that you have a reasonable chance of success.

The business plan is the separation point between those who may be successful and those who are courting failure. A business plan is a written document explaining what it is that you are going to sell, what it costs to sell it, what revenue it will produce, who you are going to sell it to, where you are going to locate the business and how you will legally organize the business. Each of these components needs detailed explanation based upon fact. The circulatory system of a business is its cash flow. A business plan will either have historical financial statements (for expanding business) or projected financial statements (for start up businesses). The term "bottom line" is the reference to the last lines on the profit and loss statement that confirms that a company is making more money than it is spending.

Not all businesses are going to turn a profit in the first year, or perhaps even the sec-

ond, but generally by the end of the third year revenue should exceed expenses. The business plan tells the expected story of the growth of the company, and the annual financial statements tell the story of what is really happening. The better business plans are those that come close in reality to the original projections. The best business plans are those that exceed the projections.

Next month I will write about specific agencies that offer free or low cost assistance writing business plans and presenting it to banks or other lenders. For this month let me offer a few practical thoughts.

If you cannot describe it on paper, you are not ready to start the business. People have good ideas every day, so work on yours to make it explainable to others. Be passionate about what you are going to do because it builds support and enthusiasm. If all you can concentrate on is location and what the office or store will look like, you are not ready to come to market. It is the cash flow that makes a business work. Focus on how your business will make money.

Also, do not pay for start up expenses

with credit card debt. It is the most expensive money to borrow and the pay back terms are incompatible with good business debt management practices. A well written and presented business plan will help you attract investors and qualify for business loans.

Finally, don't be timid about your business ideas. Think them through, write them out and become an entrepreneur.

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The "flipping" game

by Raymond L. Pianka Judge,
Cleveland Municipal Court Housing

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These are the promises of late-night television infomercials, annoying Internet pop-up windows and unwanted electronic mail. These solicitations tell potential investors that the schemes are risk-free and treat property investment like a Monopoly game. Sadly, in the end, the investors and the community both lose; as the investors find themselves facing criminal code violation charges, filing bankruptcy and losing income or savings. Worse still, the community is left with another property in the hands of an unprepared, ill-equipped owner.

Most of these schemes involve "flipping" of one kind or another. There are two types of "flipping" – legal and illegal. If done properly and in compliance with the law, flipping is legal, and can be beneficial to the community.

In a common example of legal flipping, a prospective buyer will come across a solidly constructed house at a bargain price. Maybe a friend of a friend is willing to sell for a rock bottom price or the investor buys it from an estate or foreclosure sale. Perhaps the home even needs a little cosmetic work; however, no major structural defects exist. After making the minor required improvements to the home, the owner sells it to a new purchaser at the current market rate.

Responsible real estate investors who are in the know about real property law, local building and housing codes, and home improvement can make a profit on these types of transactions. All of this is perfectly legal. In fact, this type of beneficial investment in a neighborhood is good for all. However, these types of deals are best left to the professionals.

Illegal flipping can virtually paralyze a neighborhood, leaving behind properties out of compliance with the local building and housing codes, abandoned by owners who cannot make the mortgage payments.

The two basic types of illegal flipping

include property flipping and mortgage flipping. Illegal property flipping schemes are the ones we all hear about on the news and through friends and neighbors. These transactions occur when dishonest investors buy cheap, run-down properties, typically in low-income neighborhoods. The investors do quick, sub-standard renovations to the properties and sell them to unsophisticated buyers at grossly inflated prices.

Often the investor, appraiser and lender all conspire to submit a phony appraisal and fraudulent loan documents. The result is a buyer who paid far more for a house than it is actually worth on the open market, and who cannot afford to make payments on the loan. Sometimes, these properties are abandoned after the buyer realizes he or she cannot afford the loan payments. Until the liens are cleared from the title, no one wants to touch the property – not even the company that loaned the purchase money.

In one case that came before the Housing Court, an investor purchased thirteen housing units. All of the properties contained serious code violations; the majority of the properties were the subject of foreclosure actions; and a number of the properties were mortgaged at more than 100 percent of the fair market value. The investor quickly became overwhelmed with maintaining the properties and making the mortgage payments. The investor even attempted to give the properties back to the mortgage companies, but as they were not interested in the properties, criminal charges were filed against the investor for code violations. The local community development corporation (CDC) sued the owner, asking the Housing Court to appoint the CDC as a receiver to secure the properties. The CDC was granted judgment in the case for the amount they spent securing the properties, foreclosing on the liens, and buying one of the properties at Sheriff's Sale. While the City dismissed the criminal charges, the investor, who anticipated getting rich quick, lost the properties and ended up in bankruptcy.

Another type of illegal flipping involves

predatory lending. In this case, no property is actually bought or sold. Rather, a mortgage is re-financed with unfair terms to the homeowner, such as a balloon payment, or adjustable rates. Sometimes, these predatory lenders even search for folks who own their home outright but who are in need of quick cash; the homeowner then takes out a loan with unfavorable terms. Frequently, these predatory lenders prey upon the elderly or those with limited education.

Because of the frequency of illegal mortgage flipping in Ohio, the legislature has recently passed Senate Bill 185 (expected to be signed by Governor Taft). This bill (Proposed R.C. § 1345.031(B)(12)), makes it illegal to engage in mortgage flipping, defined as: "Making a mortgage loan that refinances an existing mortgage loan when the new loan does not have reasonable, tangible net benefit to the consumer considering all of the circumstances, including the terms of both the new and refinanced loans, the cost of the new loan, and the consumer's circumstances."

What many real estate investors do not realize is that along with the benefits of property ownership, they also have responsibilities under the Cleveland Codified Ordinances. Investors who purchase a property do so subject to any code violations that may exist on the property at the time of conveyance. While responsible property investors immediately correct code violations, properties subjected to an illegal flipping game are frequently plagued with horrible conditions that go untouched or have been fixed in a careless manner.

The CCO requires that the seller must inform the purchaser of the Notice of Violation. The purchaser must begin to correct the violations immediately, and has ten days from receipt of the notice to submit a written plan for bringing the property up to code to the Director of Building and Housing.

Failure to comply with the Cleveland Codes, even if the investor was not the one who caused the violations, may result in administrative, civil and criminal actions being filed by the City against the investor.

Real estate ownership can be a sound financial investment, but it is also a responsibility. Buying and selling property at a profit is not illegal. However, loan fraud and code violations are illegal. To find out more about being a responsible real estate investor or about how to comply with Cleveland's Codified Ordinances, contact the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation at (216) 459-1000 or a Housing Court Specialist at (216) 664-4295.

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It's one thing to read The Hungry Caterpillar, and it's another thing to watch 100 caterpillars turn into butterflies. St. Mark Lutheran School 3rd grader Kyle Merrill (left) and 1st grader Alex Ashworth (right) gaze upon one of the butterflies students at the school released on Monday, June 5th. Three classes were involved in the science project called Caterpillar to Butterfly.

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How Clevelanders celebrated — and refused to “celebrate” — Independence Day in the mid-1800s

by Lynette Filips
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Again this year our publication date falls just prior to what is perhaps America's most popular holiday, the Fourth of July. Because our history article in the July, 2005 *Old Brooklyn News* barely started to look at it, this month provides us with another opportunity to focus on more of the observances associated with the day on which Americans celebrate their independence.

We ended our 2005 story with Fourth of July festivities in 1836. Before we move on to significant activities in subsequent years, here's a quick summary of last year's article —

Since Cleveland wasn't founded until 1796, the first twenty years of America's Independence Day celebrations weren't being observed in our neck of the woods. The celebrations in the Western Reserve began the month and year that Moses Cleveland and his surveyors arrived here. On July 4, 1796, though, they were still a bit east of the future Cleveland — at the mouth of Conneaut Creek.

In 1818, liberty-loving Clevelanders saluted the new flag which Congress had just authorized.

In 1820, there was gunfire at sunrise, a procession to the Court House, and a long oration read by the mayor of the Village of Cleveland.

In 1825, the first shovelful of dirt for the Ohio and Erie Canal was scooped out near Newark.

In 1827, a canal boat first traversed 41 locks between Cleveland and Akron.

In 1834, to protest the massive amounts of alcohol men consumed and the gunpowder they blew off on July 4th, churches organized an alternative activity for a large gathering of Cleveland children — a service at the Presbyterian Meeting House and a picnic at a grove along Lake Erie.

In 1836, because the City of Cleveland had just been incorporated (east of the Cuyahoga River), the Fourth of July celebration was especially festive.

Now as we again move forward through time, *Cleveland, The Making of a City* by William Ganson Rose continues to be our major source for information about how previous generations of Clevelanders celebrated Independence Day.

Abolitionists took special meaning in Independence Day of 1837, founding at Old Stone Church the Cuyahoga County Antislavery Society. Its goal was to totally eliminate slavery throughout the United States.

Frivolity returned in 1838, when Clevelanders experienced a new thrill — a circus came to town for the first time. Reportedly almost the entire population of the city flocked to the downtown site of the three-day affair. Afterwards, a Water Street drug store hawked a new concoction, a soft drink made from soda water and carbonated mead, and flavored with raspberry, strawberry, lemon or sarsaparilla.

Fireworks were first used to celebrate the Fourth of July in Cleveland in 1839. That year

the Cleveland Grays (as in Gray's Armory) held their first encampment, a four day event at which they hosted a visiting military company and a visiting gun squad. Drills and a parade were also part of the festivities.

Alcohol consumption on Independence Day — and throughout the year — continued to be a national problem, and a national movement got underway to make the Fourth of July a day for temperance demonstrations. On the Fourth of July in 1841, Total Abstinence Society meetings were conducted in Cleveland, and the holiday parade consisted of 1500 people wearing temperance-pledge badges pointing out the negative effects alcohol has on too many minds and bodies.

Fourth of July festivities had grown somewhat more civilized (i.e., involving the feminine sex) in 1850. The hotels around Public Square were filled with patrons, and “ladies in billowy dresses and beribboned bonnets began sauntering along the streets under dainty parasols.” (Lemonade from stands along the way sustained them in the oppressive heat.)

After the Fourth of July parade in 1858 (in which 3000 people participated), Father Mathew's Total Abstinence Society served a dinner at which coffee and lemonade took the place of wine and liquor. Afterwards, a hot air balloonist took off from Public Square with one passenger and drifted half an hour before coming down in a field in Olmstead Township. (Thus Public Square became Cleveland's first “airport”!)

For a time, boat racing on the Cuyahoga

River was part of the Independence Day fun, but circa 1860, it had to be eliminated because commercial traffic on the river had increased so much.

One would think that the Civil War years would have merited special Independence Day consideration in William Ganson Rose's year-by-year account of Cleveland's history, but absolutely no mention is made of them. However he does note that in 1872, a Civil War field piece with high wheels was mounted on the southwest quadrant of Public Square.

The War of 1812 was at the center of the Independence Day activities in 1872. The Western Reserve Historical Society had donated (or, more probably, “loaned”) a piece of equipment called a “thirty-six pounder” which the British had surrendered to Commodore Perry during the Battle of Lake Erie. It was placed near the 1860 Perry's Monument in the center of Public Square that weekend.

The ornamentation of Public Square continued in 1876, the centennial of the founding of the United States of America. To commemorate the event, a flagpole of Bessemer steel, “the first of its kind,” was erected on Public Square on the Fourth of July.

Space constraints again keep us from telling the whole story, but in twelve months, we'll pick up with the rest of Independence Day, 1876. (Next month we'll return to discussing more of Cleveland's nationality churches.)

In the meantime, have a safe and sober holiday weekend.

Kehoe Brothers Printing Company: making an impression for 70 years

by Lilly M Theiss

Kehoe Brothers Printing Company, 910 W. Schaaf Road, celebrated 70 years of service to Old Brooklyn on Thursday, June 22nd with a splash of rain, generous helpings of food and prizes, and a glass of champagne. Many long-time customers—along with Cleveland Councilman Brian Cummins and Mayor Mike Procuik from neighboring Brooklyn Heights—gathered together under weather-resistant tents to mark the company's milestone.

Started in 1936 by brothers Albert R. Kehoe, Sr. and Thomas C. Kehoe, Sr., Kehoe Brothers Printing has certainly grown since its

inception. The business began as little more than a hobby in the basement of the family home on Archwood Avenue. As business expanded, so did the size of the shop; the company moved from its original Archwood location to its current Schaaf Road location after only two years.

Along with the expansion of the business came additions to the family. Albert, Sr. and his wife, Elizabeth, kept the family business alive through their sons. When Tom, Sr. opted to become a permanent part of the family business, his wife, Cindy, established her own typesetting business.

With the addition of Tom, Jr. and Pam, Tom, Sr. decided to expand the company in order to support his growing family. He updated the business through the introduction of the offset press, replacing the outdated letterpress. Business boomed as a result.

Though the introduction of desktop computers and copiers has put many independent typesetters out of business, the skills reputation, and personal service of Kehoe Brothers printing has kept the family business going strong for three generations.

“Business has been changing dramatically and we've been changing with it,” Tom Kehoe, Sr. said. “We've invested heavily in technolo-



Photo by George Shuba

Mayor Michael S. Procuik presents Tom Kehoe, Sr. & Tom Kehoe, Jr. with a proclamation for 70 years of service.

gy over the years and we are constantly upgrading our software and systems.”

Over the years the company has made quite an imprint on the Old Brooklyn community. The family business has spanned three generations and is now looking to the fourth through Tom, Jr.'s sons, Nathan and Garrett (with another, Ethan, on the way) to continue the family tradition for another 70 years.



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by Susan Nieves

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

Art Display - thru Aug. 31, 9 am - 5 pm. Enjoy a free art exhibit representing Old Woman Creek, a Lake Erie estuary. Read about the legends & ecology of the area.

Cart Tours - Fri., Jul. 7, & Fri., Jul. 14, 10:30 am or noon. Free one-hour tour of Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation in a seven-passenger golf cart. Call to register.

Kids Crafts - Fri., Jul. 7, & Thurs., Jul. 13, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm. Free nature craft project led by Naturalist Debra Shankland. Ages 7 & up. Call to register.

Sunset Concert - Wed., Jul. 28, 8 pm. Bring a lawn chair to this free event. Enjoy Blues music performed by the Alan Greene Band. Concert moves indoors if it rains.

Summerkids Series - Educational program throughout summer. Dates, times, ages & topics vary. Call for info. or to register.

Garfield Park Reservation - off Broadway & Mill Creek Lane, 216-341-3152

"BugFest" Bug Recycled Art Contest - Use recyclable materials - empty egg cartons, soft drink cans, bottles & paper - to create bug art. Entries accepted Jul. 13 - Aug. 2, 9:30 am - 5 pm. Adult & child (18 & younger) categories. All entries will be displayed at "BugFest" on Sat., Aug. 12th, at Garfield Park Nature Center. Call for more info.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

Wildlife Way, 216-661-6500

Animals in Art: Clay Creatures - thru Aug. 13, 10 am - 5 pm in the Zoo's Exhibit Hall. Features seven ceramic sculptures from Cleveland Museum of Art & eight Zoo-owned ceramic tiles. Free with regular Zoo admission.

Dr. ZooLittle's Wild Animal Show - thru Labor Day. Shows performed daily at 11:30 am, 1:30 & 3:30 pm at the Amphitheater. Interactive show includes human actors, birds, mammals & reptiles. Free with regular Zoo admission.

Butterfly Magic - thru Labor Day. Featuring tropical butterflies that flutter freely amid the plants & flowers in the Zoo's Public Greenhouse. Free with regular Zoo admission.

New Exhibit - TOUCH - Amazing Rays & Sharks - thru Labor Day, 10 am - 5 pm. Located at Savanna Ridge, TOUCH! offers an opportunity for visitors to reach in & feel the smooth skin of stingrays. Get closer than ever to small sharks. Learn about the marine life found around the world & how to conserve these animals' habitats. Zoo members, free; otherwise, \$1 additional admission per person.

"ZooBlooms" - Sun. Jul. 9, 10 am - 4 pm. Horticultural event showcasing the zoo's 168 acres of award winning gardens. Learn gardening tips from Zoo horticulturists & Master Gardeners from OSU Extension Office. Crafts at the Picnic Pavilion. Free with regular Zoo admission.

Cleveland Public Library - Brooklyn, South Brooklyn & Fulton Branches

Summer Trek through Africa - READ! - Mon., Jun. 12, - Sat., Aug. 19. Fun weekly summer reading program. Special events & prizes. Free. Call South Brooklyn, 216-623-7067; Fulton, 216-623-6969; or Brooklyn, 216-623-6920, for more info.

Cleveland Public Library
3706 Pearl Rd., 216-623-6920

Summer Movie - Wed. Jul. 5, 11 am - 12:30 pm or Thurs. Jul. 6, 4 - 5 pm. Movie - The Lion King. Door prizes & snacks.

Magic Show - Tues. Jul. 11, 2:30 - 3:30 pm. Ronald McDonald magic show.

African Folktales - Fri. Jul. 14, 21, 28, & Aug. 4, 10:30 - 11:30 am. Pre-schoolers/caregivers listen to great African folktales. Book credits & door prizes.

King Tut - Thurs. Jul. 20, 5 - 6 pm. Learn about King Tut & tour the African Kingdoms. Earn book credit & book bucks.

Cuyahoga County Public Library
4480 Ridge Rd., 216-398-4600

Puppet Show - Fri. Jul. 14, 2 pm. Call to register for *The Princess and the Pea* Puppet Show. All ages welcome.

Rhythm Culture - Thurs. Aug. 3, 7 pm. Sing, dance & play hand drums from around the world. Registration required. All ages.

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.

Flag from front page

personal affront that the pole was not being used for its intended purpose (i.e., that a United States flag was not flying atop).

With typical Workman tenacity, he began working on correcting that intolerable situation. In time, and on his own initiative, he helped make arrangements with a local steeple-jack company to relocate the pole to another part of the garden. He also donated a national flag, an Ohio flag and a POW/MIA flag that will be flown from the pole from time to time.

The flags were initially hoisted up the repositioned pole on, most appropriately, Flag Day, June 14, 2006.

The Benjamin Franklin gardeners who are veterans, some from World War II and others from subsequent conflicts, have voiced their unanimous approval and some have contributed generously. Most notable was a donation from the 37th Division Veterans Association. Benjamin Franklin Community

Garden gardeners John Jenkins, Colonel USA (Ret); Bill Smith, Command Sergeant Major USA (Ret); and Ross Nigro, Master Sergeant USA (Ret) are all members of the 37th Division Association and on the executive board of the organization.

The 37th Division Veterans Association is a group that was formed to honor the now disbanded Ohio National Guard Unit. The division was activated and served with distinction in WWI, WWII and Korea. Seven members of the Unit were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for their WWII service.

Anyone who sees the flag unfurled will no doubt appreciate the combined efforts of the veterans, Don Workman, Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (which paid a large part of the cost of moving and repositioning the flag pole) and all the others who aided in the successful completion of this project.



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Chair Exercise - Tues., 11:30 am, The Schwab Center. Thurs., 10:30 am, Estabrook.

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Monday, July 10th - Friday, July 14th Vacation Bible School

Lowe Park (between Oak Park & W 25th St). Hosted by Old Brooklyn Lighthouse Fellowship. 6 - 8 pm. Children who've graduated from kindergarten thru 6th grade welcome to attend. Registration starts Mon., July 10th, 5:30 pm, or call April Farris, 216-661-5818, for pre-registration or more info.

Monday, July 10th - Friday, July 14th Vacation Bible School

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd. 6:15 - 9 pm downstairs. Light supper at 5:45pm - children, free; adults, \$2. Then classes with different learning centers - games, snacks, crafts for everyone. Theme is Son Treasure Island; learn more about God's amazing love. Call church office, 351-6499, to register.

Wednesday, July 12 Theology on Tap

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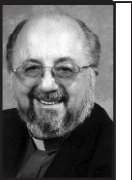
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As I see it...

by
Pastor Jerry



Finally summer is here! As you pack your bags and head for that favorite vacation spot, be sure to include your swimsuit and other appropriate items. How disappointing to get there and find you have packed the wrong stuff!

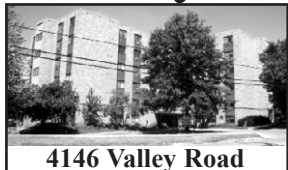
Many people suffer from problems that result from carrying "old baggage" throughout life. Are you one of them? Hurtful events that happened yesterday or yesteryear weigh us down to the point where it becomes unbearable. If you find yourself burdened by such baggage, it's time to unpack! Hand it over to God; choose to forgive those who caused it. As you shed that baggage, burdens are lifted and life becomes much lighter. It's not easy to do, for we love to hang on to the past. We get all caught up in remembering and bearing grudges. God doesn't! Your past is forgiven. Let it go! Live in the freedom that God offers to each of us every day.

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Pastor: Fr. LeRoy J. Moreeuw, C.P.P.S.
Masses: Sat. 4:30 pm., Sun., 8:30 & 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: Sat. 4 pm. Sun., 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: Fr. Russell Lowe
1st Friday of the Month: Communion Service 7pm
Weekday Mass, 9 am Mon. & Wed. Masses: Sat. 4:30 pm, Sunday 10 am

SPIRITUALIST

Circle of Inner Light Church

4815 Broadview Rd., Phone: 398-7743
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A New Christianity
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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
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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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2607 Archwood Ave., Phone: 216-459-1450
Rev. Jennifer Brown Steinfurth, Pastor
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4200 Pearl Rd., Phone: 661-5642
Pastor: Rev. Julianne Gebbie
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POTENTIAL PLUS!
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POSITIVE CASH FLOW!
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Cleveland \$92,000
HEART OF OLD BROOKLYN!
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24
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Rocky River \$129,900
BEST UNIT IN COMPLEX!
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Cleveland \$124,900
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Fairview Park \$109,900
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QUIET STREET!
3 bedroom Colonial, 1-1/2 baths, new carpeting, hardwood flrs in lrg. eat-in-kitchen. Finished rec-room. Quite cul-de-sac location. Fenced yard

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1st FLOOR BATH!
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