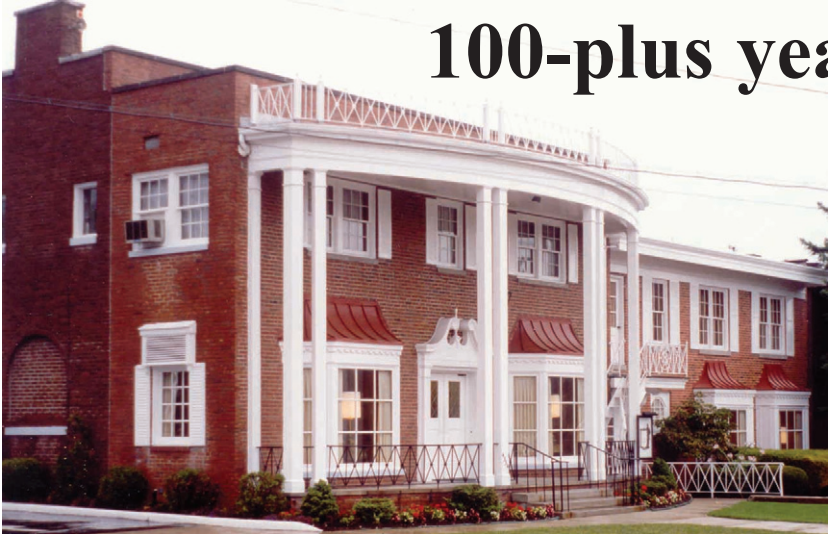


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Busch Funeral and Crematory Services celebrates 100-plus years in Old Brooklyn



OBN photo courtesy of Busch Funeral...

Busch Funeral & Crematory Services, 4334 Pearl Rd., as it appears today.

by Lynette Filips
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When someone lives to be a hundred, they get a lot of attention their centennial year, but nothing by comparison twelve months later.

That won't be the case with Busch Funeral and Crematory Services at 4334 Pearl Road in Old Brooklyn and 7501 Ridge Road in Parma. Somehow we missed the fact that in 2005 they celebrated a one hundred year presence in our community. Better

late than never, we'll take note of their longevity here the year they turn one hundred and one!

The Busch name is one of the earliest in the annals of Old Brooklyn. It dates back to 1840, when people of Germanic descent were beginning to seriously settle in Cleveland. That was the year that Dietrich Busch, his wife, Catherine, and their son, John, came here from Hessen. Land was less expensive south of downtown, and they purchased acreage near the area often

referred to as "the Y", where today's State Road (formerly W. 35th Street) veers off Pearl Road. Their homestead was where Colburn Avenue meets State Road.

Within just a couple of years after settling in Brooklyn Township, Catherine also gave birth to two girls, Catherine and Rachel, but unfortunately, she died in 1843, leaving three small children. It is from son John's line that the Busch funeral business descended.

Dietrich lived another nineteen years after his wife's death, operating a large dairy farm and selling lumber and hay in downtown Cleveland. He also acquired four additional parcels of land in Brooklyn Township which Frank Libel recorded in a 1959 article in *The Southwest Press* as being located: (1) "just north of where the Belt Line (railroad) was to be...at the location where the Masonic Temple is now on W. 35th Street..." (i.e., on the west side of State Road, north of I-480); (2) "at Memphis and about where W. 60th is now..."; (3) "where Brooklyn Ave. later was cut in... to our present W. 45th St..."; and (4) "a pie-shaped triangle from the present car barns north into the Y at Pearl and State."

John, who was only twenty-five when his father died, then acquired and managed the family property. He lived to be 79, and by the time he died in 1917, had witnessed a lifetime of improvements to, and then changes in, the family's farmland. The first additional property was never more than a fenced-in pasture, and the second, fields for growing corn, other grains and hay. But the third parcel, besides being an apple orchard, had a large storage barn on it. And the fourth



Two generations of Busch funeral directors, sons (left) Mark & (right) Jim and their dad, John.

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Brooklyn Master Plan's proposed changes exciting for Old Brooklyn neighborhood, too

by Sheila Long

Big things are afoot in Brooklyn. The Brooklyn Master Plan, being developed by the City of Brooklyn and the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, will significantly impact two shared borders with Old Brooklyn. The 296-page plan, currently in the process of public review, advocates exciting developments at the intersection of Ridge and Memphis Roads and in the Clinton/Ridge Road area.

The primary and most far-reaching development in the plan is the creation of a mixed-use Main Street/City Center that will stretch along Memphis Avenue from Ridge Road to Rodoan Road. That will be a bold new direction for Brooklyn as it moves to create a small-town Main Street surrounding its current civic and recreational facilities.

"The vision is that of a cozy, downtown Chagrin Falls or Niagara-on-the-Lake," said Brooklyn Mayor Kenneth Patton, "-- islands in the middle of Memphis with flowers and

trees, underground utilities with old-fashioned lamp posts, and a general mixed-use of the street for smaller stores, perhaps with upstairs apartments or lofts and maybe even townhouses. We are looking to develop a character or charm to the area within walking distance of City Hall, our senior services center and our recreation center that has a small town atmosphere."

This "small town" development vision is somewhat of a departure from Brooklyn's development efforts over the past decade. The "Big Box" stores along Brookpark Road and the retail development at Ridge Park Square and along Tiedeman Road catered to large, national chains as the primary business and restaurant presence in Brooklyn.

In contrast to the previous developments where chain retail establishments are set back and separated from the street by expansive, impersonal parking lots, the

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Old Brooklyn CDC's to consolidate services; first in Cleveland across ward boundaries

by Lisa Casini

The consolidation of Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) and Old Brooklyn Neighborhood Services (OBNS), proposed jointly by Ward 15 Councilman Brian Cummins and Ward 16 Councilman Kevin Kelley, was ratified by trustees from both agencies in early February.

The CDC consolidation effort also received support from the City of Cleveland's Community and Economic Development Departments, the City Planning Commission, and administrators at the Cleveland Neighborhood Development Coalition and Neighborhood Progress, Inc.

The consolidation of services, is slated to officially start by the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1, 2006. A new office location is also in the works, with several sites under consideration.

Both council reps are working with a consolidation committee created by OBCDC and OBNS to lay out the details leading up to the targeted consolidation date. The unified CDC will expand and strengthen neighborhood programs and services for Wards 15 and 16, areas that combined include nearly 50,000 residents. It will become the first CDC in Cleveland's history to extend across ward lines.

In existence in the Old Brooklyn com-

munity for three decades, OBCDC has served as the primary provider of residential and commercial services in Ward 15 for approximately six years. OBNS has provided the same services in Ward 16 for approximately three years.

Since the challenges facing the entire Old Brooklyn community are not confined by ward borders, the proposal promises to create a stronger, centralized CDC that will bolster programs and services and eliminate duplication of efforts.

Both councilmen expressed their enthusiasm for the consolidation, stating that an organization that transcends political boundaries will be a more effective and unifying force throughout Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre and portions of the Clark-Metro and Stockyards neighborhoods. The consolidated CDC will be funded equally by both wards.

The proposal gained momentum as a result of continued cuts in federal funding of Community Development Block Grants. "Consolidating the CDC will leverage funding and resources and will provide constituents with the best services possible," said Councilman Cummins.

Councilman Kelley noted that an expanded CDC will be more effective in addressing issues that extend throughout

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Local ferrets on the hunt for new home

by Sheila Long

A unique population may be leaving Old Brooklyn for Parma. Some 50 ferrets, currently housed in the home of Jean Caputo-Lee on Bucyrus Avenue in Old Brooklyn, may have found new digs up the street in our neighboring suburb.

Jean, the director and founder of the non-profit ferret shelter, Ferrets Unlimited, has been actively looking for space over the past year to more adequately house and care for her growing population of furry friends.

"I had really hoped to stay in Old Brooklyn, but the buildings I have looked at so far simply needed too much work to accommodate the special needs of ferrets," Jean said. "A friend of Ferrets Unlimited who wishes to remain anonymous has offered to purchase an existing building in Parma, demolish it and rebuild a facility for us."

Jean has been sheltering ferrets for the past twelve years. Ferrets Unlimited is a non-profit 501(c) (3) and has an impressive web site and a mailing list of 19,000 businesses and 25,000 individuals.

"There is no place for ferrets in Northern Ohio," Jean said. The APL (Animal Protective League) will take them in, but they cannot deal with ferrets with special needs which may need rehabilitation before they can be adopted. Cincinnati and Columbus have active shelters, but there is really nothing in northeast Ohio."

The purchase of Ferrets Unlimited's new home is expected to occur in the early spring. Until the deal is finalized Caputo-Lee is cautious about revealing the location of the site, but the vision for the new facility includes temperature-controlled rooms and a quarantine area for injured or diseased ferrets which have been rescued.

Jean is already planning her first capital campaign fundraiser, "Another Brick in the Wall," which will feature performances by local bands and musical ferret owners. It is tentatively scheduled for late June at the Hard Rock Cafe in downtown Cleveland.

An animal rescuer since her pre-teen years, Jean recalls, "I was always the kid who brought home the bird with broken wings or the stray cat.



OBN photo by George Shuba
Jean Caputo-Lee waiting for a kiss from one of her orphaned ferrets, "Digger".

At twelve, rather than doing what normal teens do, I was scrubbing animal cages at my veterinarian's office to pay my vet bills."

Medical bills for Jean's 50+ housemates hover around \$900 per month; food for the animals -- twelve 28-pound bags every three weeks - costs approximately \$5,500 per year.

Jean has a true passion and love for these often misunderstood four-legged pets. "They are often called Mother Nature's clowns. When they are happy, their whole body expresses it; they dance, they jump and they run. They are mischievous and curious and they make you laugh," she said.

Ferrets have been around for nearly 2500 years and were primarily used as hunters of rabbits and rodents -- thus the term "ferret out." Ferrets were used to lay cable for Princess Diana's wedding. As domestic animals, they predate the cat by some 500 years. They are the third most popular pet, following dogs and cats, and have an average life span of twelve years.

For further information, to donate or to volunteer, call Jean at 216-749-3885 or visit her web site at ferritsunlimited@sbcglobal.net.

Ward 15 & Ward 16 from front page- both wards. "The consolidation just makes sense. The consolidated CDC will be better equipped to handle issues that exist in both wards and will also focus on challenges, whether residential or commercial, which are pervasive in specific areas, such as housing and quality of life issues," he stated.

OBCDC Board President Maribeth Feke and OBNS Board President Anthony Petti also conveyed their enthusiasm for the consolidation.

"This will be really good for the citizens. We (residents) don't distinguish between wards. Now residents can call on the same agency for services and support. With the consolidation of both boards and a combined staff, housing and commercial programs will be stronger, services will be more efficient, and resources will be greater.

"This is a unified effort and will be the first CDC to provided services to two entire wards. Everyone is on board, and this will be great for the community," Maribeth said.

Both Maribeth and Anthony stated that one of the "treasures of the neighborhood," the *Old Brooklyn News*, established twenty-eight years ago by the OBCDC, will remain as a significant vehicle of communication throughout both wards.

"The Old Brooklyn News staff is invaluable. The paper has consistently and effectively covered issues and events relevant to both wards and it will remain as a vital resource for the community," Maribeth stated.

Anthony agreed that the *Old Brooklyn News* will continue to serve as a significant voice for the neighborhood. "The *Old Brooklyn News* is a great resource that provides information on a community level. Plans are to keep it active and possibly even independent of the CDC."

Anthony's remarks also echoed the power in unity sentiment that seemingly defines this endeavor, and cited the Tremont and Ohio City neighborhoods as an example of a neighborhood unified by the same strengths and weaknesses, yet separated by ward boundaries.

"The consolidation is a great idea. Old Brooklyn is one neighborhood, politically

broken up between two wards. This new organization, created on a larger scale to serve a larger population, will operate and serve constituents equally," he said.

According to Anthony, plans for the consolidated CDC include the retention of most of the existing programs, the upgrade and redesign of some programs, and the addition of new programs and additional staff. "We hope that by becoming a larger, more prolific organization, the CDC can obtain funding and grants that were previously out of reach," he said.

Jay Gardner, who replaced Brian Cummins last spring as OBCDC's executive director, also expressed his support for the consolidation. "We already have a unified neighborhood that's divided by services. Combining both organizations will lead to a higher level of services with greater efficiency for folks in both wards," he stated.

According to both councilmen, the consolidated CDC will have a vital role in several major projects, including the planning and re-use of the Memphis School site; the completion of a master plan for both wards; the Lower Big Creek Restoration and Redevelopment Plan; the Treadway Creek Restoration Project; and, several historic, mixed-use, building restoration projects that are already underway.

Both Cummins and Kelley stressed that neighborhood-level projects and services would be a major component of the consolidated CDC, including continuing and building upon existing services in housing development and rehab, code enforcement, addressing safety concerns, community outreach and mediation, commercial and economic development; and green space preservation and recreational development.

From elected representatives to neighborhood leaders, everyone involved in the consolidation effort also cited resident participation as a vital factor in the overall well-being of any community.

For more information on the CDC consolidation plan, contact Ward 15 Councilman Brian Cummins at 216-664-4238 or Ward 16 Councilman Kevin Kelley at 216-664-2943.

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Monday, March 6th

Dine & Donate Benefit
Applebee's, 4800 Ridge Rd., 11 am - 10 pm, donating 15% of sales to Brooklyn Animal Shelter. Must bring flyer, which can be picked up at Brooklyn City Hall, 7619 Memphis Ave., Brooklyn Library, 4480 Ridge Rd. & CPL South Brooklyn Branch, 4303 Pearl Rd. Or download one from website, www.brooklynshelter.org. For more info call Shirley, 216-749-4893.

Wednesday, March 8th

Fibromyalgia Support Group
Brookpark Recreation Center, 17400 Holland Rd. Regular meeting, noon - 2 pm, second Wed. of month. For more info call Wendy, 440-572-2232.

Thursday, March 9th

Dine & Donate Benefit
Max and Erma's, 5020 Tiedeman Rd., 11 am - 10 pm, donating 20% of sales to Brooklyn Animal Shelter. Must bring flyer, which can

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Saturday, March 11th

Fulton Rd. Bridge Project Meeting

United Church of Christ, 2800 Archwood Ave. Fellowship Hall, lower level, 2:30 - 4 pm. Discussion to include: effects of demolition blasting on houses & properties; changes in traffic patterns; land seizure; effects on historic-interest areas. Sponsored by Brooklyn Centre Community Association, Councilman Brian Cummins & Save Our Land.

March 15th, 24th - 26th & April 7th - 9th

Lenten Retreat Schedule

**Jesuit Retreat House, 5629 State Rd.
March 15, Falling in Love with Jesus- A Lenten Day Retreat, 9 am - 2:30 pm, with Fr. Peter Colletti, pastor of St. Michael's in Independence. Cost, \$22.**

March 24 - 26, Women's Lenten Weekend Retreat - How I Live My Spirituality. Conducted by a team consisting of Fr. Clem Metzger, S.J., Jean Antonelli & Janet Lehane Cooney. Retreat begins with supper at 6:15 Fri. & ends Sun. morning by 10:30. Cost, \$145. For more info or reservations call, 440-884-9300. Web: jrh-cleveland.org. Email: jrhcleve@att.net

April 7 - 9, Men's Lenten Weekend Retreat - How I Live My Spirituality - Conducted by Fr. Clem Metzger, S.J., Charlie Clemens & Gary Pritts. Retreat begins with supper 6:15 Fri. & ends Sun. morning by 10:30. Cost, \$145. For more info or reservations call, 440-

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Thursday, March 16th

"Scam Protection for Seniors"

East Park Retirement Community, 6360 Elmdale Rd., 2- pm. Detective William Lambert of BrookPark's Police Department addressing how to protect yourself from identity theft, tips on telephone solicitation, question & answer period; tours of continuing campus also available. Refreshments & door prizes. RSVP by March 13th, 216-267-7067.

Saturday, March 18th

Free Health Fair for women of all ages
McCafferty Health Center, 4242 Lorain Rd., 10 am - 2 pm. Clinical breast exams, breast cancer education, mammograms (for women 35- 64 yrs old who are uninsured). Blood pressure screening, glucose, HIV & STD testing, health screenings. Give-aways, food, health info. Contact MetroHealth's Ami Peacock, 216-778-8328 or apeacock@metrohealth.org.

Sunday, March 19th

General Fund Card Party
Sponsored by The Ladies Auxiliary Veterans of Foreign Wars Post # 1974. Post Hall, 4305 Woodrow Ave. Lunch & card playing, 12 - 4 pm. Donation, \$5.

Cemetery Decoration Removal

Lutheran Cemetery, Pearl Rd. Removal of all winter/holiday flowers/decorations began March 1. Spring/summer decorations can be placed starting March 10.

St. Leo Preschool Registration

Registration for St. Leo Preschool began Feb. 2 at the preschool, located in the parish Community Center, 4940 Broadview Rd. \$50 nonrefundable fee & a copy of the child's birth certificate are required at time of registration. The preschool offers programs for skill development & kindergarten readiness for three & four year old children. Children who are four years old by Sept. 30 attend classes Mon., Wed. & Fri. Children who are three years old by Sept. 30 attend classes Tues. & Thur. Class times are 8:15-10:45 am or 11:55 am-2:25 pm. For more info, call Jeanne Sabol, 216-661-5330.

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The Historical Society of Old Brooklyn, Fri., Mar. 10, 7:30 pm, Pearl Road United Methodist Church, 4200 Pearl Rd. (Use rear entrance off parking lot.) Ann Sindelar, head librarian at the Western Reserve Historical Society, speaking about genealogical resources available to family historians there, including sample census entries from Old Brooklyn. Call president Louise Evans, 661-4103, with any questions.

Brooklyn Laurel Garden Club, Tues., March 14, 7:30 pm. Brooklyn Senior Community Center. Designer Karen Viancourt demonstrating fresh flower arrangements for holiday celebrations.

Brooklyn Genealogy Club meeting, Sun., Mar. 19, 2 pm, Brooklyn branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 4480 Ridge Rd. Tom Edwards of Cleveland Public Library's map department speaking about "Maps, Atlases, Gazetteers: the Importance of Location, Location, Location." Refreshments served; prospective members welcome.

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

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Brooklyn Master Plan from front page
Main Street development promotes a holistic, mixed-use strategy that brings businesses closer to the street and creates more of a neighborhood feel.

The Brooklyn Master Plan will also impact the Ridge and Clinton Road district that shares interests and borders with the Old Brooklyn and Stockyard neighborhoods of Cleveland. The goal of this section of the plan is to increase the robustness of this industrial corridor. (There are 59 buildings along Clinton Road on 209 acres of land.)

The primary focus of the Clinton Road

industrial strategy is the redevelopment of the Weston property. The former Terex building, Weston sits on 58 acres and contains 852,630 square feet of flooring. Currently, the building is utilized by multiple business tenants and is 30 percent vacant.

Three possible uses for the Weston property that are being studied include the development of a light industrial park, a trucking terminal, and a research and development office facility. All three have the potential to bring jobs to the area.

An additional aspect of the Clinton Road strategy involves the rerouting of trucking traffic. The Plan advocates the creation of a new access road that will travel along the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks and connect to the current I-71 on-ramp off Denison Avenue west of Fulton Road.

"We have been working with ODOT, NOACA and the Kent State University Urban Design Center in developing a plan for the northern Ridge Road corridor that will ultimately reduce traffic congestion and, ideally, will improve access to the freeway for future industrial employers along Clinton Road," Mayor Patton said.

The Brooklyn Master Plan may be viewed on-line at planning.co.cuyahoga.oh.us. Comments and recommendations are encouraged on the web site.

Busch Funeral from front page

additional plot, the most valuable, had two fine homes, a horse barn, a cattle barn, other outbuildings for equipment and wagons, and a water tower with a windmill which pumped water from a well on the property (in addition to the vegetable garden, berry patch, grape arbor and pasture).

John Busch ultimately sold most of the family property, some of which went for the development of streets like Woburn, Spokane, Brooklyn and Henritze Avenues. (The original Busch homestead on W.35th Street/State Road at Colburn Avenue lasted until 1931, when a gas station took its place.)

John and his wife, the former Helen Braun, had five children – Gustav H., John H., Louis, Emma and Clara. The generation of John and Helen's grandchildren includes Busch names which old-time Old Brooklyn residents will recognize — Ollie Busch, son of Louis Busch, who operated Busch Pharmacy on Broadway Road; George Busch, another of Louis' sons, who was a longtime mayor of Parma Heights and an executive of the Schaaf Road Coal Company; and Harold and Roy Busch, John's sons, who were bankers.

It is the Gustav Busch line, though, about which this article is concerned, because it was Gustav who started the funeral business. Gustav had worked at the Mather Funeral Association (we wrote about it when we discussed the former Mather Airport on Ridge Road) for a few years before he and William Rehburg founded Rehburg-Busch Furniture, Hardware & Undertaking in South Brooklyn in 1905. Located at 4163 Pearl Road (where Gildor Furniture is today), the funeral supplies were in the rear of the store. For furniture makers to offer embalming services was a "natural", because it was furniture makers who built the caskets.

Gustav Busch also offered Brooklyn residents horse-drawn ambulance service, the first in South Brooklyn available around the clock. The ambulances carried the sick and injured to local hospitals, in addition to providing after-death services. In 1914, Gustav replaced his horse-drawn ambulances with automobiles.

Gustav and his wife, the former Marie Buhl, had two children – J. Milton and Esther. In 1920, Milton joined his father at Rehburg-Busch. Five years later they moved the business to 4334 Pearl Road (its present location at the corner of Brooklyn Avenue), renaming it G. H. Busch and Son, Inc. – Funeral Directors. When the Busch family built their new facility, it was the first of its day in this area which was constructed specifically for use as a funeral



Rehburg-Busch Furniture, Hardware & Undertaking, 4163 Pearl Rd., approximately 100 years ago.

parlor (rather than being a home which had been converted for funeral use). After Gustav's death in 1933, Milton Busch operated the funeral home himself.

Milton and his wife, the former Dorothy Gerhan, had two children, John and Mary Ann. When John graduated from college in 1955, he joined his dad at the funeral home.

Milton died in 1960, at which time John assumed the reins of the family business. Almost immediately he changed its name to Busch Funeral Service, and in 1969 he opened the Busch family's second funeral home, the one in Parma. In 1988 John added a crematory to the Parma facility.

John and his wife, the former Marcene Werner, have four children – Julie Ann, J. Mark, Catherine, and Jim. After graduating from college, Mark and Jim, too, became funeral directors, and since 1990, they have co-owned what is now called Busch Funeral and Crematory Services. John Busch, however, is still actively involved in day to day operations.

Mark and his wife, the former Julie Marie Votteler, have two children – Jordan and Marissa. Jim and his wife, the former Becky Burlmeister, have three children – Hannah, Sarah and Jacob.

Recent innovations at the Busch funeral homes of which the family is particularly proud are: their web site (www.buschfuneral.com) with includes, among other things, online obituaries; their regularly scheduled grief support sessions; their DVD tributes with family photos and music which can be played during visitation and services; and, at the Parma facility, their capability of offering guests the opportunity to record memories of the deceased at a booth located in the hallway.

Since the first two generations of the Busch family farmed in Brooklyn Township, four more generations have attended to the funeral needs of our community these past one hundred and one years. Will there be a fifth generation? Only time will tell, but it surely seems like a family affair. Either way, one thing is certain – that the Busch name has been firmly established in Old Brooklyn and Parma (and at the other Busch locations in Lakewood, Fairview Park, Avon, Avon Lake and Elyria, too.)

Schaaf Road Bridge Closure

W. Schaaf Rd from Hinckley Industrial Parkway to Tuxedo Avenue will close to all traffic on Mon., March 6th and will remain closed until early Nov., 2006. Detour signs will be posted throughout the course of this closure.

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As I see it...

by **Pastor Jerry**

When the spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth. John 16:13, N.R.S.V.

Perhaps you've heard this story about the famous liberal theologian and professor, Karl Barth. After a speech he had given there was a question and answer session with the audience. One person raised a hand and asked what was the greatest truth he had ever learned in life. Barth looked thoughtful, then finally raised a finger while the crowd hushed. He answered softly, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." -- the words of a simple hymn most of us learned in Sunday school, words that provided us with a sense of security many times.

Sometimes the truth is actually very simple, no matter how much we try to complicate it.

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



As the late winter winds whistle around our windows, the stack of letters and news releases for this Town Crier column gets higher and higher. And so, contrary to what we said last month, we'll forego focusing on additional caring organizations in March, and catch up on some community news instead.

Changes in clergy and staff at neighborhood churches and schools have been major topics in this column since last summer, and we've learned that there are still more to report. You may have already read the congratulatory ad/article which **Parma Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 5280 Broadview Road, sponsored about its new pastor in last month's OBN, but we want to give him Town Crier coverage, too. (Although it's not in Old Brooklyn, the church belongs to the Greater Brooklyn Ministerial Association, so it's appropriate for us to publicize what's happening there.)

Rev. Donald E. Frantz, II was installed as the pastor of Parma Evangelical Lutheran Church on November 27. He came to the congregation after spending ten years as senior pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Wilmington, Ohio. The Wilmington church was actually Rev. Frantz's first assignment because he is a "second-career pastor", having been ordained in 1995.

Rev. Frantz and his wife, Susan, are the parents of four daughters, two of whom are on their own, and two of whom still reside at the family home in Parma when they're not away at college.

After a long search, **Brooklyn Heights United Church of Christ (BHUCC)**, 2005 W. Schaaf Road, will also be getting a new pastor on the nineteenth of this month. **Rev. Lee Holliday** will be coming to the congrega-

tion from St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran Church on Lake Avenue in Cleveland.

Rev. Dr. Holliday actually has roots in the Presbyterian denomination, and all the other churches at which he's served (in Oregon, Louisiana, Akron and Cleveland) since his ordination in 1987 have been in that tradition. He was born and raised in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and earned his Doctor of Divinity degree from Columbia University the same year he was ordained.

Rev. Holliday and his wife, Michelle, are the parents of three school-age children — two girls and one boy. The family lives in Parma. Rev. Holliday will be formally installed at BHUCC sometime after Easter.

Moving on to student news, last May **Deirdre Zieminski** of South Hills Drive received a Master of Public Administration degree, with an emphasis in hospital administration, from Cleveland State University (CSU). Deirdre is a Nurse Manager in the hospital section of MetroHealth Medical Center, and through a unique program which CSU has with MetroHealth, she was able to take all but one of her courses in the evenings right at Metro.

Ohio State University has informed us that at its December 11, 2005 commencement exercise, **John Giachetti** of Brooklyn received a Master of Business degree and **Lauren Krupar** of Cleveland received a Bachelor of Science in Education degree.

Old Brooklyn students at John Carroll University (JCU) are obviously thriving academically, because when the grades were tallied at the end of fall quarter, seventeen of them were on the dean's list. Don't universally apply what you read in the Plain Dealer about partying at JCU! These students all had at least a 3.5 grade point average last semester: **Chester Banaszak, Melissa Coleman, Allison Dusenbury, Annamae Heiman, Kathryn Kasych, Linda Kawentel, Kevin Keough, Justin Krocek, Jonathan Krol, Sherry Magrey, Randy Malames, Nicholas Mercurio, Paul Miller, Andrew Summerson, Richard Svoboda, Natalie Timm and Jordon Tran.**

Not everyone goes onto college after high school. Some, like **Jeremy Rath** of Walbrook Avenue, try to make it in show business. Six years ago this month, Jeremy and a "rival" dancer organized a pop, hip-hop dance group which they named **Added FX**.

Since that time we've periodically reported some of their successes in this column, and recently we heard that they've chalked up a few more —

Last July, **Added FX** released a CD called "I Ain't Ready", clips of which can be heard at www.myspace.com/jrathafx. The group also has a website, www.addedfx.com.

The Saturday after Thanksgiving, **Added FX** performed in the rock show accompanying Cleveland's Christmas lighting ceremony at Tower City, and on New Year's Eve, they performed in the halftime show at the Cleveland Cavaliers' game.

The group is now comprised of four, very talented (judging from what I read online after doing a web search on the group) young men who are nationally recognized for

the quality of their original songs, innovative choreography and precise movement. Jeremy has even been interviewed by MTV! He has been teaching hip-hop lessons at Carol Landis' studio in Mayfield Heights, but will soon begin his own classes at a studio on Rockside Road. Email jeremyrath@aol.com for more information about them.

We still want to feature more nearby caring organizations in this column, so we'll probably return — at least in part — to that theme next month. We welcome your submissions about both those establishments and/or news about someone living in our community.

Send them to: Lynette Filips, the Town Crier, c/o the Old Brooklyn News, 3344 Broadview Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44109.

Steelyard Commons on track for spring, 2007 grand opening

The signs of progress are unmistakable on the future site of Steelyard Commons, the largest open-air retail center ever to be built in Cuyahoga County. Demolition is complete, the land has been cleared, and the installation of utilities -- water, gas and electricity -- has begun. By early summer, the first buildings will emerge from the ground.

After five and a half years as a real estate attorney, **First Interstate Properties'** president, **Mitchell Schneider**, became increasingly frustrated at what he calls the "unwillingness" of developers to consider the long-term impacts their developments might have on the communities in which they build. In 1989, he set out to establish a company based upon the principles of integrity, dedication to quality work, quality relationships and uncompromised values - with a focus on impact issues and problems that may arise out of potential projects.

Today, **First Interstate** has developed ten retail and industrial projects throughout northeast Ohio including Avon Commons, Willoughby Commons and Legacy Village. **Steelyard Commons**, currently expected to be equal in size to Avon Commons, is a 125-acre, \$120 million retail complex in the heart of downtown Cleveland. Projected to generate 1,800 jobs, a \$40 million annual payroll and \$3 million annually in property taxes,

Steelyard Commons will directly support Cleveland Public Schools and neighborhood services (e.g., police, fire, parks and recreation).

"The impacts of Steelyard Commons are undeniable," states Schneider. "The project will offer convenient daily access to popular retail stores typically found only in the suburbs for 320,000 Cleveland residents, as well as provide an economic catalyst for further development in the surrounding neighborhoods. This project will give back to the community."

In addition to retail opportunities, **First Interstate Properties** has also agreed to build more than one mile of the Towpath Trail through Steelyard Commons at a cost of one million dollars. This extension of the Towpath, a 100-mile mixed-use trail that runs from Akron to Cleveland, will provide bikers and pedestrians with additional attractions during their expeditions on the trail, including an educational display housing interpretive steel artifacts, public art and other amenities.

Currently Steelyard Commons is in the early phases of construction, but it's on course for completion by spring, 2007. For more information on Steelyard Commons, visit www.steelyardcommons.com.



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By Tom Collins
tomc@oldbrooklyn.com

Jim Roosa is an attorney who manages his law practice from the old firehouse on Pearl Road in Brooklyn Centre. From time to time he sends me pertinent information pertaining to small business management issues. It generally comes from a professional news letter titled "The General Counsel".

While a newsletter is no substitute for direct discussion with an attorney, it can educate a business owner about legal issues important to the operation of the business.

In early February Mr. Roosa forwarded an electronic issue of the newsletter pertaining to estate planning. The planning premise is that the death of a principal in a company should not lead to the death of the company.

That seems to be a pretty sound principle. The article explained three basic legal documents that are necessary for the well-being of a business in the event that the owner or senior manager is incapacitated or deceased.

If you have not prepared for this possibility in your business management plan, then

you should meet with your legal counsel to do so. There are also non-legal issues that small business owners should recognize in preparing a business to continue after the loss of the owner-operator.

Good employees need a structure and a thorough knowledge of all aspects of the business to be able to operate it if the owner becomes temporarily or permanently separated from the day-to-day operations.

How inventory is managed, how the bills are paid and how the accounts receivables are managed often is the knowledge of only the owner-operator or perhaps a member of the family who is not part of the day-to-day operations. Unless someone can manage a business during the crisis, the business will quickly deteriorate as customers move to new suppliers.

Thorough planning will reduce the impact of the loss of an owner-operator, maintain the value of the company, and allow the estate beneficiaries to determine the future of the business in an orderly manner.

Postponing discussions and planning about this issue is like neglecting to lock the door when the business is closed. Meet with your attorney and accountant; learn what you need legally, financially; and prepare your most trusted employee to operate the business in your absence.

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Facing the challenge of abandoned properties: Part II

by The Honorable Raymond Pianka
Cleveland Municipal Housing Court Judge

Last month we printed part one of a two-part series written by Cleveland Municipal Housing Division Judge Raymond Pianka. In this issue, Judge Pianka finishes the series discussing prevention and solutions to Cleveland's abandoned housing problem.

Over the past few decades, Cleveland has taken many innovative steps to address these [their internal] problems to rebuild the city. Cleveland established the first land bank in 1976, which received national acclaim. (1) Its strong network of CDCs [Community Development Corporations] and their integral part in Cleveland's revitalization led to the establishment of the first Housing Court in Ohio. An innovative state statute allows a neighbor, the city, or a non-profit to take action against a nuisance property. (2) The Spot Blight Ordinance allows the city to take possession of a nuisance property when the owner fails to act. (3, 4)

The Crossroads report [discussed in part one, in the February OBN] found that both a significant effort to use existing tools, and a cohesive effort at implementation of a specific strategy must be undertaken, to prevent abandonment of properties, and to move already-abandoned premises to beneficial ownership.

A logical first step in the process would be an inventory by the City identifying property that is vacant, boarded, abandoned, in foreclosure, condemned, or slated for demolition. This inventory would permit City officials and others to determine the resources needed, and the scope of effort to be supplied, in addressing this issue.

A property inventory also would assist in the creation and implementation of an early-warning system, another recommendation in the Crossroads report. The report outlines the need to make early efforts to prevent abandon-

ment by determining what properties show the initial signs of pending abandonment, such as a foreclosure filing, utility shut off, extensive code violations, or bankruptcy of the owner. The city and the community then must act quickly, while the owner still has multiple options available. Cities such as Philadelphia and Baltimore have utilized such early warning systems to predict and decrease property abandonment. Cleveland needs such a system.

The early warning system is crucial to preventing abandonment by enabling the City and community groups to provide aid and assistance to the property owner at a critical time - while the abandonment of the property may be prevented. That assistance should be made available to every property owner, whether that property owner is an investor or an owner-occupant. Code enforcement is most effective when it is accompanied by education for owners about both preventative maintenance and abating code violations, such as lead paint hazards, and information about loans and other financing options. Training, technical assistance, and mentoring for landlords also is essential. NOAA [Northeastern Ohio Apartment Association] has led the way in this area not only by partnering with the Housing Court in presenting the mini-investment rental owners course ("IROC"), but also by providing mentoring [to] landlords who the Court has identified as "in trouble".

No solution to the abandoned property problem will be complete without the involvement of banks and mortgage companies. Mortgagees have a role in protecting their asset while a foreclosure is pending. However, properties in foreclosure often lapse into a vacuum of responsibility. The property owner may be instructed by the mortgagee to vacate the property; however, the mortgagee may do little - or nothing - to ensure that the property is secure and the exterior maintained.

Once a property has been abandoned, it needs to move quickly through the system to a new owner. The foreclosure process, however, is time consuming, leaving properties in an indeterminate state. A task force recently set up by the County Commissioners may address delays reported by parties in the county foreclosure system. In addition, the Cleveland Housing Court, granted authority under State law to hear foreclosure actions, has developed rules for the adjudication of foreclosures involving property in the Cities of Cleveland and Bratenahl. The use of the Housing Court as an alternative forum may relieve some of the pressure on the overburdened Common Pleas foreclosure process.

A concerted effort is needed to move abandoned properties to beneficial ownership. The city needs to aggressively use its tools to foreclose, acquire by spot blight, or utilize receivership to get the property into productive use. See abandoned properties page 7.

"Old" friends exchange birthday greetings

For about as long as Don Workman has owned Ameriflag, Inc., Joe Cannon has called upon the businessman to help improve the lives of those near and far. Two decades ago, Cannon walked into Ameriflag and asked Workman to help light up the steeple at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. Later, the goal was to provide the needy in Mexico with bedding and Haitians with pencils. Workman directed him to the appropriate local resources, and both efforts succeeded. Since then they have collaborated on numerous other endeavors, notably Cannon's many approaches to raising money for Divine Mercy, a non-profit organization that spreads word of the importance of faith in Christ through a 16' x 32' "Jesus, I Trust in You" banner. In ten years, this banner has been carried in about fifty parades across this country and in Ireland and has been seen by approximately 2.5 million people. Divine Mercy's image of Christ has also been placed on 430 billboards in Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania and Idaho. Cannon is shown here with his latest fund-raising product, a banner that Workman arranged to have printed. Workman, who has owned Ameriflag for 20 years, celebrated his birthday on Feb. 22; Cannon's was on Feb. 26.



Don Workman (left) & Joe Cannon (right)

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OBN photo by Tom Collins

Ten key players in our neighborhood effort to keep on top of building and housing issues pose for a picture after a recent meeting at the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation. They are: (front row, left to right) Judith Pindell, OBCDC Community Organizer & Mediation Specialist; Lori Peterson, OBCDC Residential Program Manager; Debra Zeleny, OBCDC Ward 15 Housing & Building Code Specialist; (back row, left to right) Councilman Brian Cummins; Building and Housing Deputy Director David Cooper; Building and Housing Commissioner of Code Enforcement Tyrone Johnson; Executive Assistant to Councilman Brian Cummins Johanna Hamm; Building and Housing Chief Inspector Kevin Franklin; OBCDC Executive Director Jay Gardner, Building and City of Cleveland Housing Director Edward Rybka. Councilman Cummin's office and the OBCDC Housing Team discussed code enforcement strategies with the City representatives on Wednesday, February 8. The process of photographing, identifying and documenting all vacant, unsecured, abandoned and/or vandalized properties and vacant lots is already underway in Ward 15. If you know of an address which you think meets that criteria, contact the OBCDC office at 216-459-1000 and it will be added to the weekly inspection list.

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use. The city must offer encouragement to those individuals or entities that undertake this effort either through special financing or tax incentives.

There are a number of initiatives underway since the release of the Crossroads report that demonstrate the existence of a high energy level, innovative leadership, and a strong commitment to address the city's vacant and abandoned properties crisis. It is crucial that the momentum continues and the plans for reform are carried into execution. Failure to do so will have severe consequences. We all have a role in preventing abandonment of property and

turning those properties that have been abandoned into opportunities.

1. Legislation in 1988 increased the authority of the Cleveland Land Bank, permitting, among other things, the abatement of property taxes on land held by the bank. Cleveland currently is exploring the creation of an industrial land bank, which may be the first of its kind in the country.
2. R.C. 715.30
3. The spot blight process is specified by local ordinance, in Cleveland, CCO 324. The procedure includes a determination of blight, a public hearing, a legislation determination, and acquisition of the property by the City. The process, if not hampered by delay, may be accomplished in six months or less.
4. For a comprehensive list of Cleveland nuisance abatement tools visit the Housing Court's website at <http://www.clevelandhousingcourt.org/>

Mayor Jackson announces Cityworks Neighborhood Matching Grant Program

Mayor Frank Jackson announced an open invitation to neighborhood organizations to take part in Cleveland's 2006 Cityworks Neighborhood Matching Grant Program.

Cityworks provides small grants of up to \$3,000 to block clubs, street clubs and community-based organizations for neighborhood improvement and community strengthening projects.

Two Cityworks proposal development workshops are scheduled. They will begin promptly at 7 pm on these dates and locations:

Thursday, March 9, Cudell Improvement, Inc., 11650 Detroit Ave., and Thursday, March 16, Harvard Community Services Center, 18240 Harvard Ave.

Proposal forms, submission requirements, information on eligible activities, Cityworks regulations and other program details will be available at the workshops.

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by Lynette Filips
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One of best things about the neighborhood history articles which the *Old Brooklyn News* has been featuring every month for the past sixteen years is the response they generate from our readers. Although we must then take a step or two backward after we receive these communications, they make it possible for us to paint a more complete picture of whatever we're discussing.

Some topics, of course, elicit more comments than others, and our look at the foreign languages which have been/are still being spoken in neighborhood churches is one of them. And so before moving ahead to another ethnic group, we need to step back to both the German and the Polish nationalities which we've already discussed, and add some reader-supplied information about them.



Sacred Heart of Mary Church, which was destroyed by fire in 1907.

When we started this series in December, we mentioned that the population of South Brooklyn/Brighton was largely German. In our reference to **Sacred Heart of Mary Church**, the predecessor of **Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC)**, we theorized that the Irish pastor, Patrick Quigley (1873-1877 and 1879-1885), probably didn't speak German in church.

(When Sacred Heart of Mary Church was established in 1873, it was located on "short"

Broadview Road, between Pearl Road and Brookmere Cemetery. Priests from a variety of backgrounds, including the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), ministered to the Catholics there. But because Brighton was only one of the missions to which they attended – originally on horseback – often they couldn't offer Mass every weekend.)

Then we got an e-mail from John Baird, a lifelong member of Our Lady of Good Counsel. John's mother joined OLGC in 1923 when she moved to our neighborhood.

A fire had destroyed Sacred Heart of Mary church in 1907, and the following year, Roman Catholics in South Brooklyn chose a more central area, OLGC's present location at 4423 Pearl Road, for their new church. The Diocese of Cleveland, in recognition of the high percentage of Germans in the congregation, asked a German-speaking segment of The Society of the Precious Blood to staff the parish. These priests had already been working with German Catholics in the west central part of Ohio since 1844.

From stories he remembers having been told to him by his mother, John Baird was able to share with us that the first pastors and associate pastors at Our Lady of Good Counsel were German, that German was taught in the school, that some prayers and hymns in the school were in German, and that there were also sermons on Sundays in German.

Similar to the recreation center we wrote about last month in conjunction with St. John Cantius Church, Our Lady of Good Counsel also provided an opportunity for its members to socialize at bowling alleys on the parish grounds. (OLGC owned a gas station, too; parishes were much more their own little communities in those days than they are now.)

With the passing of years, though, OLGC in particular and South Brooklyn in general became much less German and much more Eastern European in terms of ethnic character. A 1956 survey cited in the parish's 1973 centennial history book stated that most parishioners were of Polish or Slovak background, with German and Irish being the next most fre-

quent ethnicities, and Hungarian, Greek and Italian also represented.

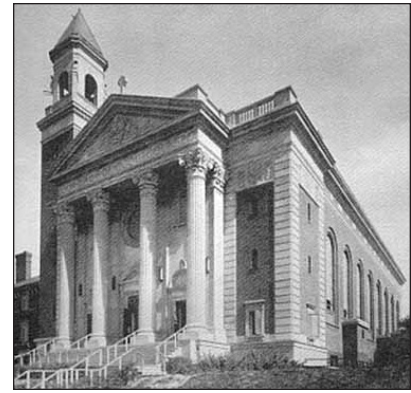
John Baird also addressed OLGC's Polish roots – how, when **Corpus Christi Church** was established in 1935, that parish's first Masses were held in Our Lady of Good Counsel's auditorium. (Actually, in 1931, even before Corpus Christi existed, the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis began teaching Polish language classes at OLGC.)

The Corpus Christi masses at OLGC were in Latin, of course, but the sermons were in Polish. Over the years, some of the Precious Blood priests at OLGC (e.g., Andy Pollock and Ed Zukowski) spoke Polish, too.

Another communication we received also had to do with our February article about Polish churches. JoAnna Sliwinski Hintz noted that except for St. Stanislaus, we hadn't mentioned the other Catholic Polish churches in the Slavic Village area.

While we intended to write mainly about churches in and around Old Brooklyn/Brooklyn/Brooklyn Centre, we don't want to give the impression that the Polish churches we mentioned were the only ones there were. So, without going into great detail about any of them, we'll just mention (1) that **St. Hedwig** –1914 – in Lakewood also has Polish roots; and (2) that the east-side "children" of St. Stanislaus include: **St. Casimir** – 1893; **Sacred Heart of Jesus** –1889; **St. Hyacinth** –1907; **St. Josaphat** – 1908; **St. Mary of Czestochowa** – 1914 (closed in 1996); **St. Peter and Paul** – 1925; and **Transfiguration** – 1943 (closed in 1992). **Immaculate Heart of Mary** – 1894 – had been established as an "American Catholic Church", but decided to align with the Roman Catholic Church in 1908.

We ought also not imply that all churches where Polish people worshipped were Catholic. Although the great majority of Poles are Catholic by ancestry, as early as 1910, a Polish Baptist church was established in today's Slavic Village (in the same church which Transfiguration is today). And circa



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in the 1930s

1980, I recall a Polish church (I'm relatively certain a Polish *Baptist* Church) being located on the northwest corner of W. 11th Street and W. Schaaf Road.

After our article about Polish churches was distributed, we also received an e-mail advising us that the **New Hope Assembly of God** at 4807 State Road conducts worship services in Polish. A call to that church confirms that it is indeed a Polish congregation; the initial segment of their answering machine message begins with "Dzien dobry" (Good morning) and ends with "Dziekuje" (Thank you).

For more information about the *Poles* in Cleveland, read the overview which John Grabowski wrote about them in *The Encyclopedia of Cleveland History*. In addition to being of Polish descent, John was the curator of manuscripts at the Western Reserve Historical Society when he wrote the entry, and also the managing editor of the encyclopedia. An article about the *Germans* in Cleveland, written by John Sinnema of Baldwin-Wallace College, is also available in the same book. Both can be viewed online at <http://ech.cwru.edu/>.

We expect to be moving on to Slovak churches next month, so if you have information you can share about them – or about any other ethnic churches in our neighborhood – please pass it along to us.

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by Tom Sargent

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(OBCDC) which manages the garden. Each plot is approximately 20 by 25 feet (approximately 500 square feet). Water is provided free of charge via standpipes located throughout the garden. Some seeds and plants are also provided free by the City of Cleveland Summer Sprout Program.

Established gardeners will receive applications in mid-March which should be returned to Old Brooklyn Community Development Center by April 15. Applications for new gardeners will be available after April 15.

For additional information, please contact Sandy Worona or Tom Sargent at OBCDC, 216-459-1000.

Upcoming events & volunteer opportunities at Brookside Center this spring & summer

School supply distribution, grades 1-12 (while supplies last). Parent/guardian must have proof of address and immunization records, school records or medical card for each school-aged child.

April 1- Easter EGGstravaganza at Archwood UCC, ages 0-12 with parent or guardian. Sign-up March 1 - 27 at Brookside Center. No walk-ins on day of event.

June 12-16- "Neighborhood Reflections"- Ages 5-9 & 10-14 will kick off the "Summer Fun" program by creating mixed media art reflecting the diversity of Brooklyn Centre. Children who want to participate can register May 1 to June 2 at Brookside Center.

June 13-July 7 "Summer Fun" ages 5-14 Tues., -Fri., 11 am - 1 pm Archwood UCC. Safe & fun environment & activities for children including crafts, games & lunch provided. Children must live in & be eligible for our services. Pre-registration is a must at Brookside Center before June 5.

Volunteer opportunities available
GED Tutor- Wed., or Thurs., 1 - 3 pm Must have teaching experience and/or strong math skills.

Instructor, Computer Basics - 2 hours once a week; day & time negotiable. Must have strong computer skills & be able to teach one or more of the following: basic computer operations including email & Internet, Word and/or Excel.

Unload weekly foodbank delivery- Fri., 8:45 am - 10:30 am. Must be in good health and able to lift 50lbs.

"Summer Fun" Helper- Tuesdays-Fridays, June 13 - July 7, 10 am - 2 pm. Must have a clean criminal background, be self-motivated, a team player, energetic and like working with kids.

If you have any questions call 216-749-4295 8:30 am - 4 pm Mon.- Fri.

FAMILY FUN!

by Susan Nieves
susann@oldbrooklyn.com

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

Art House
3119 Denison Ave.
216-398-8556

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

Cleveland Metroparks
Hinckley Reservation - Buzzard Roost
State Rd. at West Drive 440-526-1012
Buzzard Sunday - Sun., Mar. 19, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm. Celebrate the annual return of the buzzards with bus tours of the reservation, Buzzard Bingo, live "Birds of Prey" programs in the Medina Raptor Center, exhibits, refreshments, hikes, historical re-enactments, music, entertainment & a live buzzard (on loan from the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo).

Cleveland Metroparks Canal Way Center
Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation - E. 49th St., 216-206-1000
Steamship Museum - Wed., Mar. 8, 7 pm, "The Move of a Lifetime" featuring photos and videos of the move of the Steamship William G. Mather to its permanent location last fall. For more info call or visit www.wgmather.org

Cleveland Metroparks
Rocky River Reservation -
Maple Grove Picnic Area 440-734-6660
Maple Sugaring - Sat., Mar. 4, 11 am - 4:30 pm. Learn about sap-collecting methods and syrup-making processes. Guided hikes every 20 minutes. Program is all outdoors; dress for the weather.

Cleveland Public Library
Brooklyn Branch
3706 Pearl Rd. 216-623-6920
Games - Every Tues. until May 30, 4 - 5:30 pm. Play your favorite board game.

Movies - Every Thurs. until May 25, 4 - 5:30 pm. Free movies.
Playtime - Every Fri. until May 31, 10:30 - 11 am. Play with toys with your child/ren and stay for a story.

African American in Cyberspace - Tues., Mar. 14, 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Find websites on Afro-American culture & history. Free resource packet available upon attendance.

Absolutely Incredible Kid Day - Thurs., Mar. 16, 5:30 - 6:30pm. Bring the whole family to visit great websites.

Gardening for the Adventurous - Thurs., Mar. 30, 5:30 - 6:30pm. Explore gardening resources through the internet.

Cleveland Museum of Art
11150 East Blvd., University Circle
216-421-7340
Museum - Tues. - Sun., 10 am - 5 pm; Wed. & Fri., to 9 pm; Closed Mon. Free.

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.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center
28728 Wolf Rd.
440-871-2900
Planetarium Family Programs - Programs, dates, times & fees vary. Call or visit lensc.org for more info.

Western Reserve Historical Society Museum
10825 East Blvd.
216-721-5722
Millionaires' Row, The Legacy of Euclid Avenue - now thru May 31, 2006. Largest ever exhibit for WRHS; examines life among Cleveland's rich & famous 1880-1930. Sequel to 1991 WRHS *Showplace of America* which chronicled Euclid Avenue 1850-1910. Special lectures, hands-on children's activities, genealogy discussions & entertainment in addition to the nine-month exhibit. Wed. - Sat., 11 am - 5 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Admission - ages 3-12, \$7; adults, \$12; seniors 60+, \$10. Call or visit www.wrhs.org for more info.

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Wednesdays, March 8th, 22nd & 29th

Lenten Services

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd. Lenten services at 10:30 am & 7 pm. Series entitled "Were You There?" Lenten luncheons following the service at 11:30 am; Lenten dinners preceding evening services at 6:00 pm. In the upstairs Gathering Room. RSVP number attending -- 216-351-6499.

March 13th, 14th & 15th

Parish Mission

Corpus Christi Church, 5204 Northcliff Ave., 7 pm. Evening themes are Baptism, Reconciliation & Eucharist. Conducted by Fr. Walter Dolan, O.F.M.

Wednesday, March 15th

Ecclesiastical Architecture

Depart Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 8:30 am; return 4:30 pm. Cost \$50 per person. Includes roundtrip luxury motorcoach fare, guide for the day, donation to churches & lunch at Sterle's Slovenian Restaurant. For more info call Julia, 216-351-9970.

Sunday, March 26th

Ethnic Lenten Luncheon

St. Mary's Crystal Chalet, corner of State Rd & Biddulph Ave., 11 am - 1 pm. Adults, \$6; children, \$4. Includes cabbage & noodles, macaroni & cheese, stuffed cabbage, kielbasa & kraut, side dishes, dessert & beverage.

Proceeds go toward parking lot paving fund. Call 216-749-7980 for more info.

Tuesday, March 28th

Widows and Widowers Luncheon

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., 12 noon, in the upstairs Gathering Room. Cornbread chicken casserole. Cost, \$3. Call church office to reserve a place, 216-351-6499. All widows & widowers invited.

Wednesday, March 29th

Special Lenten Presentation

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd. Special presentation, Christ in the Passover, evening Lenten service, 7 pm. "What do the Jewish Passover & Jesus' Last Supper have in Common?" Rob Wertheim of "Jews for Jesus" to answer that question. Freewill offering to be taken up.

LENTEN FISH FRIES

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 4427 Pearl Rd., March 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7, 4:30 - 7 pm. in the Parish Hall. Fish, homemade pierogi, shrimp or combo dinners, pizza, macaroni & cheese, chowder. Corned beef & cabbage on St. Patrick's Day. \$4 - \$7 Dinners include choice of cabbage & noodles or fries, cole slaw or apple sauce, roll, beverage & condiments. Eat in or take out.
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., downstairs in Stohs Fellowship Hall, Fri., March 31. Fried or baked fish, meat loaf, french fries, cole slaw, & dessert. Beverages are free, pay extra for pop. Cost, \$7 adults; \$4, children. Proceeds go for summer youth camp.
St. Leo Church, 4940 Broadview Rd., Fri.,

March 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7, 4:30-7:30 pm. Two pieces of fish with choice of fries or baked potato, cole slaw, apple sauce, roll & butter. Also pierogis. Other combinations, pizza, macaroni & cheese, cabbage & noodles & clam chowder. available. Also carryouts. \$7.

St. Mary Catholic Byzantine School PTU, 4600 State Rd., March, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7, 4 - 7 pm. \$7. take out; \$8, all you can eat. For more info. call the school office, 216-749-7980, 9 am - 2 pm.

St. Mary's Polish National Catholic Church, 5375 Broadview Rd., March 7 & 31. 4 - 7 pm. Walleye, pierogi, coleslaw, dessert & coffee. Carry-outs available.

Theo's Old Brooklyn Grille, 4250 Pearl Rd. Walleye fish dinner, \$6.95; homemade pierogi's, fish sandwiches, calamari. Dine-in or carry out. Open daily for lunch, Mon. - Fri., 11:30 am. 216-739-0661; fax 216-739-0662.

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

Fun & Games

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

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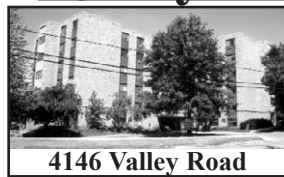
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