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Southwest Citizens Area Council celebrates 60 years in neighborhood

by Lisa Casini

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." ~ Margaret Mead

In the summer of 1946, a small group of concerned citizens banded together with a collective focus on improving their neighborhood. It evolved into a neighborhood advocacy group that continues to make a powerful impact in the Brooklyn Centre neighborhood on streets west of the Harvard-Denison Bridge to Pearl Road, and between Riverside Cemetery and the Big Creek valley.

On Saturday, August 26th, the Southwest Citizens Area Council (SWCAC) gathered with community leaders to celebrate their sixty years of neighbors making a difference.

The first goal of the SWCAC was a daunting one -- to breathe clean air. "We first got together in '46, eight or ten of us, just

neighbors talking, because we were very concerned about the awful fumes we were breathing every day, coming from Valley Darling Glue," said Don Friedl, founding member and past president of SWCAC.



Photo by Judith Pindell

Members of Southwest Citizens Area Council (SWCAC) gathered for one of their many summer Neighborhood Unity walks.

Don, who described Valley Darling Glue as "one of the worst offenders", said that he and a few founding members of SWCAC walked the grounds of the factory and made a grizzly discovery. The noxious odors were originating not only from the manufacturing process, but also from the carcasses of dead horses used in the glue-making process that workers had piled up on the factory grounds.

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Looking ahead to November election

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The November 7th, 2006, election is only a month away. Whether you are a Democrat, Republican or a member of a third party, civil rights, the economy, education, health care, working families and seniors will be the issues on the table.

The *Old Brooklyn News* will discuss these issues in a separate article next month. This month, however, we will provide information on the seats up for re-election and the candidates competing for them.

There will be many candidates on the ballot. The seats range from one United States Senatorial seat in which the incumbent Mike DeWine (R) is running against Sherrod Brown (D) and Richard Duncan (I).

All eighteen United States House of Representative seats are up for re-election; in Cuyahoga County we only have to be concerned about the 10, 11, 13 and 14th districts.

Representing the 10th Congressional District is the incumbent, Representative Dennis J. Kucinich (D); Mike Dovilla (R) is running against him.

The race for the Governor of Ohio is being fought between four pairs of candidates — Ted Strickland (D) and Lee Fisher (D); as well as Kenneth J. Blackwell (R) and Thomas Raga (R); Robert Fitrakis (I) and Anita Rios (I); and William S. Pierce (I) and Mark M. Noble (I).

The State Attorney General's race is between Marc Daan (D) and Betty Montgomery (R).

Barbara Sykes (R) and Mary Taylor (D) are running for the State Auditor's seat.

The current Secretary of State, Ken Blackwell (R) is running for Governor; Jennifer Brunner (D), Greg Hartmann (R), Timothy Kettler (I) and John Eastman (I) are vying for the open seat.

People with a 44109 or 44144 zip code live in either the 10th, 11th or 15th Ohio House District. Tenth District residents have a choice between (D) Eugene R. Miller and Rosalind A. McAllister (R) for State Representative.

Sandra Williams (D) is running unopposed in the 11th District; Annie L. Key is the current State Representative.

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Metal scrapping crimes on the rise; thieves rip off two railings at OLGC

by Judith Pindell and Lynette Filipis

When thieves strip copper from the domes of St. Theodosius Russian Orthodox Cathedral in Tremont, their crime is reported on the front page of *The Plain Dealer*. Not so when two of the copper railings on the front steps leading up to Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) Church in Old Brooklyn are stolen. Though also a heinous crime, it doesn't rank as city-wide news.

Unfortunately, though, the church on the hill which is one of the most recognized landmarks in Old Brooklyn was also the recent victim of metal thieves' work. In the early morning hours of Saturday, June 17, two of the hollow copper railings (one single and one double) were removed from the church at 4423 Pearl Rd. In addition, between 300 and 400 pounds of tin which OLGC's custodian was saving behind the

school to later recycle were stolen from the church's property on the same night.

According to Chuck Javorsky, OLGC's business manager, the thieves "left a trail of screws all the way down the stairs" next to the supports for the railings (which they did not steal). The vandals also removed some screws from the base of the support for the other double railing (in this case, the railing and the support were still attached to each other) which were fastened into the cement. They obviously had in mind to steal it, too. Whether they were thwarted in their attempt by the onset of daylight and the resultant fear of being discovered, or because those screws were too rusted to remove, OLGC will probably never know.

Since the theft occurred over a weekend, and the pastor, Fr. Lee Moreeuw, happened to be out of town, the theft wasn't

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OBCDC general membership meeting

On Tuesday, October 10 at 6 p.m. in the Metroparks Zoo Auditorium, the general membership of the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) will have the opportunity to vote on items that will fundamentally change the organization. The organization hasn't seen this level of transformation since its inception over 30 years ago. As required by the by-laws, after months of work OBCDC trustees are placing a series of by-law changes before its general membership. These changes will significantly alter both the size and character of the organization.

There will be three items to vote on --

The first is the adoption of a new slate of Board of Directors and their terms. The slate is member composed of old directors of the Old Brooklyn Development Corporation and includes members of the former Old Brooklyn Neighborhood Services.

The second vote will be for the revision of the by-laws. This includes an update to some older provisions of the by-laws, and also allows formal communication with members via both email and US mail.

The final voting item is probably the most controversial, changing the organization's name from Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation to Brooklyn Brighton Development Corporation.

Reflecting on the future prospects of the organization, OBCDC President Maribeth Feke stated, "These changes will formalize a consolidation process and lengthy negotiations that began last February. This was, at times, a wrenching process, but everyone involved believes that the future will be bright.

Serving the Old Brooklyn community has always been at the core of the organization's mission. These changes will allow us to legally service both Ward 15 and Ward 16. We will be the only local development corporation in the City to serve two wards. The community will benefit from greater efficiencies that allow us to focus additional

resources on providing direct services to Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre residents.

This is not the end of either organization but the beginning of a new one. For residents and business stakeholders, the change will be seamless. The consolidation will allow us to create a one stop shop for residents and businesses alike."

Both Councilman Brian Cummins (Ward 15) and Councilman Kevin Kelley (Ward 16) have been highly supportive of this endeavor, spending countless hours aiding the respective boards in this process.

The general public is encouraged to attend this transformative meeting. Voting and eligibility to serve on the Board of Trustees is limited to voters whose membership dues were paid by September 25, 2006. The slate of officers, the by-laws, and the agenda for the meeting are available at the OBCDC administrative office at 3344 Broadview Rd., or the OBCDC website, or by contacting the agency at 216-459-1000.

"Paint Program" participant

Read the article on page 2 to learn how you can receive free color consulting for your house-painting project. This home, still "a work in progress", is located on Marvin Ave.

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OBCDC offers creative color counsel for paint program participants & others

Although a coat of paint can give almost any house a fresh, new look, color choice and placement can make the difference between something that dazzles the eye and something that's new, but still boring.

Since Jay Gardner became OBCDC's executive director in August of 2005, the agency has been able to offer custom color advice to both Paint Program applicants and other residents interested in doing something special. This year nearly a dozen residents requested assistance.

Along with his other credentials, Jay has over 25 years experience as a professional color consultant for vintage and historic homes. His work has been featured in *Painted Ladies of America* and *Victorian Homes*. In this neighborhood, he is especially interested in working with homeowners living in historic districts.

So what makes for a good color scheme? Color selection should be mindful of both the period and the style of the house. What works on a three-story Victorian home will most likely be out of place on a modest craftsman bungalow.

In both cases, color placement (aka, detailing) should be appropriate as well.

Prosperous Victorians often decked out their homes in from five to more than eight colors in ostentatious displays of new-found wealth. They, like late 19th century America in general, had "arrived" and they wanted everyone to know it.

By contrast, the craftsman and western bungalow and colonial revival homes which dominate the architecture of Old Brooklyn and most streets in Brooklyn Centre were designed to hold much more subdued color schemes. Paint one of them in Victorian colors and the house will quite literally scream like a cat with its tail caught in a blender.

Beyond the issue of color is the question of massing — how colors should be stacked, framed and highlighted in the final composition. All of these questions must be addressed tastefully.

Done properly, the right color scheme looks like it "belongs" on the house, like the right suit of clothes on the right person.

Although there are income restrictions as to who can participate in the Paint Program, any resident can receive color-design consulting. Call 216-459-1000 if you are interested in learning more about this service.

November elections from front page

The seat for the 15th District State Representative will go to either the incumbent Timothy Degeeter (D) or his challenger David G. Fago (R).

The Ohio Senate has 17 odd number districts up for re-election; this neighborhood is in the 21st or the 23rd Ohio Senatorial Districts. The 21st will be decided between Shirley A. Smith (D) and Richard L. Norris (R). The 23rd District will be a three-way battle between Dale Miller (D), Howard Shrimpton (R), and Jim Craciun (I).

Incumbent Jimmy Dimora (D) is running against Wendell Robinson (R) for Cuyahoga County Commissioner.

Incumbent Frank Russo (D) is being challenged by (R) Joseph A. Gallucci for the County Auditor's seat.

Two Associate Justice Seats in the Ohio Supreme Court are up for re-election; William Michael (D) O'Neil and Terrence O'Donnell (R) are the contenders for one of the seats, and Ben Espy (D) and Robert R. Cupp (R) are vying for the second one.

Frank D. Celebrezze Jr. (D), James J. Sweeney (D) and Coleen Conway Cooney (D) are running unopposed in the 8th District Court of Appeals,

which falls entirely within Cuyahoga County.

Mary J. Boyle (D) and Ralph J. Perk (R), and Melody J. Stewart (D) and Robert B. Moriarty (R) are competing over two judgeships in the 9th District Court of Appeals.

There are 14 general division seats open for the judgeship in Cuyahoga County as well as three juvenile divisions that are up for election this November.

There are also a variety of county and state central committees of political parties that will be decided, as well as five of eleven districts of the State Board of Education.

Visit the League of Women Voters of Ohio (<http://www.lwvohio.org>), the Ohio Secretary of State's website (<http://www.sos.state.oh.us/>) or the Cuyahoga County Board of Election's website (<http://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/>) for a more detailed explanation of the candidates and issues on the ballot.

Also, be aware that the *Old Brooklyn News* and the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation do not endorse any issue or candidate.

(Lynette Filips and Susan Nieves also contributed to this article.)

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Metal scrapping from front page

reported to the authorities until Chuck Javorsky returned to work Monday morning. He was surprised (and pleased, if one can be pleased about anything in such a situation) that the police arrived within thirty minutes of his call. He said that they were "very upset" to see what had happened. Both they and Chuck began calling scrap yards to find out if anyone had tried to peddle the railings. When Chuck continued calling after the police left, some scrap metal dealers told him that the police had already stopped by to inquire about the railings.

Since the stolen copper railings weren't recovered, in the interest of both safety and aesthetics, something had to replace them. Our Lady of Good Counsel's "upper church" was dedicated in the early 1930s, and as far as anyone can remember, the railings go back to then. But now the cost of copper and the prospect of having new ones stolen, too, made replacing them with ones of the same material as the originals out of the question.

OLGC parishioner Ray Todd kindly donated steel railings which the church had installed early last month. Both the two new railings as well as the two (one single and one double) which hadn't been stolen were painted black.

So what did the vandals get for desecrating a sacred place and destroying part of its architectural history? Without removing and weighing the two railings which remain, OLGC has no way of knowing exactly. But they do know that "clean" scrap copper was going for record levels at the time, close to \$3.00 a pound. And they know that current prices for copper, and for other metals (e.g., the tin which they also stole), too, encourage scrap metal thieves, aka, "copper choppers".

Copper choppers can just be individuals looking for a way to get money for drugs or they can be sophisticated small theft rings. Ed Webb, Second District Community Relations Chairman and the Safety Coordinator for numerous wards, cautioned that some scrap metal thieves wear hard hats and drive up to vacant properties in trucks to look like contractors and thus avoid suspicion.

According to Ed, in addition to churches, copper choppers also target vacant houses from which they steal copper pipes, hot water tanks, furnaces, stainless steel sinks and aluminum siding, items they also sell to scrap dealers. Ed has examined homes where walls were even ripped out by thieves who were looking for electrical wiring.

City of Cleveland Housing Inspector Pat Daley said that "once copper piping and furnaces are stripped, the property is condemnable." In addition to the damage caused by thieves, repairing and rehabbing the property can be costly and complicated. The amount of work needed to bring the property back to proper housing code may deter and discourage potential buyers or contractors. Unfortunately, though, the City of Cleveland does not have the funds to demolish these properties either.

The City of Cleveland has enacted ordinances dealing with reporting and retention requirements for metal scrap dealers.

According to City of Cleveland codes, every scrap metal dealer must maintain a log of all materials brought into their business which is to include: the weight and description of the material, a photocopy of a valid State of Ohio identification card identifying the person who brings in the material, and a complete description of the vehicle used to transport the materials to the dealer. Once dealers accept the material, they must retain the item(s) in original form for a minimum of three days.

If your property becomes a target of scrap metal thieves, file a police report. Since it may take a while for the police to come to your property, if you can, go to the Second District to file it. Give them a detailed description of the items stolen and the damage done. Also, if your neighbors witnessed anything, have their names and contact information for the police to follow-up on. Each Police District faxes descriptions of reported stolen items to local scrap yards so that they can keep their eyes posted for stolen items.

Second District Detective M. Shank said that stolen property has been recovered at scrap metal dealers across the city. So, if you know that your property was stolen, contact the three local scrap metal dealers in the Second District to find out if your property found its way there. *Aaromet Metallics, Inc.*, 3207 W. 65th St., 216-9671-5050; *American Scrap Mart*, 3335 W. 65th St., 216-281-0000; *Westside Metals and Recycling, Inc.*, 6400 Stock Ave., 216-961-3166.

According to Detective Shank, due to the efforts of the Second District Police, there has been a slight reduction of scrap metal theft in our area. There have also been multiple arrests and an increase in recovery of stolen property.

As the police continue their efforts against this ongoing crime, things that you as a concerned citizen can do to help include keeping an eye on your neighbors' homes, especially

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Bar and Restaurant



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Oct. 14th - Alan Greene Band
Oct. 21st - To Be Announced
Oct. 28th - Frankie Starr
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Saturday evenings, 6:30 - 10 pm
Saturday, October 7th
 "Jim Lasher" Plays & sings music from the past to the present.

Saturday, October 14th
 "The Bavarian Trio" Relax & listen, sing along or dance to the music of this lively trio.

Saturday, October 21st
 "Me & Willy" Duo performs popular, folk & blues music with a lot of fun mixed in.

Saturday, October 28th
Reverse Raffle & Dinner. \$1500 Grand prize, plus many other great prizes. \$40 per person; call 216-741-2280 for reservations.

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

Sundays until October 29th
Tremont Market
 Corner of Starkweather & Professor, 2-4 p.m. Fresh local produce, music, arts & crafts. For more info call 216-961-8739.

Saturday, October 7th
Toy Sale
 Brooklyn Branch, Cuyahoga County Public Library, 4480 Ridge Rd., 10 am - 4 pm. Sponsored by Student Friends of the Library.

Sunday, October 8th
Laurel Garden Club Tea
 Brooklyn Senior Community Center, 7727 Memphis Ave., \$20. For advance ticket sales, call Barbara Stanton, 216-398-5306.

Friday, October 13th
St. Joseph Academy, 5th & 6th Grade Girls
 Visit St. Joseph Academy, 3420 Rocky River Dr. 9 am - 12 pm. Observe & participate in classes, tour the campus & meet faculty, administration & students. To make a reservation or for more info contact Admissions at 216-251-4868.

Sunday, October 15th
WSEM Reception, Worship & Open House
 Trinity UCC, 3525 W. 25th St., 12:30 pm. Reception & light luncheon; 1:30 worship service. Special speaker, State Senator Dale Miller. 2:30 pm open house with cake & punch at WSEM Food Center at Brookside Center, 3784 Pearl Rd.

Friday, October 20th
Art House Halloween Tune-Up Party
 Lava Lounge, 1307 Auburn Ave., 7 - 11 pm. Tickets can be purchased by calling Art House at 216-398-8556, ext. 2. \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. Visa & M/C. Includes food & two drink tickets. Halloween attire is encouraged & a prize will be given for the best costume. 50/50 raffle. Ten percent of the money generated from the purchase or rental of costumes from JINXED! Costumed, 4666 Ridge Rd., Brooklyn, will benefit Art House.

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, October 26th - 28th
Household Hazardous Waste Collection
 Ridge Rd. Station, 3727 Ridge Rd., 9 am - 2 pm. Residential waste only. Oil based paint (no latex), shellacs, wood stains, automotive products, adhesives, mercury, varnish, paint thinner & spray paint, pesticides, insecticides, & herbicides, motor oil, roof tar, sealers & primers, fluorescent bulbs, polyurethanes, household cleaners (oven & drain) can be taken to the collection site for recycling or safe disposal. Limited number of free digital thermometers Sat. only. Turn in a mercury thermometer sealed in a plastic bag or container & get a new digital thermometer donated by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. For more info call 216-664-3717.

Sunday, October 22
St. Leo Preschool Open House
 St. Leo Preschool is having an open house & social in parish Community Center, 4940 Broadview Rd. 10 am - 12:30 pm. Everyone invited. See what the preschoolers are doing & have some coffee, juice & bakery. 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.

Sunday, November 5th
Card Party
 Parma Memorial Hall, 6617 Ridge Rd. Sponsored by Catholic Daughters of America - Cabrini #1430. 1 - 4 pm. \$5 includes lunch. For more info, call 216-749-5888.

Sunday, December 10
2006 Candlelight Christmas House Tour
 Residents will open their doors to share the spirit of the holiday season, 1-6 pm. Pre-sale tickets available beginning Sat., Sept. 2, during Brooklyn Centre's Archwood Ave. street sale. Discounted, pre-sale tickets - \$12 for adults; \$8 for seniors & students. Day of the event ticket prices - adults \$15; seniors & students, \$10. For more info, call Julie Miragliotta at 216-287-8195.

Live's Museums Guide
 Fall/Winter 2006 comprehensive listings calendar of shows & events. Supplement to Northern Ohio Live Magazine. Pick up a free copy at OBCDC, 3344 Broadview Rd.

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

Audition Notice - Ohio Boychoir
 Auditions now being held for the Ohio Boychoir 2006-2007 concert choir & training choir. Membership open to boys aged 9 to voice change for the concert choir & boys aged 7 & 8 for the training choir. open to boys regardless of race, creed or economic status. No previous choral experience is necessary. Contact music Director Jon Simsic, 216-556-2222 for more info. or visit www.ohioboychoir.org.

Scouting with Troop 151
 Outdoor fun & adventure, camping, hiking, team work & much more! Troop meets every Sun., 6:30 - 8 pm, at Brooklyn Hts. UCC, 2001 W. Schaaf Rd. For more info call Tom, 440-884-8638 or Ray, 216-398-0113.

Cemetery Decoration Removal
 Cemetery staff at Lutheran Cemetery will remove all summer/holiday flowers, decorations beginning Nov. 5 Winter decorations can be placed Nov. 15.

THEATRE NOTES

Cassidy Theatre of Greenbrier Commons
 6200 Pearl Rd. 440-842-4600
"Visiting Mr. Green"
 Fri., Oct. 6th - Sun., Oct. 22nd. Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; Sun. matinee, 3 pm. Tickets - \$15, adults; \$14, seniors & students.

"Rocky Horror Show"
 Fri., Oct. 27th thru Mon., Oct. 30th, 8 pm. Tues., Oct. 31st, 10 pm. Tickets - \$15. Goodie bags for the show, \$5.

Cleveland Public Theatre
 6415 Detroit Ave. 216-631-2727
"M4M" (an all-male version of Shakespeare's "Measure for Measure")
 Thurs., Fri., Sat., now until Oct. 14, 7:30 pm in the James Levin Theater. Tickets - \$10-\$15.

Great Lakes Theater Festival
 Ohio Theater, 1501 Euclid Ave.
 Playhouse Square Center 216-241-6000
 www.greatlakes theater.org

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum", thru Sat., Oct. 21;
"Love's Labour's Lost", thru Fri., Oct. 20. Both shows, student tickets - any seat, any performance, \$13; regular tickets - \$22 - \$56.

Kalliope Stage
 2134 Lee Road, Cleve. Hts. 216-321-0870
"Wild Party"
 Thru Oct. 15; Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 2 pm. Tickets, (child, \$14-\$32; student, \$19-\$32; adult, \$23-\$32, dep on day of week).

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COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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Brooklyn Genealogy Club meeting, 2 pm, Sun., Oct. 15, Brooklyn branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 4480 Ridge Rd. Update from Jack Braverman, a genealogist from Independence, about Passenger Lists. Refreshments; prospective members welcome.

Brooklyn Historical Society meeting, 7 pm, Wed., Oct. 25, at the museum, 4442 Ridge Rd. Christine Farinella discussing a colorful assortment of "slag glass". Refreshments to follow; bring a friend. For more info call Barb, 216-941-0160, or visit www.wowway.com.

Second District Community Relations meeting, every second Tues. of the month, Tues., Oct. 10, 8 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th St.

Southwest Citizens Area Council meeting, Thurs., Oct. 5, 7 pm (every first Thurs.), Gino's Tavern, 1314 Denison Ave. (basement hall). Find out about Nov. spaghetti dinner, members' Christmas dinner and other neighborhood doings.



Photo by George Shuba

Connie Bruno, Activities Coordinator at Senior Citizen Resources, Inc., is surrounded by the 413 stuffed animals which SCR members collected last month to give to local centers for victims of domestic violence.

Brooklyn Hts. Jazzercise
New workout schedule
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 5:15 pm
 Tuesday & Thursday 9:30 am
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SWCAC from front page

"It was shocking, just awful. We immediately called our local Council representative and the Ohio Department of Health. They were cited by the City and State, and cleaned up their act," Friedl said. He added that SWCAC kept a regular watchful eye on Valley Darling Glue until they moved out of the area in 1952.

About the same time, SWCAC focused its energies on getting the local steel industry to comply with clean air and water regulations. In the 1960s, SWCAC filed a class-action lawsuit against J & L Steel Company.

According to Don and his wife, Dorothy, red ore dust was raining down on the neighborhoods on a regular basis. This dust and dirt pouring out of J & L Steel was the result of an illegal slag dumping process, and they had their machines running day and night.

SWCAC solicited the assistance of two lawyers with Cleveland's Legal Aid Society, Burt Griffin and Joe Meisner. (Burt Griffin is still a practicing attorney who later served on the federal government's Warren Commission; Joe Meisner is now Judge Joe Meisner.)

"We were breathing this toxic red ore dust. It was everywhere. So we went door-knocking to get support from our neighbors. We got more than 35 residents to sign on," Dorothy said.

SWCAC held their ground and won. Ten years later, in 1972, J & L Steel decided to settle out of court. Every resident named as a plaintiff was awarded five hundred dollars. But the real victory came in the way of the passage of stricter environmental laws.

When the group is not championing protecting the air we breathe, SWCAC is taking action at the street level. Like other neighborhood groups, SWCAC acts as a guardian of the

homes and businesses in the neighborhood, making sure that landlords and business owners keep their properties up to code.

SWCAC President Dane Reich, a longtime resident of Brooklyn Centre, has served in that position for four years. He said that the biggest problems facing neighborhoods today revolve around boarded-up, vacant and run-down houses and storefronts; gangs and drug-related activity; and a lack of police presence.

"One boarded-up house on a street makes the whole street look bad, and it always causes other problems," he said.

By working with the City of Cleveland Housing Court, and in more recent years, Judge Raymond Pianka, who presides over the Court, SWCAC members have even forced the most notorious property violators, absentee landlords, to fix up their properties Reich noted that both Judge Pianka and Ward 15 Councilman Brian Cummins play significant roles in the outcome of these types of cases.

SWCAC also provides information to homeowners who need financial assistance to repair their homes.

"Several of us have been trained to do home inspections, to learn about what rehab programs are available, and to know what housing and commercial violations to look for," said Dorothy.

She said that SWCAC also provides information and referrals to homeowners for city-funded home repair programs and low-cost home repair loans.

SWCAC has even taken the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) to task. When RTA announced that it was going to eliminate bus route 18 -- a route used regularly by hundreds of Brooklyn Centre residents, includ-

ing many senior citizens --SWCAC members stepped in and saved the line.

Dane added that keeping the neighborhood safe is also a priority with SWCAC. According to Reich, SWCAC and Councilman Cummins are currently working to secure a program that will fund Cleveland police officers to work off-duty patrolling the streets.

Dorothy Friedl noted that on every project, SWCAC consistently seeks the support of the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC), the local Cleveland City Council representative, and various City departments, including Housing Court.

Judith Pindell, OBCDC's Community Organizer and Mediation Specialist, attends every monthly meeting, as does a representative from the office of Ward 15 Councilman Brian Cummins.

"This truly is a team effort. Neighbors are always telling me about the problems in the neighborhood, yet we could be even more effective if more people were willing to get involved," Dorothy said.

SWCAC currently has approximately forty members, including several local business owners. Members range in age from late-twenties to age 90, but the absence of younger members is apparent.

President Dane Reich stressed the importance of younger people. "Our membership is growing older. We need to see more young people getting involved and taking responsibility for the direction of our neighborhood. "Brian (Cummins) is totally supportive and committed, but one person can't do it all. We have a lot of issues here, and the entire group would like to see more interest from more neighbors. It's only an hour every month, and we welcome all residents of Brooklyn Centre to attend," Dane said.

During the summer months, SWCAC has initiated an action in neighborhood safety, with a monthly "Take the Streets Back" group walk through the neighborhood. "The walk is a show of unity; we want to keep our streets safe from crime and let people know we're here. And we pick up litter along the way," said Dorothy.

"We love our neighborhood and we want to stay right here in Cleveland; we don't want to move. So, we have to band together to keep our neighborhood safe and clean. It takes a lot of

time; but we have to make the time! So many people come to us with problems, but they don't want to get involved. It's amazing what we've accomplished and what we still can do if we work together. No one else is going to do it for us; it's up to us," Dorothy added.

The powerful legacy of neighborhood guardianship that is the soul of SWCAC marches on, but their success in improving and maintaining a safe and clean place to live and work relies on the continuing commitment of residents.

SWCAC meets the first Thursday of every month at Gino's Tavern, 1314 Denison Ave., at 7 pm. They don't care if their members rent or own their houses, or about their race, religious beliefs or sexual preference. They just want people with a desire to keep their children safe and their neighborhood clean and quiet. SWCAC can provide a ride to a meeting for anyone who needs it.

For more information about SWCAC, call President Dane Reich at 216-351-8260 or Dorothy or Don Friedl at 216-661-6983.

Metal scrapping from page 2

when they are away; calling 911 if you see anything suspicious occurring at a vacant house; and calling the Second District Cleveland Police Detective Bureau at 216-623-5218 if you have information about suspected scrap metal thieves or possible stolen property.

Detective Shank also advises that people mark and document their belongings in case they are ever stolen. Aluminum ladders and outdoor furniture are frequently stolen from garages; most ladders look alike, making it difficult for police or scrap metal dealers to distinguish one from another.

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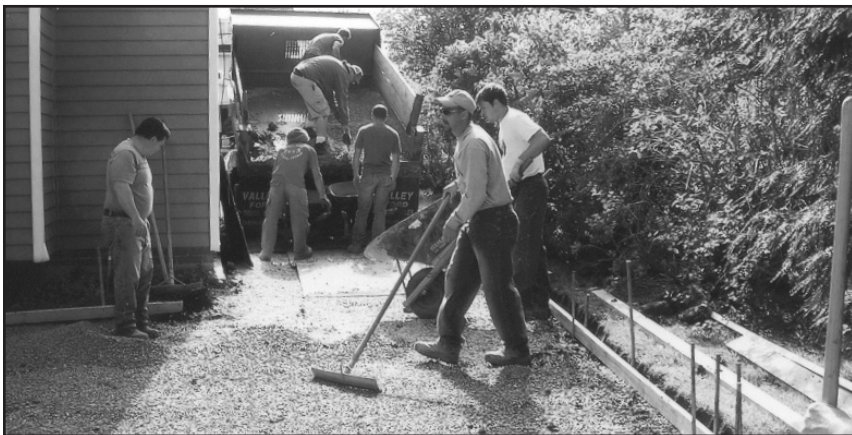


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Summer is officially over, but Indian summer is yet to come, which means that there should still be lots of nice days before the winter winds blow. If you didn't get in the summer vacation you had in mind, why not plan an autumn trip?

October is a great month for being away from home – cool enough so that you can usually get by without having someone cut the grass while you're gone, but not so cold that you have to worry about your pipes freezing if your heating system malfunctions.

And while we're on the topic of vacations, two neighborhood families took trips to remember this past summer —

Tim and Bev Musser of W. Schaaf Rd. and three (**Jimmy, Jeremy and Samantha**) of their five children took just over a week in mid-July to visit their oldest son/brother, **Adam**, who's in the middle of a two-year stint with the Jesuit Volunteers in Belize, Central America. In addition to reconnecting as a family, because Adam is living there, they had a more intense intercultural experience than the typical traveler could have on so short a trip. (We've invited Adam to write about his work there for a future edition of the *Old Brooklyn News*.)

The Mussers were also able to do some sightseeing, especially on a side trip to Guatemala to view that country's Mayan ruins. Shopping, hiking and taking in the natural beauty of their surroundings were also part of the trip.

From August 2 – 15, Ruby Ave. resident **Connie Ewazen** and her daughter, **Katie Stachowiak**, were afloat on the waters in northern Europe on a Norwegian cruise liner. St. Petersburg in Western Russia was the farthest they traveled from home; cities in Germany, Estonia, Finland, Sweden and Denmark were also ports of call.

Connie and Katie boarded the ship in London, and that's where their cruise ended,

too – four days after the terrorist scare there. Navigating through the tightened airport security at the time was an adventure in itself, but "all's well that ends well".

Getting back to familiar territory, ever since I learned that something I stated in the July Town Crier about the pending demolition of the **Memphis School** building wasn't 100% accurate, I've felt the need to clarify the information. I was told that the school had been damaged *beyond repair* by fires vandals set inside the classrooms and that **Councilman Kevin Kelley** was betting bids to have it torn down.

While it is true that the building incurred very serious damage, and that the clock is ticking in terms of how long it will still be standing, *it is not true that it was damaged beyond repair*. If someone with a plan and financial backing were to come forward immediately (or close to immediately), a part of our neighborhood's history could be spared from the wrecker's ball.

The Cleveland Restoration Society, which has a special interest in old schools, as well as a small contingency of neighborhood preservationists, are hoping that the right person will hear about the old school and come forward to save the building before it is too late. (Because of present-day standards, it may not be used for a school.) The Society did not have Memphis School on its list of "endangered" structures because it is owned by the City of Cleveland, not by the School Board.

"Remember the Farnsworth!" could be the battle cry for saving Memphis School. That building (on the southwest corner of Pearl Rd. and Archwood Ave.) had been vacant for years before **Ohio Renal Care Group** bought it and turned it into a state-of-the-art dialysis center and one of the showplaces of Brooklyn Centre.

And speaking of neighborhood landmarks, another one in Brooklyn Centre — the **former fire station # 24 at 3723 Pearl Rd.** — was (literally) in the news just over a month ago. Built in 1884, and renovated numerous times in the past, its latest occupants were featured in the "In Your Space" column on page D3 of the Monday, August 28, 2006 *Plain Dealer*.

Arkinetics, an architectural and urban planning firm which does a lot of historic preservation in urban environments, is currently operating out of the 3,400 square foot

building. Some parts of the interior still reveal its fire-fighting origins, but other parts are hidden by modern renovations. Fifteen people work in the office there.

Before we run out of space, we'd better move on to some student news. Last June, as it has done for years, **Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) School** again awarded a variety of scholarships to its graduating eighth graders. The seven students who received scholarships from OLGC's PTU (and the high schools they are currently attending) are: **Christina Wacker** (Cleveland Central Catholic); **Julia Halusker** (Holy Name); **Nick Wrenn** (St. Ignatius); **Megan Ulery** (Cleveland Central Catholic); **Kayla Sternik** (Holy Name); **Felisha Lozado** (Cleveland Central Catholic) and **Emeric Suma** (St. Ignatius).

Café Miami dishes out ambiance as well as coffee and breakfast

by **Donnald Heckmoser Jr.**
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If you've ever driven by 4517 State Road and wondered about the new little restaurant named "Café Miami", stop in and ask Larry Fields and George Majia what's on the menu.

Through their prior business ventures together, Larry and George have learned the art of operating a business; this time they are trying their hand in restaurant and catering work. (Prior to 2002, Larry owned a downtown jazz club called "Six Street Under".)

Larry and George envisioned Café Miami as a social gathering coffee shop and it has become just that. People come in at any time of the morning, relax, and enjoy the special atmosphere of this breakfast/coffee bar.

The artwork on the walls at Café Miami is another of Larry Fields' passions. He makes beautiful drawings with his computer and displays it on his walls. If you like something hanging on the wall, take it down and purchase it! If it is the first one that is sold, you get to name it, and then Larry will sign and number it for you.

In an effort to get exposure for local

In addition to the PTU scholarships, **Felisha Lozado** and **Emeric Suma** each received one of the two Christian living scholarships given in memory of OLGC student Brian Himes, and **Nick Wrenn** and **Kayla Sternik** each received one of the two scholarships given in memory of Darlene Brezovsky. **Christina Wacker** also received scholarship money directly from Cleveland Central Catholic, and **Carolina Torres** received scholarship money from Magnificat High School.

We have more elementary, high school and college student news to report, but it will have to wait until next month. As always, we welcome your submissions for future columns. Send them to: Lynette Filips, The Town Crier, c/o the *Old Brooklyn News*, 3344 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44109.

artists, Café Miami is interested in having them display their work at Café Miami, too.

Larry has also started a run/jog/walk club that is going to meet at the Café. It's a way to get some exercise as well as build a sense of community. Contact Larry or George if you're interested in joining.

Larry and George donated food, water and their time to the volunteers who took part in the State Road Beautification project this past August. One phone call was all it took for Café Miami to agree to help with a social service project that made a visual difference in the community; they are looking forward to working on future projects.

Café Miami is open Monday through Sunday, 7 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. for breakfast; it has no dinner menu.

Making up for the lack of a dinner menu is the opportunity to have Larry and George cater parties at either a location of the patron's choice or at their party center on the lower floor. (It offers a full bar.) With the holidays being right around the corner, Café Miami may be the perfect place to host a social gathering.

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By Tom Collins
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Visual Merchandising, continued

If you read the September column, you might recall that it was about window displays and a demonstration project being conducted in ten Cleveland neighborhoods this month. Called "Retail Design on a Dime", it features Cleveland artists who are working with neighborhood merchants to create low-cost window and floor displays. In concluding the column, I wrote that I would identify our local merchant in this month's column.

Speed Exterminating, 4141 Pearl Road, is our enthusiastic participant in this program. The company is an on-site commercial and residential pest control business. It has a retail component in front of the corporate office.

While the new display is not installed at the time of this writing, it will be in place by mid-October. It will incorporate the company history of service and family management as it approaches its centennial year. (The business is 98 years old.) Watch for the display to be installed and then step inside to learn how pest management has evolved to a science that promotes both good personal and environmental health.

John G. Young, the fourth generation person in this family business, directs Speed Exterminating. The organization began on a small farm on Valley Road, and the Speed home, which dates to the 1850s, continues to be actively used by the Young family.

Last year Busch Family Funeral Services, which has its oldest facility and corporate headquarters in Old Brooklyn, celebrated its 100th anniversary. I would be interested in learning about other local businesses that have also celebrated or will soon celebrate a centennial.

And in Brooklyn Centre...

There are some sections along Pearl Road that are less than attractive. Gallo Automotive, 3870 Pearl Rd, used to be in that category. Recently Frank Gallo has been investing in exterior and interior renovations in anticipation of a new Clark Service station and a convenience store which is slated to open later this month. Even as the construction is being completed, the changes are dramatic. Soon to be installed are fencing, new signage, and the decorative iron lamp posts that help define the Brooklyn Centre historic district.

Historic Brown's Grill and Lanes

Ralph Thompson is the new owner of the historic Brown's Grill and Lanes at 3857 Pearl Road. The building is home to the second oldest certified bowling lanes, in continuous use, in the country. (The original part of this building is approximately 125 years old.)

Mr. Thompson would like to restore the original architectural features of the building and return the upstairs to use. This can be a long term project because so much has to be learned about the buildings design and early features.

The community can help in this endeavor by looking for old photographs that can be copied. Exterior and interior pictures can be sent to the Old Brooklyn CDC or brought to the tavern. A good picture might also have a good story; if so, stop by and share both with Ralph. (If only walls could release their memories!)

Part of the remodeling includes opening the kitchen for casual dining in a neighborhood atmosphere. If you have not seen Brown's Lanes for a long time or have never been inside this old Brooklyn Centre jewel, plan to pay them a visit.

Did You Know?

Did you know that all owners of security

alarm systems in commercial (business) buildings must register the alarm with the City of Cleveland? This is managed under the Division of Assessments & Licenses (216-664-3875). Once registered, a system must be renewed each June. The registration fee is \$25. If your alarm system is not properly registered, it is not likely that the police department will know of its presence or whom to contact if they must respond.

The purpose of an alarm system is to alert the people present (or the company contact person) of a break-in, fire, flood or whatever the alarm system is designed to report. The bottom line is, if you expect police response, register your alarm system!

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Old Brooklyn/Brooklyn Centre's Contractor List

by Lori A. Peterson
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How many times have you heard of your friend or neighbor's "dream" home-improvement project turning into their worst nightmare because of the contractor they have chosen?

The story goes like this: The contractor starts a major renovation project, then doesn't show up for two or three weeks, leaving their life in a mess; or the contractor takes 50% of their money, and then leaves them crying in the wind.

Finding a good contractor is often a time-consuming and daunting process which is one

of the many reasons that Angie's List®, a resource of various contractors with a rating system, was compiled.

Following this model (with your help), Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation intends to create its own list of Old Brooklyn contractors, architects and landscapers. Complete the form below detailing the experiences you have had with such business people in our neighborhood. Our list will not be a recommendation, but it will be something you can use as a starting point before getting bids and making your dreams become reality.

Name of Contractor/Subcontractor: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Rating:

Price:	A	B	C	D	F
Quality:	A	B	C	D	F
Timeliness:	A	B	C	D	F
Professionalism:	A	B	C	D	F

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A day of service with Baldwin-Wallace students

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Each year, a week before classes start, approximately 50 upper-class students return to Baldwin-Wallace College's campus to go through an intensive training schedule to prepare for the arrival of the incoming, first-year



Here's to a job well done! Baldwin-Wallace Orientation Leaders and a very happy resident bask in their sense of accomplishment.

students. These students are called Orientation Leaders. Their primary function is to help first-year students become acclimated to B-W's campus during the Weekend of Welcome prior to the start of classes.

During the Welcome Orientation Leader's training, it has become a tradition to commit

one of the days to doing community service. Community service reaffirms the values the Orientation Leaders hold, and is the reason they chose to participate in the Orientation Program — to help other students.

This year, the Baldwin Wallace Orientation Leaders spent Tuesday, August 22nd, in Old Brooklyn, assisting four senior citizens with home repairs. As a result of their hard work, one of the seniors had her entire house scraped, washed, primed and painted, saving her about \$1800.

Then, during the Weekend of Welcome, freshmen students were given a list of activities in which they could participate, including a community service experience.

Following in the footsteps of their Junior



Baldwin-Wallace Orientation Leaders hard at work painting.

When smoke gets in your eyes

by Judith Pindell
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By request, we are reprinting this article about open burning from the September, 2005 Old Brooklyn News.

The summer is winding down and the evenings are cooling off. Before you decide to light that outdoor fireplace or build that backyard bonfire, think about the health, safety and comfort of your neighbors... and the law!

Chimineas, or outdoor fireplaces, are sold at almost every home store. They may be decorative and cozy, but a misconception about these outdoor fireplaces is that they are legal to use because stores sell them. However, like fireworks, just because they are sold in stores does not mean they are legal to light up.

The City of Cleveland has codified ordinances regarding open burning, air contaminants, and outdoor grilling restrictions. Open burning can be a nuisance to neighbors and a health concern to those with asthma, allergies, breathing-related issues and people with lowered immune systems. Depending on what is being burned, gases released by open burning can also harm neighboring houses and buildings by corroding metal siding and damaging paint. (Source: Ohio EPA website)

Outdoor grilling is permitted in the City of Cleveland, though restrictions must be observed. A grill must only be used for cooking food and must be at least fifteen feet from any residential structure. Grills are not permitted to be used on porches or balconies. Below, you can find the actual City of Cleveland Codified Ordinances related to open burning and outdoor grilling.

To report open burning call 911 as you notice that it is happening. For more

information about open burning visit The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency at <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/> or call (614) 644-2270.

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Open Burning Section 277.09

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Outdoor Grilling Restrictions Section 381.101

No person shall kindle or maintain a fire to be used for the preparation of food or for any other purpose in any type of outdoor or portable grill in any Dwelling Unit, as defined in 325.20, or on any balcony or porch of same or within fifteen (15) feet of any residential structure. (Ordinance No. 1663-95. Passed 9-27-99; effective 10-1-99.)

Additions and Corrections

Due to space constraints, two articles on last month's Community Toolbox page did not receive bylines.

Judith Pindell wrote "Graffiti - wipe out the writing on the wall".

Lilly M Theiss, Lori Peterson and Judith Pindell all contributed to the article "New data base to track vacant properties".

Two months ago, another article on the same page, "Property values - neighbors can make a difference" was erroneously attributed to Judge Raymond L. Pianka. The actual author was Mary Mahaly.



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Background information about Ukrainian churches; more to tell than who sells the best pyrohy

by Lynette Filips
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People of the nationality we today refer to as Ukrainian were another Eastern European ethnic group which came to Cleveland looking for a better life. In the mid-1880s, however, when they first started immigrating here, their papers did not state Ukraine as their country of origin because officially, Ukraine was "off the map" at that time in history.

Except for the regions of Galicia and Bukovina which were retained by the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the rest of Ukraine had been given to Russia in the 1815 Treaty of Vienna. (At different times in history, Poland and Hungary had also occupied parts of Ukraine.) So even though their ethnic identity remained in their hearts, the first Ukrainian immigrants who came to Cleveland were usually recorded as being from Austria, Hungary or Russia.



Logo for the 1000 year celebration of Christianity in Ukraine

The history and geography of Ukraine is more complex than an article or two about Ukrainian churches can cover, but other names for people from the same general area include Ruthenians, Rusins, Carpatho-Russians, Carpatho-Ruthenians, Carpatho-Ukrainians, Lemkos and Little Russians. Those who came over from western Ukraine were more likely to have been "Greek" Catholic, and those from eastern Ukraine were more likely to have been Eastern Orthodox.

Most Old Brooklyn News readers are probably somewhat familiar with the Roman rite of Catholicism and the most popular denominations within Protestantism, but are less familiar with Eastern Orthodox churches and other rites (e.g., Greek or Byzantine) of the Catholic Church. (We mentioned a Greek — now called "Byzantine" — Catholic congregation in our discussion of Hungarian churches, but didn't explain what that means.) Since most Ukrainians belong to Eastern Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches, let's begin this month's discussion with a little history of those religious groups.

The commonly accepted date for the split between the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church is 1054, but perhaps six centuries of disputes between Constantinople and Rome preceded it. This "Eastern Schism" was over a difference in authority as well as doctrine. The Orthodox regard the patriarch of Constantinople, rather than the bishop of Rome (i.e., the pope), as the temporal spiritual leader of their church.

Like the Empire which contained it, the language of the Eastern Church was Greek rather than Latin. Over the centuries, different religious practices (e.g., a particular style of chanting and more widespread use of incense in their liturgy) came into being. Church architecture featured distinctive domes. A unique style of religious artwork also developed in the Byzantine Empire — paintings of biblical scenes, Christ and the saints called icons. Church sanctuaries were separated from the body of the churches by screens called iconostases which had icons painted on them.

In the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, The Roman Catholic Church put forth a concerted effort to reunite Eastern Orthodox Christians in the Austro-Hungarian Empire with the Church of Rome. Because direct absorption into western Catholicism would have been unacceptable to many of them, a new institution which incorporated Orthodox liturgical practices with acceptance of the authority of the pope was formed. Initially called the Uniate Church, it later became known as Greek Catholic, and then, Ukrainian Catholic.

Among the practices of the Eastern



Ukrainian icon of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church which the Uniate/Greek/Byzantine Catholic Church retained were: Divine Liturgies (aka, Masses) in Old Slavonic, rather than Latin; observance of the Julian, rather than the Gregorian, calendar; and acceptance of married men into the clerical state.

At the turn of the last century, when these Eastern European Greek Catholics began immigrating to America, the married priests



Eastern style cross with icons

who accompanied them caused a furor among some of our nation's Roman Catholics. A resultant church law, in effect from 1907 until 1924, decreed that only celibate priests could be admitted to America.

Because many Greek Catholics were distressed about that new law, thousands of them "defected" to the Russian Orthodox and Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Their numbers increased the strength of the Carpatho-Russian Orthodox immigrants who were already here, and that helped build the majority of Cleveland's early Russian Orthodox and Ukrainian Orthodox churches.

After the celibacy decree was modified in 1924, Greek Catholic priests who had been married in Europe were allowed to enter this country, but Greek Catholic men who were already married could not be ordained here.

Even today, the tradition of marriage before ordination continues among Byzantine Catholics in Europe; if those priests come to serve in America, they bring their wives with them. And in the Ukrainian Catholic Church, even married men are now being ordained in the United States.

Today the Roman Catholic Church recognizes more than 20 different rites (i.e., ways to celebrate the liturgy). Although they are not all represented within the locale of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, they include the Byzantine Catholics, the Ukrainian Byzantine Catholics, the Melkite-Greek Catholics, the Romanian Byzantine Catholics and the Maronite (Lebanese) Catholics. They each have their own bishops and dioceses and/or eparchies, and maintain traditions and rituals which are different from those of their Latin Catholic siblings. But everyone's core beliefs are the same and they acknowledge the pope, the Bishop of Rome, as their spiritual leader.

Now that this basic information is behind

us, in next month's article we'll be able to start right off discussing the church congregations in Cleveland which the Ukrainians established.

(Acknowledgments: Old Brooklyn residents — and sisters — Mollie Alstott, a member of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, and Irene Pavlyshyn, a member of St. Vladimirs Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, were kind enough to have their respective pastors read this article to make certain that the information in it is accurate. I am grateful to all four of them for the time they put into doing this.)

A clarification, an addition and a query related to past ethnic church articles

In last month's article, the second which contained information about Hungarian churches, we said that St. Elizabeth Church was named after a queen of Hungary of the same name. We have been informed by one of our readers that Elizabeth was actually a *princess of Hungary* and, by virtue of her marriage to Ludwig, a *queen of Thuringia* (a historic region of present-day Germany). Thank you, Frances Pickett, who picks up a copy of the *Old Brooklyn News* at the Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society's meeting, for pointing that out.

Also, two months ago, when we posted the corrected pictures of the Slovak Sts. Cyril and Methodius Churches in Lakewood and in Lorain, lack of additional space on the page prevented us from identifying the person who made us aware of our previous mistake — Fr. Michael Dyrzc, administrator of St. Barbara Church. Again, we appreciate being able to correct the error.

Finally, in last month's issue, after we printed photos of more of the Hungarian Protestant churches we talked about in the August issue, we received a communication from Rev. David Bahr, pastor of Archwood United Church of Christ. From what he'd always heard, the church at W. 32nd. St. and Carroll Ave. which we identified as "Westside Hungarian Reformed Church" was simply "First Reformed Church" and *German*. Can any of our readers further enlighten us about this? Perhaps for a while the building was shared by two congregations.

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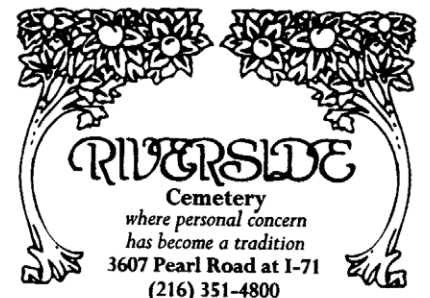
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by Susan Nieves
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As I see it...

by
Pastor Jerry



A commonly asked question that's concerned many is "How can one believe in God with so much evil in the world? Not an easy question. First what seems evil is simply the work of an orderly universe.


The universe, described by the laws of science, is faithful and regular. The law of gravity isn't suspended in order to save a man from harm when he falls off a roof. Perhaps the man was careless. A great deal of evil comes because man has the power of free choice. In exercising his power he often chooses what is wrong. The wrong choices bring suffering.

These facts seem to partially answer our question. Evils come, in part, because of our ignorance of the universe and life and our sinful choices. These same conditions that open to evil also open to all learning, moral development, and human progress. If we didn't confront a partially ordered universe we could never develop an understanding of life. If we didn't face genuine alternatives of right and wrong, we could never grow in moral stature.

Summing it up, circumstances in this life and our choices can be the answer to our question. God enters the arena of human history and suffers with us to bring triumph out of defeat. God has not abandoned us.

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

Memphis Drive-In gen'l mgr. presents check from "Cruisin' 42 to Memphis" to Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce president



Glenn Skorko (left), president of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, accepts a check from Judy Kissel (center), general manager of Memphis Drive-In, and Mike Kissel (right), organizer of the Cruisin' event and member of the Chamber of Commerce's board. In addition to having a great time, the 330 people who bought tickets for "Cruisin' 42 to Memphis" on Saturday, Aug. 26, helped the Drive-In raise \$4,114 for the Chamber of Commerce's scholarship fund. (Ultimately, one Brooklyn High School student and one other area high school student will benefit from the two scholarships.) One hundred and thirty-four vehicles were part of a one-hour, police-escorted parade along Pearl Road that ended at the Drive-In. At dusk, participants were treated to a double feature, one of which was *American Graffiti*, at our neighborhood's vintage outdoor movie theater. Old Brooklyn's Ameriflag, Inc. was one of the co-sponsors of the event; owner Don Workman's 1966 Chevy Malibu was one of the cars in the parade.

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