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Legendary folksinger Judy Collins sings and talks her way into listener's hearts at MetroHealth Medical Center conference

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By George Shuba

The Pastoral Care Conference at MetroHealth Medical Center May 10 – 11 was a rousing success, due in part, no doubt, to one of the women who spoke at it. Forty years after her hit *Both Sides Now* topped the charts in 1967, Judy Collins is still beautiful both inside and out. In addition to perform-

ing vocally, she is now also an author, lecturer and social activist.

Judy Collins was invited to speak at MetroHealth's conference because this year's theme concerned "Family Secrets" like alcoholism and other chemical addictions, suicide, homosexuality and transgender, and one of Judy's books, *Sanity and Grace: A Journal of Suicide, Survival, and Strength* addresses two of those issues. Although her presentation had the same title, it was actually a biography of her whole life, not just a chronicle of her son's suicide.

Judy charmed the MetroHealth audience from word one when she opened her presentation by singing the first verses of *Both Sides Now*; she also interspersed verses from other songs throughout her talk. Age has in no way diminished the quality of Judy's unforgettable soprano voice, and she still has far more concerts in her schedule than lectures (60-80 concerts a year, versus 12-18 lectures).

"Any family that's not dysfunctional has no more than one person in it," Judy quipped early in her talk. That line was a good introduction to alcoholism, the "Irish virus" and dysfunction in her own family. Her musically talented (and also blind) father was an alcoholic, she is an alcoholic, *See Judy Collins page 4*

From the desk of the executive director

by Robyn Sandys



Spring has finally arrived! The entire area looks alive with greenery, colorful flowers and shrubs.

The springtime is often a time for renewal, growth and change, not only for nature but also for how we live our lives. Now that I have been in the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation's (OBCDC) executive director position for two months, I have learned a lot about the programs we offer Ward 15 and 16 residents, from access to home repair and paint programs, to making sure that our properties are taken care of and up to code so that we can walk our streets with pride.

In coordination with numerous block clubs, OBCDC also has an extensive safety program and offers simple mediation and community relations services when needed. We oversee an award-winning community garden behind Benjamin Franklin School. And we do our best to apprise our senior population and people-in-need of the support services available to them.

Our commercial program works with businesses in the wards around storefront renovations, help with renting space, building partnerships, managing design and planning reviews for new commercial projects slated for the area.

Other activities in which OBCDC gets involved include city clean-ups and other special events and overall master planning for green space, housing and commercial zones. As many of you know, we receive the bulk of our funds in the form of block grants from the City of Cleveland's Community Development Department (CDBG) and allocations from the Wards 15 and 16 councilmen.

For twenty-nine years, the *Old Brooklyn News* has also been one of our special services. I understand that until recent times, it was a major part of what this agency did on behalf of the community. As we grow and become more engaged in all of the programs described above, the OBCDC board and I have come to the conclusion that we should also take a hard look at how best to serve the community in terms of a communication vehicle like a newspaper.

Over the past several years, mainly because of printing and distribution costs going up and CDBG funds going down, plus some advertisers struggling to pay for their ads, the newspaper has not been a cost-effective means to deliver information about our area. In light of that, it makes sense for us to evaluate the cost, delivery, design and number of times it is published each year.

Therefore, over the coming months we will be:

- Developing a business plan that will include an analysis of the paper's content, cost, delivery, design and advertising. The plan will be completed by October.
- Forming an ad hoc committee made up of board members, advertisers and community

people which will meet during the summer and early autumn to review our options for a community publication;

I urge anyone who is interested in what the outcome will be for the newspaper to contact me as soon as possible. I would like to hear your ideas and suggestions.

As mentioned in the March and April issues of the *Old Brooklyn News*, home delivery has stopped with this issue. The cost is high and the delivery has not been very good. It is hard to find companies engaged in this kind of work and when we do, they have a hard time providing responsible employees. But the newspaper can be picked up at locations in Wards 15 and 16. We have listed many of those sites in a box on this page.

All OBCDC members will receive the *Old Brooklyn News* through the mail. The form to fill out and mail in to become a member is on page 2.

When we come up with our new plan for our community publication, we will also be looking into raising our membership rates slightly to cover the cost of mailing. As of now, membership rates for seniors and individuals barely cover the cost of the mailing each month. We will recommend a new rate structure that reflects the additional cost of mailing at our annual membership meeting in autumn. Until then, membership and subscription rates will remain the same.

Please feel free to contact me regarding all that I have discussed in this article. I am available by phone at 216-459-1000 or by email at robyns@oldbrooklyn.com

And be sure to enjoy the warm weather with your family and friends!

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Archwood U.C.C., 2800 Archwood Ave.
Dongis Pizza, 2159 Broadview Rd.
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Broadview Rd.
St. Leo the Great, 4940 Broadview Rd.
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McDonalds, 2500 Denison & Pearl Rd.
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Deaconess Zane, 3105 Devonshire
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Estabrook Recreation, 4125 Fulton Rd.
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Dollar Bank, 4140 Fulton Rd.
Meszars Lanes, 4231 Fulton Rd.
Zelesnik's Tavern, 4002 Jennings Rd.
Sausage Shoppe, 4501 Memphis Ave
Dina's Pizza & Pub, 5701 Memphis Ave
Memphis Therapy, 6106 Memphis Ave
St. Thomas More, 4170 North Amber Drive
Riverside Cemetery, 3607 Pearl Rd.
Library Brooklyn Branch, 3706 Pearl Rd.
Huntington Bank, 3750 Pearl Rd.
Brookside Center, 3784 Pearl Rd.
Sals Restaurant, 3850 Pearl Rd.
Burger King, 4123 Pearl Rd.
Montalvo Home Improvement, 4143 Pearl Rd.
Institute of Divine Metaphysical Research, 4150 Pearl Rd.
US Bank, 4175 Pearl Rd.
Charter One Bank, 4221 & 5162 Pearl Rd.
Library South Brooklyn, 4303 Pearl Rd.
Dee's Old Brooklyn Diner, 4326 Pearl Rd.
Don's Brooklyn Chevrolet, 4941 Pearl Rd.
J.F. Glaze, 4960 Pearl Rd.
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Our Lady of Good Counsel, 4423 Pearl Rd.
St. Mark's Lutheran, 4464 Pearl Rd.
St. Lukes U.C.C., 4216 Pearl Rd.
MetroHealth South, 4229 Pearl Rd.
Theo's Old Brooklyn Grille, 4250 Pearl Rd.
Ampol Hall, 4737 Pearl Rd.
Rooms Today Outlet, 5140 Pearl Rd.
Pearl Brookpark Car Wash, 5133 Pearl Rd.
St. Mary Byzantine Catholic, 4600 State Rd.
Golden Harvest, 4806 State Rd.
South Hills Hardware, Tuxedo & Schaaf Rds.
Old Brooklyn Greenhouse, 4646 W. 11th
Valley Plaza Apts., 4197 W. 20th
Brooklyn Hts. U.C.C., 2005 W. Schaaf Rd.
Trinity U.C.C., 3525 West 25th

Brooklyn

Brooklyn City Hall, Memphis Ave
Brooklyn Rec Center, Memphis Ave
National City Bank, 7450 Memphis Ave
Dairymart, 7460 Memphis Ave
Marco's Pizza, 7415 Memphis Ave
Shell Station, Memphis & Ridge
Gepettos, 4312 Ridge Rd.
Laundromat, 4302 Ridge Rd.
Brooklyn Library, Ridge Rd.

Tremont

La Torilla Feliz, 2661 W.14th
Lincoln Park Pub, 2609 W.14th
Pilgrim Church, 2592 W.14th
Lava Lounge, 1307 Auburn Ave.
Prosperity Social Club, 1109 Starkweather
Lucky's Café, 777 Starkweather
The Flying Monkey Pub, 819 Jefferson Ave.
Edison's Next Door Deli, 2365 Professor Ave.
The Southside, 2207 W. 11th

Call Sandy at the Old Brooklyn News, 216-459-1000, if you would like your business to be added to the drop sites.

We understand that many residents did not receive the 2007-2008 *Old Brooklyn, Brooklyn Centre & City of Brooklyn Business Directory & Service Guide* with last month's *Old Brooklyn News* which was home delivered. Please stop by the OBCDC office, 3344 Broadview Rd., to pick up a copy.

"Take me out to the ball game"



Photo by George Shuba

Dana Smith, pitcher for the Old Brooklyn Bob-Cats, pitches her famous fast ball to a batter from the rival Wild Cats of Parma.

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Aris Computers Sales and Service at 4888 Pearl Rd. joined the Old Brooklyn business family this past October. The company is owned by computer technician Hunter Adams, computer technician Eric Rice and financial officer Lynn Rice.

Aris Computers offers a wide array of computer services including a PC game room priced at \$5 an hour. It has approximately forty games which can be played in single player mode or online against a variety of opponents. LAN parties can also be scheduled at Aris Computers.

Aris Computers has free diagnostic estimates on computers, a service which

almost no other computer store in Cleveland offers. Aris offers a one product warranty on all parts, products and labor. Aris Computers does in-home service calls for a \$35 fee. If you decide to hire them to fix your equipment, this charge will be deducted from your final bill.

Computer repairs at Aris include PC tune-ups, modifications, upgrades, hardware, software, virus and mal-ware removal, O/S installs and home networking. Along with this, Aris Computers will also design, develop, master and implement your home or office website.

Stop in at Aris Monday through Thursday, from 10 am to 10 pm; Friday and Saturday, from 10 am to midnight; and Sunday, from 10 am to 8 pm.

Estabrook's swimming instructor/lifeguard Cathy Arnold retires

by Lynette Filips
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After forty-two years of working with the City of Cleveland's Recreation Department, Estabrook Recreation Center's physical director Cathy Arnold retired on Thursday, May 31st. Cathy had been at the rec center at 4125 Fulton Rd. since 2001.

Cathy obviously didn't start out planning to work for the City's recreation system, because she majored in food service at Jane Adams Vocational High School. She started working for the City of Cleveland in 1964 at Garfield Pool, which used to be in Garfield Park. In 1965 and 1966 she worked at the former Regent Pool, which was located off Union Ave. on Regent Ave.

In September of 1966, Cathy started working full-time at Woodland Pool (today's Ken Johnson Pool). The lifeguard with whom she worked was Ken Johnson himself, now Councilman Ken Johnson. She also taught dance and art at Woodland Recreation Center (today's Ken Johnson Recreation Center).

In 1970 a young man who also worked for the Recreation Department was moved to Woodland Recreation Center so that he could better juggle his college schedule and his work schedule, and Cathy was transferred to Cudell Pool at 1910 West Blvd. In addition to being a lifeguard, she also coached basketball, volleyball and softball.

From 1982 to 1992, Cathy participated in masters swim team (for ages 25 and above) competitions at Cudell, and from 1984 to 1996, she also competed in masters synchronized swimming.

Cathy stayed at Cudell until May of 1993 when she became ill. When she returned to work in July of 1994, she was sent to Sterling Recreation Center on E. 32nd St. between Superior Ave. and St. Clair Ave. When that pool went down for repairs, the City sent her to Estabrook.

In addition to all the energy Cathy has put into students of all ages at Cleveland's recreation centers, over the years she has also raised forty-two foster children from across Northern Ohio. Their custody was arranged via a private lawyer. Cathy is still in contact with several of the "children".

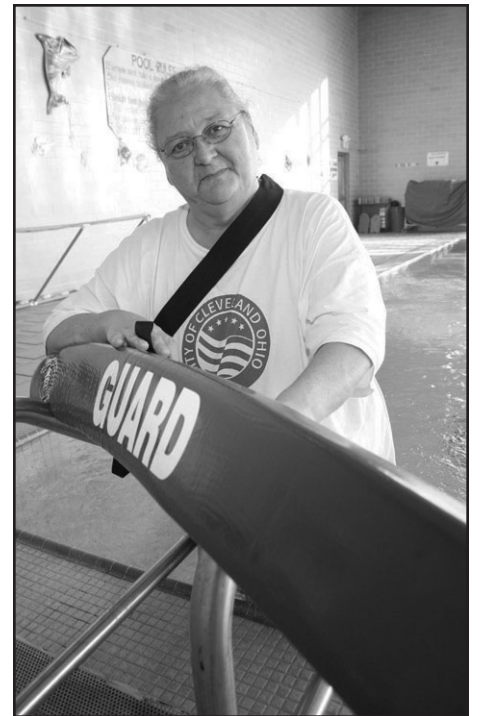


Photo by George Shuba

The indoor swimming pool at Estabrook Recreation Center has been Cathy Arnold's "home away from home" for so many years that her retirement last month has already left quite a void among both the staff and the swimmers there. James Berger, Estabrook's other physical director, will be working doubletime until September, when Cathy's position will be filled.

Memphis Kiddie Park groundskeeper likes to share fish stories with his pals

by Lori Peterson
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On any given day you can walk into the Arby's at 3330 Broadview Rd. and see three or four gentlemen sitting around a table sipping coffee and talking about the day's events. These cronies go back many years and have a wealth of stories to share. Clarence Easterwood is one of these colorful gentlemen, and his stories are often about fishing.

For over 15 years, Clarence has had the hobby of collecting antique fishing articles — lures, reels, tackle boxes, and rods. He frequently visits flea markets to find a bargain or two but sadly says, "People are getting wise and things don't sell cheap like they used to."

However, there still is money to be made in collecting antique fishing items. Clarence's best find was when he purchased a tackle box with four reels for \$4 and found out that one reel alone was worth \$200.

Clarence also fondly remembers, "A friend of mine bought a lure for \$100,000 and sold it for \$300,000-\$400,000!" This particular lure was made of copper and was not duplicated.

When handling his finds, Clarence likes to think of the history behind the articles —

Where were they fishing? What was the weather like? What kind of fish did they catch? Did they tell a "fish story"?

Clarence was born in Grafton, Ohio and moved to Cleveland after he got back from World War II. He worked as a fireman for New York Central Railroad until they got into financial trouble and had to close down. For the next twenty-two years he worked in the restaurant business.

Some locals may know Clarence as Mr. Easterwood at Memphis Kiddie Park. He has been overseeing the grounds for Kiddie Park for the past seventeen years and is in charge of cleaning the equipment, planting flowers and maintaining the property. Clarence's favorite part of the job is "growing flowers". Thanks to the greenhouse lights that he installed at the park, he starts a lot of the plants from seed and nurtures them to maturity.

An active man, Clarence belongs to the South Cuyahoga Sportsmen's Association and the Antique Lure Collectors and Reel Collectors Club. He makes a mean pot of chili (which he has been known to share with the OBCDC office staff) and, of course, gets out to fish whenever he can. Clarence is proud to call Old Brooklyn home and we are glad to have him here.

PHONE BOOK RECYCLING

June 1 - August 31

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
Hippo parking lot
3900 Wildlife Way

For more locations call
216-443-3749 or visit
www.cuyahogawd.org

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Photo by George Shuba

A parade along Memphis Ave. from Fulton Rd. to Pearl Rd. on Thursday, May 3, kicked off SCR's Senior Olympics. Here a few of the seniors (left to right, Doris Kaczmarek, Joe Cannon, Florence Ychek, Shirley Evans, Ray Eskew and Gladys Hamilton) demonstrate to bag piper Wayne Holscott that they have more than a little "kick" left in them.

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NEWS NOTES

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 2005 W. Schaaf Rd. 216-741-2280

Homemade soups & breads, deli sandwiches & salads, homemade desserts, sundaes, espressos, cappuccinos, smoothies & more.

Saturday evenings, 6:30 - 10 pm
Saturday, June 2

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Saturday, June 9th

“Mattie Blue” Contemporary & Classic Country music.

Saturday, June 16th

“Mark Allen Chapman” Contemporary Christian music.

Saturday, June 23rd

“Bill Gardner” Relax & listen to the music of this popular entertainer.

Saturday, June 30th

“Rewind” Trio performs a blend of music.

Every Tuesday

Food Stamp Information & Sign Up

Brookside Center in the lobby area, 3784 Pearl Rd. 10 am – 2 pm. Representative from The Empowerment Center of Greater Cleveland’s Project B.R.E.A.D. will be available to provide info & help eligible people sign up. Call Patricia Gillbery, Project B.R.E.A.D. Outreach Specialist, 216-432-4770, for more info.

Saturday, June 9th

Free Bike Safety Day at Tri-C Campuses

10 am - noon, Metropolitan Campus, 2900 Community College Ave., parking lot #1. Police officers, police cadets & staff from Tri-C’s Dept. of Public Safety instructing young riders (ages 5-12) about safe riding habits, helmet protection & testing children’s bicycling skills with an obstacle course focusing on steering, braking, stopping & general maneuverability. Children must bring bike to participate. Also face painting, a strolling magician & cartoon artist. Free bicycle helmets distributed to participants (while quantities last). Call Tri-C Department of Public Safety, 216- 987-3541, for registration form. Fax completed registration form to 216-987-4223, drop off at the nearest Tri-C Public Safety Office, or mail to Cuyahoga Community College, Attention: Public Safety Bicycle Safety Day, 2900 Community College Ave., Cleve., OH, 44115. Registrations also accepted on day of event. Call Tri-C Department of Public Safety, 216-987-3541, for more info.

Saturday, June 9th

Fibromyalgia Support Group

MetroHealth cafeteria (use the Towers entrance), 2500 MetroHealth Dr., 10 - 11:30 am. Open to the public. Parking & meetings both free. Call 216-398-4880 for directions or more info. Future meeting date -- July 14.

Saturday, June 9th

Ward 16 Stickney Creek Clean-Up

Meet at Archmere Park, Archmere Ave. between State & Pearl Rds., 9 am - noon. Volunteers needed to join the Friends of Big Creek sweep through neighborhood in an effort to protect & restore this stream! Refreshments provided for volunteers. Dress for the weather, wear long sleeves & slacks, boots or work shoes. Bags & work gloves provided. Children under age 18 must have adult supervision. Call Cuyahoga Soil & Water

Conservation District, 216-524-6580, ext 22, for more info. Rain date - Sat, Jun. 16th. Sponsored by the City of Cleveland.

Monday, June 11th
Angel Inspirations

Cuyahoga County Public Library, Brooklyn Branch, 4480 Ridge Rd., 7 pm. Certified angel therapy practitioner Kim Waseilewski works with the angelic realm for an enlightened experience with the angels. Information about how to access & invoke your own personal angels into your daily life. To register call 216-398-4600 or visit cuyahogalibrary.org.

Tuesday, June 12th

Laurel Garden Club Plant Auction

Brooklyn Senior Community Center, 7747 Memphis Ave. 7 pm. unusual perennials, houseplants, some annuals. Refreshments. No admission, all welcome.

Thursday, June 14th
Godspell

The Food Pantry of the Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland at Brookside Center will have its annual theater benefit at Huntington Playhouse, 28601 Lake Rd., Bay Village. Reception 7 pm, play starts at 8 pm. Tickets \$20. For more info, call Janet Thomas or Heidi Bonness at 216-749-4295. Brookside provides food & comprehensive outreach, as well as personal support, for people experiencing poverty & crisis.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday June 15th - 17th
POW WOW & Festival

Edgewater Park. Fri. gates open 3 pm.; concert 5 pm until dark. Sat & Sun., gates open 11 am; grand entry 1 & 6 pm. Close, 8 pm Sat. & 6 pm Sun. Adults, \$8; seniors, \$6; Children 4-6, \$4; under 1, free. Performers Douglas Bluefeather, Wade Fernandez. Traditional food, jewelry, craft & art vendors, educational demonstrations, storytelling, traditional regalia, raffles & more. Rain or shine; public welcome. Bring your own lawn chairs.

Wednesday, June 27th

Free Screening & Roundtable Discussion
 Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. 6 pm. “Confronting the Decline in an American City” (A Lincoln Land Institute documentary about Cleveland). Sponsored by The Lincoln Land Institute, Councilman Brian J. Cummins (Ward 15), & Cleveland Metroparks. To learn about our City’s history and future challenges we face as a region. For more info. call the Ward 15 office at 216-459-8400

Saturday, June 30

Free Bike Safety Day at Tri-C Campuses
 9 am - noon. Western Campus, 11000 Pleasant Valley Rd., Parma, parking lot D. See program & registration info under Jun. 9 listing for same event at Metro Campus.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, July 6th, 7th & 8th
Grand Pacific Junction, Mill St & Columbia Rd. Olmsted Falls.

What’s the Buzz Arts & Craft Show Contact Carolyn, 440-427-0094, or email thebeadedspirit@sbcglobal.net for more info. Also coming up -- **Heritage Days - Juried Arts & Craft show** Aug 18th - 19th. contact Lora, 440-427-0094 or email thebeadedspirit@sbcglobal.net. Info. on both events also available at www.grand-pacificjunction.com, by leaving a message on the Caboose phone, 440-235-9277, & by emailing gjmerchants@yahoo.com.

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St. Leo Preschool Registration

St. Leo Preschool, 4940 Broadview Rd.; located in the Parish Community Center. Registration began Feb. 1 at the preschool. \$50 nonrefundable fee & a copy of the child’s birth certificate required at time of registration. The preschool offers programs for skills 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 by Sept., 30 attend classes Tues. & Thurs. Class times are 8:15-10:45 am or 11:55 am - 2:25 pm. Call Jeanne Sabol, 216-661-5330, for more info.

St. Leo Elementary School Registration

St. Leo the Great School accepting registrations for new students in kindergarten through grade 8. Pick up registration forms in the school office 9 am - 3:30 pm weekdays. For kindergarten registration, children must be 5 years of age on or before September 30th. Bring child’s birth & baptismal certificates, immunization records & \$50.00 non-refundable registration fee. For grades 1-8 registration, bring child’s birth & baptismal certificates, immunization records, a copy of the most recent report card & \$50.00 non-refundable registration fee. Call the school office, 216-661-2120, with any questions.

St. Mark Lutheran School Registration

St. Mark Lutheran School, 4464 Pearl Rd. Applications accepted throughout the school year for kindergarten - 8th grade. Participates in the Cleveland Scholarship & tutoring program. On-site before & after school daycare, hot lunch program, sports, music, newly updated computer labs, accelerated reader program, interactive

white boards, Girl Scouts & Cub Scouts. For registration info or to schedule a private tour, call the school office, 216-749-3545, or visit www.orgsites.com/oh/ stmarklutheran

Tops Weight Loss Group

Welcoming new members to meetings at 5801 Memphis Ave., Tues., 9 - 11 am. Call 216-661-4595 for more info.

Be a Boy Scout

New Cub Scout pack at Pearl Road United Methodist Church. Contact Rev. Gebbie, 216-661-5642, or Matt Baker, BSA District Executive, 216-861-6060.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Brooklyn Centre Community Association (formerly Archwood Denison Concerned Citizens) meeting, Thurs., May 24th (& every fourth Thurs.), 7 pm, Archwood United Church of Christ, 2800 Archwood Ave.

Friends of Big Creek Visit www.friendsof-bigcreek.org for more info.

John Nagy Blvd. Community Meeting, Mon., May 14th, 6 pm. St. Boniface School hall, 3555 W. 54th St. (enter from the parking lot off of W. 52nd St, just north of Denison Ave.) Contact Stockyard Redevelopment Organization, 216-961-7687, ext. 202, for more info.

Second District Police Community Relations meeting, Tues., May 8th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th St.

Southwest Citizens Area Council meeting Thurs., June 7th (& every first Thurs.), 7 pm, Gino’s, 1314 Denison Ave.

Ward 15 Democratic Club Meeting, Tues., May 22nd (& every fourth Tues.), 6:30 pm, Estabrook Recreation Center, 4125 Fulton Rd.

Ward 16 Democratic Club Picnic, annual end-of-year picnic. Brookside Park Pavilion. 6:30 pm. Food, friends & fun.

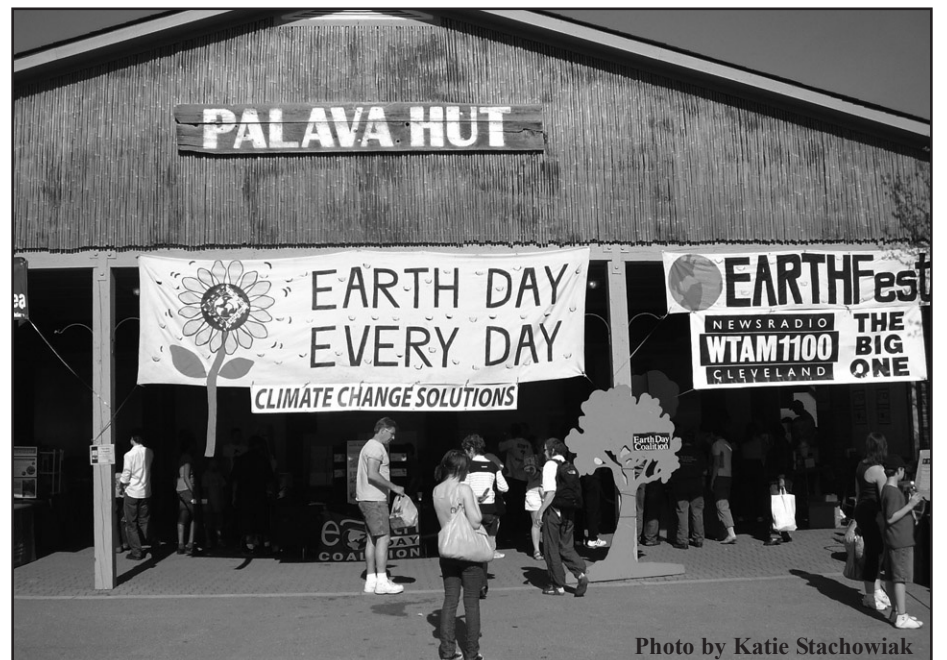


Photo by Katie Stachowiak

The Earth Day Coalition’s annual celebration of Earth Day (April 22, this year) at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo attracts thousands of people to our neighborhood. This year it also caused major traffic jams north and south on Pearl Rd. and also on Memphis Ave.

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Third annual Brooklyn Centre Garden Tour

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The Brooklyn Centre Community Association (BCCA) will conduct the third annual Brooklyn Centre Garden Tour on Sunday, June 10th, from 1 to 5 p.m. This year's theme is "Magic, Mystery and Millionaires."

Riverside Cemetery will again host the event, which will include a garden party, musical entertainment and tours of the property. This cemetery at 3607 Pearl Rd. is the final resting place for a gamut of notables in Cleveland's history, from financiers to mayors to magicians. Costumed narrators will be on hand throughout the grounds to tell the tales of some of these famous people.

In keeping with BCCA's continuing effort to show off Brooklyn Centre as a small town that played a big part in the city's growth, the Spirit of Riverside will appear to recount the beginnings of the cemetery and its significance to Cleveland. A local expert will explain the period symbolism and architectural features on monuments and gravestones.

Children can play the "Can You Find This?" game to learn about the cemetery's unique "residents" and what makes them special.

In partnership with Art House, the Ohio Prairie Council, the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, the Cleveland Public Library, the Ohio Canal Corridor, the Friends of Big Creek, and the Brooklyn Centre Garden Club, BCCA will also present a children's crafts booth, an urban landscape booth, a story hour, appearances by zoo animals and their caretakers, and information booths for local organizations and attractions.

This year's garden event promises a unique and fascinating afternoon for visitors, both young and old, and neighbors and guests alike. Adult tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 on the day of the tour; senior tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 on the day of the tour; family packages (2 adults and 2 children) are \$20 in advance and \$25 on the day of the tour.

For more info or to purchase advance sale tickets, please call Gloria Ferris at 216-351-0254.

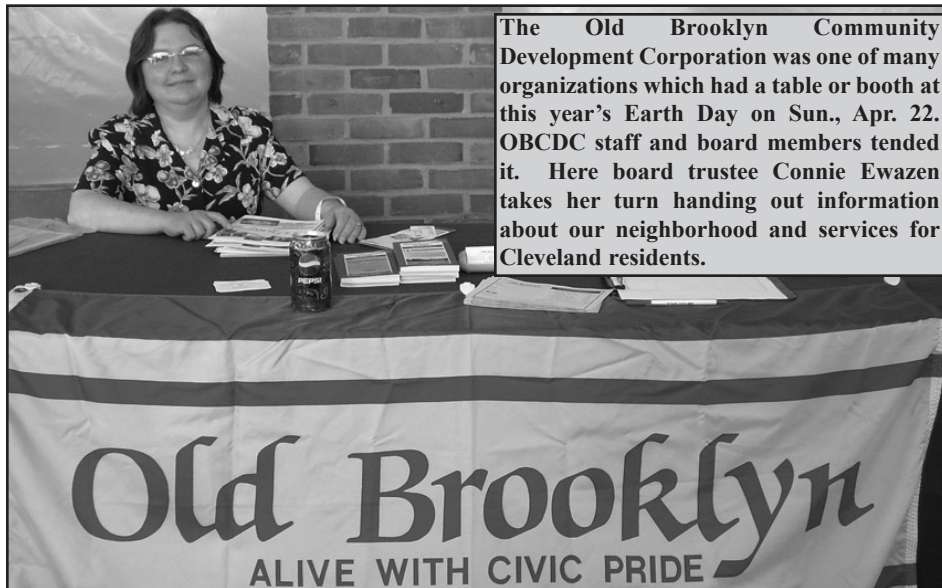


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Judy Collins from front page

and her son Clark Taylor (her only child) who committed suicide was an alcoholic.

Regarding the personality changes which occur when alcoholics are drinking, Judy shared that she and her siblings "didn't bring friends home because we never knew which daddy would be there."

Judy believes that "depression is not the sole catalyst for suicide." Alcohol and drugs contribute to it, and she herself tried to commit suicide when she was only fourteen years old because she'd been asked to do something which she felt that she couldn't do.

Folk songs were not in Judy's repertoire when she started her musical training. During her growing-up years in Denver she was a pianist, and her piano teacher never got over the fact that she gave up classical piano. Judy credits the early discipline of piano practice as what helped her get through many of the challenges she encountered later in life. The oldest of the five Collins children, Judy also sang opera.

Judy married the son of one of her father's best friends. Tragically, the man who would have been her father-in-law had already committed suicide at the time of their marriage. (He was an alcoholic, too.) Although Judy and her siblings knew that he had taken his own life, the man's children were told that he died in a serious accident. (That piece of information tied in perfectly with the conference theme of "Family Secrets".)

Judy and her husband moved to Boulder, Colorado after their marriage. He was in school and she worked at the University of Colorado "filing papers". When he suggested that she find a job doing something she liked, she traded her piano for a guitar and got a job singing folksongs at a local pub. They already had a child, but their marriage wasn't going well.

Judy moved to New York City to advance her singing career in 1962 or 1963. Her husband ultimately got custody of Clark, because Greenwich Village didn't seem like the best place to be raising a child.

In New York, Judy began singing at Gertie's Folk City, where she got to know Joan Baez, Peter, Paul and Mary, and Bob Dylan. Because she found herself having too many panic attacks, drinking too much and experiencing terrible depression, she decided to get into therapy. The group of therapists with whom she allied herself followed the theories of Harry Stack Sullivan, who treated his patients with alcohol.

That was not a good idea for someone who already had problems with alcohol, but Judy stayed with those therapists for fifteen years. (She also tried a Freudian therapist during the same time period.) She engaged in "blackout drinking most days", "took every kind of pills" and became an "exercise bulimic" to help manage her depression.

In 1978, Judy heard of a doctor in New York City whose specialty was helping alcoholics and drug addicts get sober. She consulted him, and for the past twenty-nine years, hasn't used any mind-altering chemicals, alcoholic or otherwise.

Now Judy employs several simple practices to promote healthy living - yoga, meditation, exercise, laughter and eating three meals and two snacks a day. "The body, mind and spirit are all connected," she explained. Judy promotes meditation as "the cheapest therapist". She's open to other possibilities, too; for instance, some kind of \$4 homeopathic medicine treatment with "blue tubes" has cured her asthma when she couldn't sing.

Of course, singing, too, gets Judy through what's going on in her life, as do the books she reads and the journal she keeps. She "chooses

to be an optimist," believes that "everything happens for a reason," and always strives to "live in the solution, not in the problem." After Clark died, her friend Joan Rivers told her, "You cannot stop; if you do, you will not heal."

Clark had actually been "dry" for seven years (he got sober in 1984) when he relapsed and ultimately took his life. He was just 33 years old when he died, married, and the father of one daughter. Knowing that depression is inherited and that his paternal grandfather had also committed suicide in the same way helped Judy to handle the tragedy to a degree.

Today, Judy knows all the statistics - that there are 20 million alcoholics and drug addicts in the United States, that one fourth of the people in this country have been treated for mental illness themselves or have had a family member treated for it, and that 50% of the inmates in our prisons are there because of drug- and/or alcohol-related problems.

Although she began collecting Social Security this year (she was born in 1939), Judy has no intention of retiring. One of her missions in life is to do all she can to inspire and educate people about drug and alcohol addiction and suicide.

Judy's latest book, *The Seven T's: Finding Hope and Healing in the Wake of Tragedy*, will be released this month. (Her seven T's in terms of dealing with suicide are Truth, Therapy, Trust, Try, Treat, Treasure and Thrive.)

In addition to some early novels, Judy's other books are: *Trust Your Heart: An Autobiography* (1987); *Singing Lessons: a Memoir of Love, Loss and Healing* (1998); the aforementioned *Sanity and Grace* (2003); and *Morning, Noon and Night: Living the Creative Life* (2005).

When she's not traveling for concerts or lectures, Judy's home base is New York City. She has a website, www.judycollins.com, which informs her fans of a wide variety of her past, present and future activities. (It is a veritable "blast from the past" in terms of viewing her album covers and listing the songs in each one, starting with her first album in 1961 up to the latest which will be released on the 26th of this month - *Judy Collins Sings Lennon & McCartney*.)

After her presentation at MetroHealth, Judy autographed books for people who bought them, and greeted anyone who wanted to exchange a few words with her. She even sang the first few verses from *Send in the Clowns* at the request of someone who was a few places ahead of me in line.

Perhaps you "had to be there" to appreciate the energy in Scott Auditorium that Thursday afternoon, perhaps it was because *Both Sides Now* was the song of my freshman year in college, but hearing Judy Collins' speak and having even a brief opportunity to speak with her one-on-one was one of the highpoints of my over seventeen-years with the *Old Brooklyn News*.

If something you've just read about Judy's presentation touches your heart, pick up one of her books and explore the thought further. As Judy said toward the end of her talk, "The dialogue is never over... When someone is dead, all you have to do is love them."

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I'm writing this article over the Memorial Day weekend, and except for the inherent sadness in terms of the historical reason for the holiday, what a glorious weekend in Cleveland it was – a five-day outdoor flower show at the Cleveland Botanical Garden, the last weekend of the (extended) *Monet in Normandy* exhibit at the Cleveland Museum of Art, and the final days of the *Diana, a celebration* (also extended) exhibition at the **Western Reserve Historical Society**.

Sometimes we don't really appreciate the world-class events we have in Cleveland, especially in the University Circle area. Other people travel substantial distances to take them in, yet we who live here too often let them pass by without a thought.

Well, it's too late for the garden show (this year!) and the Monet paintings, but it's not too late to view the exhibit about Diana. Since it opened in February, we've been listing it every month in *Family Fun*, but after seeing it, I'm been thinking that *New Notes* or even *Church Notes* may have been a more appropriate place to promote it. Having a touring exhibit of this magnitude in Cleveland is clearly *news*, but to be in the same room with Diana's childhood toys, watching her family's home movies, reading her personal correspondence, and, of course, gazing upon "the wedding gown of the century" was truly a spiritual experience.

The Diana exhibition is composed of nine galleries and covers 10,000 square feet. The last gallery displays 28 garments Diana wore in her public life, many accompanied by familiar photos. (She was, after all, one of the most photographed women in history!)

Although there are plenty of diamonds and jewels, given the tragic ending to Diana's life, not everything is fun/glitzy. Elton John's original text of the song he composed for Diana's funeral is there, as is her brother Charles' hand-edited text of the eulogy he delivered. Diana's charitable causes are also high-lighted.

The exhibit has already been on display in Toronto, Fort Lauderdale, St. Petersburg, Houston, and Dayton on its North American tour. Cleveland is the last stop before it returns to the Spencer family estate in Althorp, England. June 10 is the final opportunity to view it, and the hours have been extended on many of the last days. Check our entry in the Western Reserve Historical Society listing in *Family Fun* to read the specifics.

June is traditionally a month for clergy transfers at our churches, and so far we have heard of two neighborhood parishes which will be experiencing such changes –

On June 5, **St. Thomas More Church** in Brooklyn will be losing its associate pastor, **Fr. John Juhas**; due to the shortage of priests, he will not be replaced. Because Fr. John has been at St. Thomas More for almost thirteen years, and has been the chairperson of and involved with the Greater Brooklyn Ministerial Association for the majority of those years, his leaving will be a big change for both the parish and the wider Brooklyn/Old Brooklyn church community. Fr. John's new assignment is to be an associate pastor at St. Felicitas Church on Richmond Rd. in Euclid.

On the same date, change will be taking place in the rectory at **St. Leo the Great Church** in Old Brooklyn, too. **Fr. Thomas Stock**, who has been an associate pastor at the parish for five years, will be moving to take on the same position at St. Albert the Great Church in North Royalton. Luckily for St. Leo parishioners, though, Fr. Stock will be replaced.

Fr. Thomas Woost will be coming to St. Leo's from St. Anthony of Padua Church in Parma, where he, too, was an associate pastor. Fr. Woost was born in Elkhart,

Indiana, but he was raised in Olmsted Falls. He attended (and graduated from) St. Mary of the Falls Elementary School, Holy Name High School and John Carroll University before entering Borromeo Seminary. Fr. Woost was ordained in 1997, and St. Leo's will be his third assignment; the first parish at which he was stationed was Immaculate Heart of Mary in Cuyahoga Falls.

(Make sure that you pay attention to first names when you are speaking about or hearing about a Fr. Woost, because there are two other diocesan priests with the same surname. They are his older brothers -- Fr. Michael Woost, ordained in 1984 and a professor at St. Mary's Seminary, and Fr. David Woost, ordained in 1991 and the pastor of Divine Word Church in Kirtland.)

While it's not a clergy change, **Corpus Christi Church** in Old Brooklyn has some news to share, too. On April 22, one of its young adult members, **Ryan Marconi**, was recognized at the Southwest Deanery dinner for Holy Name Societies (HNS). Ryan received the Corpus Christi HNS Person of the Year Award, and also accepted the presidency of the parish organization for the upcoming year. Since Ryan only graduated from high school in 2005, they believe that he is the youngest person to have been given that leadership position in the history of Holy Name Societies.

June is also traditionally a month for graduations, dean's lists, honor rolls and scholarship news, and we have enough room to report some of them, too. **Julie Prokop** of Ralph Ave. received a Master of Fine Arts degree from Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan on May 11. As is often the case with students who major in art, some of her work was on display at the school's art museum from April 21 to May 11.

A graduate of St. Leo Elementary School, Julie had received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Toledo two years ago. Now she is looking for a college-level teaching position.

We also received a communication from Ohio State University (OSU) earlier

this year about neighborhood students who were named to OSU's honor roll for their academic prowess in the autumn quarter of 2006. They are Old Brooklyn/Brooklyn Centre residents **Jonathan Hollik, Kristin Krajewski, Stephanie Melnykowski, Jill Peysha, Theresa Serna** and **Joshua Todorovski** and Brooklyn residents **Liana Allabadi, Samantha Komnenic, David Luther** and **Jessica Safran**.

This month we also have some happy tidings to share regarding one of our businessmen. Due to complications from an injury he sustained in an accident decades ago (when he was still in school), **Dan Plescia** of **Dan's Broadview Barber Shop**, 4764 Broadview Rd., required liver transplant surgery. We're happy to report that Dan successfully underwent that surgery at the Cleveland Clinic shortly before Easter, and now, as the sign in the window of the shop says, "Dan's back on duty."

How long there will continue to be an *Old Brooklyn News* as we have come to know it, or a Town Crier column remains to be seen, but after exactly sixteen years (it debuted in a June issue) of writing this column every month, I'm carrying on as if this newspaper will survive the present turmoil. Therefore I ask you to continue sending your submissions to Lynette Filips, The Town Crier, c/o the *Old Brooklyn News*, 3344 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44109.

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Old Brooklyn News

The Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) has been reviewing the finances of publishing the *Old Brooklyn News* for several months. The short term conclusion is that the paper is not bringing in enough revenue to pay the cost of publishing it. In fact there is reason to think that publication should be suspended for a few months to stop the deficit from growing.

That may become necessary eventually, but for now the OBN will continue to come out every month while a long-term business plan is prepared. Home delivery, however, is being discontinued with this issue.

Among the many columns I have written for this paper are several that have been devoted to business planning. In my opinion, it is the lack of a business plan from which to measure the operations of the *Old Brooklyn*

News that has created the present problem. This is the reality of the business world. When costs exceed revenue for a sustained period of time, the business cannot continue, even if there is a demand for the product.

The current situation is not the result of people not working hard enough to produce a good newspaper. Rather it is the result of the changes silently occurring as to how people obtain information, what they are interested in reading, and daily lifestyle changes in the community.

A business plan must accommodate changes in the market, and managers must be constantly monitoring business operations to ensure that the business adapts to shifts in customer behavior.

Old Brooklyn's board of trustees wants to continue publishing a community newspaper. OBCDC is the only community development corporation in the city which does this. Several produce newsletters and quarterly public relations magazines, but no one else does a newspaper. The board knows that there is a need to communicate items of interest and importance to the residents of Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn. The question is now how best to do that and at what cost.

The OBCDC board also recognizes that they are a membership-based organization with nominal dues and limited resources. A dollar can only be spent once, and community-demand for a wide range of services means that any activity that cannot be self-sustaining (pay for itself) must compete with the other services requiring subsidy.

The funding for the Old Brooklyn

Community Development Corporation comes primarily from two sources: membership fees and contracts for services. Some money is also generated from special fundraising activities, but that must cover general operating expenses. The bottom line is that the *Old Brooklyn News* must be run like a business where revenue is greater than cost. A new business plan will determine if that is again possible.

Summer Fuel Crunch

Do you find your eyes checking the gasoline prices at every gasoline station you drive past? Are you just putting enough gasoline in the fuel tank to get you to payday or the end of the week instead of filling up? I listen to the technical explanations of why prices keep climbing and shake my head with doubt. How can something as stable and predictable as gasoline production have become so unstable?

We are a mobile society which will not surrender that mobility to rising costs. We will make adjustments on other expenses, but are very slow to reduce our driving. Perhaps this is an opportunity to make some minor changes that will reduce your daily mileage and introduce you to some changes that you might enjoy.

First, make a log of your daily driving pattern, where you go and why you go. If it is shopping for necessities then look for stores closer to home, *in your neighborhood*, which can provide you the same products. If you are driving past neighborhood stores that

can provide you with groceries, hardware, dry cleaning, beverages, flowers, etc., then you are burning excess gasoline and paying for that excess.

Second, ask yourself if there are any trips that you can make on public transportation. Yes, I mean the RTA bus or rail service. Can you take a bus to work, or an appointment, or to go on a light shopping trip? If you were mobile before 1960, then you probably used public transportation on a fairly regular basis. You don't have to sell the car, but do think about the cost savings if you could leave the car at home and take public transportation at least once a week.

Third, find a neighbor who is willing to ride-share on some common trips. Perhaps you could partner with one other person once a week to grocery shop, or ride to church, or do some other errand that would take one car off the road and save a bit of gasoline each week. If you already carpool taking the kids to school or going to work, just expand the concept for other purposes.

Gasoline prices are not expected to decline in the near future and they most likely will not decline to the levels we became accustomed to after the last spike. So change the way you travel and make it work for you.

Scenes from Benjamin Franklin Garden



Getting the soil ready for the 2007 harvest at the Ben Franklin Garden

Photos by Sandy Worona

Coletta Normile (top left) takes a rest from her planting chores. Coletta, a long time and very skilled Benjamin Franklin Community gardener, annually produces very good vegetable products. Veteran "Benjie" gardener Bob Haws (top center) demonstrates how he manages to defeat the mid-day sun as he sets his seedlings. Retired Internist Charles Strohm, M.D. (top right) is planting the heirloom plants he brought back from Oklahoma after an extended visit with his son. John Jenkins (left middle) shows off the garlic patch, which he co-gardens with Tom Sargent. A veteran gardener, Jenkins is very supportive of the garden. Twenty-year Ben Franklin gardener Jim Kasper (middle center) tends his newly planted vegetables. First year "Benjie" gardener Dewey Smith (middle right) waters the gardens of the Downing Construction Corporation. An innovative "Scarecrow" (bottom left) created by Debbie Alexander adorns the garden she and her husband take care of. The artistic side of gardener Doug Zimmer is reflected in the arrangement of his four garden plots (center bottom). Zimmer is also a professional photographer. No!! it is NOT a Tee Pee (bottom right). It is a trellis for her pole beans to climb up, constructed of fallen tree limbs, that is the centerpiece of Teresa Clark's garden. Clark is a published author and a dedicated Ben Franklin Garden gardener.

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On Saturday, May 12, Pastor Jerry (Gerald M. Madasz) of St. Luke's United Church of Christ blessed motorcycles at the Lake Erie Harley Davidson Shop on Chester Rd. in Avon. The event was sponsored by The Lord's Cavalry, a unit of the Christian Motorcycle Association. Many bikes and their owners were individually blessed by Pastor Jerry, far right, and Rev. James Keller, the former pastor of Pearl Road United Methodist Church, left of Pastor Jerry.

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In the upper left photo, Ted Uebbing from Avon Lake waits to have his bike blessed.

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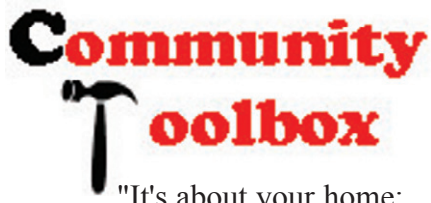
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Spring Maintenance Checklist

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Most homeowners know seasonal maintenance is a must. Spring is the perfect time for routine maintenance checks on many areas of your home. But how do you decide what needs to be done, and in what priority? The checklist provided below is for spring and summer maintenance.

Home Maintenance Checklist for Spring and Summer*

- Replace smoke and fire alarm batteries (twice per year)
- Cut back any trees or shrubs touching the roof or exterior (twice per year)
- Inspect and touch up exterior paint
- Inspect foundation for water penetration, settling and cracks
- Inspect or treat exterior wood for splintering, decay and insect damage
- Clean exterior of upper-story windows
- Install window screens, repairing as needed
- Clean gutters and inspect downspouts
- Snake out downspout crocks (twice per year)
- Inspect roof for warping, aging, moss, cracking, curling, torn, discolored or missing shingles
- Clean debris, leaves and branches off flat roof structures (twice per year)
- Inspect roof flashing for rust or cracking
- Inspect chimney for cracked or worn mortar
- Perform seasonal pest control (quarterly)

SUMMER

- Inspect exposed plumbing areas for ampness (sinks, toilets, basement, crawl space)
- Fix loose or cracked caulking around tiles, sinks, tubs, showers, toilet, counters
- Inspect appliance hoses and ventilation according to owner's manuals
- Power wash, repair, refinish and seal or paint decks or porches; reset any protruding nails
- Clean and lubricate sliding-glass door tracks and window tracks
- Lubricate door hinges and locks
- Oil garage doors
- Patch driveway and other concrete or asphalt surfaces and seal
- Inspect caulking around windows, doors and siding joints
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Helpful Hints

- *Reseed lawns when needed
 - *Water should drain away from the foundation of your home
 - *Water stains on siding indicates that water is not draining properly from gutters or a leak in the roof
 - *Sink drains need chemical flushing on occasion to prevent clogging and back-up
 - *Floor tiles should be kept clean to prevent deterioration
 - *Electrical receptacles operating too many appliances will cause black-outs and overheated wiring
- These are some helpful tips that can help you to maintain your house and perhaps avoid costly home repairs. A home is the biggest investment that most of people make in their lifetimes, so treat it with care. *The checklist was obtained from the internet.

Tall grass on vacant/abandoned properties can be very costly to homeowners

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Old Brooklyn is considered a "regional choice" in terms of being a place to live in Cleveland, and one of the criteria for its being rated as such is a low number of vacant and abandoned properties. But although Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre are relatively lucky regarding vacant and abandoned properties, such properties do exist. Because of high grass, they are most likely to pose a problem in the summer months.

The City of Cleveland has ordinances to help alleviate this problem. The following information was obtained from City's website and pertains to vacant properties that have grass over 8 inches in height:

At least annually, the Commissioner of Environment will mail a notice to the last known address of the owner of each vacant parcel of land, or publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation, advising owners, operators and persons in possession or control of vacant parcels of the requirements of this Chapter regarding the care of property and one or more of the following may occur beginning 30 days after the notice is mailed or published:

1) The Department of Parks, Recreation, and Properties may take any action necessary to abate the nuisance, and bill the owner for all costs of the abatement. Costs that may be

billed include inspection, records research, notification, collection agency fees, if any, and billing. These fines can be quite hefty.

2) The owner, operator, or person in possession or control of the property may be ordered to abate the nuisance, giving a timeframe for compliance. If the abatement does not occur within the stated timeframe or if the action taken does not completely abate the nuisance, the Commissioner may request the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Properties to abate the nuisance and bill the owner for the costs of the abatement.

3) Any civil or criminal legal actions that are necessary for the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare may be pursued.

4) If a bill is not paid within 60 days, a lien may be placed against the property. The lien may be collected in the same manner as other taxes and returned to the City.

As you might imagine, tall grass on the high number of vacant lots throughout the Cleveland has overwhelmed the Parks and Recreation Department; therefore Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation, the offices of Councilman Kevin Kelley and Councilman Brian Cummins, and various civic groups are working in collaboration to identify these nuisances and to abate them.

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This Old House

This new monthly feature, which is made possible through the Cleveland Restoration Society, gives homeowners real answers about the care and maintenance of their older homes. If you have a question you would like to have answered, send it to Lori Peterson, Residential Program Manager, 3344 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, OH 44109.

Question:

Help! We painted the walls inside our 1932 house and now the paint is peeling off! When we bought our home, we stripped off all the wall paper before priming and painting. A few days later, we noticed an air bubble forming under the paint, and then another, and another. Needless to say, it looks awful! How can we prep the walls so the paint stays on for good?

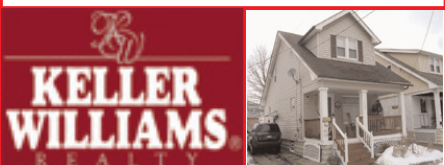
The Old House Experts Answer:

How frustrating! Here are a few tips to help that paint stay on once and for all. Your walls should be completely stripped of all wallpaper paste and sizing, then washed with TSP (trisodium phosphate) granules and water before painting. Allow the walls to dry completely for 48 hours. When painting under humid conditions, allow at least 72 hours for the walls to dry before priming and painting. (Tip: A moisture meter can be purchased to test the water content in the plaster.) Also, be sure that your primer and finish coat of paint are compatible. Follow the manufacturer's instructions on the label!

IMPORTANT!

Before you sign any paperwork with a home improvement contractor (even contractors who advertise in the Old Brooklyn News) be sure to check their rating with the Better Business Bureau (BBB). Call the BBB's automated Anytime Line, 216-241-7678, and punch in the business' phone number to receive a speedy report, 24/7.

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The Internal Revenue Service -- how a federal income tax became part of our lives, Part II

by Lynette Filips
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If you did your "homework" on time, and you're not required to pay quarterly estimated taxes, the federal income tax is probably not one of things in the front of your mind right now. And even if you do have last year's return or this year's estimated payments to deal with, they may not be a priority, because you still have time to think about them.

After starting to recount a short history of the American income tax system last month, taxes are in the front of my mind, though. If you read our May article, you know that it discussed how the American government got money before there was an income tax, how the concept of income tax was first proposed during the War of 1812, and how an income tax was first implemented, albeit, temporarily, during the American Civil War.

The year was 1872 when we ended last month's article. In response to pressure from numerous business groups, Congress had just let the income tax law that it had passed during the Civil War expire. The United States government returned to levying taxes on alcohol and tobacco as the major source of its income.

Enter the Populist Party in the late 1880s, which, hard as it is for us to imagine, began to agitate for a new income tax law to be established. In fact, their national platform in 1892 contained a *demand* for a graduated income tax! The reason they desired such a tax was that a few American industrialists (the Cleveland likes of whom lived in the mansions along Euclid Ave. on the so-called "Millionaire's Row") had begun to amass extensive wealth. The Populists felt that a graduated income tax would help to redistribute some of their money among average Americans.

The following year, the United States experienced financial problems which histo-

ry has termed the "Panic of 1893". In the face of that economic unrest, Congress passed the Wilson-Gorman Tariff Act in 1894; it contained a provision for an income tax of 2% on all incomes over \$4000 (the equivalent of about \$50,000 today). For unknown reasons, government officials were to be exempt from the new income tax.

President Grover Cleveland, thinking that the income tax law was unconstitutional, refused to sign it. After all, Article I, Section 9 of the U. S. Constitution does state, "No Capitation, or other direct, Tax shall be laid, unless in Proportion to the Census of Enumeration hereinbefore directed to be taken".

The next year, the Supreme Court did rule that the income tax was unconstitutional because it violated the United States Constitution's prohibition of direct taxation.

But the people in favor of an income tax did not give up; on the contrary, they continued to fight to get money out of the hands of the wealthy few.

A constitutional amendment appeared to be the only way for the government to legally levy an income tax, and in July, 1909, what ultimately became the Sixteenth Amendment to the Constitution was submitted to the states for ratification — "The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration."

Almost four years passed while conservative Democrats and Republicans alike fought the income tax amendment, but in the end, only five states refused to ratify it. On February 25, 1913, the Secretary of State declared that the Sixteenth Amendment was part of the Constitution.

Although the amendment itself made no mention of a graduated tax, from the beginning, that principle was accepted. Since the idea behind the income tax was to get money out of the hands of the wealthy, in the beginning, a person would have to be earning the equivalent of \$250,000 today to pay income tax at the first tax tier level (which was a mere 1%).

The estate and gift tax laws, which attempt to do the same thing, also date back to this era (1916).

Then came another war, the "Great War", the "war to end all wars", World War I. The United States entered World War I in 1917, and just as had been the case during the American Civil War, the income tax (as

well as the gift and estate tax) was expanded. But even though a larger percentage of the population was paying an income tax, it was still a minute percentage compared to the percentage of people who pay income tax today.

After World War I ended, the Great Depression came, and then, World War II, which the United States entered in 1941. In his 2003 New York Times bestseller, *Perfectly Legal*, author David Cay Johnson explained:

While only a minority of people was taxed during World War II, the politicians got a taste of the huge revenues they could control by expanding the tax base. After the war, primarily at the behest of Democrats, but with support from many Republicans, the income tax was steadily expanded until it applied to most Americans and to most of what they earned. Much of this money was poured into the military and the Korean conflict, but funds were also used to expand education, build highways and finance technological breakthroughs that improved lives. Throughout the fifties (sic) and sixties (sic) Congress also let inflation erode the value of exemptions for taxpayers and their children, causing them to pay a growing share of their incomes in taxes."

Johnson further delved into the Seventies, Eighties, Nineties and the first year of this millennium. Wars like Vietnam continued to gobble up the resources of American taxpayers, while tax shelters and tax cuts benefiting the upper class were subsidized by the middle class. That, he's sure, was not what was intended when a graduated income tax was proposed.

(Nor was the costly extreme at the opposite end of the economic scale — a welfare society in which people who refuse to work are subsidized by those who do.)

"It's time for another tea party," some folks say, but exactly what middle class Americans can/should do about the tax situation is not easy to determine. Syndicated talk show host Neal Boortz in *The Fair Tax Book*, published in 2005, proposed eliminating income taxes and instead having the federal government bring in revenue solely through sales tax.

Next April, I hope to look at how City and State income tax became a part of our lives, and also how the social security deduction, another income-based tax, further pillages disposable income.

(I am again very appreciative of the effort South Brooklyn reference librarian Olivia Hoge put into helping me amass the information which went into these two articles.)

Fast response from neighborhood man keeps teenage girl from being raped

by Donald Heckelmoser
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If you read the local paper or listen to the local news, you know about Old Brooklyn "hero" Don Lewis. At 2 p.m. on the night of May 13th, Don, who operates D&C Customizing, was just coming home from working much later than usual. As he was walking from his auto repair shop on Henninger Rd. to his home of W. 30th St., he stumbled upon Lukas Caraballo and a 13 year-old girl in the midst of a struggle behind Schwebel Baking Company's thrift store at 2330 Broadview Rd.

As soon as Lewis approached the situation, Caraballo pulled up his pants and started running. Not expecting to be thwarting a would-be rapist, Lewis instinctively reassured the young girl and chased the assailant, finally catching him behind Metro Health Medical Center's new South Campus.

Lewis, who is 35 years old, expected a fight, but did not receive one from the exhausted and drunk 21 year-old. Lewis walked the suspect to the nearby Speedway gas station and waited for the police to arrive.

Caraballo, who is an Old Brooklyn resident as well — he lives in the vicinity of the former Deaconess Hospital — was indicted on the 25th of May and arraigned on the 29th of May. Judge Ronald Suster ordered him to submit to medical testing pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code. The defendant will remain in custody until said testing is completed.

Amazingly, exactly four years ago on the same date, Don Lewis had helped to apprehend a would-be robber at a west-side Cleveland drug store!

Don obviously has a certain mindset about what it takes to be a responsible citizen, and is willing to stand up for his community and its members. Residents like him see this neighborhood as their own and are willing to take that extra step and walk that extra mile to make it safe for everyone.

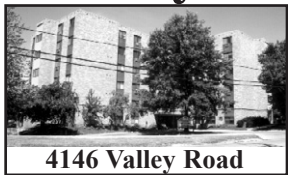
Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation would like to recognize Don Lewis and the others like him who possess the same kind of courage. We appreciate having residents who exhibit this caliber of caring.

In addition, we express our concern for the young lady who was victimized in this unfortunate event.

(Lynette Filips contributed to this article.)

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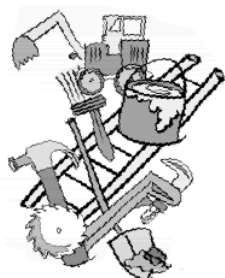
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by Lynette Filips & Sandy Worona

If you have information regarding upcoming events/activities that are appropriate for all ages, please submit your listing(s) to The Old Brooklyn News, 3344 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, OH 44109; Fax: 216-459-1741; e-mail sandyw@oldbrooklyn.com.

Art House, 3119 Denison Ave. Spring 2007 Class Schedule

Family Open Studio - 3rd Sat. of the month, 1 - 3 pm; \$5 per person; \$18 family of four; children 3 & under, free. Family members & above cost per visit: \$5 per adult, free for 2 children, \$3 for each additional child. No pre-registration required.

Family Open Studio provides a safe & fun environment for families to create art together. Self-guided activities at drawing/painting station, clay hand-building station & craft station. Craft projects vary each month.

Saturday children's classes, after school children's programs, evening teen and adult classes - A complete schedule of classes, including dates, times & fees is available on the website www.arthouseinc.org. To register for a class or workshop call 216-398-8556. Art House is open to the public Mon. - Thurs., 10 am - 4 pm, Fri. by appointment only, & Sat., 9 am - 12 pm.

Brooklyn Hts. United Church of Christ 2005 Schaaf Rd- 216-741-2280 Sunday, May 6th

Camp Lift-Off sign-up. Evening program for children ages 4 - 14. Sun., Jun. 27 - Thurs., Jun. 28, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Music, crafts, stories, drama, parachute games, etc. Donation -- \$5, includes a t-shirt & refreshments.

Ready - Set - Grow Preschool sign-up. Begins in Sept. Classes for 3 year olds (2-day week) & 4 year olds (3-day week). Class size limited; register now. Call 216-741-2280 for more info.

Cleveland Metroparks CanalWay Center Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation E. 49th Street (between Canal Rd. & Grant Ave.)

Train Day, Sat., Jun. 23. 10 am - 4 pm. Join the train spotters club listening to engineers talking as trains pass over the reservation & canal. Check out the model train displays. Children can create train crafts & ride the kid's train (for a nominal fee). Take a self-led walk along the "hobo trail" or join a hike with staff to the Tresle Overlook. For more info. call 216-206-1000.

Cleveland Metroparks Hinkley Reservation Ledge Pool & Recreation Area 1151 Ledge Rd. between State & Kellogg Rds. 440-331-8111

www.clevelandmetroparks.com
Dive-In Movie: Fri., June 29. This is the first of three Dive-In movies. Bring something to

sit on & enjoy the movie from a spot on the lawn, or view the movie while relaxing in an inner tube in the heated luxury of Ledge Pool. Inner tubes are available by reservation only, & are \$3 for single & \$5 double tubes. Doors open at 8 pm. with cartoons starting at 8:30 pm. Feature movie *Over The Hedge* begins at 8:45 pm. Visitors must be 8 or older to use the pool & rent an inner tube. Refreshments will be available. For more info & to reserve a tube call 330-239-2911. The other movies will be July 20 & Aug. 10.

Learn to swim program: \$30 per session with season pass; \$50 all others. For more info call 440-331-8635.

Birthday party packages - private, tented picnic area with tables for up to 3 hrs., plus 15 swim passes. 30 people max. \$30 for season pass holders, \$50 for non-season.

Food packages - \$4 (hot dog or cheeseburger link, chips & small ice cream) per person. \$5 (all plus 20 oz. Coke product). Minimum 10 people per party. For more info call 440-572-9990.

Pool Hours - 11 am - 7 pm, May 26 - Aug. 19th. Fees -- adults, 12 & over, \$4.50; children 6-11, \$3.50; 5 & under free; seniors 60 & over, free.

Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Nature Center 24000 Valley Pkwy., North Olmsted 440-734-6660

"My Favorite Wild Animal" second annual juried art show. Illustrations in any media type except photography from student artists in grades 1 thru 12 with the theme: "My Favorite Animal". Winning entries exhibited Aug. 16 -- Sept. 11. Call 440-734-6660 for more info.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

Father's Day at the Zoo. Sun., Jun. 17, 10 am - 5 pm, free admission for dads on Father's Day. The whole family can enjoy special narrated ZooTram tours featuring resident Zoo dads. Make reservations for the annual Father's Day Brunch. Treat Dad to a delicious buffet & unique dining experience. Brunch seatings are 10 am & 12:30 pm. Call 216-398-5750 for reservations & details.

TOUCH! - Amazing Rays & Sharks - thru Sept. 16th, 10 am - 5 pm. Located at Savanna Ridge, TOUCH! offers an opportunity for visitors to reach in & feel the smooth skin of stingrays. Get closer than ever to small sharks. Learn about the marine life found around the world & how to conserve these animals' habitats. \$1 additional admission per person.

DINOSAURS! - Exciting exhibit features 15 life-sized animatronic dinosaurs along the shores of Waterfowl Lake. From a colossal T.rex to tiny newborns, creatures of every size are waiting to be discovered. \$2 additional admission per person.

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

Parade Stilt Weekend - Canadian stilts will demonstrate walking on stilts, 1:30 - 4:30 pm
Regular exhibits closed; Parade the Circle

Workshops -- thru Jun. 8. For a fee, artists assist participants in making masks, costumes & giant puppets for the Jun. 9 event.

Cleveland Museum of Natural History 1 Wade Oval Dr. 216-231-4600

Animal Secrets - now Sept. 9. Explore the secret lives of forest animals.

Museum - Mon. - Sat., 10 am - 5 pm; Wed. to 10 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Age 2 & under, free; age 3-6, \$6.50; age 7-adult, \$9.50; seniors & students, \$7.50. (The touring t-rex is gone, but the museum still has its own dinosaur.)

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

Play and Learn! - Every Fri., 10-11 am. Join other caregivers & toddlers, have fun with a variety of books & learning toys.

Preschool Story Time - Every Fri., 11-11:30 am. Stories & songs for children ages 3-5. Call for specific program requests or more info.

Cleveland Public Library, South Brooklyn 4303 Pearl Rd. 216-623-7067

Preschool Storytime - Every Tues., 11:30 am -12:30 pm and Thurs., 10 - 11 am. Interactive stories, rhymes, songs & other activities for children 3-5 years. Call to register.

Toddler Time - Every Tues., 10:30 - 11:30 am. Interactive stories, rhymes, songs & other activities for children 1-2 years. Call to register.

Play and Learn - Every Fri., 11- 12 pm. Join other caregivers & toddlers. Have fun with a variety of books & learning toys & make new friends. Call to register.

Estabrook Recreation Center 4125 Fulton Rd. 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.

Grand Pacific Junction, Mill St & Columbia Rd. Olmsted Falls.

3rd Annual Organ Grinder Festival, Fri. & Sat., June 8th & 9th. Hand cranked organ grinders playing 11 am - 5 pm both days. Wonderful educational family event! For more info. call Carolyn, 440-427-0094, call the caboose, 440-235-9277, & leave a message, or visit www.grandpacificjunction.com.

Hale Farm & Village 2686 Oak Hill Rd., Bath 330-666-3711

Outdoor living history museum featuring life & crafts from the mid-1800s. Includes farm animals, pastures & historic houses with historical interpreters dressed in period costume. Open

thru Sept. 4. Hours: Wed. - Sat. 11 am - 5 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Admission -- \$14.50, adults; \$12.50, seniors; \$7.50, children ages 3-12; under 3, free. For more info. & calendar of events go to www.wrhs.org/halefarm/template.asp?id=419.

University Circle Inc.

Parade the Circle, Sat., June 9th. Parade begins at noon. Free, interactive, multi-cultural celebration. Parade around Wade Oval with the citizens marching in their fanciful, hand-made costumes. Other features include dozens of hands-on activities, a live concert stage & roving street performers. Anyone may participate in the parade for a \$5 fee. Marchers make their own costumes. No written words, logos, or motorized vehicles (except wheelchairs) are allowed. In addition to the parade, Parade the Circle features several live entertainment stages, booths with hands-on activities from 25 of the area's cultural institutions & food offerings from local restaurants. Those interested in participating in the parade should call the Cleveland Museum of Art's Community Arts Department at 216-707-2483.

Wade Oval Wednesdays - University Circle June 13th - August 29th

Free concerts, 6 - 9 pm. Music, including Blues, Irish Rock & Reggae. Grab a bite to eat, relax in the beer & wine garden. Extended hours, special events & discounted admissions to Cleveland Botanical Garden, The Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Visit www.universitycircle.org or call 216-707-5033.

Kids Church

West Side United Church of Christ, 3800 Bridge Ave. 216-631-3423

First three Sat. of every month, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. For ages 4-12. Games, prizes, worship, snacks & more. Call for more info.

Western Reserve Historical Society 10825 East Blvd. 216-721-5722

History Museum, Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum, & Library. Regular hours, Mon. - Sat., 10 am - 5 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Hay-McKinney Mansion tours daily, noon - 5 pm. Regular admission - adults, \$8.50; seniors, \$7.50; students, \$5. Parking, \$5.

Diana, A Celebration extended thru Sun., Jun. 10. Last U.S. showing of touring exhibition on loan from Spencer family's ancestral estate. 150 objects, including royal wedding gown, other clothing, family heirlooms, mementos, paintings, photos, movies. Admission - adults, \$20; (\$15, WRHS members); seniors, \$17; children 6-12, \$10. Audio guide- additional \$5.50; also group rates. New extended museum hours, 9 am - 8 pm, except Jun. 3, 4 & 5, only till 5 pm. Jun. 9 & 10, open till 9 pm. Visit www.wrhs.org for more info.



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Chair Bowling - Fri., 10:30 am, The Schwab Center.

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

Crochet Klatch - Tues., 9:30 - 11:30 am, The Schwab Center.

Post Office on Wheels - First Thurs. of every month, 9:30 - 10:00 am, Deaconess-Krafft. 11 - 11:30 am, The Schwab Center.

Line Dancing - Tues., 1 pm, \$15 for six-week session. The Schwab Center.

Book Club - Call 216-749-5367 to register.

Estabrook on Tuesdays
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9:30 am "SCR Strollers" Walking group
1:00 pm Tai Chi
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Fruit Bingo - Mon., 11:30 am, The Schwab Center; & Wed., 10:30 am, Deaconess-Krafft Center.
Racing Game - Fri., 10:45 am, Deaconess-Krafft.
Pinochle Playing - Tues. & Fri., 12:15 pm, Deaconess-Krafft.

Tuesday, June 12th
Free blood pressure, glucose & cholesterol screening. 10-11:30 am, Deaconess-Krafft Center. Call 216-749-4477 for more info.

Wednesday, June 20th
Foot & ankle service. 9:30 am, Deaconess-Krafft Center. Call 216-749-4477 for appointment.

Tuesday, August 14th
Hearing loss & aids services, Deaconess-Krafft Center. Call 216-749-4477 for appointment.

Wednesday, June 13th
Family caregiver education/training classes, 9:30 am, Deaconess-Krafft Center. Call 216-749-4477 for more info.

Friday, June 22nd
Huntington Beach Picnic. Cost, \$3.50.

Saturday, June 23rd
Real Age and You: Taking Control of Your Health, Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, Grand Ballroom, 24 Public Square, 11 am - 3 pm. \$32 for Cleveland Clinic Healthwise Connection members; \$40 for non-members. All attendees receive lunch & a copy of Dr. Roizen's book, *The RealAge Makeover*. Call 1-800-777-0398 for reservations & more info.

Monday, June 25th
Monday at the Zoo, 10 am. Cost, \$2. Call 216-749-5367.

Wednesday, June 27th
Carvel Ice Cream. 12:45 pm. Cost, \$14.

Tuesday, July 10th
Celebrate America Lake Metroparks. 12 - 3:30 pm. Cost, \$33. Call 216-749-5367.

Thursday, June 7th
Seniors Take Charge: Money Matters
Cleveland Public Library, Louis Stokes Wing Auditorium, East 6th St & Superior Ave., 9 am - 2 pm. An information fair helping Cleveland's seniors make every penny count. Free lunch & refreshments provided. For more info, call Cleveland Public Library branches & outreach services at 216-623-2822.

Friday, June 22nd
Senior Safari
Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Visitors age 55 yrs. or over receive free admission. Animal enrichment demonstrations, musical entertainment, wellness exhibits & much more.

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CHURCH NOTES

Sunday, June 17th
Reaffirmation of Marriage Vows
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., 8 & 10:30 am services. Special reminder of your wedding anniversary. Everyone desiring a Certificate of Reaffirmation will receive it following each service. Let the church know if you want a certificate by calling the office, 351-6499, by Fri., Jun. 15. Coffee hour following each service.

Monday thru Friday, July 9 - July 13
Vacation Bible School
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd. Children age 4 through grade 6 "Take the Plunge" with various activities. (Adults can also attend a class.) "Take the Plunge" begins with dinner for the children at 5:30 pm, followed by activities from 6:15 till 8:45 pm. Contact the church office, 351-6499, to let them know how many will attend.

Cassidy Theatre of Greenbrier Commons
6200 Pearl Rd. 440-842-4600

"Violet"
Fri., June 1 - Sun., June 17. Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets - (adult) \$20; (Student & senior) \$15.

Cleveland Public Theatre
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"Two Headed"
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See website for dates, times and prices.

Near West Theatre
St. Patrick's Club Building
3606 Bridge Ave. 216-961-9750

"Annie, Jr"
(A youth theatre production starring some Old Brooklyn students)
Fri., June 15 - Sun., June 17. Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 7:30 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets, \$6. Ticket reservation voicemail up to one hour before curtain time, 216-961-6391.


"Cats"
Coming 3 weekends in mid July to early Aug.

Huntington Playhouse
28601 Lake Rd., Bay Village

"Godspell"
Thurs., June 14th. The Food Pantry of the Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland at Brookside Center annual theater benefit. Reception 7 pm, play starts at 8 pm. Tickets \$20. For more info, call Janet Thomas or Heidi Bonness at 216-749-4295.

As I see it...

by
Pastor Jerry



Do you regularly exercise your freedom to worship as you choose? Of course, if you choose not to, that's your privilege. However, polls show a large percentage of Americans profess a religious faith. The fragility of exercising that freedom was highlighted in a recent new article.

In Charsadda, Pakistan - a predominantly Muslim country - about 500 Christians sought government protection from pro-Taliban militants who gave them a deadline to close their churches and convert to Islam or be the target of violent bomb explosions. Granted, this is not the only example of religious persecution in today's world, but it is chilling.

Too often we take our freedoms for granted. As an American Christian, I find our apathy very disturbing. How thrilled those Pakistani Christians would be to be able to safely enter their churches for worship!

Would it matter if your freedom to worship were snatched away? If so, make religious freedom a priority in your life by regularly worshipping with your community of faith.

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